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## City Commission to meet today

**STAFF REPORT**

The Pampa City Commission will meet this afternoon at 4 p.m. for its first meeting of the month.

The Commissioners will discuss and consider taking action on the following agenda topics:

- Approving the minutes of the June 10 meeting.
- Excusing the absence of Commissioner Robert Dixon from the June 10 meeting.
- Adopting on second reading an ordinance that will amend revenues and appropriations providing for an additional \$177,480.67 for the 2014 Seal Coat Project.
- Approving a request from CP45 (TX), LLC d/b/a CP Homes to replat lots three and four of the Benpar Subdivision.
- Awarding a bid for a new LED Electronic Message Center for the M.K. Brown Auditorium.
- Approving the List of Disbursements dated May 2014.

## County Commissioners will hold special meeting today

**STAFF REPORT**

The Gray County Commissioners will hold a special meeting at 3 p.m. this afternoon in the second floor court room of the Gray County Courthouse.

The Commissioners will be further discussing emergency repairs to the Gray County Annex building.

During the June 22 wind storm, the Annex was severely damaged. Though the roof has recently been repaired with patches, it could not withstand the 93 mph winds that the storm brought along with it. The high winds destroyed the roof, and there is a portion of it lying in the annex parking lot.

After discussing the necessary repairs in detail, the Commissioners will consider appointment of a general contractor for the repair.

The next regular meeting for the Gray County Commissioners is scheduled for 9 a.m. Tuesday, July 15.

## Lawmakers: Firing UT president would violate orders

**BY REEVE HAMILTON**  
 The Texas Tribune

On Sunday, the co-chairs of the House Select Committee on Transparency in State Agency Operations sent a letter to Paul Foster, the chairman of the University of Texas System Board of Regents, reminding them of their previous request that no "adverse employment action" be taken against University of Texas at Austin President Bill Powers and others.

The committee is currently in-  
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**Bill Powers**

## KEEPING TABS FOR RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE



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There was a competition between the two DayHabs for collecting aluminum soda can tabs for the Ronald McDonald House in Amarillo. The winners, West Day Hab, collected more than 60,000 tabs and the Somerville DayHab collected more than 45,000 tabs. West DayHab got a pizza party for collecting the most tabs. Above, from left, Ameer, Chris, Ronnie, JoAnn, Jaime, Josh, Jennifer, Amy, Debbie and Linda Beth. Below, front, from left, Brian, Michelle, Brandy, Kadi, Terri, Lisa and Tina. Back, Destiny, Mark, Taisey, Alma, Tollie, Waunetta, Hector, Arriott and Tony. The Pop Tab Program, properly called "Pull Together for the Ronald McDonald House," is popular among schools and communities as an easy way to recycle and give back to community. The Ronald McDonald House said that to date, more than 400 million pop tabs have been collected, generating more than \$4 million.



## General crime rate in the area slows in early July

**STAFF REPORT**

July is Watch Your Car Month, and The Pampa News contacted Crime Prevention Officer Brian Massey at the Pampa Police Department for some input on vehicle vandalism.

Massey said that he has not seen a recent spike in vehicle vandalism, such as slashed tires, but it is always a good idea to practice safe habits when parking it for the night.

The fact that there has not been a recent spike in this type of crime does not go to say that the occasional act of vandalism does not occur. Massey also said that if it is not possible to keep vehicles in garages, which is the best way to prevent vandalism to them, the next best thing would be parking in well-lit areas.

This lessens the chances of becoming a victim of car vandalism.

Aside from car-related crimes, Massey said that the general crime rate for Pampa has not spiked at all lately, which was surprising even to him with the recent Fourth of July holiday weekend.

He did say that bike theft has been a persistent problem for some time now. Pampa averages about one or two bike thefts a week right now. This type of crime usually tends to increase in the summer months, so be sure to use bike locks to decrease the likelihood of becoming a victim of this crime.

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## UT

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investigating the activities of one of the board members and has repeatedly told the system that the employment of individuals, including Powers, who might be called as witnesses should not be tampered with while the investigation is in progress.

The chancellor and the board are scheduled to discuss — and possibly terminate — Powers' employment at a meeting on Thursday.

Original Story:  
State Rep. Carol Alvarado, D-Houston, one of the co-chairs of the House Select Committee on Transparency in State Agency Operations, said on Friday that she was "disappointed" by reports that University of Texas at Austin President Bill Powers has been asked to resign or risk being terminated.

She said she intends to remind UT System leaders that lawmakers instructed them not to oust the president, because legislators are in the process of investigating one of the regents.

The committee is currently drafting articles of impeachment against UT System Regent Wallace Hall, who has been accused of abusing his authority in his pursuit of information about the UT-Austin administration. Hall has denied any wrongdoing. The committee has been officially conducting its investigation for more than a year.

Last July, as part of that investigation, Alvarado and her co-chairman, state Rep. Dan Flynn, R-Van, sent a letter to Gene Powell, then-chairman of the UT System Board of Regents,

instructing the board not to take any "adverse employment action" against a list of people related to their inquiry, including Powers.

"I don't know what part of the letter people didn't comprehend," Alvarado said. "I don't appreciate the selective memory some people seem to have."

She noted that, earlier this year, the committee sent the board a second letter reiterating their desire that Powers and others not be terminated while the lawmakers' work continued. Another letter with the same message will be forthcoming, she said.

"Maybe the third time will be the charm," Alvarado said.

Multiple sources told the Tribune on Friday that Powers has been asked by UT System Chancellor Francisco Cigarroa to resign ahead of the board's July 10 meeting or face termination. Sources also said that Powers had informed Cigarroa that he would not resign, but was willing to discuss a timetable for his exit.

Cigarroa and Powers could not be reached for comment on Friday.

Tensions have spiked recently following Cigarroa's announcement that he intended to launch a full external investigation of the university's admissions practices following allegations that legislators were allowed undue influence over the process.

As for what the committee could do if Powers is subjected to negative employment action, despite legislators' warnings, Alvarado said she did not know.

"I'm not sure," she said. "We'll certainly explore any and all options, but I think it's disrespectful of them not to adhere to that."

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## Competency hearing for former death row inmate


DALLAS (AP) — Jury selection has started in Dallas for a hearing to determine if a man whose 1987 death sentence has been reversed is mentally competent to possibly be returned to death row.

Kenneth Dewayne Thomas, 53-year-old Thomas is mentally competent, The Dallas Morning News reports another jury already is impaneled to hear his punishment retrial.

rights activist, was similarly killed during the burglary of their home.

The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals in 2010 threw out Thomas' death sentence, agreeing with lawyers who argued jurors in 1987 had no way to consider mitigating evidence of his low intelligence, brain damage and mental illness when considering punishment.

If jurors now find 66-year-old husband, Fred, a prominent Dallas civil



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**Today:** Mostly sunny with a high of 91. Chance of rain: 20 percent. Winds north at 15 mph. Sunrise at 6:35 a.m.

**Tonight:** Isolated thunderstorms with a low of 66. Chance of rain: 30 percent. Winds east at 14 mph. Sunset at 9:02 p.m.

**Wednesday:** Isolated thunderstorms with a high of 91. Chance of rain: 30 percent. Winds southeast at 14 mph. Sunrise at 6:36 a.m.

**Wednesday night:** Partly cloudy with a low of 70. Chance of rain: 10 percent. Winds south at 11 mph. Sunset at 9:02 p.m.

**Thursday:** Partly cloudy with a high of 94. Chance of rain: 10 percent. Winds south-southwest at 19 mph. Sunrise at 6:37 a.m.

**Thursday night:** Mostly clear with a low of 71. Winds south at 16 mph. Sunset at 9:02 p.m.

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## Several arrested on alcohol, drug charges

### STAFF REPORT

• Jamie Too, 28, Pampa, was arrested Friday by the Gray County Sheriff's Office for possession of a controlled substance — less than one gram.

• Paul Edwin Lyons, 47, Pampa, was arrested Friday by the Pampa Police Department for capias pro fine — theft — less than \$50.

• Francisco Rodriguez, 46, Pampa, was arrested Friday by GCSO for theft of services.

• Timothy Keith Miller, 42, Pampa, was arrested Friday by PPD for driving

while intoxicated with a passenger under the age of 15, possession of marijuana — less than two ounces.

• Timothy Broadbent, 34, Pampa, was arrested Saturday by GCSO for violation of probation — driving while intoxicated, capias pro fine — public intoxication.

• Amanda Nicole Jenkins, 32, Pampa, was arrested Saturday by GCSO for possession of drug paraphernalia.

• Ashley Rene Danner, 20, Pampa, was arrested Saturday by PPD for evading arrest or detention.

• Esteban Torrest, 31, Pampa, was arrested Sat-

urday by the Department of Public Safety for driving while intoxicated.

• Marcos Javier Gomez, 23, Pampa, was arrested Sunday by GCSO for possession of a controlled substance, theft of property.

• Don Ray Howard, 41, Stinnett, was arrested Sunday by PPD for driving while license is invalid with a previous conviction.

• Hugo Jaime, 36, Clovis, N.M., was arrested Sunday by DPS for driving while intoxicated.

• Matthew Brian Driscoll, 30, Pampa, was arrested Sunday by GCSO for possession of a con-

trolled substance — less than one gram.

• Quinton Viril Mincher, 22, Borger, was arrested Sunday by GCSO for tampering with or fabricating physical evidence, unlawfully carrying a weapon.

• Adam Chase Knoop, 24, Pampa, was arrested Sunday by DPS for violation of probation — assault to cause bodily injury to a family member.

• Billy Ray Burnett, Pampa, was arrested Monday by PPD for another county retaliation for or on account of the service or status of another as an out of justice court judge out of Roberts County.

## At 116, Arkansas woman named oldest American

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — A south Arkansas woman celebrated her 116th birthday Friday with cake, a party and a new title — she's now officially the oldest confirmed living American and second-oldest person in the world, the Gerontology Research Group said.

Gertrude Weaver spent her birthday at home at Silver Oaks Health and Rehabilitation in Camden, about 100 miles southwest of Little Rock. This year's festivities included the new award from the Gerontology Research Group, which analyzed U.S. Census records to determine that Weaver is the oldest living American, rather than 115-year-old Jeralean Talley, who was born in 1899.

The research group, which consults with the Guinness Book of World Records, found that the 1900 Census listed Weaver as 2 years old — putting her birthday in 1898, said Robert Young, the research group's database administrator and senior consultant for Guinness.

That makes Weaver the second-oldest person in the world behind 116-year-old Misao Okawa of Japan and the 11th oldest person of all time, he said.

Although no birth record

exists for Weaver, she celebrates her birthday each year on July 4 and did the same this year. At her 115th birthday party last year, Weaver was "waving and just eating it all up," said Vicki Vaughan, the marketing and admissions director at Silver Oaks.

"Most people want to know, 'Well, can she talk?'" Vaughan said. "Her health is starting to decline a little bit this year — I can tell a difference from last year, but she still is up and gets out of the room and comes to all of her meals, comes to activities. She'll laugh and smile and clap."

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## Performer drapes, lights firecrackers on body

COOPERSVILLE, Mich. (AP) — John Fletcher gets a bang out of firecrackers — especially those he wraps around himself.

The 51-year-old Michigan performer's act includes setting off 10,500 firecrackers attached to his body, The Detroit News reported (<http://bit.ly/Vr13f0>) Saturday.

"I guess I'm a little nuts," said Fletcher, who goes by the name Ghen-gis John the Human Firecracker. "I got a little bit of 'Hey, look at me.'"

He performed last weekend before 300 people and four firefighters at a motorcycle rally in the western Michigan town of Coopersville. It was one in a string of shows that Fletcher said would be his last.

He has yet to keep those promises.

"He's getting too old," Sharon Warner, a friend of Fletcher's, told the newspaper. "I've been telling him that a long time."

Fletcher said that over 16 years, he has set off 600,000 firecrackers at-

tached to his body. His ribs have been fractured 17 times and once Fletcher says he was knocked unconscious. He also has been burned.

The gravel pit scale operator from Pinckney doesn't get paid for his performances and asks audiences to donate to charities.

It costs \$140 and takes two weeks to put together his firecracker suit, which are strands of firecrackers are glued to four leather sheets Fletcher hangs over his abdomen, back and arms. He wears safety glasses and a compressed leather vest.

At the motorcycle rally, a volunteer lit the fuse for the firecrackers, and pretty soon, Fletcher began to snap, crackle and pop for about 45 seconds. Emergency medical technicians checked him over for injuries. The most serious appeared to be a bloody nose.

"This is why you never do this at home," Fletcher told the newspaper.

To that, a paramedic replied: "This is why you never do it."

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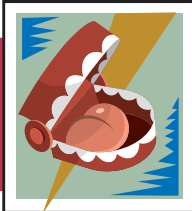
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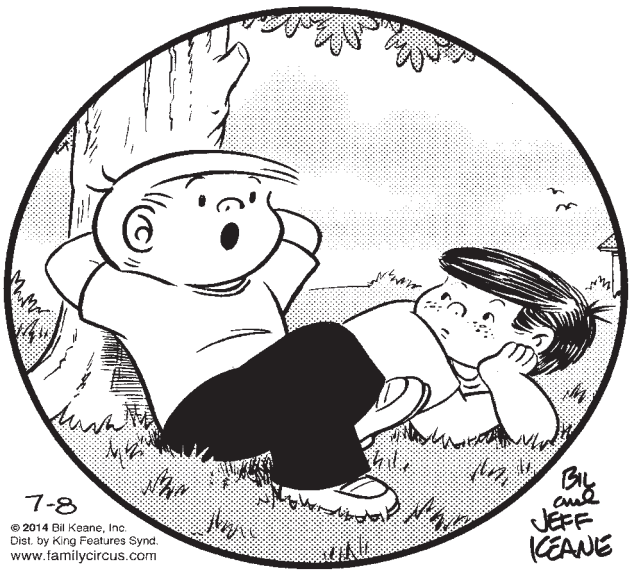


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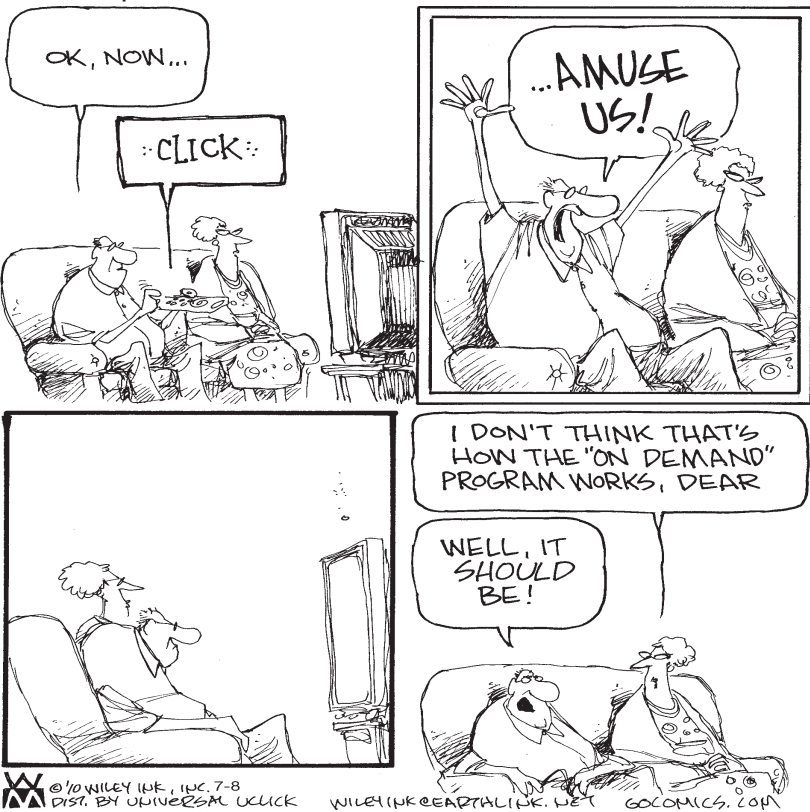
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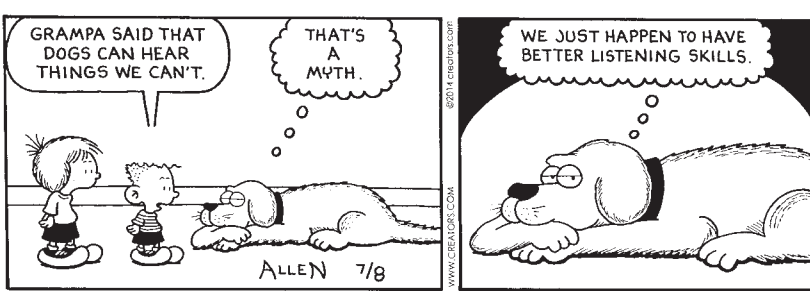
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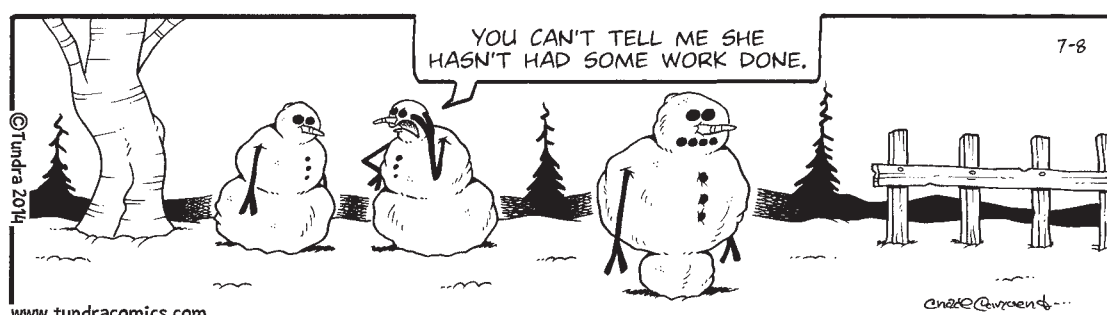
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# daily horoscope

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Wednesday, July 9, 2014:  
 This year you will work hard with every expectation of receiving more of what you want. If working, you could easily be up for a pay raise or promotion. You consider various options far more deeply than in the past. The only problem you could have would be to overspend. Sometimes you use various forms of indulgence to forget your cares. If you are single, you could meet someone with ease, in a very simple manner, like going to the cleaners. Stay open. You will have various choices. Take your time deciding who you might want to have a deeper bond with. If you are attached, you experience a lot of changes together this year. You might be considering remodeling your domain or buying a new home. The change is for the positive. **SAGITTARIUS** could be hard to work with, as well as demanding.  
 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)  
 ★★★★★ Trying to turn a daydream into a reality might be a lot to ask. You'll connect with how positive the experience could be if you can manifest your desires. Others find you to be unique and full of surprises and sometimes unusual ideas. Tonight: Midweek break.  
**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20)  
 ★★★★★ You choose the right words to help a friend heal or get past an obstacle. Let this person express his or her feelings without judging. Your intuition might be stunned by an insight that you need to process. Why is this realization happening now? Tonight: Party and play away. Midweek break.  
**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20)  
 ★★★★★ Though you are strong-willed and clearly know what you want, it is important to decide whether it might be more beneficial to let another party take the lead. As a result, this person will not only learn a lot about you, but also about him- or herself. Tonight: Say yes.  
**CANCER** (June 21-July 22)  
 ★★★★★ You might be taken aback by a boss or someone you care about enormously. Stay even and balanced as you eye his or her behavior and words. Understand what is motivating others when having a discussion. Ask questions if need be. You could be stunned by what occurs. Tonight: Put your feet up and relax.  
**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)  
 ★★★★★ Your imagination could easily go haywire, while others simply don't explore any ideas, only absorbing what they are

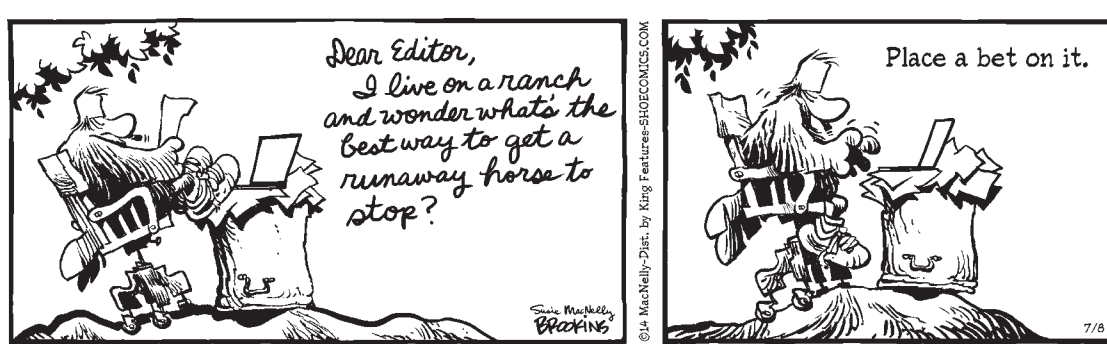
hearing. You might decide to ask a question and/or use some other ploy to open up these people. News from afar could be quite a surprise. Tonight: Make imaginative plans.  
**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)  
 ★★★★★ You might want to adjust to another person's thoughts. You see a situation differently from a partner, though it might not be worth discussing and arguing as much as understanding his or her perspective. You could be surprised at this person's response! Tonight: To the wee hours.  
**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)  
 ★★★★★ You might want to verify what you hear, especially if it comes from an associate who is very emotional. You could wonder what is really going on. Be your normally diplomatic self with this person. A loved one or partner could become erratic and emotional. Let this pass. Tonight: Strutting your stuff.  
**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)  
 ★★★★★ You might want to see a different perspective concerning an investment. Trust in your ability to read past the obvious. One of your sources might not be realistic, but they are imaginative. Go with change. Tonight: Treat yourself to that special item.  
**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)  
 ★★★★★ You might feel as if a loved one's concept of you could be way off. Could it be that you are not realistic about yourself? Keep that in mind when dealing with a difficult person in your life. The unexpected runs riot, and you love the change of pace. Tonight: Let go and enjoy yourself.  
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 ★★★★★ You might want to assume a low-key persona. Right now you want to know more. The less said, the more likely another person will reveal his or her thoughts. A family member or a domestic matter surprises you. Tonight: Keep it quiet and exclusive.  
**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)  
 ★★★★★ You might not like what you hear when dealing with a child or loved one. You might want to know otherwise. A meeting and/or a discussion with a friend reveals another perspective or story. Listen. Gather facts before handling the matter. Timing counts. Tonight: Where the gang is.  
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 ★★★★★ You could take some extra time to handle an important person in your life. You often don't see eye to eye. Rather than make it a big deal, consider understanding where this person is coming from. Showing interest can only help dissolve some of the problems. Tonight: A must appearance.

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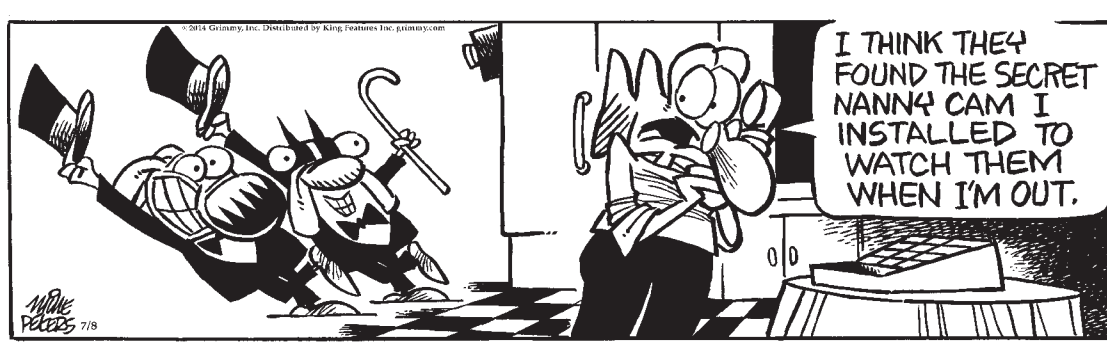


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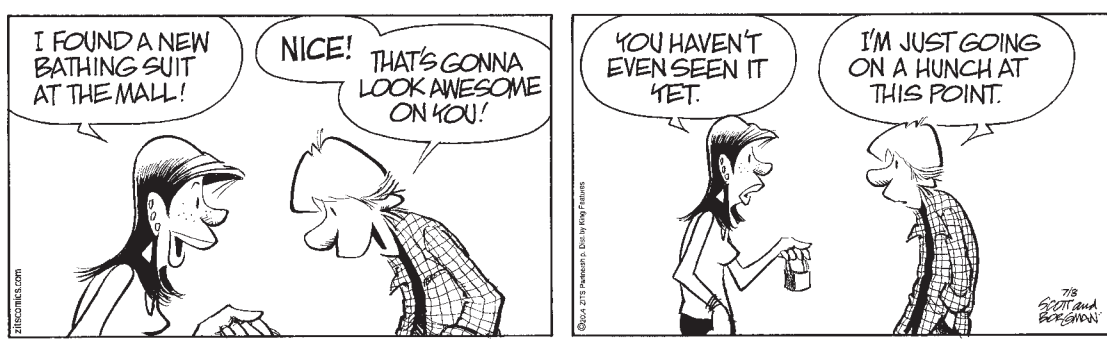
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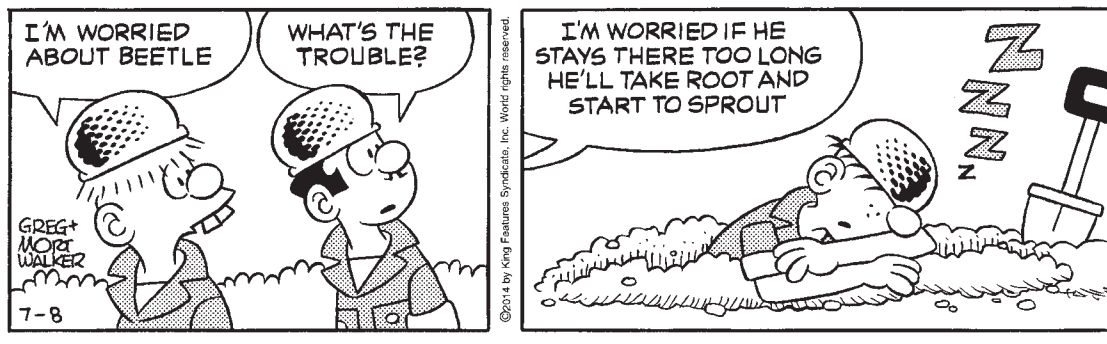
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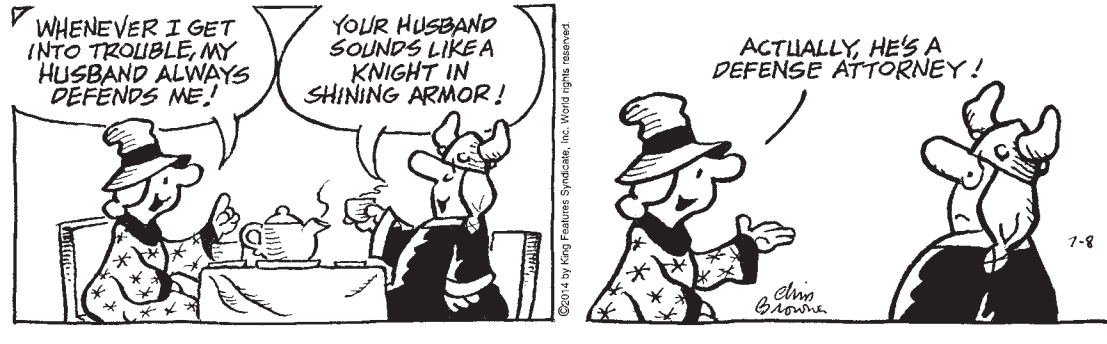
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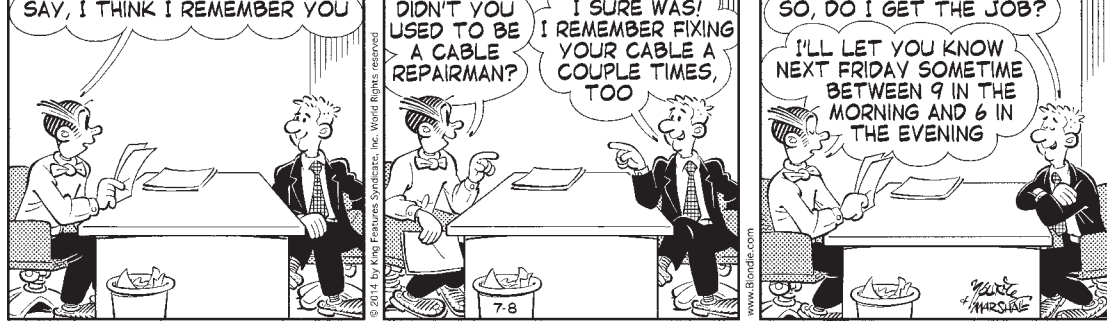
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# Pampa Fire Department call log — June 30-July 6

**STAFF REPORT**

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

**June 30**

- At 3:03 p.m., to a medical call in the Cole addition.
- At 5:54 p.m., to a lift assist in the 2000 block of Coffee.
- 7:48 p.m., two units and six personnel to an electrical short circuit in the 700 block of Gray.

**July 1**

- At 7:42 a.m., two units and six personnel to an arcing power line in the 1800 block of North Sumner.
- At 7:55 a.m. three units and seven personnel to a fire alarm activation in the 900 block of North Hobart.
- At 3:04 p.m., to a medical assist in the 2800 block of North Charles.
- At 3:33 p.m., to a medical assist in the 800 block of South Banks.

**July 2**

- At 5:04 a.m., to a medical assist in the 300 block of Nelson.
- At 7:47 a.m., two units and six personnel to a motor vehicle accident at the intersection of Highway 60

and Loop 171. There were no life-threatening injuries.

- At 12:48 p.m., one unit and two personnel to a false alarm at the intersection of FM 2300 and Highway 60.
- At 4:18 p.m. to a motor vehicle accident at the intersection of Barnes and Frederic. There were no life-threatening injuries.

- At 8:22 p.m., to a lift assist in the 2200 block of Christy.

- At 9:08 p.m., three units and seven personnel to a structure fire in the 1000 block of South Banks. It was a small garage fire.

**July 3**

- At 10:23 p.m., to a medical assist in the 600 block

of South Barnes.

**July 4**

- At 11:14 a.m. to a medical assist in the 2700 block of North Hobart.
- At 5:46 p.m., to a medical assist in the 800 block of East Kingsmill.
- At 7:55 p.m., one unit and two personnel to fire-work standby at Recreation

Park.

**July 5**

- At 2:52 a.m., one unit and two personnel to a dumpster fire in the 100 block of South Sumner.
- At 2:35 p.m., to a medical assist in the 800 block of North Nelson.
- At 8:45 p.m., to a medical assist in the 12000 block

of East Frederic.

**July 6**

- At 1:10 a.m., to a medical assist in the 700 block of Somerville.
- At 1:46 a.m., to a medical assist in the 2300 block of Rosewood.
- At 2:37 p.m., to a medical assist in the 11000 block of Highway 152.

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## Prairie Plains Perspective

# The importance of water conservation

How can you tell how much rainfall we've received? Having to mow your lawn a lot more, aren't you? One friend lamented he has mowed his lawn more this past week than he did all of last year... I have felt his pain, however, since ensconced in high rise living, I'm no longer required to include lawn mowing part and parcel my OCD, thank God, but I find it easy to judge how much rainfall we've received by the size of weeds that have beanstalked their way into the atmosphere! Thanks to some good moisture, there are some impressive weeds about our fair little burg, and already, I've some impressive sneezes...



**DENNIS PALMITIER**

After eight years of living in a wind blown dusty desert environment, all this wonderful green sure is nice! The last year Panhandle flora was this green was the summer of 2006, oddly so because preceding that wet summer were those horrific now historic prairie fires. Drive a motorway out of Pampa any direction the

compass offers, everything is a thriving verdant green. Cow tanks and ponds are full, even area lakes water levels have significantly risen, which brings me to the juxt of this week's essay.

Lake Meredith's water level has risen enough for CRMWA to consider once again, pumping water to area cities. You remember Lake Meredith, don't you? Lake Meredith, from a press release back in the 1960's, was to furnish the Panhandle's water needs for centuries to come, yet today due to the drought, and pumping, is nothing but a glorified cow tank. By CRMWA's decision, one would think our drought is over, right? Well, no, the drought isn't over, for I just checked the Drought Intensity Scale. True to my thought, our area is still in the dark brown color section of the scale denoting 'exceptional drought'.

The article in the Amarillo Globe-News read 'Water Authority ready to tap rain-swelled Lake Meredith.' The water level in the lake went up at least 4.5 feet in June, according to U.S. Geological Survey measurements. Okay. From a 1.5-foot jump in May, the lake's level July 4 was just under 40 feet.

Um, methinks 40 feet, up from a pre-rains 30-foot level, hardly qualifies for 'rain-swelled, particularly so for the fact the lake's highest depth was at 102 feet. My gifted and talented math tells me a level back to that 102 feet would better qualify as, 'rain-swelled.'

"We were pumping at this level in 2010 without using the low-level pumps, and we continued with low-level pumps in 2011," said Kent Satterwhite, general manager of CRMWA. Indeed, Mr. Satterwhite is correct, however, the water authority continued to pump the lake of water till they had to cease due to the fact that you cannot pump mud! Continuing, Mr. Satterwhite said "There may be some water quality issues, but we're going to look at it right away. We're going to poll (Pampa is one) the cities." Water quality issues!?! Wonder why Mr. Satterwhite chose not to name these particular issues?

Runoff from rains upstream in New Mexico continue to flow into Lake Meredith. Another factor not mentioned in any press release is our main source of water, the Ogallala Aquifer. Heavy rains the past two months up and down the New Mexico and

Colorado eastern slopes of the Rocky Mountains, the aquifer's recharge zone, have increased the depth of Ogallala Aquifer. But is all this God-sent moisture the end of this eight years of drought? No.

CRMWA, let Lake Meredith rebound a tad more before resuming pumping. Hell, repumping lake water to Lubbock alone will greatly lessen in a matter of a few days that new 40-foot level! What about evaporation you counter? Why sure, but evaporation will not lessen the lakes level faster than pumping. CRMWA, let the lake replenish more. Let the runoff settle, meaning silt and those other "quality issues." Let Lake Meredith come back!

If anything, what we meek need to understand and CRMWA extol is the drought is far from over, that water conservation is a must, something that for the life of me, humankind here in the Panhandle cannot grasp.

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# South Texas shows drama behind illegal immigration

MISSION (AP) — Deputy Rudy Trevino was patrolling a park along the Texas-Mexico border when he spotted movement in the darkness. Swinging his spotlight toward the motion revealed 14 women and children who had just sneaked across the Rio Grande in a small boat. The youngest, a 14-month-old boy from Guatemala, lay quietly in a baby carrier hung from his mother's chest. The oldest, a 38-year-old woman from El Salvador, cried with her head in her hands, her 7-year-old daughter leaning against her.

In minutes, they were loaded into a Border Patrol van and whisked away — a typical encounter here in the 5-mile slice of deep South Texas that has become the epicenter of the recent surge in illegal immigration.

An Associated Press reporter recently spent several days observing the human drama that unfolds daily across this arid landscape that bristles with cameras, lookout towers and heavily armed patrols.

Most of the impoverished immigrants hail from Central America, and many come with children. They often turn themselves over to authorities immediately after crossing the river, following the advice of smugglers, friends and relatives, who tell them they will eventually be released and allowed to continue to their destination.

For parents with young children, that has largely been true because the U.S. has only one long-term family detention facility in Pennsylvania, and it's full. Most parents are handed notices to appear at the immigration office closest to their destination and dropped off at bus stations across the Southwest.

Children arriving without their parents are transferred to custody of the Health and Human Services Department, which tries to reunite them with family members in the U.S.

Both groups have often been allowed to remain in the U.S. while their immigration cases move forward, a process that can sometimes take years.

Migrants' willingness to surrender to authorities has created a system in which smugglers need only to get their human cargo to the American side of the river, rather than guiding them to a populated area.

Just since October, the Border Patrol's Rio Grande Valley sector has made more than 194,000 arrests, nearly triple that of any other sector. In the first week of June alone, agents in this area south of Mission arrested more than 2,800 people, most from Honduras, Guatemala and El Salvador, making it the highest-volume arrest zone on the entire U.S. border. More than 60 percent were children.

All through the night,

government buses idle near the border wall — a mile or two from the river — awaiting loads of immigrants. The zone is patrolled by no fewer than six local, state and federal law-enforcement agencies, including gunboats crewed by Texas state troopers with night-vision goggles and the Border Patrol's white and green trucks. Helicopters swoop above the winding waterway.

But there's little cat-and-mouse pursuit. Every day, hundreds of immigrants walk up to agents, wave to their remote cameras or simply wait to be picked up on the side of a road like Trevino's group in the park.

When Anzalduas Park is busy on weekend afternoons, it takes only seconds for a watercraft to dart across the river and deposit three or four people onto U.S. soil. From there, they blend into the crowd of park goers.

Trevino said the past two months have been "chaos." He's corralled 100 people in a night and had a group of 50 walk up to him at the park bathroom.

Downriver from the park, the landscape reverts to a band of thick mesquite and underbrush along the Rio Grande. It can feel remote, but it's just a thin buffer between the more than 600,000 residents of Reynosa, Mexico, and a master-planned community in Mission with more than

1,900 homes just a couple of miles to the north.

Across the river is a garbage dump and a Reynosa slum that reaches nearly to the bank. Smoke from burning garbage sometimes drifts across the river so thick it's difficult to see. At the river's edge, discarded pieces of clothing, orange life vests and deflated inner tubes litter the sand.

A few days earlier, as a reporter in a kayak ap-

proached a hairpin bend in the river, a cartel sentry on a bluff 20 feet above the river slammed a magazine into his assault rifle. He asked where the paddler had come from and who gave him permission to be there. A radio squawked at his waist. The cartel controls what crosses the river.

That's part of why Napoleon Garza doesn't bring his kids here to fish like he did as a child. Garza re-

cently drove through one of the many gaps in the border wall to cut a tree stump from property owned by his uncle.

"When they built the border wall, everything ended because they left a big old gap right here that so happened to be where our land is," said Garza, 38, who sells firewood for a living. "That's where these guys have to run their dope. It's really sad."

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# Schools work to focus incoming college students

ST. LOUIS (AP) — The excitement of acceptance into that dream college has passed. The first day of classes is still weeks away. But the resources provided by high school teachers and computer labs are no longer available for recent graduates.

Education researchers

and academic counselors call it “summer melt,” the precarious time when some college-bound students fall through the cracks, at risk of abandoning their higher education plans entirely. Studies show that first-generation college students and those from low-income families are particularly

vulnerable.

In St. Louis, a drop-in counseling center helps such students negotiate financial aid agreements, housing contracts and the other many details of college enrollment. School districts in Chicago, Dallas, Miami, Minnesota and West Virginia are among

those using text messages to keep aspiring college students on track.

“You get the acceptance letter and start the celebration,” said Shauna Cunningham, a high school guidance counselor who’s spent the past two summers at the St. Louis Graduates High School to College

Center. “They don’t realize all the other steps.”

Recent studies by Harvard University’s Center for Education Policy Research found that an estimated 20 percent of graduating seniors from urban school districts in places such as greater Boston, suburban Atlanta, Dallas and Fort Worth, Texas, abandon their plans to attend college over the summer.

Among prospective community college students, the summer melt rate increases to about 40 percent, said former Harvard researcher Ben Castleman, now an assistant professor of education and public policy at the University of Virginia.

A lack of financial aid is to blame in about half of those cases, Castleman said. But students also wind up getting derailed by much less significant hurdles, from failing to meet course enrollment deadlines to registering for summer orientation programs.

“The idea was that if you could get a kid to graduate from high school, they’d been accepted and chosen where to go, that student was going to show up,” he said. “What our work shows is that in fact, students encounter a pretty complicated array of financial and procedural tasks to complete over the summer.”

Daisha Tankins, 19, had planned to attend Spelman College in Atlanta after graduating from a St. Louis high school last summer. But unable to afford the private college and unwilling to go into more than \$100,000 in debt after four years, she enrolled at Harris-Stowe State University in her hometown. Like Spelman, it is a historically black school, but with far more modest costs.

Tankins now works as a peer mentor at the St. Louis counseling center, offering guidance to students who find themselves at a similar crossroads.

“A lot of students are bewildered and can’t understand the magnitude of what’s going on,” she said.

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CHICAGO (AP) — First-day jitters come with any new job but when the work involves pushing needles into strangers' bellies, stitching up gaping wounds or even delivering babies, that debut can be especially nerve-wracking — for everyone involved.

Brand-new doctors often launch right into patient care within weeks of graduating from medical school. To make sure their skills are up to snuff, many medical schools and hospitals run crash courses in the basics for these new interns.

It's called boot camp at Northwestern Memorial Hospital and its adjoining Feinberg medical school, a program involving two to three days of intense practice before letting the newbies loose on patients. Young doctors are tested on a variety of skills, from the proper technique for

handling newborns during childbirth — make sure the head comes out slowly — to delivering bad news — use empathy, eye contact and listen to the patient.

More than 90 percent pass the first time. The rest are tested again until they do.

"Don't do that on Mr. Smith," instructor Dr. Jeffrey Barsuk told this year's batch of residents, warning them not to withdraw too much fluid from the belly of a mannequin patient supposedly sick with liver disease. Barsuk was showing the group how to insert a scary-looking 5-inch needle and remove abnormal fluid buildup. Taking too much can be dangerous for sick patients.

Dr. Diane Wayne, the medical school's vice dean of education, created the program in 2011, aiming partly to combat the so-called "July effect." Many

experts say it's more myth than reality, and evidence is mixed, but a few studies have found lapses in patient care — even deaths — when new interns start making rounds in July.

"We have great residents who come from all over the country, but we have no reliable way of knowing that these interns possess these skills," she said. "We just don't want to subject patients to newly minted residents" with uncertain expertise.

The program won a 2012 innovation award from the Association of American Medical Colleges. The association's Dr. Robert Englander said the boot camp is part of a trend in doctor-training as hospitals increasingly focus on patient safety.

"We're looking more and more at what we can do toward the end of medical school to optimize that

preparation," he said.

Bennet Butler, 26, just got his doctor degree from Northwestern and was among about 100 grads in this summer's just-finished boot camp. He gave it high marks on his first day.

"We're learning a lot already," said Butler, 26, after a refresher course on identifying surgical instruments. "We've had a couple of lectures, a couple of sessions where we were able to practice some of our skills like tying knots and suturing so, so far so good."

Butler said he's excited but anxious about starting his residency.

"This is something I've wanted to do my whole life," Butler said. "You'd have to be crazy not to be a bit nervous," he added. "It's a big upgrade in responsibility."

One of the toughest — and most praised — ses-

sions was a test in handling end-of-life discussions, using actors trained to portray dying patients. First, the new doctors watched rapt as Northwestern ethics expert Dr. Kathy Neely demonstrated with an actor posing as single father with advanced cancer, worried sick about what would happen to his 12-year-old son.

It was like a well-acted play, with the audience straining to catch every word and nuance as Neely touching his arm and talking gently about the burdens of choices he faced, including entering hospice care.

Then residents were sent into private hospital rooms to be tested on discussing "do not resuscitate" orders and how long to use life-saving ventilators with other fake patients.

"It was difficult going in because we were giving bad news to the patient and discussing end of life goals," said Namita Jain, 25, another recent Northwestern graduate.

Facing her first day on the job, Jain said she was most nervous about "probably, like everything," but praised boot camp for helping build up her confidence. "It's nice to be able to practice."

## Area Support Groups

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

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■ **Narcotics Anonymous — The Pampa Group** meets at 7:30 p.m., Tuesdays, and at 6 p.m., Saturdays, at 805 N. Gray St. **Narcotics Anonymous — Rufe Jordan Unit** also meets at 6 p.m., Mondays, and at 5:30 p.m., Wednesdays, at 1992 Hilton Road.

■ **Cancer Support** meets from 12-1 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month at Central Baptist Church. For

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■ **Alcoholics Anonymous** Open Door Club meets daily at noon and 8 p.m. at 910 W. Kentucky Ave. **Al-Anon** meets at noon on Mondays. For more information, call 665-9072.

■ **Alcoholics Anonymous** Primary Purpose meets daily at noon and 8 p.m. at 112 W. Foster Ave.

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■ **Pampa Caregiver Support** meets at the Pampa Nursing Center on 1321 W. Kentucky Ave. at 6 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month. For more information call 806-669-2551.

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# PampaSports

## Djokovic tops Federer at Wimbledon

LONDON (AP) — Novak Djokovic's large lead in the rollicking Wimbledon final was slipping away, due in no small part to Roger Federer's regal presence and resurgent play.

No man has won tennis' oldest major tournament more often than Federer, and he was not about to let it go easily. Djokovic went from being a point from victory in the fourth set to suddenly caught in the crucible of a fifth, and he knew all too well that he repeatedly had come up short in

recent Grand Slam title matches.

Steeling himself when he so desperately needed to, and steadying his weary legs, Serbia's Djokovic held on for a 6-7 (7), 6-4, 7-6 (4), 5-7, 6-4 victory after nearly four hours of momentum shifts Sunday to win Wimbledon for the second time — and deny Switzerland's Federer what would have been a record eighth championship at the All England Club.

"It was a great match to be part of. He's a magnificent champion and a great

example of a great athlete and great role model for many kids," Djokovic said during the on-court ceremony, cradling the trophy in his left arm.

Then, addressing Federer directly, Djokovic said: "I respect your career and everything you have done. And thank you for letting me win today."

Even Federer had to smile at that line.

Truth is, Djokovic deserved plenty of credit for figuring out a way to pull off this win, which raises his Grand Slam total to

seven titles and allows him to overtake Rafael Nadal at No. 1 in the rankings.

"It was close, you know," said Federer, who hadn't been to a Grand Slam final since winning his 17th major at Wimbledon in 2012. "Novak deserved it at the end, clearly, but it was extremely close."

Federer, who turns 33 next month, won 88 of 89 service games through his first six matches this fortnight, and produced 29 aces in the final, but Djokovic broke him four times.

Federer, looking as agile as he has in years, went to the net aggressively, only to see Djokovic zoom more than a dozen passing shots past him. And with most of the Centre Court crowd of about 15,000 raucously cheering for Federer, the 27-year-old Djokovic kept believing in himself.

That part might have been the most difficult, given that Djokovic lost his past three major finals, and five of his past six, including against Andy Murray at Wimbledon last year, and

against Nadal at the French Open last month.

"He's the biggest competitor — his sense of not giving up, giving it always another try," said Boris Becker, the three-time Wimbledon champion who began coaching Djokovic this season.

"It could've gone either way in the fifth set," said Becker, whose old rival as a player, Stefan Edberg, now works with Federer. "Novak finds another way. He digs deep and finds another way."

Djokovic built a 5-2 lead in the fourth set and served for the championship at 5-3. But Federer broke there for the first time all afternoon, smacking a forehand winner as Djokovic slipped and fell on a patch of brown dirt.

Djokovic took a steeper tumble in the second set, hurting his left leg and prompting the first of two medical timeouts; he got his right calf massaged by a trainer in the fifth.

With Federer serving at 5-4 in the fourth, he double-faulted to 30-all, then netted a backhand for 30-40 — handing Djokovic a match point.

Federer hit a 118 mph (190 kph) serve that was called out, but he challenged the ruling, and the replay showed the ball touched a line for an ace. That was part of Federer's five-game run to force a fifth set. It would be another 42 minutes until Djokovic again stood so close to triumph.

"Can't believe I made it to five," Federer said. "Wasn't looking good there for a while."

In truth, after so much drama, the ending was anticlimactic. Trailing 5-4 but serving, Federer missed four groundstrokes, pushing a backhand into the net on Djokovic's second match point.

Victory his, Djokovic knelt on the most hallowed tennis court in the world, plucked a blade of grass and shoved it in his mouth, just as he did after his 2011 Wimbledon title. He dedicated this victory to his pregnant fiancée "and our future baby," and to Jelena Gencic, his first tennis coach, who died last year.

"This is the best tournament in the world, the most valuable one," Djokovic said. "The first tennis match that I ever (saw) in my life, when I was 5 years old, was Wimbledon, and that image stuck (in) my mind."

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# PampaSports

## Extra Innings

## IOC seeks 2022 host

### Bonehead athletes are everywhere

Normally I try to stray away from talking about athletes from my favorite teams in my column unless they have done something extraordinary like Kevin Durant. Today I am going to write about a guy on one of my favorite teams that is acting like a bonehead. And no it's not Johnny Manziel, it's his teammate.

Josh Gordon, star Cleveland Browns WR, was arrested in the wee hours of Saturday morning (3 a.m.). He was arrested for driving while impaired and going 50 in a 35 mph zone. Let's take a look at what he did wrong here:

1. He decided to drink and drive. I personally am of the opinion I will not drink but I realize some people think they have to, they just need to learn to be responsible. Gordon's salary was \$632 thousand this season. He will be making more than that in the near future if he stays out of trouble. I am pretty sure the man could afford a taxi ride.

2. He was out late. Momma always said nothing good happens after midnight. Well we all know mommas know best. Why don't professional teams issue a midnight or 1 a.m. curfew for their players and start fining them if they are caught out late?

3. Speeding. Speed kills. Texting, drinking and driving and speed have to be all in the top five of killers on the road. Too many celebrities think they are above the law. If athletes can't learn to follow the rules of the road, their teams need to take that privilege away from them.

Okay folks here's the kicker. You would think okay maybe it wouldn't be so bad if this was his first run-in with the law, but it wasn't.

In late May, Gordon was stopped for going 74 in a 60 mph zone. He was fined for \$187 AND his passenger had marijuana in the car.

Gordon was suspended for four games last season for using a banned substance. He is also set for a possible season-long suspension this year for another failed drug test.

AND yet again while he was in college he failed multiple drug tests. He

was suspended twice at Baylor. After the second failed drug test they kicked him off the team which forced him to transfer to Utah where he admitted he failed a test there as well.

D'Qwell Jackson, linebacker for the Colts, was a teammate of Gordon's while he was in Cleveland and he said it best when he said this on twitter:

"If you're close to Josh Gordon please help this kid, it's not about football anymore it's about picking up the pieces of his life."

Gordon was one of the top WRs in the game last season. He had 87 catches for 1,646 yards. He was also the first player in NFL history to record back-to-back 200 yard receiving games. It's a shame to see so much talent go to waste.

Sometimes it is hard for us as fans to look at things with a level head when it is regarding our favorite teams or players but we can't overlook things like this.

Honestly, when the NFL meets with Gordon in July I hope they give him the maximum fines allowed for his offenses and suspend him for at least two seasons. Maybe when he has to sit on the bench for two years he will learn his lesson.

Like Jackson said though, its not about football anymore. Myself and fellow NFL fans alike need to be cheering for Gordon to get his life on

the right track before we even think about cheering on #12 for the Browns.

I wish this was an outlier and I could tell you this doesn't happen much in the world of sports, but sadly I can't. If I started looking at every athlete that has screwed up in the past five years I will end up writing an essay. Do you have any ideas on how the NFL, NBA, MLB and other professional leagues can stop these athletes from being boneheads? Please email them to me. I may even send an email to the league offices.

LAUSANNE, Switzerland (AP) — As the IOC seeks to dispel concerns the Olympics are too expensive, two former host cities and one former also-ran advanced to the final phase Monday in the troubled race for the 2022 Winter Games.

Left with little choice following the previous withdrawal of three candidates, the International Olympic Committee on Monday retained the three cities that were still alive.

The Kazakh city of Almaty, Beijing and Oslo made the list of finalists. Whether Oslo stays in-

til next year's vote remains uncertain.

The IOC executive board agreed unanimously to approve all three as official candidate cities, rather than cut the field.

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to go forward," IOC vice president John Coates said. "If there was one of those that wasn't of quality we wouldn't have sent it forward."

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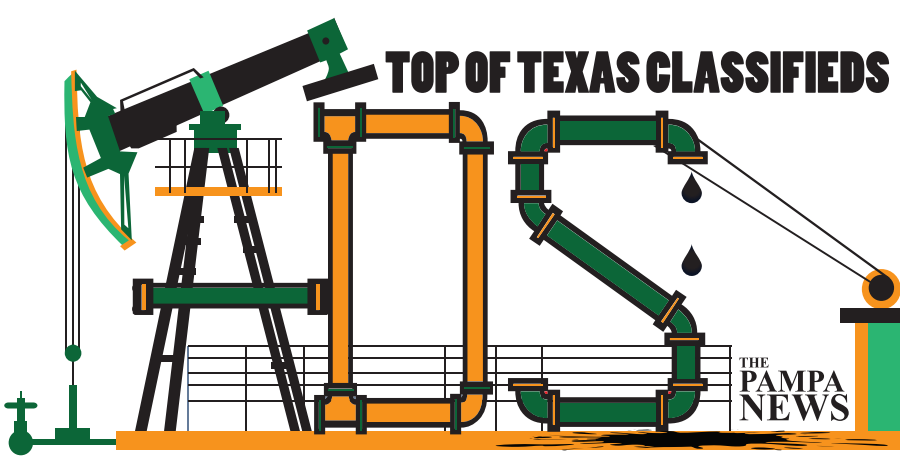
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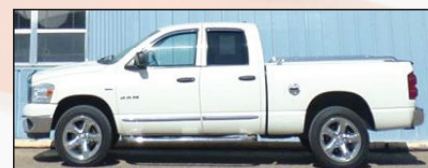
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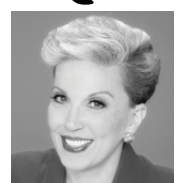
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## Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: May I comment on the question from "Unsure in the West" (April 6), who wanted to create scrapbooks out of all the cards and letters she received over the years? My generation (30s) is all about social media. "Unsure" mentioned that all the items she wanted to include were pre-Facebook. I am a bit old-fashioned (or maybe stubborn) so I don't do Facebook or Twitter, and I don't understand the importance of a "hashtag." I have no idea how to Skype, nor do I pay my bills online.

I think the scrapbook idea is wonderful. There is something special about having tangible items to go along with important milestones and memories. Even if the gifts themselves don't strike a chord with her friends, surely the consideration and time she puts into the scrapbooks will make her loved ones realize how important they are to her. I say, proceed with confidence. Your friends are lucky to have you. — L.K. IN THE MIDWEST

DEAR L.K.: Like you, readers overwhelmingly support "Unsure" in her efforts to create scrapbooks of memories for her friends. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I have also saved cards, letters,

wedding photos and pictures of newborns, etc., for several decades. A few years ago, I simply returned them to the people who had sent them. Nearly all of the recipients squealed with delight as they thanked me, having realized I had gifted them with "time capsules" of their lives. Only one friend was offended that I had returned her items. She said she was "appalled" that I didn't cherish them myself. The joy expressed by the others superseded the angry friend. "Unsure," return those items to the senders! — LINDA IN INDIANA

DEAR ABBY: I did the same thing with photos. But instead of returning them to the person(s) who gave them to me, I gave them to the children who were pictured in the photos. Others I saved and presented to the now-grown child's spouse as a wedding gift. So far they have been well-received. Most people are surprised to learn that I actually kept all these photos of them or their children for so long and appreciated the effort I put into the scrapbooks. — MEMORY KEEPER

DEAR ABBY: I am not a crafter and I'm not very sentimental. I don't enjoy what I consider clutter. As I've grown older, I have done my best to

pare down and eliminate things I no longer have use for. I have embraced technology. If "Unsure" were my friend, I would appreciate it more if she scanned anything she wanted to give back to me. Either way, I would probably view the scrapbook or e-book, and then deep-six it after the viewing. It crossed my mind that perhaps "Unsure" is cleaning out, and this is her way of getting rid of her "clutter." — MAUREEN IN FLORIDA

DEAR ABBY: Yes! Bundle and return the cards and letters with a note about what the correspondence has meant to you over the years. As a young adult, I lived all over the world and frequently wrote my friends and family about my life and what I was experiencing. Over the last few years I have received bundles from my mother, my sister and a friend — all letters they had hung onto for 20 to 30 years. What a surprise and a joy. Reading these old cards and letters gave me a window into a world that no longer exists, and reminded me of who I was then and what my life was like. Yes, please give back the correspondence. — MARIANNE IN CALIFORNIA

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# Community Calendar

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

## School board meetings

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

## Immunization clinic 3 times a month

The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) hosts an immunization clinic in Pampa three times a month. The clinics are held from 9:30 to 11:30

a.m. and from 1 to 3 p.m. on the first three Wednesdays of each month. The first 10 people in line for the morning and first 10 in the afternoon will always receive shots. However, if there are more than 10, they still may be able to accommodate the patients, or ask them to come back at another time. For more information, call 665-4752 or 806-874-3211. The clinic is located at 736 S. Cuyler St.

## PAWS meets first Tuesdays

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

There is a desperate need for more members. PAWS members are needed to

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

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

## County Commission meetings

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

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## PPQG Meets fourth Thursdays

Panhandle Piecemakers Quilt Guild meets the fourth Thursday of each month, January through

October, at the Pampa Senior Citizens Center at 500 W. Francis St.

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

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# Chaplain finds canine partner helps erode barriers

FORT BLISS (AP) — She is known simply as the “chaplain with the dog” to the many soldiers she has served with at Fort Bliss and Afghanistan and even to the people she meets in the El Paso community.

Chaplain Maj. Karen Hallett has a sidekick she is seen almost everywhere — her dog, Sgt. Zoe, a psychiatric service dog who is trained to help people dealing with post-traumatic stress.

Hallett, 49, from Vernon, N.J., has had Sgt. Zoe since February 2012 and uses her as a way to break down barriers and provide additional support to the soldiers in her unit and around the Army. Her dog can often be seen in the doorway of her office at West Fort Bliss, beckoning visitors.

“Here is how it works,” Hallett said. “Someone comes by. Zoe is laying out in the hallway. She’s cute. They stop.”

They pet her. I have a chance to say, ‘Hey, how are you doing? What’s going on?’ Very often, they will come in and

whatever. It opens a door that wouldn’t be open to me normally.

“I almost can’t get work done in my office, which is what we want as a chaplain,” she told the El Paso Times (<http://bit.ly/1tg0Jy3>).

“We want people to stop by.” Hallett, a nondenominational Christian chaplain, has been the brigade chaplain for 402nd Field Artillery Brigade, First Army, Division West at Fort Bliss since April 2013.

Before that, she served as the brigade chaplain for the 411th Engineer Brigade, a reserve unit out of New York state. While with the 411th, she deployed to Afghanistan and brought the dog with her.

Zoe, an adorable black Labrador, was a huge hit with the troops in Afghanistan — at Bagram Airfield and anywhere else the pair traveled.

“It was a phenomenal experience,” Hallett said. “I can’t tell you the number of ways she impacted my ministry there. I

would literally get calls and emails from people, ‘Are you the chaplain with the dog and can you come over to our unit?’ “

Hallett said she has hundreds of stories of how Sgt. Zoe has helped reach soldiers.

As an example, they were flying back to Bagram in Afghanistan and the flight crew for the airplane they were on wanted a photo with the dog when they landed.

“The pilot is standing there and we’re chatting,” Hallett said. “Everyone has gotten off the plane. That couple of minutes turned into a two-hour counseling for the pilot who was devastated because his marriage was falling apart.”

If not for her dog, she would have never had that chance to break the ice with that pilot who needed her help, Hallett said.

At Fort Bliss, Hallett is responsible for providing religious support to about 400 soldiers and their families who are part of the 402nd Field Artillery Brigade.

The brigade runs the

Mobilization Training Center at Fort Bliss and is responsible for training National Guard and Reservists before they deploy.

The brigade also does the in-processing work for these troops when they return from deployments. Counting those soldiers, Hallett can be responsible for the spiritual needs of up to 4,000 troops depending on the time of year.

Chaplain Lt. Col. Karen Meeker, the 1st Armored Division chaplain at Fort Bliss, said the installation is blessed to have both Hallett and Sgt. Zoe.

“Zoe, a constant companion by the side of Chaplain Hallett, expresses the love and care of God for soldiers,” Meeker said.

“There is nothing like the loyalty and affection of a friendly dog like Zoe to make anybody feel a little better.”

Hallett got the idea for incorporating a dog into her ministry during her first deployment to Afghanistan in 2010-11 when she went as a

chaplain in support of the 101st Airborne Division “Air Assault.”

Bagram Airfield had a detachment of mine dogs that would be brought out for base functions like fun runs, Hallett said. She saw how the soldiers, who were so far away from their families, flocked to the dogs.

That gave her the inspiration to bring a dog with her when she returned to Afghanistan with her next unit, the 411th Engineer Brigade.

Her brigade commander, Brig. Gen. David Weeks, told her that whatever she felt she needed for the deployment, to go and get it.

So Hallett contacted Puppies Behind Bars, a nonprofit organization out of New York City, which uses inmates to train psychiatric service dogs.

Puppies Behind Bars gave Hallett a dog to take to Afghanistan and incorporate into her ministry. “They thought it was a great idea for a chaplain to have a dog,” she said.

Hallett has a different background than many

Army chaplains.

She is a 1988 graduate of the U.S. Military Academy and served as a commissioned ordnance officer from 1988 to 1992. She then left the Army and took what she described as an “18-year corporate break.”

During that time, she ran her own business, building and managing cell phone towers.

She was also involved as a minister at various churches including being an associate pastor from 1998 to 2006 at Glenwood Baptist Church in New Jersey.

She then went to seminary and graduated from Bethel Seminary in St. Paul, Minn., with a master of divinity in 2008. She commissioned into the Chaplain Corps in 2009 and began her second stint in the Army.

“Being an Army chaplain is a good fit for me,” Hallett said.

“I’m a very hands-on minister. I just can’t stand church committees. For me, being active in the Army was a much better way to go.”

## Texas to nix specialty plates that sell poorly

AUSTIN (AP) — State officials plan to eliminate dozens of specialty license plates, such as those advertising Texas Motor Speedway and Dr Pepper, because they’ve failed to generate enough interest.

The Texas Department of Motor Vehicles now requires that plates have at least 200 users and at least that many orders before it authorizes any new specialty plates.

There are five-dozen plates that likely will be phased out starting next year, according to The Dallas Morning News.

The crackdown is driven by police complaints about a glut of confusing tags that began five years ago when the state’s exclusive vendor began customized sales.

DMV has approved about 120 plates and rejected five.

The vendor, My Plates, has agreed to rebate at least \$25 on orders for plates that may be pulled. A personalized tag with a special background starts at \$85 for one year.

My Plates has sold more than 185,000 specialized tags, generating \$23 mil-

lion in state revenue, the Morning News reports.

DMV authorities are studying whether to impose further restrictions to curtail graphics and designs that clutter plates.

For the time being, some groups say there’s not much they can do to stimulate sales and keep their plates in circulation.

The State of Texas Alliance for Recycling created its plate to raise money and awareness. It’s white and green, with the recycling symbol, and has 84 registered users.

Plate sales just don’t

bring in enough money “to be able to justify staff time to get the word out or advertise as much as it would need to be,” spokeswoman Sara Nichols said.

Many of the plates lagging in sales showcase out-of-state universities, such as Arizona, Kentucky and Tennessee. Schools generally get part of the proceeds in return for My Plates using their images.

But University of Missouri alumni can breathe easy — the number of Mizzou plates is slightly above the 200-user requirement.

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Dr. Henderson is one of the new additions to the medical staff of Pampa Regional. He has 15 years of experience as a surgeon. He is from Mesquite, Texas, and received his medical degree at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School, and served his residency at Parkland Memorial Hospital. He is board certified by the American Board of Surgery. He performs general and vascular surgeries as well as endoscopy procedures. *You are in good hands.*



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