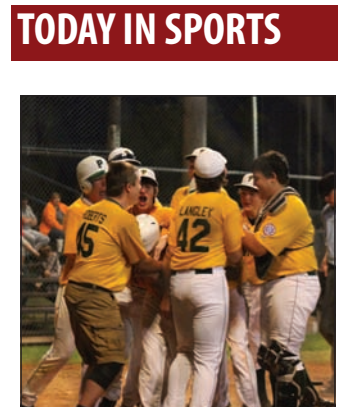


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First United Methodist Church holds annual VBS



Top photo, VBS attendees at Wednesday's opening ceremony. Bottom left, Destanie, Madison, Rylee and Brooklyn wait for their turn to play the day's untamed game: a team relay. Bottom right, the green group watch the kid vid cinema choice of the day.

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First United Methodist Church kicked off its annual Vacation Bible School (VBS) on Monday morning. The program runs from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. this week, and this year's theme is *Weird Animals*. Those in attendance are split up into different colored teams to do their daily activities. Program Director Jamie Joyce said that there are about 75 children enrolled this year, and they range from age four to fifth grade. She has about 30 people on staff this year helping out with the program as well. Each morning, the children gather in the church sanctuary for the opening of the program, where they sing songs and learn about what they will be doing for that day.

After the opening, the groups go to either the imagination station, which is the science portion of the program, kid vid cinema, where they watch a video and discuss its content after it's over, untamed games, where they play the games of the day or Bible adventures, where the children hear a Bible story and interact with it through an activity. Some of the activities are done outdoors, but the unseasonably cool weather on Wednesday morning kept the groups indoors. Each child registered this year brought gently-used stuffed animals to donate to CASA of the High Plains and Pop-Tarts and peanut butter for the Snack Pak 4 Kids program for this year's two missions. VBS started on Monday, July 14 and will conclude on Friday, July 18.

Photos by Lindsey Tomaschik

DNA evidence declared 'not favorable' to Hank Skinner

STAFF REPORT

The 31st Judicial District Court of Gray County declared that the DNA testing results are not favorable to Hank Skinner. In an order adopting the State's proposed finding of fact filed on July 14, "The Court has independently reviewed the parties' advisories and proposed findings of fact, the hearing transcript, the laboratory reports, testimony of forensic experts presented during the hearing and all exhibits by the parties. "The Court finds that the DNA testing results are not favorable to Henry W. Skinner because, had the results been available during the trial of the offense, it is reasonably probably that Skinner would nevertheless have been convicted. The Court adopts and incorporates the proposed findings of fact submitted by the State on June 6, 2014." The order was signed by Judge Steven Emmert of the 31st District on July 14.



Hank Skinner

Skinner's attorney's respond

In response to the Court's findings, Skinner's attorneys, Douglas G. Robinson and Robert C. Owen, released the following statement: "We are deeply disappointed by the district court's ruling and will appeal, urging

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DPS Trooper seizes meth and cash



SUBMITTED

AMARILLO — The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) conducted a traffic stop Saturday on Interstate 40, yielding more than two pounds of methamphetamine valued at more than \$75,000 and almost \$54,000 in cash. At approximately 6:02 p.m., a DPS trooper conducted a traffic stop on a 2006 Toyota Camry traveling westbound on I-40, for a traffic violation, near Conway in Carson County. The occupants of the Camry were identified as Anna Marie Gulart, 40, of Wilmington, Calif., and Veronica Ramos Delgado, 35, also of Wilmington, Calif. During the traffic stop, the trooper discovered two bundles of methamphetamine and six bundles of cash in the vehicle. Gulart and Delgado were placed under arrest for possession of a controlled substance, a first-degree felony, money laundering, a third degree felony, unlawful use of a criminal instrument, a state jail felony, and booked into the Carson County Jail. The illegal drugs were allegedly being transported

Palo Duro Canyon revealed at No. 10 in top Texas Destinations

Texas Highways reveals more readers' choice Top 40 Texas destinations

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AUSTIN — In celebration of its 40th anniversary, Texas Highways magazine announced another round of the Texas Top 40 favorite destinations as chosen by its readers. The announcement places Brazos Bend State Park at No. 12, Mount Pleasant at No. 11 and Palo Duro Canyon at No. 10. The August issue of Texas Highways offers a feature on Possum Kingdom Lake, a favorite family destination that was threatened by fires in 2011. Today,

the area offers numerous activities, including hiking, biking and watersports. Also featured in the August issue is the new Lucy and Ian Family Garden at the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center. The garden, which opened in the spring, was designed by landscape architect W. Gary Smith with the goal of offering hands-on play for children and adults. Writer Gene Fowler and photographer Will van Overbeek also take readers on a historical journey to discover the legacy of the Guerra family who first arrived from Spain in the early 1600s and ultimately colonized vast territories in far South Texas. Over the past 400 years, the family has amassed an incredible private collection of art

and antiques, some of which is on display at the Briscoe Western Art Museum in San Antonio. There's much more in the August issue, including bats at Bracken Cave, boots in El Paso, barbecue in Tyler and even coonskin caps at the Alamo. Subscribers began receiving the new issue on July 8; the digital edition was released on July 11; and the hard-copy issue is on sale now at hundreds of newsstands statewide, including H-E-B, Target, Walmart, Randall's and Barnes & Noble. About Texas Highways magazine Founded as a travel magazine in 1974, Texas Highways is celebrating its 40th anniversary in 2014. TEXAS cont. on page 2

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the courts to carefully consider all the evidence of Mr. Skinner's innocence.

"At the DNA hearing in February, the State failed to present any dramatic new evidence confirming Mr. Skinner's guilt. The opposite is true: the testimony confirmed DNA from an unknown person, along with Twila Busby's blood, on a dishtowel that had been secreted in a plastic garbage bag at the crime scene. In addition, the DNA test results were at odds with the State's theory of the crime. If Mr. Skinner stabbed Randy Busby in the manner claimed by the State, Mr. Skinner's blood should have been on the blanket of Randy's bed. It wasn't.

"If Mr. Skinner's hands were covered with the victims' blood when he staggered out of the house, their blood should have been mixed with his on the door-knobs he touched. It wasn't. Finally, Mr. Skinner's DNA on the common kitchen knife used in the crimes could have come from his having innocently used it as

a resident of the house and being cut with it by the assailant.

"Moreover, the DNA testing produced significant and exculpatory results that raise grave doubts about Mr. Skinner's guilt and point to a credible alternate suspect.

"The State's expert analyst did not retreat from his conclusion that three of the four hairs found in Twila Busby's hand — hairs with DNA consistent with a maternal relative of the victims — were 'visually dissimilar' to the victims' own hair. Indeed, he confirmed that the differences were so obvious that he could see them without using a microscope. This result supports the conclusion that a maternal relative of the victims committed the crimes, not Mr. Skinner.

"Robert Donnell, who is Ms. Busby's maternal uncle, stalked Ms. Busby at a party shortly before her death, and the State presented no compelling evidence linking these hairs to any other maternal relative. In fact, Ms. Busby's mother stated under oath before Mr. Skinner's trial that she had not been inside the house in the preceding four months.

"Where is the sweat-stained, blood-spattered men's windbreaker jacket found next to Ms. Busby's body and collected as evidence by the police?"

"The State claims to have lost this major piece of evidence, which could corroborate the hair evidence pointing to Donnell. From the earliest days of his fight for DNA testing, Mr. Skinner insisted that the jacket should be tested because it may have been worn by the assailant. But the State's failure to safeguard this evidence has made that impossible.

"At the DNA hearing, Mr. Skinner sought to present testimony from a witness who can positively identify the jacket as Mr. Donnell's, and to have his DNA expert explain how testing could have confirmed Mr. Donnell's DNA on the jacket.

"The State fought to keep this evidence out of the record, and the court agreed with the State and excluded it.

"We respectfully disagreed with this decision. In our view, this evidence is at the center of the case. It shows why a jury that heard all the evidence, including DNA results, would

have harbored a reasonable doubt about Mr. Skinner's guilt.

"Excluding evidence about the jacket added to the overall unfairness of this process, in which Mr. Skinner was wrongfully forced to wait 13 years before obtaining DNA testing. In the meantime, through bungling by the State, potentially exculpatory evidence was being mishandled, damaged, contaminated, degraded, and lost.

"The doubts about Hank Skinner's guilt are far too great to allow his execution to proceed, particularly where the State's utter failure to preserve key pieces of evidence may make it impossible to resolve those questions conclusively."

The case has received national spotlight because of the possibility of DNA testing removing an inmate from death row.

Skinner is convicted of killing Twila Busby and her two adult sons, Randy Busby and Elwin Caler, on Dec. 21, 1993 in Pampa.

In February, an evidentiary hearing took place and both parties were to file their recommendations by May 30.

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day, Texas Highways has nearly 400,000 monthly readers across the United States and around the world.

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and Tourism division, travelers to and within Texas in 2013 spent more than \$67 billion, an increase of three percent during 2012. This directly supported 599,000 jobs and generated \$4.7 billion in state and local taxes.

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Pets' amenities rising trend for homebuilders

LOS ANGELES (AP) — These homes are set apart by their amenities — for dogs.

Standard Pacific Homes is building and selling homes in 27 developments from Florida to California and is believed to be the first to offer a pet suite as an option in every one.

The most lavish suite is a 170-square-foot pet paradise with a step-in wash station, handheld sprayer and leash lead; tile walls and floors; a designated drying area with a commercial sized pet

dryer; a water station; automated feeders; a large bunk-style bed; cabinets for toys, treats and food; a stackable washer and dryer; a French door that opens to a puppy run; and a flat-screen television set.

Standard Pacific, based in Irvine, decided to offer pet suites after conducting livability studies with homeowners. Pets were a constant theme, said Jeffrey Lake, vice president and national director of architecture for Standard Pacific.

Rejected Fox bid for Time Warner shows growth mood

NEW YORK (AP) — In a move that aims to counter consolidation among TV distributors, Rupert Murdoch's Fox has made an unsolicited takeover offer for rival media giant Time Warner for about \$76 billion in cash and stock.

Time Warner rejected the bid, which amounted to about \$86.30 per share, but an analyst called it just a first attempt in a courtship that would make the combined company as large as Disney in market value.

The rejected cash-and-stock offer comes on the heels of cable giant Com-

cast Corp.'s proposed \$45 billion takeover of Time Warner Cable Inc., which was made in February. It also comes after AT&T Inc. announced in May it agreed to buy DirecTV for \$48.5 billion.

Both deals, if approved by regulators, would help shift the balance of power in content negotiations to distributors because of their larger subscriber bases, which could help contain rising programming costs for things like sports channels. After certain divestitures, Comcast could end up serving 30 million video customers, while AT&T would serve

about 26 million.

A big merger among content owners would tilt the balance back toward the media companies.

"You can get more money negotiating together than you would separately," Janney analyst Tony Wible said. "It's a chain reaction. There will be more consolidation on the content side in response to consolidation from cable and satellite companies."

Time Warner Inc., which owns the Warner Bros. movie studio and TV channels such as TNT, TBS and HBO, said Wednesday that it had no interest in further discussions and that it could create more value on its own. Twenty-First Century Fox Inc., which owns the 20th Century Fox movie studio, Fox broadcast network, and TV channels Fox News and FX, said it made the bid last month, but said no discussions were currently ongoing.

In a video posted on its website, Time Warner CEO Jeff Bewkes said the company's own business plan was "superior to any proposal that Fox is in a position to offer." The company also expressed

concerns that Fox offered only non-voting stock, something that wouldn't give its shareholders a voice in the merged company.

Still, Time Warner's stock jumped 17 percent to \$83.25 on the news Wednesday, and several analysts said that in an environment with cheap access to credit, Murdoch could easily push the bid above \$100 per share and still make the deal work.

"It's the opening salvo," Wible said. "It underappreciates the value of Time Warner."

FBR Capital Markets analyst Barton Crockett said that Time Warner had become an easier, smaller takeover target after first spinning off Time Warner Cable Inc. as a separate company in 2009 and doing the same with publishing division Time Inc. last month to focus on its faster-growing TV and movie business.

Time Warner is more vulnerable to a takeover because it has a single class of shares, so major shareholders might find it attractive even if the board doesn't. By contrast, Fox has a dual-class structure,

allowing the Murdoch family to maintain control with its nearly 40 percent of voting shares.

"I think Fox could go up to \$120 a share and still make the deal (profitable)," Crockett said. "There's a lot of room to move if they need to."

A person familiar with the matter said Murdoch is determined, but disciplined in continuing to pursue a combination. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the person was not authorized to speak publicly about the proposal, which was made in June and rejected by Time Warner's board on July 8.

The offer included a portion of Fox's non-voting common stock and \$32.42 in cash for each Time Warner share, Time Warner said. At Tuesday's closing prices, that is worth about \$86.30 per Time Warner share, a 22 percent premium.

A person familiar with Time Warner's thinking said that its board was against the mix of the offer, which is about two-thirds non-voting stock and one-third cash. A higher proportion of

cash would be seen more favorably particularly because Fox has a lower growth outlook than Time Warner, the person said. That person also wasn't authorized to speak publicly about the deal and spoke on condition of anonymity.

It's unclear how regulators would view greater concentration of media power in fewer hands, although Fox would be prepared to sell off CNN to appease regulators who might be concerned if it and Fox News were operated by the same managers, the first person said. The person also said the companies could expect about \$1 billion in annual cost savings by merging.

The bid showed the increased investor interest in movie and TV assets over print-based ones. Murdoch's News Corp. split into two companies last year: The newspaper and publishing portion, still called News Corp., and the more-profitable film-and-TV unit, Twenty-First Century Fox Inc.

Twenty-First Century Fox shares dipped 1.66, or 4.7 percent, to \$33.53.

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Man using 'blowtorch' to kill spider started fire

SEATTLE (AP) — A man who used a can of spray paint and a lighter as a makeshift blowtorch to kill a spider in his laundry room started a blaze that caused \$60,000 worth of damage, Seattle fire officials said Wednesday.

The man and his mother got out of the house, and no injuries were reported in the fire that broke out in the West Seattle home Tuesday night, said Kyle Moore, a spokesman for the Seattle Fire Department.

Moore said the man used the spray paint and lighter as "a self-made blowtorch to kill a spider in the laundry room" of a rental house.

"I don't want to encourage people to do this, but that's what he did," Moore said Wednesday. "The spider tried to get into the wall. He sprayed flames on the wall, lit the wall on fire, and that extended up to the ceiling."

Fire crews were called to the home in the home just south of Seattle just before 8:30 p.m. Tuesday.

Firefighters initially battled the blaze from the outside after getting reports that there may be ammunition in the home. Crews eventually went inside the house after confirming from tenants that there was no ammunition inside.

The man initially tried to put water on the fire, but he wasn't able to put it out and the blaze spread quickly spread into the attic.

"There are safer, more effective ways to kill a spider than using fire," Moore said. "Fire is not the method to use to kill a spider."

The Red Cross is providing temporary shelter for the home's two residents, whom authorities have not identified.

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Today: Morning thunderstorms with a high of 70. Chance of rain: 40 percent. Winds north-northeast at 12 mph. Sunrise at 6:41 a.m.

Tonight: Partly cloudy with a low of 57. Chance of rain: 10 percent. Winds northeast at 12 mph. Sunset at 8:59 p.m.

Friday: Partly cloudy with a high of 80. Winds east-northeast at 10 mph. Sunrise at 6:42 a.m.

Friday night: Mostly clear with a low of 61. Chance of rain: 10 percent. Winds south-southeast at 9 mph. Sunset at 8:58 p.m.

Saturday: Partly cloudy with a high of 87. Chance of rain: 10 percent. Winds south at 15 mph. Sunrise at 6:42 a.m.

Saturday night: Mostly clear with a low of 67. Winds south-southeast at 13 mph. Sunset at 8:57 p.m.

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For the record

Pampa man arrested for assault

• Weldon Dale Black, 48, Pampa, was arrested Tuesday by the Gray County Sheriff's Office for assault to cause bodily injury.

• Shaman Lee Cooper, 30, Amarillo, was arrested

Tuesday by GCSO for bond surrender — unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, theft of property.

• William Ray Finley, 50, Pampa, was arrested Tuesday by GCSO for bond

surrender — possession of marijuana.

• Andrea Lynn Rara, 24, Pampa, was arrested Tuesday by the Pampa Police Department for operating an unregistered vehicle,

failure to obtain an inspection, failure to appear.

• Lloyd Poland, 48, Abilene, was arrested Tuesday by GCSO for assault to cause bodily injury.

Community Calendar

City Commission meetings

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

School board meetings

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

Immunization clinic 3 times a month

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

PAWS meets first Tuesdays

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

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

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.

TOT Republican Women's Club

Top O' Texas Republican Women's Club meets at noon on the third Wednesday of every month at the Pampa Senior Citizens Center, 500 W. Francis St. For more information call 806-669-1990.

Jam sessions every Friday night

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

Meredith House presents live music

Meredith House, an assisted-living facility at 812 W. 25th Ave., has a band performing at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday and Saturday night. Join them for Western music, gospel and the classics. For more information, call 806-665-5668.

Monday night dance club

The Monday night dance club meets from 7 to 9 p.m., each Monday, in the Pampa Chamber of

Commerce building on the corner of Ballard and Kingsmill. Admission is \$3.50. Cold drinks and coffee are offered. The club plays country music. For more information, call Della at 806-663-1136.

PPQG Meets fourth Thursdays

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

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

Editor's note: Email submissions to jclee@thepampanews.com. Submissions should be 100 words or less and written in the third person. Please include the title of the event, the date and time, physical address, the admission cost or whether it is a free event and a contact number and/or email address for the public.

Trying gene therapy to create biological pacemaker

WASHINGTON (AP) — No batteries required: Scientists are creating a biological pacemaker by injecting a gene into the hearts of sick pigs that changed ordinary cardiac cells into a special kind that induces a steady heartbeat.

The study, published Wednesday, is one step toward developing an alternative to electronic pacemakers that are implanted into 300,000 Americans a year.

"There are people who desperately need a pacemaker but can't get one safely," said Dr. Eduardo Marban, director of the Cedars-Sinai Heart Institute in Los Angeles, who led the work. "This development heralds a new era of gene therapy" that one day might offer them an option.

Your heartbeat depends on a natural pacemaker, a small cluster of cells — it's about the size of a peppercorn, Marban says — that generates electrical activity. Called the sinoatrial node, it acts like a metronome to keep the heart pulsing at 60 to 100 beats a minute or so, more when you're active. If that node quits working correctly, hooking the heart to an electronic pacemaker works very well for most people.

But about 2 percent of recipients develop an infection that requires the pacemaker to be removed for weeks until antibiotics wipe out the germs, Marban said. And some fetuses are at risk of stillbirth when their heartbeat falters, a condition called congenital heart block.

For over a decade, teams of researchers have worked to create a biological alternative that might help those kinds of patients, trying such approaches as using stem cells to spur the growth of

a new sinoatrial node.

Marban's newest attempt uses gene therapy to reprogram a small number of existing heart muscle cells so that they start looking and acting like natural pacemaker cells instead.

Because pigs' hearts are so similar to human hearts, Marban's team studied the approach in 12 laboratory pigs with a defective heart rhythm.

They used a gene named TBX18 that plays a role in the embryonic development of the sinoatrial node. Working through a vein, they injected the gene into some of the pigs' hearts — in a spot that doesn't normally initiate heartbeats — and tracked them for two weeks.

Two days later, treated pigs had faster heartbeats than control pigs who didn't receive the gene, the researchers reported in the journal *Science Translational Medicine*. That heart rate automatically fluctuated, faster during the day. The treated animals also became more active, without signs of side effects.

"In essence, we created a new sinoatrial node," Marban said. "The newly created node then takes over as a functional pacemaker, bypassing the need for implanted electronics and hardware."

It's a different type of

gene therapy, and a few other genes that might switch one cell type to another are under early study to treat deafness and diabetes, Marban said.

It's not clear how long these newly reprogrammed cells would keep working, cautioned Drs. Nikhil Munshi and Eric Olson of the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center, who weren't involved in the research but analyzed the findings in a journal commentary.

Also, the gene was delivered by putting it into a virus engineered to disappear relatively soon afterward. The Texas pair noted that some virus particles landed in the lung and spleen, and that longer studies are needed to rule out safety concerns.

Still, the results "provide an encouraging indication that a biological pacemaker might eventually be ready for human translation," Munshi and Olson concluded.

The heart rate did start to slow a little toward the study's end, but Marban said there's no reason to believe "that the two weeks is somehow a magic cap. We have every reason to believe that this could go on longer."

He said longer-term animal studies are underway, and he hopes to begin first-step human studies in about three years.

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Tales from the Final Frontier

■ 'A Song of Ice and Fire' conspiracy theory.

The beauty of novels and sagas is the conspiracy theories that come from them.



JOHN LEE

In "A Song of Ice and Fire," or "Game of Thrones" for non-book readers, there is a circle of fans, myself included, who do not believe Jon Snow is actually the illegitimate son of Eddard Stark and a mystery woman.

Whose child is he then? Let's look at the Stark family line first. You have Ned and Catelyn, who had Robb, Sansa, Arya, Brandon and Rickon. And, of course, Jon. Ned had a sister, who is only mentioned a couple of times in the TV show but quite often in the books. Ned's sister, Lyanna, was betrothed to Robert Baratheon.



Jon Snow

Then you have the Targaryen's, Aerys II (the infamous "Mad King") and Rhella, who gave birth to Rhaegar, Viserys and Daenerys.

Now, Rhaegar was married to Elia

Martell, and they had Rhaenys and Aegon.

During Robert's Rebellion, which made him king, Rhaegar and Lyanna spent some time in the Tower of Joy. Whether Lyanna went on her own free will or not is still up in the air.

After the rebellion, Ned and his companions travel to the Tower where they are confronted by three Kingsguard. Why they were there, and why there was a fight is unknown but Ned finds his sister in a "pool of blood." Ned also made Lyanna a dying promise.

Now, the cause of the blood could be anything, but some of us believe it was childbirth.

This would mean that Rhaegar and Lyanna had a baby. What could the promise have been made to Lyanna by Ned? Protect the baby at all costs, perhaps?

Remember, Lyanna was betrothed to Robert Baratheon, so if he found out she had a Targaryen baby, he would have the baby killed in a heartbeat.

So, what do we think Ned did? Told Robert that the Lyanna's baby was his own by a mystery woman. Hence, Jon Snow is the child of Lyanna Stark and Rhaegar Targaryen.

What do we have from text to support this theory? Well, Ned never refers to Jon as his son, but instead as his blood. Even Roose Bolton claims Ramsay as his son.

There are instances in "A Game of

Thrones" (the book) where Arya has been compared to Jon Snow, and Arya is said to have Lyanna's appearance. Even Sansa insinuates that Arya was also illegitimate with another woman from Ned (A notion Catelyn shoots down).

Another fact, which is pointed out by The Tower of the Hand (a "Song of Ice and Fire" fan site) is that Ghost takes on Targaryen color (white) while the rest of the Stark direwolves take on dark fur.

My only personal take against this notion of Jon Snow being the child of Lyanna and Rhaegar is I never bought into Ned's honor that is preached so heavily in the first book of "A Song of Ice and Fire," particularly in times of war.

Ned had a standing reputation of being one of the best swordsmen and soldiers in all of Westeros. Even Jaime Lannister wanted to take on Ned as a test of his might.

Varys mentions to Tyrion when the imp becomes Hand of the King that the tunnels, which run from under the Tower of the King to the brothels of King's Landing, are used to "protect a certain Hand's honor." While Ned wasn't the Hand of the King for too long, I wonder if he used these tunnels as well.

Regardless of this conspiracy, there is only one man on Earth who can answer the question and that is, your friend and mine, George R.R. Martin.

Mashable.com currently has a YouTube video illustrating this conspiracy and quotes both the book and the show for this conspiracy. Check it out.

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Who'll build the roads?

"Tea party members don't think there's a federal role in transportation!" complained Sen. Sherrod Brown, D-Ohio, last week, near the site of a \$5.8 million highway project.

JOHN STOSSEL

If only most tea party members were that radical. While Brown and other big-government folks worry that Republicans will cut spending, Republicans debate adding another \$10.5 billion to the Highway Trust Fund to keep it going another year — without deciding how to reform it.

Now, there's no doubt some roads and bridges need work. But too little transportation money spent by government goes to building and repairing roads.

As Cato Institute transportation analyst Randal O'Toole points out, the construction of the nation's federal highways was largely complete in 1982, but instead of reducing the gas tax that helped pay for them, Congress raised the tax and spent much of the money on things like bicycle trails and "mass" transit.

"Building an interstate highway system," writes O'Toole, "has been replaced by a complex and often contradictory set of missions: maintaining infrastructure, enhancing mobility, reducing air pollution, discouraging driving, supporting transit, building expensive rail lines, promoting economic development, stimulating the economy, stopping climate change and ending urban sprawl, among others."

Then, when roads deteriorate, the federal government laments that it doesn't have enough money.

We should have known that an inevitable side effect of a distant central government spending these billions is that road construction isn't determined by local supply and demand. Often "mass" transit carries few passengers, while nearby roads are congested.

Urban planners, who work closely with government and distrust markets, are convinced that people will leave comfortable suburban homes and flock to dense urban areas with walkable streets, if government just pours money into mass transit.

But even after Congress spent billions on public transportation projects, even rebuilding the downtowns of some cities to make them more pedestri-

an-friendly, it turned out most Americans wanted to stay in their suburban homes.

Then urban planners assumed adults would relocate to cities once their kids left for college or jobs, but a recent Fannie Mae report found baby boomers are not doing that. The planners are surprised. They shouldn't be.

"After all," writes O'Toole, "baby boomers' parents overwhelmingly preferred to 'age in place' rather than move when their children left home; why should baby boomers be any different?"

It turns out that government spent your billions on urban transit based on surveys that asked people if they want to live in "walkable communities."

Of course people said yes! Who doesn't want to live in a neighborhood where you can "walk to shops"? But if they'd asked, "Are you willing to spend about four times as much per square foot to live in a city instead of a spacious suburban home?" they'd get different answers.

Now, I live the way bureaucrats want you to live. I have an apartment in New York City, one of the most densely populated places on Earth. I take the subway system to get around and sometimes ride my bicycle. I like living this way. But bureaucrats shouldn't try to force you to live the way I live.

In fact, herding people into denser urban areas sounds suspiciously like something that makes life easier for the bureaucrats themselves. It was a popular idea with communist planners in Romania and North Korea. Mass transit and "planned spaces" appeal to the bureaucratic mind.

How about going the opposite route? Let people live where they choose, let private entities build roads and mass transit (many roads and even most of New York City's subways were privately built), and let user fees from commuters pay for roads and transit.

There is justice in that idea: People who love to drive will pay for it, and those who don't want to pay have an extra incentive to move to those urban spaces planners like so much.

In a market, everybody wins. With government planners, it's always "My way or the highway."

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Borderline behavior: GOP demands action, blocks solutions — and always complains

Listening to Republicans in Washington (and Texas and Arizona) scream about



JOE CONASON

the "crisis" of migrant children arriving from Central America on our southern border, it is puzzling to realize they don't actually want to do anything to solve the problem. Nor do these hysterical politicians — led by that down-home diva Rick Perry, the governor of Texas — want to let President Barack Obama do anything, either.

Except that they insist the president absolutely must visit the border, in person, preferably with a thousand members of the National Guard (who could join the Border Patrol and local police in accepting the children as they surrender). Strangely enough, these Republicans, along with a few Texas Democrats, seem to believe this is the most important action Obama could undertake.

Understandably, the president is skeptical. "This isn't theater," he responded tartly. "This is a problem. I'm not interested in photo ops. I'm interested in solving a problem." As he knows, this episode is only the latest in a long sequence of similar clown shows, with Republicans citing ridiculous reasons

to delay or prevent government action. His irritation is fully justified.

But perhaps Obama should have gone down to the border anyway, stood in the blazing sunlight with the dim governor for as long as Perry wished — and allowed the television cameras to show that their presence had accomplished exactly nothing. Of course, if Obama showed up at the border, the Republicans assuredly would criticize him for wasting time on a photo op. They have become the party of perpetual whining.

When they aren't bleating about Obama, they're concocting weird theories about his secret plans to destroy America. Only last week, Perry coyly hinted — although he said he didn't want to be "conspiratorial" — that the White House must be "in on" the border crossings, because migrant kids couldn't have showed up en masse without "a highly coordinated effort." Later, he tried to persuade CNN's Kate Bolduan that he didn't really mean what his idiotic words said — an explanation everyone has heard from him before.

While Perry has taken the lead, he isn't the only elected official whose mouth spews absurdities on this subject. Sen. Ron Johnson, R-Wis., offered a policy approach that would please any sim- pleton, when he explained

why the president's request for \$3.7 billion in emergency funding looks far too big to him. "I've gone online and have taken a look on Orbitz and taken a look at what does it cost to fly people to El Salvador and Guatemala and Honduras. You have fares as low as \$207. There's nonstop flights at \$450. You take those numbers and it costs somewhere between \$11 million and \$30 million to return people in a very humane fashion," he opined.

Evidently nobody informed the Wisconsin senator about the myriad other costs involved in rounding up and caring for these terrified children, who are entitled to a court hearing and other consideration under an anti-trafficking law signed by former President George W. Bush. Anyone who wants to expedite their removal — a disturbingly inhumane and unnecessary policy — must first provide more courts, judges and lawyers. And anyone who wants a decent policy, which includes action against the drug warlords who are threatening and killing these innocents, must be prepared to spend more than the cost of an Orbitz ticket.

Some Republicans, notably Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Fla., are urging the president to include their pet projects, such as electronic verification requirements for employers and at border crossings, in his spending bill. And many

GOP lawmakers, having demanded action on the border issue from Obama, are equally adamant that the funding must be "offset" by cuts in other programs.

None of these geniuses appears to realize all their barking, carping and mooning are frustrating the president's attempt to address the "crisis" that is agitating them so fiercely. Or more likely, they know exactly what they're doing — and the point, as usual, is to embarrass Obama.

But not every Republican talks total nonsense about the border and immigration. Alfonso Aguilar, who headed the Office of Citizenship under Bush, recently wrote: "Contrary to the narrative of some opportunistic politicians and pundits, this unfortunate situation is not the result of the Obama administration failing to enforce the law. In reality, most would-be-migrants believe that crossing the border has become much more difficult, and in the last decade, the U.S. government has greatly strengthened border security and interior enforcement."

Ultimately, voters must grasp that the GOP is the greatest single obstacle to every vital reform. That day cannot come too soon.

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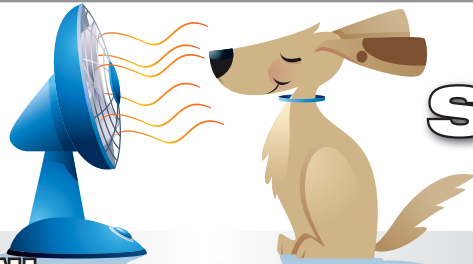
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AAA Texas offers tips to avoid aggressive driving and road rage during summer driving season

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IRVING – With warmer temperatures, congested roads and the busy summer travel season in full swing, AAA Texas is reminding drivers about ways to avoid aggressive driving and road rage. Aggressive driving is intentional, dangerous behavior that jeopardizes the safety of motorists and pedestrians. According to the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety, aggressive driving is a serious problem on our nation's roads and highways and a factor in up to 56 percent of fatal crashes. Road rage is less common than aggressive driving but far more dangerous. Road rage is deliberate, uncontrolled anger that leads to violence or the threat of violence on the roads.

Both aggressive driving and road rage are unpredictable, can be ignited quickly, and can occur at any time. In addition, numerous studies indicate that we are all capable of acting out our anger when we're behind the wheel, no matter our age, gender, or how considerate we might be in other circumstances. While aggressive driving is dangerous and often violates traffic laws, road rage is a crime. Consequences can include suspension or even revocation of your driver's license.

passing-only lane; otherwise, you're expected to move to the right.

• **Tailgating.** Drivers can really get angry when another car follows them too closely, so allow adequate room between you and the car in front of you. Follow the two-second rule: Note when the vehicle in front of you passes a landmark. It should take you at least two seconds to reach the same point. If you're being tailgated, put on your turn signal and pull over to allow the vehicle to pass.

• **Making obscene or provocative gestures.** Almost nothing makes other drivers angrier than an obscene hand gesture. Even shaking your head may anger some drivers. So be cautious and courteous—signal every time you merge or change lanes, as well as when you turn.

• **Honking your horn.** Your horn is intended for use in an emergency only. Don't honk at someone who's driving slower than you want them to or who doesn't move quickly enough from a traffic light. It can make them angry and potentially cause an accident if other drivers try to figure out who is honking and don't pay attention to their driving.

• **Driving slowly in the left lane.** Even if you're driving the speed limit, if you're in the left lane and someone wants to pass, be courteous—move over and let them pass so you don't anger drivers behind you. The left lane is actually intended as a

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do's and don'ts

If you encounter an aggressive driver, AAA Texas suggests you follow these guidelines:

- Don't engage in their aggressive behavior. Prevent a potential incident or crash by refusing to play into their anger.
- If another driver tries to pick a fight, steer clear and give them lots of room.
- Do not, under any circumstances, pull off to the side of the road and try to settle things face to face.
- If an angry motorist tries to get your attention, avoid making eye contact. Engaging with him or her could turn an impersonal encounter into a duel.
- If you think another driver is following you or trying to pick a fight, call the police on your cell phone.
- Drive to a place where there are lots of people, such as a police or fire station, a convenience store, or a shopping center, etc. This will often discourage the would-be aggressor from following you.
- Don't get out of your car.
- Don't go home until you're sure the aggressor is gone and it's safe.

Adjust your attitude

Make your trip safer by allowing extra time to get to your destination and by

listening to relaxing music or books on tape.

Put yourself in the other driver's frame of mind. Try to imagine why they're driving aggressively; they may have a personal emergency or be an undercover police officer, a doctor, or a fireman responding to an emergency. Whatever the reason, it has nothing to do with you personally. Stay cool and let other drivers deal with their own issues.

Finally, if you find yourself constantly angry in traffic, consider seeking professional help or counseling. Courses in anger management may help you from becoming an angry, overly aggressive driver. Self-help



Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: On July 26, 2011, you posted an answer to "Jittery Future Bride in Boston." I am that woman. I had asked you how to get my boyfriend of five years to use my deceased grandmother's ring as an engagement ring.

I followed your advice and told my boyfriend-at-the-time that I wanted to use a family ring. I spoke with my father about it and checked with my sister to see if she would mind if I used it.

We got engaged seven months ago, and my now-husband told me he had been hoping to take the stone from my paternal grandmother's ring, a stone from my maternal grandmother's ring and one from his family to make a new "joining of the families" ring. We haven't made it yet, but we all look forward to the special meaning that it will embody. We even plan to make a new setting out of the old setting. It's a fairy-tale ending. — BLUSHING BRIDE IN BOSTON

DEAR BLUSHING BRIDE: Actually, it's more like a fairy-tale beginning. I love the idea. Thank you for letting me know how things turned out. Not many of my readers take the time to do that. I wish you and your husband a lifetime of happiness together.

DEAR ABBY: The mother of a friend of mine died recently. I offered my condolences, and since then I haven't been the same.

I am nine months pregnant, and even though I

books on stress reduction and anger management can also be helpful.

To find out more about aggressive driving, go to aaafoundation.org/aggressivedriving, where you can take a quiz to find out whether or not you're a calm driver.

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should be excited and celebrating the anticipated arrival of our baby, all I can think about is that my mother is going to die one day. She's 52, healthy and happy, but I can't get it out of my mind. I have become a different person, crying at the most trivial things and often panicking that Mom's OK. I don't think I could make it through if anything happened to her.

Dwelling on this is affecting my relationship with my husband and my friends. How do I stop obsessing over this? — ANXIOUS IN ALBUQUERQUE

DEAR ANXIOUS: A discussion with your OB/GYN would be helpful. By the last months of pregnancy, a woman's body is swimming in hormones. Those increased hormone levels have been known to have a profound effect on a woman's emotions.

The solution to your problem may be as simple as understanding that once your baby arrives and your hormones return to normal, you will be back on a more even keel. If that doesn't happen, you may have to talk with a mental health professional — although I doubt that will be necessary. In the meantime, your mother is healthy, happy and about to be a grandmother, so dwell on the positive.

DEAR READERS: A thought for the day: The best exercise in the world is to bend down and help someone up.

Pampa Fire Department call log — July 8-16

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.

- July 8**
- At 10:12 a.m., to a lift assist the 2000 block of Mary Ellen.
 - At 10:33 a.m., to a medical call in the 1300 block of West Kentucky.
 - At 5:45 p.m., to a medical assist in the 1200 block of North Wells.
 - At 8:52 p.m., to a medical call the 100 block of Village Drive.
- July 9**
- At 10:31 a.m., two units and six personnel to a fire alarm in the 1200 block of Charles.
 - At 3:53 p.m., to a medical call in the 2500 block of Perryton Parkway.

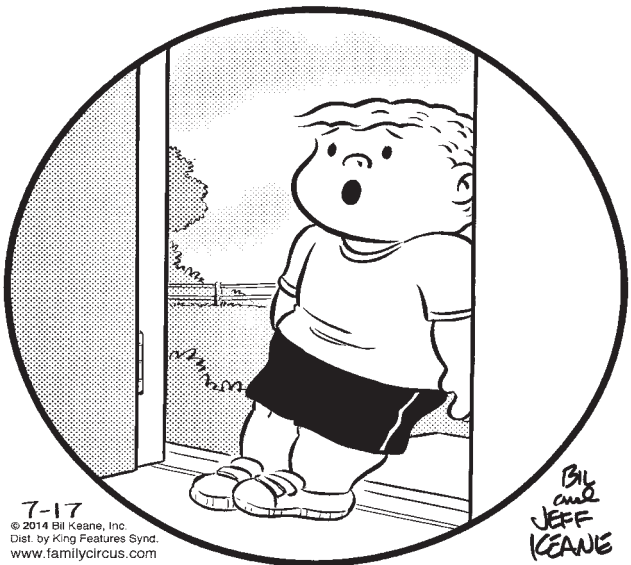
- At 5:13 p.m., to a medical call in the 2300 block of Chestnut.
- July 10**
- At 11:12 a.m., to a motor-vehicle accident at the intersection of Randy Matson and Hobart. There were no injuries and hazmat cleanup.
 - At 11:02 p.m., to a medical assist in the 900 block of South Wells.
- July 11**
- At 12:34 a.m., two units and four personnel to a rubbish fire in the 2500 block of Perryton Parkway.
 - At 8:35 a.m., to a medical call in the 100 block of West Albert.
 - At 9:16 a.m., to a medical call in the 2300 block of Evergreen.
 - At 11 a.m., to a medical call on FM 2300.
 - At 2:56 p.m., two units and six personnel to a motor vehicle accident on Highway 60. There

- At 3:53 p.m., two units and six personnel to motor vehicle accident at the intersection of Highway 60 and Price Road. There were no injuries.
 - At 10:41 p.m., to a medical call in the 1100 block of Starkweather.
- July 12**
- At 12:30 a.m., to a motor vehicle accident at the intersection of Highway 60 and County Road 5. One patron was taken to Pampa Regional Medical Center.
 - At 11:25 p.m., to a medical call in the 1200 block of Finley.
- July 13**
- At 7:04 a.m., to a medical call in the 400 block of Graham.
 - At 10:55 a.m., to a medical assist in the 2500 block of Mary Ellen.
 - At 11:20 a.m., to a medical call in the 500 block of Somerville.

- At 1:30 p.m., to a medical call in the 800 block of South Banks.
- July 14**
- At 8:58 a.m., to a lift assist in the 400 block of West Francis.
 - At 7:33 p.m., to a hazmat call in the 1400 block of North Hobart.
- July 15**
- At 9:03 a.m., to a medical call in the 1000 block of Prairie.
 - At 10:48 a.m., to a medical call in the 1200 block of Farley.
 - At 1:45 p.m., to a medical call in the 1300 block of Kentucky.
 - At 8:50 p.m., to a medical assist in the 1200 block of North Russell.
 - At 10:54 p.m., to a medical call in the 1200 block of East Darby.
- July 16**
- At 5:43 a.m., to a medical call in 100 block of Village Drive.

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THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane

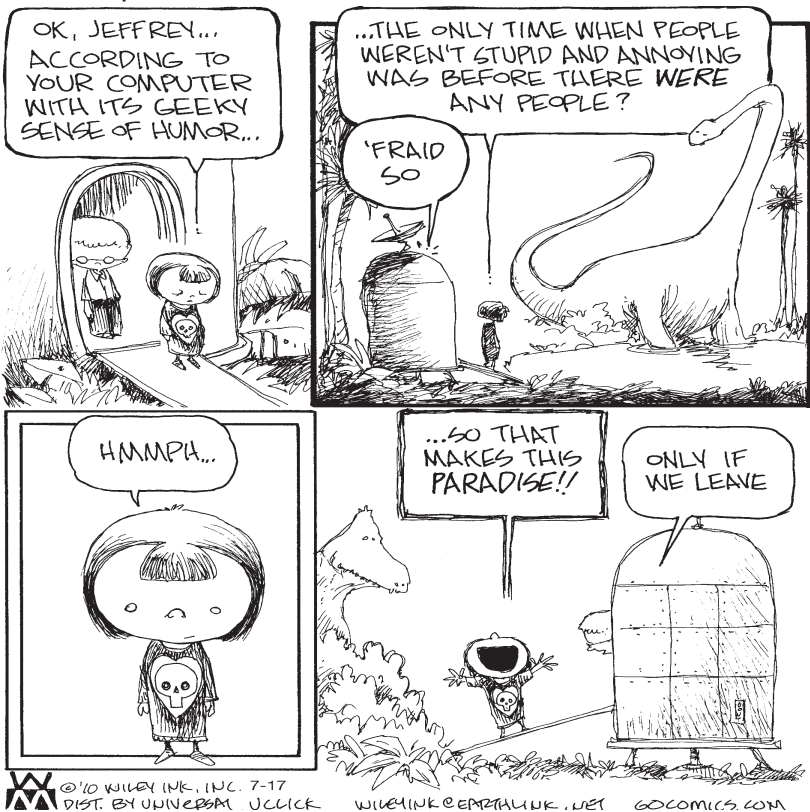


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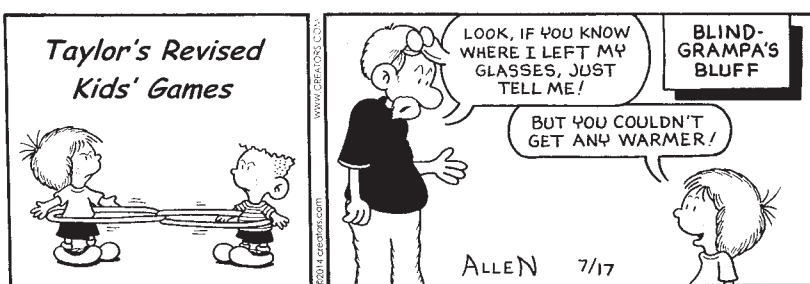
"Mommy, Billy said I haven't 'chieved my full potential. Is that a good thing or a bad thing?"

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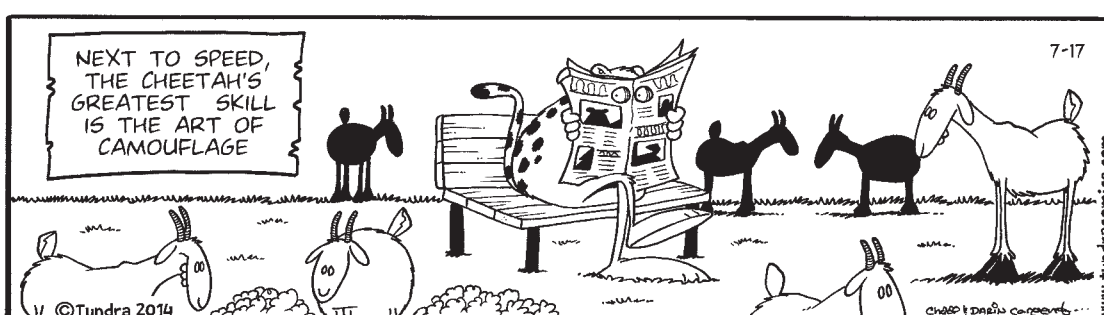
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daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, July 18, 2014:
This year you become more challenging in whatever you are involved with, within your community or at work. You are likely to build a reputation of playing the role of devil's advocate. If you are single, you could meet someone at a public event. Be smart, and keep business and pleasure separate. If you are attached, the two of you become far more prominent as a couple. You both might commit to a certain cause or interest. Others enjoy seeing you out and about together. **ARIES** knows how to light a fire under 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)
★★★★ You'll enjoy a certain level of excitement. You generally can be found stirring the pot in some way or another. Buy a token gift for a loved one or family member; give some thought to this item, as it will help keep the peace in the long run. Tonight: Get into weekend mode.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ You might sense that you would be better off playing it low-key than being out there strutting your stuff. You also will have many responsibilities to handle. You might need to communicate your goals more clearly to a loved one. Tonight: Don't overexert yourself!
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Use your energy well, and make the extra effort that will make a difference to those around you. Focus on a get-together or a meeting involving you and others. Be careful when dealing with a new friend who could be inordinately touchy. Tonight: Where the crowds are.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Pressure builds to a new level. A loved one might be unusually stern and need some time off. Your creativity will emerge when you detach and take an overall look at what needs to happen. Loosen up and relax, no matter where you are. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Keep reaching out to an expert or someone in the know. Work with unexpected news. A domestic matter could be getting the best of you. You might choose to keep your feelings locked up, but don't be surprised if you suddenly lose your tem-

per. Tonight: Take off, if you can.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ One-on-one relating might be harder than you had anticipated. Either the words are not coming out right or the other party is in denial. Know when to pull back. You will need to find a way to jumpstart a talk now or in the near future. Tonight: Visit and chat over munchies.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ When you least expect it, a situation could blow up in your face. A loved one or an associate might let you know that he or she has had enough. Stop and think carefully before responding. Snide remarks will not work. Tonight: The only answer is "yes."
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ You might be wound rather tight right now. You tend to withdraw when you're like this. Try diving into work as a distraction. Make a point of getting some exercise to help ease the stress. A walk around the block is better than nothing. Tonight: Go dancing.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You seem to have a lot going on. Handling day-to-day matters hardly has a place in your thoughts. Nurture and encourage a friend as much as you can, as he or she might feel as if you're too distracted and busy. Tonight: Add extra punch to whatever is going on.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You could be overwhelmed by the endless calls, emails and knocks on your door. You usually are able to screen what comes toward you, but you might not be in the mood to do so right now. Consider the many options on your plate. Tonight: Say "yes" to an invitation.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Return calls and clear your desk. You can't avoid a phone call from a key person any longer. This person will make sure that is impossible. What might start as a tiff or a hostile conversation could resolve itself. Tonight: Hook up with a pal. Celebrate!
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Keep reaching for more information. You have a lot of assets and talents that you could use. A partner or loved one who is usually helpful might not have any suggestions for you now. This person will let you know clearly where he or she disagrees. Tonight: Treat a loved one to dinner.

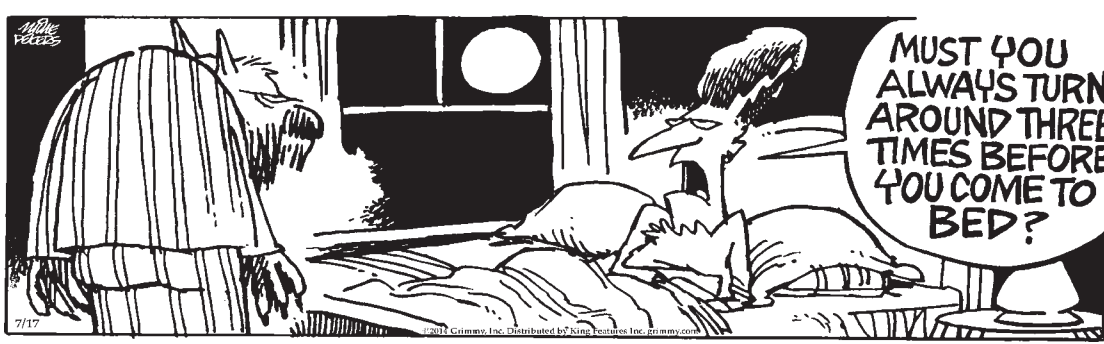
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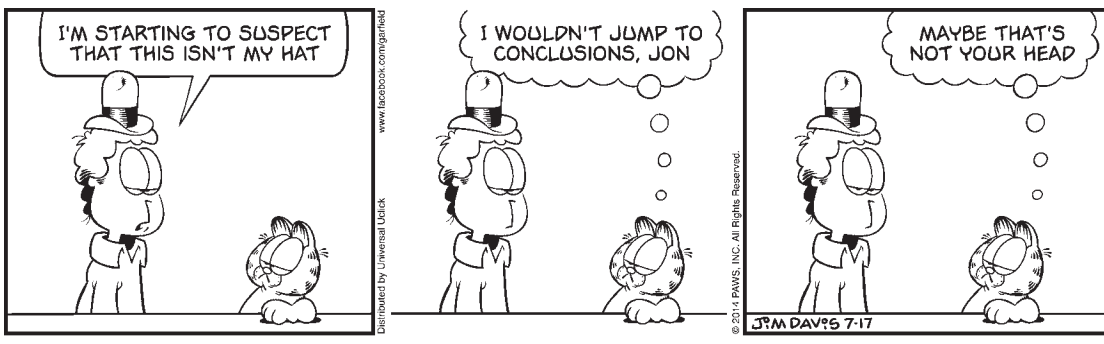
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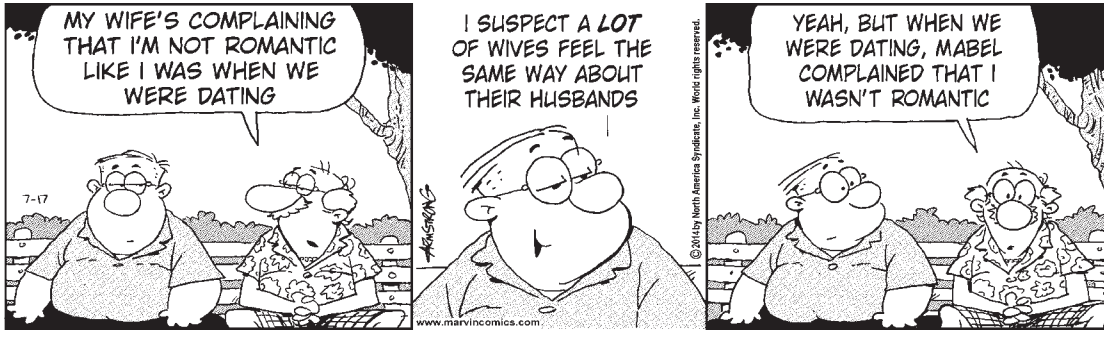
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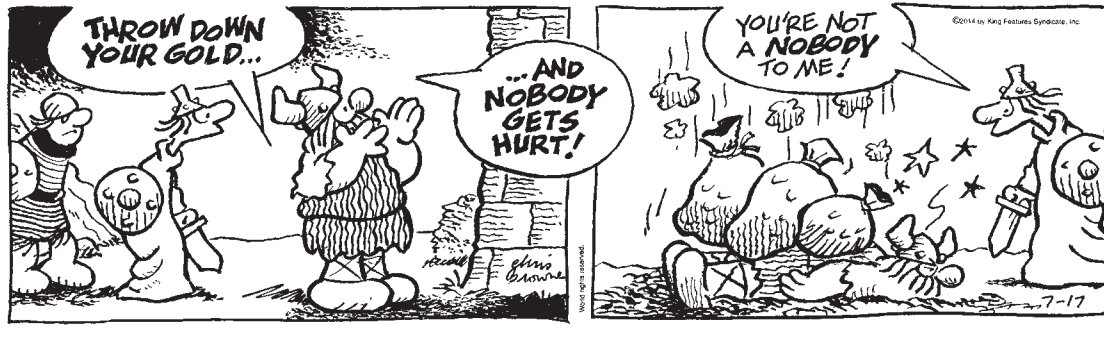
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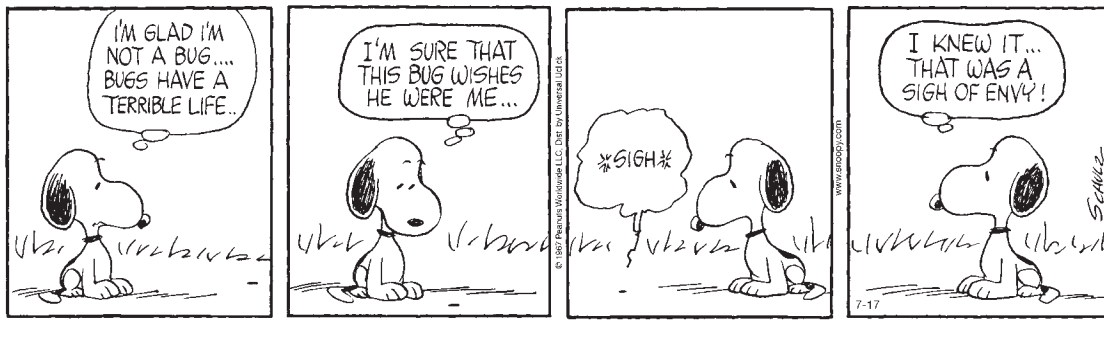
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Pampa advances to championship

BY FORREST GRIMES
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The Pampa 13-15 All-Stars defeated Dumas 4-0 Tuesday night to advance to the championship game in the West Texas State Tournament.

Pampa was designated the away team and batted first. After the first two batters recorded outs, Brendon Woelfle singled to left field. He then stole second base advanced to third on a passed ball. Adam Zuniga drew a walk, but Woelfle was caught in a rundown and was thrown out returning to third base. Woelfle was the pitcher for Pampa, and worked a perfect half-inning with two strikeouts and a groundout.

The Harvesters went down in order in the top of the second inning with

a couple of strikeouts and a flyout. Dumas did not do any better, they went down in order as well with two strikeouts.

Pampa had trouble in the top of the third as well, once again going down in order. However, Woelfle continued his outstanding pitching performance by inducing a 1-3 double play to end the inning.

Fernando Anguiano led off the fourth inning with a single, but the next batter hit into a fielder's choice. A strikeout and flyout from the next two batters ended the top of the fourth. The game remained scoreless as Woelfle recorded two more strikeouts to end the fourth inning.

Derek Norris began the fifth inning with a leadoff triple to put Pampa in business. After a popup from

the second batter, Carson Eubank drew a walk to put runners at the corners. Ethan Lemke grounded into a fielder's choice, but it was enough to bring Norris home and give Pampa a 1-0 lead. Moses Avila kept the offense going, hitting a single, then advancing to second on a late throw to third base.

Anguiano broke the game open, crushing a three-run home run over the left field wall. The next batter struck out, but the damage was done as Pampa held a 4-0 lead. Pampa had a clean bottom of the inning as Woelfle recorded another strikeout.

Woelfle opened the sixth inning with a single, but was thrown out trying to reach second base. A couple of groundouts ended the top of the inning. Du-

mas recorded their only hit of the game with a single in the bottom of the sixth inning, robbing Woelfle of a no-hitter. Pampa prevented any damage from being done, when Norris made a diving catch in centerfield then threw to second for an 8-4 double play.

Seth Langley singled in the top of the seventh inning, but Pampa was unable to add any runs. A perfect 1-2-3 inning gave Pampa a 4-0 win to send them to the championship game. They will have two chances to win one game and secure a trip to the regional tournament in Arkansas.

Pampa play the winner of the game between Dumas and Lamesa tonight. The results will be in the Saturday edition of The Pampa News, pending weather.



Photo by Forrest Grimes
Adam Zuniga awaits a pitch during the Pampa All-Stars' 4-0 victory versus Dumas.

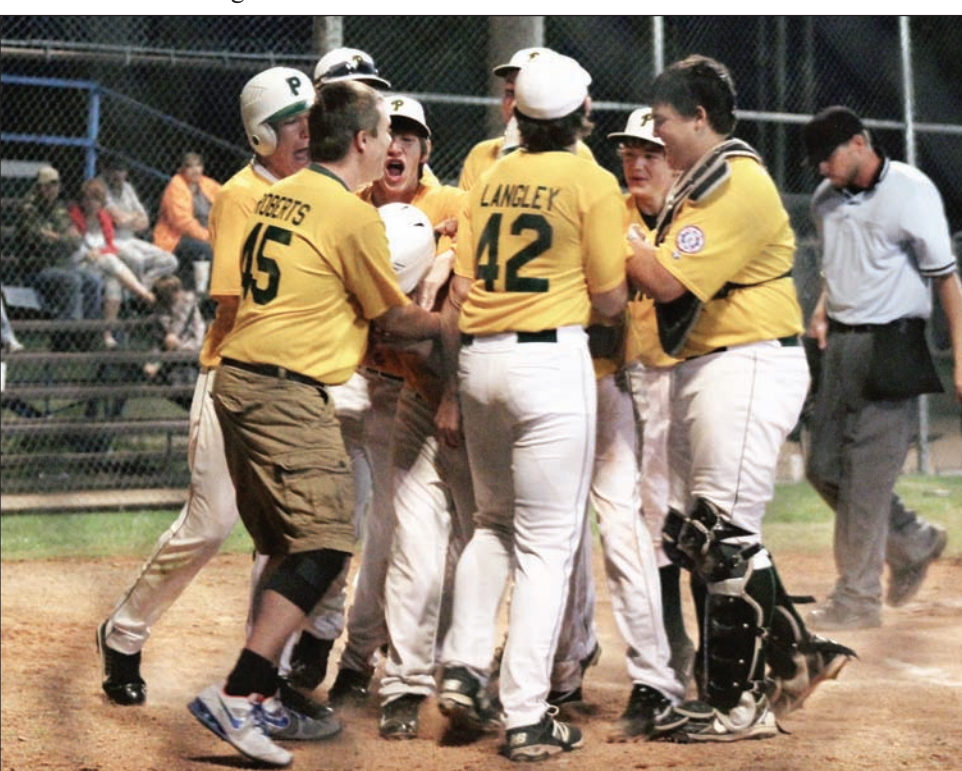


Photo by Forrest Grimes
Teammates mob Fernando Anguiano at home plate after he hit a three-run home run during Pampa's win versus Dumas.

Calloway joins USA Eagles football team

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Pampa resident Charles Calloway was recently named a member of

the USA Eagles football team, as a strong safety, for their international tournament in Slovenia that will take place

from Sept. 20th to Sept. 28th.

"It's basically like an all-star game is pretty much what it is," Calloway said. "It gives young athletes like myself the opportunity to compete internationally against other countries."

The team pays for most

of the athletes' expenses, however the players have to purchase their own tickets and passports. Calloway is seeking sponsors to help him afford his.

"Last year there was a game in Paris, which I made, but I didn't raise enough money so I didn't get to go," he said.

Calloway moved to Pampa his senior year of high school from Shamrock, but was not allowed to compete for the Harvesters due to transfer rules.

"I graduated here in 2009," he said. "I didn't get to play football here because I moved from 1A and I guess you have to sit out a year in the state of Texas."

Calloway said that competing in this tournament is important to him as an athlete.

"It means everything

to me," he said. "Since I moved to Pampa, I had all my scholarships taken away because I didn't get to play, a lot of people were like 'we don't know how good he's going to be,' and I broke my leg, so this been a dream."

Calloway said he would like to prove that there is plenty of talent in the Texas Panhandle.

"There are a few (players) who have been drafted into the NFL," he said "So people know that (there is talent in the Panhandle). I just want to overseas-wise show that, and try to help put Pampa on the map, and prove to kids that people can tell you that you're not going to make it or you can't do this, and prove that if you work hard enough you can. I was told I would never play again."

AL defeats NL in All-Star Game

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — On a sparkling summer night in the Upper Midwest, baseball generations joined up and prepared to pass.

Derek Jeter, the 40-year-old face of baseball, bid farewell to the All-Star game at the same time 22-year-old Mike Trout became the second-youngest player to earn MVP honors at the showcase.

The 41,048 fans at Target Field buzzed from start to finish. Many no doubt will say years from now

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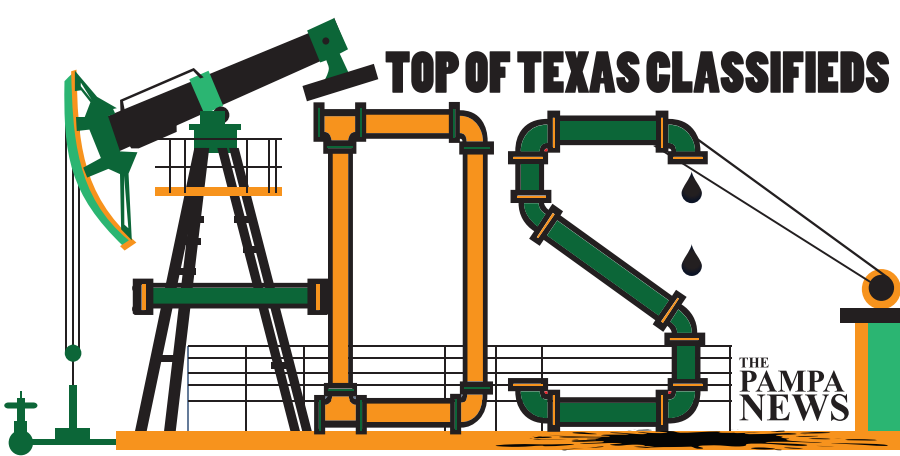
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One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

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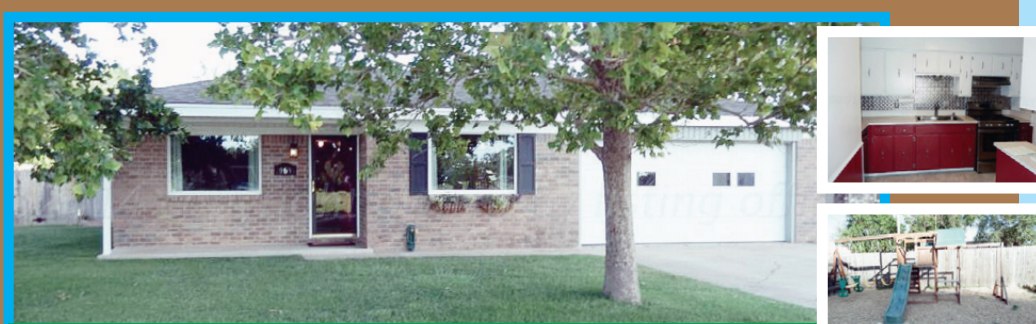
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PampaSports

Pampa 13-15 All-Stars defeat Dumas



Photos by Forrest Grimes
 Top left, Misael Balderrama swings at a pitch during the Pampa All-Stars' win versus Dumas. Top right, Carson Eubank prepares for a pitch during Pampa's match with Dumas in the West Texas State Tournament. Bottom left, Ethan Lemke watches a low pitch go passed him for a ball. Bottom right, Brendon Woelfle prepares to throw a pitch. Woelfle allowed one hit in seven innings of work and recorded eight strikeouts.

From the Press Box

■ Quarterbacks: "Fragile, Handle With Care"

Don't get me wrong, I am all for player safety and the protection that ALL players are getting to prevent concussions. What I am not fine with is the extra protection of the quarterbacks. Even I, who has arguably the most fragile active quarterback Manning my favorite team right now, think the quarterbacks are over-protected.

Now to make matters worse, the Southeastern Conference (SEC), has designated quarterbacks with a "strike zone." This area where they can be tackled ranges from just below the neck to just above the knees in a passer stance.

We already know, via The Tom Brady Rule, that a player under his own power can't tackle at the knees. I am fine with that rule, but certain calls are ridiculous.

I remember in a game between the Philadelphia Eagles and Indianapolis Colts, a defender's hand grazed Peyton Manning's helmet and he was called for unnecessary roughness. I guess this finger grazing is what injured Manning for a year.

The extra protection on quarterbacks is ridiculous. Football makes strides annually to protect all players, but the quarterbacks are protected the most simply because they rake in the money for the NFL,

NCAA and different team franchises.

If a defender lays out a quarterback long after he got rid of the football, that's fine, throw your flag. But if the defender tackles the quarterback and the ball was just released, let them play! The quarterbacks wear pads too!

It kind of makes me chuckle in frustration when I watch quarterbacks like Peyton Manning and Tom Brady be the beneficiaries of unnecessary roughness and roughing the passer penalties often, while quarterbacks like Ben Roethlisberger and Tony Romo have to point out to the referees that they were roughed up.

Quarterbacks obviously wear the crown in the NFL. Take Peyton Manning away from the NFL early and perhaps some of the endorsement deals the NFL has disappear. It's just hard to watch a football game, get excited because your favorite team's defense get a sack or force an incompleting; only to have it nulled because the linebacker's hand was too close to the helmet.

Let's give lineman some protection, the trenches of football has a casualty at least once every drive. What about tight ends? They are becoming more and more like receivers yet protection for them hasn't changed.

What is your take on the situation at signal-caller?

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