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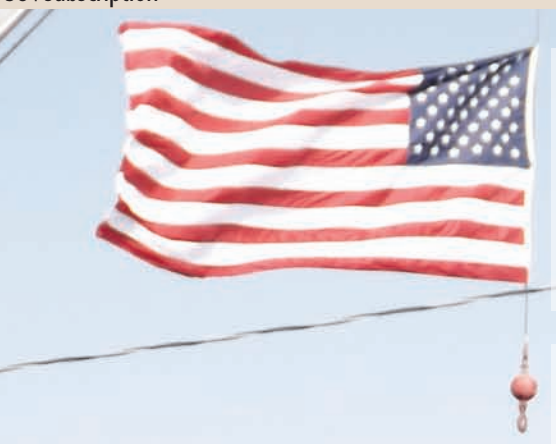
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THE 2014 3-1 RANCH RODEO: JUST LIKE THE GOOD OL' DAYS

By JOHN LEE
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The 3-1 Ranch Rodeo was held on Friday evening and provided entertainment for rodeo fans under a clear blue Texas Panhandle sky and a light breeze that just enough to allow Old Glory to blow gracefully. The Price family graciously hosted the event after the recent rains forced the ranchers to find a new place to compete. The change in venue provided for a down-home, old-fashioned rodeo reminiscent of those held in the humble beginnings of rodeo. "The arena there worked great," 3-1 Ranch Rodeo chairman John Bilyeu said. "We started with a few issues concerning parking, but after we got

that figured out it turned out great." There were 28 teams competing in the event hailing from as far out as Weatherford, Okla., Vernon and Wichita Falls. There were plenty of Texas Panhandle teams, as well, hailing from Amarillo, Tulia and other area cities. The 3-1 Ranch Rodeo rules were to rope three, tie one down, doctor one and load one. Bilyeu said that this created a better rodeo because it made it more challenging, whereas last year the rules created a simpler event. As for how the competitors felt about the event? Bilyeu said it was a hit and people liked it. "Everybody wants to do another one," Bilyeu said. "So we are trying to plan another in

October. We'll see." The first place team received \$3,600, second place received \$2,250 and third place received \$1,200. Bilyeu wanted to be sure and thank the sponsors of the event including: The Price Family, TNT Crane Service, BNG Electric, BNB Solvent, Open Range Engineering, Utility Tire and Auto, Pampa Regional Medical Center and the Top O' Texas Rodeo Association. He also wanted to thank Pampa Tourism for the dance. The dance was held at Norris Pavilion with the Shane Rogers Band playing. For more pictures from around the rodeo, check out pages six and seven.



Gov. Perry Deploys Texas National Guard troops to border

SUBMITTED BY THE GOVERNOR'S PRESS OFFICE
 AUSTIN – Gov. Rick Perry today directed Texas adjutant general John Nichols to immediately begin preparations for the deployment of up to 1,000 National Guard troops to the border. These troops will support the Texas Department of Public Safety's (DPS) ongoing law enforcement surge, Operation Strong Safety, which is focused on combating criminal activity in the region resulting from the federal government's failure to adequately secure the border.



Rick Perry

Since 2008, more than 203,000 criminal aliens have been booked into Texas county jails. Over the course of their criminal careers, these individuals have committed more than 640,000 crimes in the state of Texas alone, including more than 3,000 homicides and nearly 8,000 sexual assaults. "There can be no national security without border security, and Texans have paid too high a price for the federal government's failure to secure our border," Gov. Perry said. "The action I am ordering today will tackle this crisis head-on by multiplying our efforts to combat the cartel activity, human traffickers and individual criminals who threaten the safety of people across Texas and America." **BORDER** cont. on page 2

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DPS seizes more than 100 pounds of marijuana

SUBMITTED BY DPS
 AMARILLO – The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) conducted a traffic stop Thursday on Interstate 40, yielding 127 pounds of marijuana valued at more than \$563,000. At approximately 6:32 p.m., a DPS trooper conducted a traffic stop on a 2004 Ford

Explorer traveling eastbound on I-40, for a traffic violation, near Conway in Carson County. The occupants of the Explorer were identified as Joshua Aaron Weitz, 31, of San Francisco, and Richard Ayala, 23, of South San **DPS** cont. on page 2

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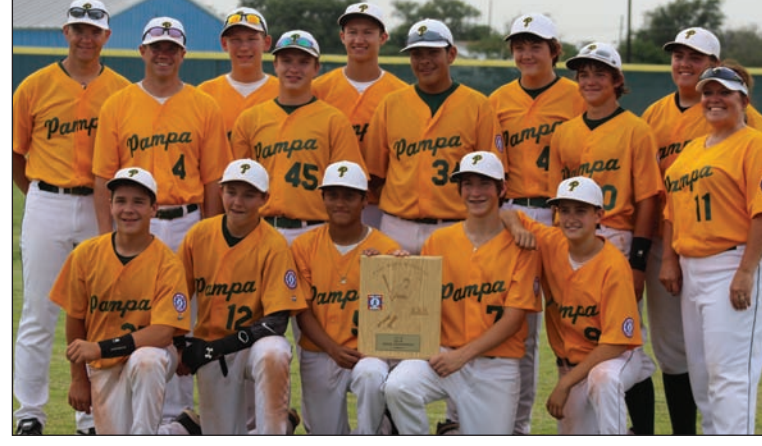


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 The Pampa 13-15 All-Stars defeated Dumas 6-4 to win the West Texas State Tournament. Pictured are: Front row from left: Fernando Anguiano, Brandt Logan, Moses Avila, Derek Norris and Carson Eubank. Middle row: Coach JD Woelfle, Grayson Roberts, Misael Balderrama, Brendon Woelfle and Coach Jeanna Zuniga. Back row: Coach Mike Woelfle, Brady Porter, Brandon Stewart, Seth Langley and Adam Zuniga.

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This deployment builds upon Operation Strong Safety by providing additional personnel that will work seamlessly and side by side with law enforcement officials. It also builds on the National Guard's existing border presence, which has been utilizing air assets to patrol the region looking for illegal activity.

Texas has already seen results from Operation Strong Safety – from week one to week three of operations, apprehensions of illegal immigrants have dropped by 36 percent, from more than 6,600 per week to 4,200 per week in the area of operation.

Two weeks ago, Gov. Perry met with President Barack Obama to discuss the ongoing humanitarian and national security crises occurring along the Texas-Mexico border. At this meet-

ing, the governor reiterated his request for the president to activate 1,000 Title 32 National Guard troops to temporarily support border security operations until 3,000 additional Border Patrol personnel can be trained and deployed. Unlike the governor's activation which will be paid for by Texas taxpayer dollars, a Title 32 activation would have provided additional, federally funded personnel to be used at the state's discretion.

Private property rights vital to American way of life

By **REP. MAC THORNBERRY**
All of us who grew up on the land know how precious our American private property rights are. It is not just about our business or finances. It is also about self-reliance and stewardship – taking care of what we have in order to provide opportunity and the chance for a better future for coming generations.



Mac Thornberry

That sense of responsibility for the future makes threats to our property rights alarming, especially when those threats come from our own government. And there is a growing momentum toward federal intrusion into private property and a corresponding erosion of our personal control over our most sacred resource – the land.

An issue of property rights along the Texas-Oklahoma border has thus generated a fair amount of attention. The background starts in 1803 with the Louisiana Purchase. In that agreement between President Jefferson and Napoleon, the riverbed of the Red River was part of the land bought by the United States. Subsequent treaties between the United States and Spain, the U.S. and Mexico, and the

U.S. and the Republic of Texas confirmed that the border was the south bank of the Red River.

But defining the south bank has been a challenge over the years. After several court cases, treaties, and federal legislative action, the Red River Boundary Compact was negotiated by Texas and Oklahoma, ratified by Congress, and signed into law by President Clinton in 2000. It established the boundary line as the vegetation line along the south bank.

There had been, however, various interpretations of the south bank over the years, which confused the boundaries for some land owners. And then last year, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) announced that it was reviewing and updating its management plan for any land the federal government might own along the River. There was immediate concern that the federal government was making a "land-grab" that called some private ownership claims into doubt.

I have introduced legislation with Senator John Cornyn and Senator Ted Cruz to put those concerns to rest. Our legislation (H.R. 4979 and S. 2537) requires the BLM to provide quit claim deeds to any property owner who can support his or her ownership through county deed and tax records. And it prevents the BLM from including any private

property in its management plans. In truth, there should be no issue of federal claims to any private land along the border, but our legislation seeks to remove any question and settle the issue once and for all.

Most historians agree that the phrase "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness" in our Declaration of Independence was based upon John Locke's view that the government's job is to protect a person's "life, liberty, and estate." For the founding fathers, protecting property meant protecting opportunity and freedom from an overbearing government. Recent studies confirm that property rights are a fundamental and essential ingredient to societal development and to rising standards of living.

It is so basic that we sometimes take it for granted. Yet secure property rights, which are recognized and protected by government, have been and will continue to be vital to our American way of life. Those rights deserve our constant vigilance and strong protection.

Rep. Mac Thornberry was raised on the family ranch in Donley County, Texas. His family has been ranching in the area since 1881 - a family business in which Mac remains actively involved. In Congress, he serves as the Vice Chairman of the House Armed Services Committee and the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence.

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One of the changes necessary to meet these challenges is to integrate technology into the classrooms on a regular basis. Technology is one of the tools that students must be able to use in order to be successful now and in the future. Whether they decide to immediately enter

the workforce or plan to continue a course of study at a post-secondary institution, technology fluency, digital citizenship, and 21st Century skills are critical to the success of our students, our community and, ultimately, our nation.

The students in Pampa ISD will begin experiencing a different type of atmosphere in their classrooms. Students will use devices to access curriculum and various software programs, and even to collaborate with other students. Every elementary classroom will have a set of Ipads loaded with engaging applications. All sixth-12th grade students will receive Chromebooks and begin utilizing Google Apps for Education along with the numerous tools to provide engaging and augmented scenarios for student research, inquiry, and problem solving. Digital citizenship will

be an important part of the instruction as students learn how their academic and personal learning can evolve with the use of technology. Our students live now and will go on to work in a digital world inundated with social media and a global approach to innovation, communication, and problem solving. It is critical that we equip them with the skills and knowledge not only how to use technology for work and play, but to do it in such a way that they are safe and maintain their integrity.

This is truly an exciting time for the students in Pampa! Campuses will begin sharing more details about the technology in August. Parent meetings and opportunities to learn and ask questions will also be scheduled before school begins on Aug. 25. For more information, please contact your campus administration.

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Tuesday: Partly cloudy with a high of 96 degrees. Winds south-southwest at 11 mph. Sunrise at 6:45 a.m. Chance of rain 10 percent.

Tuesday night: Partly cloudy with a low of 68 degrees. Winds south at 11 mph. Sunset at 8:55 p.m. Chance of rain 10 percent.

Wednesday: Partly cloudy with a high of 96 degrees. Winds southeast at 11 mph. Sunrise at 6:45 a.m. Chance of 10 percent.

Wednesday night: Partly cloudy with a low of 70 degrees. Winds south-southeast at 8 mph. Sunset at 8:55 p.m. No chance of rain.

Thursday: Mostly sunny with a high of 97 degrees. Winds south-southwest at 13 mph. Sunrise at 6:46 a.m. No chance for rain.

Thursday night: Mostly clear with a low of 70 degrees. Winds south at 12 mph. Sunset at 8:54 p.m. No chance for rain.

Obituaries

Larry Gene Yearwood

Larry Gene Yearwood, 61, of Greenville, passed away Saturday, July 19, 2014 at his home.

Funeral service is scheduled for 2 p.m., Wednesday, July 23, 2014, at the Wilson-Orwosky Funeral Home Chapel in Emory.

Bro. Kenneth Ballard will officiate. Interment will follow in the Forbis Cemetery in Emory. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service, from 1-2 PM, at the funeral home chapel.

Larry was born in Pampa, Texas on Dec. 15, 1952 to Velma Jean Yearwood. He worked at L3 in Greenville for many years.

Survived by his son: Kevin Jon Yearwood of Greenville; and daughter: Kimberly Dawn Yearwood of McKinney; sister: Brenda O'Dell of Pampa; two aunts: Dorothy Yearwood of Pampa, and JerryLee Yearwood of Riverside, CA; best friend: Brenda Heath of Greenville; friend: Jesse Heath of Greenville; work wife: Pat Porch of Sulphur Springs; faithful little companions: Oscar and Izzy; and numerous other loving family and friends.

Preceded by: mother; grandparents: Elmer and Bertha Yearwood; a brother: Billy Bush; aunt and uncle: Leona and Jessie Smart.

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Larry Yearwood

Don R. Elledge

Don R. Elledge, 86, of White Deer, died July 19, 2014 in Amarillo.

Memorial services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Elledge was born July 2, 1928 in Perryton. He married Marilee Cooper on December 20, 1946 in Amarillo. Don had been a resident of White Deer since 1981 moving from Pampa. He retired from Celanese Chemical Corp. in 1991 as Area 1 Supervisor. Don was a member of the United Methodist Church in White Deer. He was a former president and CEO of the White Deer Senior Citizens Center and a member of the Pamcel Federal Credit Union. Don was preceded in death by 1 brother, Jimmy Elledge in 1935 and 1 sister Bonnie Reeves in 2012.

Survivors include his wife, Marilee Elledge of the home; a son, Larry Elledge and wife Marion of White Deer; a brother, Jack Elledge of Rapid City, South Dakota; six grandchildren, Jacqueline Elledge, Amy Elledge, Zach Elledge, Sarah Strange, Abigail Elledge and Brandy Waugh; and six great-grandchildren, Ethan Wingo, Evan Hutchinson, William Strange, Sloane Strange, Brooklyn Waugh and Kaylee Waugh.

In lieu of flower the family suggests memorials be made to your favorite charities.

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Lefors man arrested for bond surrender- sexual assault of a child

STAFF REPORT

- Billy Joe Spann, 43, of McAllen was arrested Friday by Texas Department of Public Safety for driving while license invalid with previous conviction and theft out of Hidalgo County.
- Brittney Paige Jones, 27, of Pampa was arrested Friday by Gray County Sheriff's Office Friday for fraud use of possession of an ID, credit/debit card abuse, insufficient bond and forgery of financial institute.
- Gatlin Ray Taylor, 18, of Skellytown was arrested Friday by Pampa Po-

- lice Department for burglary of a habitation.
- Horace Calvin Harvey, 19, of Pampa was arrested Friday by PPD for burglary of a habitation.
- Eric Newton Connel, 32, of Lefors was arrested Friday by GCSO for bond surrender-sexual assault of a child.
- Steven Ray Carver, 17, of Pampa was arrested Friday by PPD for possession of marijuana.
- Jana Marie Williams, 23, of Lefors was arrested Saturday by GCSO for violation of probation- possession of marijuana less than two ounces.
- Laura Katherine Pulse, 26, of Pampa was arrested Saturday by GCSO for failure to stop at designated point.
- Jeremy Wayne Barnes, 36, of Pampa was arrested Saturday by GCSO for a prohibited weapon.

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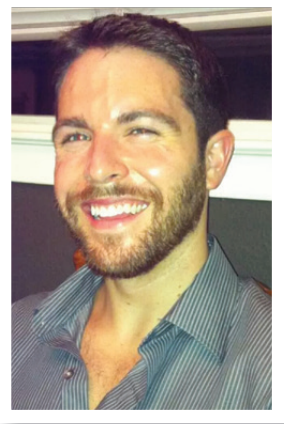
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For the past few weeks, a pigeon has been landing on a window sill of my fourth floor aerie. One sole pigeon. The thing will walk back and forth the window's width while peering inside my abode.

Wonder if the pest was a friend at one time, having passed from human life and reincarnated to that of sky rat, and has been attempting to re-communicate with me? Well, too bad, friend. If you were reincarnated to sky rat, you certainly must have peevd our Lord a tad... Do take note, for I ain't in the communicating mood

with your ilk! If the wretched thing only knew what I would do to it, wringing it's neck comes to mind, it would fly off post haste from my window sill and begone from Pampa's sky! What? Too harsh you opine?

With my unwanted 'friend', his or her demise came joyfully to mind after reading a news item from down Houston way. One day the past week people living and working around George Bush Intercontinental Airport were shocked to witness grackles, starlings and pigeons literally falling from the sky and upon impact with terra firma, writhing around in obvious throes of death till they did just that! I would loved to have seen such! What? Still harsh? How's this? Pigeons,

grackles, starlings and such are scourges upon urban living, and as airports around the country will testify, quite the safety hazard.

It is that safety issue which makes poisoning birds (flocking types) around airports, even migratory, legally okay. Case in point, the forced crash watering a few years back of US Airways Flight 1549 by Capt. Sully Sullenberger into New York City's Hudson River after mid air impacting with a flight of geese. Here in Texas, thank the pigeon killing gods, it is not illegal to kill the plump fowl, for they are considered a nuisance. Grackles on the other hand, tis illegal for city governments to kill them due to the fact some idiot bureaucrat at the US

Department of the Interior placed the damned things on the migratory bird list!

As a result of the thousands of poisoned birds, management at George Bush Intercontinental Airport is getting lambasted by animal protection activists saying they could have used a more humane approach in ridding the area of the avian pests. One activist suggested using timed explosives to scare the birds away. Rice University actually employed this method to rid their trees and buildings of grackles and pigeons.

The idea being, once the charge goes off, the frightened birds will fly off to hither and yon. I was fortunate while on a run one morning around Rice to witness this 'hu-

mane' approach. Funniest thing watching as charge after charge went off moving the birds tree to tree, building to building, in a huge circle completely around the Rice campus. If anything, the birds probably got a good night's sleep from all the exercise...

For pigeon eradication here in Pampa, my preference leans to that of a 20 gauge shotgun. Shooting the nasty things would be mucho fun and an excellent way to hone my shooting skills, especially when it comes to dove, quail and pheasant seasons. Too dangerous, you say? Okay, that's possible were former Vice President Cheney doing the shooting... With I and city ordinance enforcement, I bet there's probably one

banning the shooting of pigeons within the city limits... Ahem. There is a law about discharging (felony) a firearm within the city limits, so shooting the damned things is a no-go.

Poisoning the pigeons therefore is the proper method for folks and businesses here in Pampa. What? Still on that "too harsh" rebuke? Tough. Pampa needs a few less pigeons. Can't shoot 'em! It's time for a good 'ole pigeon poison

Pampa resident Dennis Palmitier is a regular contributor to the opinion page on issues that affect Pampa and Gray County. He can be reached at denpalm1949@yahoo.com. Anyone wishing to respond to Palmitier's viewpoints in the form of a letter to the editor can email Editor John Lee at jcllee@thepampanews.com.

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Kansas to pursue prairie chicken breeding program

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) — Kansas will develop a program for breeding lesser prairie chickens in hopes of getting the federal government to back off its listing of the bird as a threatened species, Gov. Sam Brownback announced Thursday.

An Audubon of Kansas leader labeled the idea "far-fetched" and said it won't work because game birds bred in captivity typically don't have the skills necessary to survive long in the wild.

Brownback, a Republican and a strong critic of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife's decision to list the bird as threatened, said he directed the Kansas Department of Agriculture and the Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism to draft a plan for

such a program. Brownback spokeswoman Eileen Hawley said the program would round up prairie chickens in the wild, have them mate in captivity and then release them.

The bird's listing as threatened means the federal government has oversight of state preservation efforts. It affects Kansas as well as four other states with prairie chicken habitats — Colorado, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas.

Kansas has taken multiple steps to challenge the listing. Brownback and other officials contend it will damage the economy because farmers, ranchers and oil and natural gas producers face restrictions on their operations and potentially hefty conservation

fees. The federal agency said in March the listing was justified by a decline of nearly 50 percent in the lesser prairie chicken's population between 2012 and 2013.

The federal government must sign off on a captive breeding program for the bird, and Brownback said the state will seek the required permit.

"We know there will be challenges to this program, but I believe it is worth the effort to restore the chicken's population and get this federal regulatory burden off the backs of hard-working Kansans," Brownback said in a statement.


U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service spokeswoman Lesli Gray said the agency couldn't comment on

Brownback's plan because he just announced it, but the agency would review any request for a permit.

"Obviously, the Fish and Wildlife Service is interested in working with any parties on conservation efforts," Gray said.

But Audubon of Kansas Executive Director Ron Klatske said he doesn't see the federal government signing off on a captive breeding program, which he said are generally used now to breed game birds — raising them until they can fly for release into hunting areas to be downed within hours.

"Wildlife agencies have abandoned that approach, decades ago," Klatske said. "I can't imagine that any qualified biologist would endorse this."



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Obama voices concern about casualties in Mideast

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama called Monday for the international community to focus on ending the fighting in the Gaza Strip, as Secretary of State John Kerry headed to the Middle East to

make a renewed push for a cease-fire between Hamas and Israel.

Voicing fresh concern about civilian casualties, Obama reaffirmed his belief that Israel has the right to defend itself against rockets being launched by Hamas into Israel. Yet he contended that Israel's military action in Gaza had already done "significant damage" to the Hamas terrorist infrastruc-

ture and said he doesn't want to see more civilians getting killed.

"We have serious concerns about the rising number of Palestinian civilian deaths and the loss of Israeli lives," Obama said. "And that is why it now has to be our focus and the focus of the international community to bring about a ceasefire that ends the fighting and can stop the deaths of innocent civilians, both in Gaza and in Israel."

As Obama spoke from South Lawn of the White House, Kerry was flying to Cairo, where he planned to join diplomatic efforts to resume a truce that had been agreed to in November 2012. He will urge the militant Palestinian group to accept a cease-fire agreement offered by Egypt that would halt nearly two weeks of fighting. More than 500 Palestinians and 27 Israe-

lis have been killed in that time.

The Obama administration, including Kerry, is sharpening its criticism of Hamas for its rocket attacks on Israel and other provocative acts, like tunneling under the border. At the same time, the U.S. is publicly encouraging Israel to take further steps to prevent Palestinian deaths.

White House spokesman Josh Earnest said Israel and

its military have standards for avoiding the deaths of innocent civilians, Israeli or Palestinian.

"We would like to see Israel take greater steps to ensure that they're adhering to those standards," he said.

Two Americans, Max Steinberg of California and Nissim Carmeli of Texas, who fought for the Israel Defense Forces were killed in fighting in the Gaza Strip.

The State Department con-

firmed the names of the two U.S. citizens Sunday night.

Cairo's cease-fire plan is backed by the U.S. and Israel. But Hamas has rejected the Egyptian plan and is relying on governments in Qatar and Turkey for an alternative proposal.

Qatar and Turkey have ties to the Muslim Brotherhood, which is also linked to Hamas but banned in Egypt.

Making the rounds of Sunday talk shows, Kerry

said Hamas needs to recognize its own responsibility for the conflict.

"It's ugly. War is ugly, and bad things are going to happen," Kerry told ABC's "This Week."

Both Obama and Kerry have said Israel has a right to defend itself. Kerry accused Hamas of attempting to sedate and kidnap Israelis through a network of tunnels that militants have used to stage cross-border raids.



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MORE FROM THE 3-1 RANCH RODEO



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 Above left, Lee Birdwell, Trevor Chisum and Ryan Buschman visit before the rodeo. Above right, after hearing the rules, this team discussed who should serve what role during the events. Below, Clint DeVoll, Jenee DeVoll and Amy Buschman look on and enjoy the rodeo. Bottom, members of the TT Bar Ranch compete in an event.

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Above, from left, Tye Sims, Wes Campbell, Dustin Hunt and Scottie Campbell socialize before the events of the 3-1 Ranch Rodeo kicked off. Below left, two members of one of the four-person teams discuss their course of action when it is their turn to compete. Below right, the Ole' Stars and Stripes waved beautifully on Friday evening, almost as a beacon to rodeo comers.



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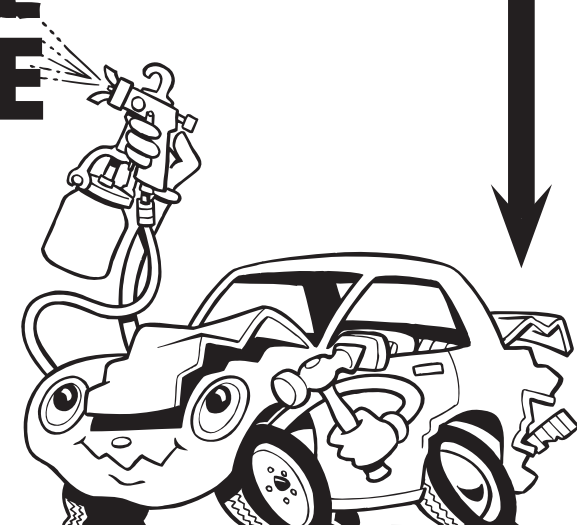
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■ Sports card collecting is a dying hobby

Ever since my dad introduced me to the hobby of collecting baseball, basketball and football cards I have been enthralled in the hobby. Unfortunately it is a hobby that is quickly dying because of how it has changed.

It used to be any ole kid could go into the gas station and buy a pack of baseball cards for \$0.99 and even get a stick of gum with their cards. Well now the hobby has changed from kids collecting their favorite players and rookie cards being the prized possession to have to now a majority of adults doing it for business instead of a hobby and the prized possessions are now autographs and relic cards. (Relic cards are cards that have a piece of bat, jersey, hat, etc. in the card.)

As you might be able to guess that has driven prizes up, up and up. Stores keep reducing their quality to less and less. Card shops are disappearing and kids are leaving the hobby. More and more kids are getting into XBOX and Playstation and iPhones and Ipads and leaving a great hobby in the dust.

I remember when I was younger going into the card shop and the owner knew me by name and he would give me free cards every time because I was a kid and he wanted me to stay in the hobby. Well just a few Saturdays back my wife and I were in Amarillo and went to one of the only card shop in the Panhandle. (There is one more in Lubbock.) And a kid came in, spent all his allowance on cards and even showed the owner some cards he got recently because he was excited about them. But the owner is not very

personable and didn't give the kid any free cards. It was a sad sight to see.

Also regarding that shop, and this is a reason a lot of shops are failing, is his prices are way too high. I realize there is some sort of a markup because of the need to make some profit. But you can buy the same brand of boxes he has in his shop on the internet for anywhere from 50-100 dollars less.

I hope that when I am older and choose to retire I will be blessed enough in life that I will be able to open my own card shop. I want to be able to keep all the kids in this great hobby and I will give them free cards and have reasonable prices.

Another sad thing that is causing the hobby to die is scammers. It seems scammers want to get into every business they can these days. There are groups on Facebook as well as Ebay and other websites where collectors can sell, auction or trade cards. But there are also bad apples in that. Thankfully if you can pay with Paypal they protect you that way.

Perhaps the most exciting part of the hobby I love is busting open the boxes. You never know what you are going to get. You could hit it big and get a card that sells for over \$100 or you can get a good trade from it or you could get basically no names but the excitement is always there. And unfortunately that part of the hobby is dying because the prices are getting higher and higher.

Do you collect cards? If so let me know who you collect and we can work out a trade. I would love to find someone in Pampa to discuss cards with!

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Rory McIlroy wins British Open

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In the record book, he is listed behind Jack Nicklaus and Tiger Woods as the youngest to get three legs of the career Grand Slam.

And over four days at Royal Liverpool, he had no equal.

"I'm immensely proud of myself," McIlroy said after his two-shot victory Sunday that was never really in doubt. "To sit here, 25 years of age, and win my third major championship and be three-quarters of the way to a career Grand Slam ... yeah, I never dreamed of being at this point in my career so

quickly."

He had to work a little harder than he wanted for this one.

Staked to a six-shot lead going into the final round, McIlroy turned back every challenge. He made two key birdies around the turn, and delivered a majestic drive at just the right moment to close with a 1-under 71 and complete his wire-to-wire victory.

In another major lacking tension over the final hour, what brought The Open to life was the potential of its champion.

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Pampa All-Stars win state tournament

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The Pampa 13-15 All-Stars defeated Dumas 6-4 on Saturday to win the West Texas State Tournament, and advance to Friday's regional tournament in Silome Springs, Ark.

Dumas batted first and took a 1-0 lead in the top of the first inning to give Pampa their first deficit of the tournament.

Fernando Anguiano was hit by a pitch to take lead off the bottom of the first inning. Brady Porter then reached base on an error to put runners at first and second with no outs. Brendon Woelfle then doubled to centerfield to score Anguiano, but was thrown out

on a base-running error. Adam Zuniga drew a walk, then stole second. However, the next batter hit into a fielder's choice, then was caught stealing to end the inning with the game tied 1-1.

Dumas retook the lead in the second inning with a two-out single that plated two runs to make the score 3-1. Derek Norris lead off the bottom of the inning with a double. The next batter grounded out, but Carson Eubank singled to score Norris, and cut Dumas' lead to one. A fielder's choice and a groundout ended the inning with Dumas leading 3-2.

The first four batters reached base for Dumas in the top of the third, making the score 4-2. However, a

pop-up and two strike outs from Zuniga, limited the damage, and Dumas left the bases loaded. Anguiano reached second base on an error to begin the bottom of the third. Porter followed that up with a single, but Anguiano was thrown out. Woelfle hit an RBI double to score Porter. Zuniga fouled out, but Woelfle was able to reach third base. Brandt Logan reach base on an error, and Woelfle came in to tie the game. A ground out ended the inning with the game tied at 4-4.

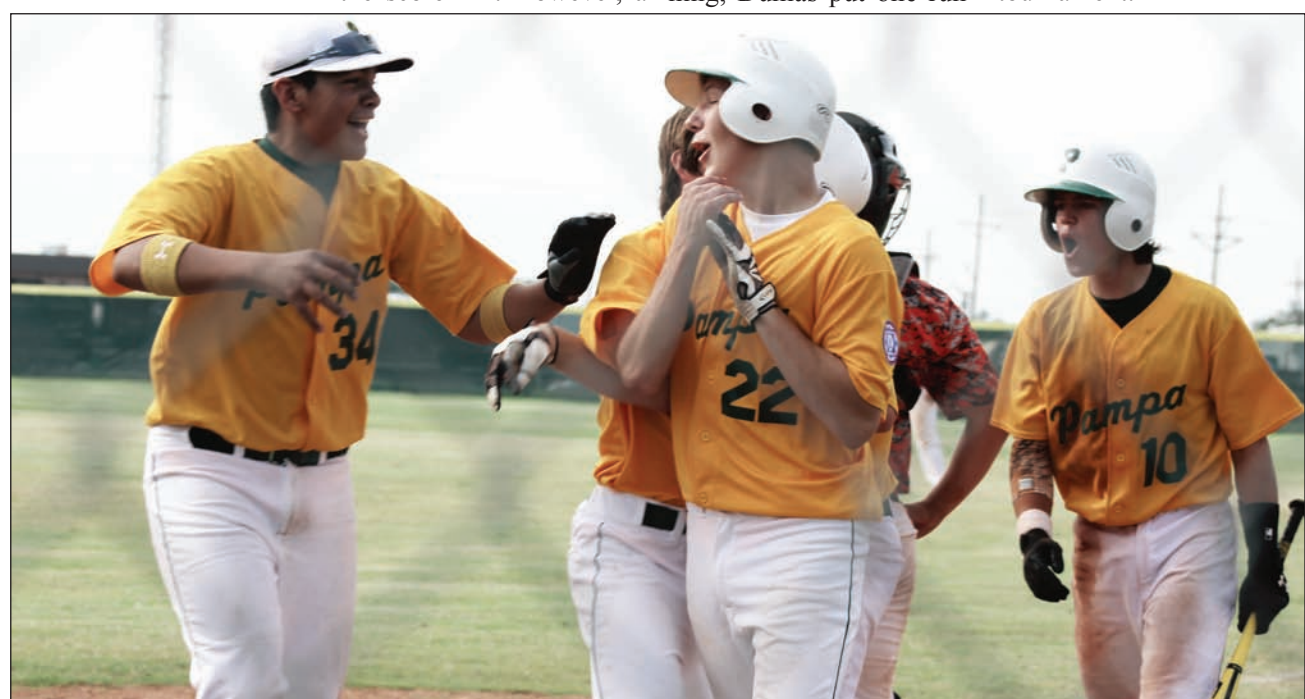
Dumas left the bases loaded for the second inning in a row. Eubank singled in the bottom of the fourth, but a double play ended the inning.

In the top of the fifth inning, Dumas put one run-

ner on base, but Pampa got out of the inning without allowing any runs. After a flyout to begin the inning, Anguiano singled to reach base. Porter then hit a home run to right field to give Pampa a 6-4 lead. A pop-up and flyout ended the inning, but the damage was done.

Dumas got a man on in the top of the sixth inning, but a double play ended the half inning with no damage done. Pampa went quietly as well as all three batters failed to reach base.

Pampa notched their first perfect inning of the game in the top of the seventh to seal the victory. Pampa went 4-0 to the win the West Texas State title and advance to the regional tournament.



Misael Balderrama, Brady Porter and Brendon Woelfle celebrate after Porter's two-run home run to give Pampa a 6-4 lead. Photo by Forrest Grimes

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While adding players like Pau Gasol and Nikola Mirotic, there was one thing they definitely didn't want to change: Kirk Hinrich.

After coming to agreement with Hinrich earlier this summer, the Bulls officially announced the signing on Monday. It's a two-year deal that starts at \$2.7 million next season and includes a player option for the second season, according to a person with knowledge of the contract. The person requested anonymity because the Bulls do not publicly comment on contract details.

"Kirk has always been a big part of creating the professional culture we want day in, day out surrounding our club," Bulls GM Gar Forman said. "He helps our team in so many ways and Kirk had other opportunities elsewhere, but we are very happy he chose to remain in a Bulls uniform."

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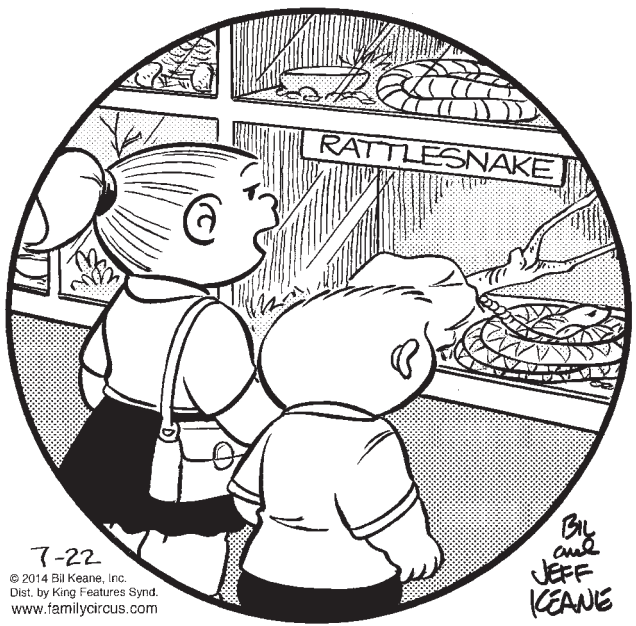
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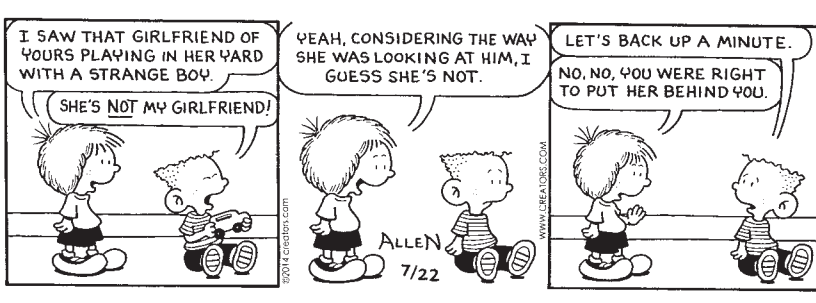
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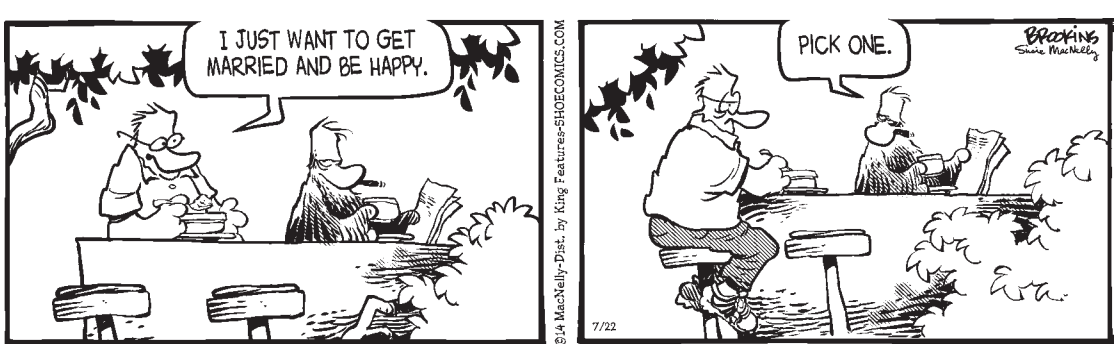
ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ You will be determined to wrap up a situation or eliminate a problem. Someone around you could be contentious. Sit back, and listen to what is being shared. You'll be coming from an unusually secure position. Let this person air out his or her concerns. Tonight: Take the night off.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ You tend to be instinctive when it comes to solving a problem. You seem to know what to do with any issue that arises from your daily contacts. You have a lot to offer. Allow others to come to you. Listen to what they ask, and then you can decide what to do. Tonight: Your treat.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ You might want to clear the air. You will need a creative approach in order to open up others, as they are likely to shut down unexpectedly if you are not careful. Remain sensitive to someone else's suggestions. Do not go beyond your normal limits. Tonight: Out late.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ You might want to say little and handle what you must first. Maintain good listening skills, and you will learn a lot about others. Do not allow a sense of irritation to get to you. Someone could be difficult, but you can ignore this person's criticism as well. Tonight: Nap, then decide.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Do not lose your focus; instead, stay focused on what is important. You could be distracted by a very flirtatious individual in your life, and enjoying every moment. You'll have a

strong sense of direction once you re-focus. Know what is needed here. Tonight: Share news.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ Pressure builds around you. You might feel as if you need to do some hard thinking, but you won't have the time yet to stop and reflect. Once you finish your to-do list, you will want to slow down and relax. A conversation with a friend also will be helpful. Tonight: A late-night chat.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You'll feel energized and want to be direct with someone at a distance. This person might not appreciate your immediate reaction. Read between the lines with his or her reactions. You will assume far more responsibility than you typically do. Tonight: Out till the wee hours.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Ask yourself why you are having a strong reaction to someone. The answer could be more significant than you realize. Try to detach. You will be able to work with this person, if you so choose. Tonight: Reach out to someone at a distance and catch up on news.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Others naturally will dominate the scene today. You could be focused on a different goal, and you might be barely interested in your day-to-day routine. A friend could be pushing you hard in the next few days. Take time for a loved one. Tonight: Relate to others directly.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ You seem to add to your to-do list all day long, rather than crossing things off. Be more in touch with how routine some of your activities are. Slow down, and know that you do not need to carry others' burdens. Tonight: Join a friend for some dinner and drinks.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ You think quickly on your feet, even more so today. Your natural inclination will bring positive and rewarding results. Reach out to someone at a distance. The conversation alone will help you gain a perspective on what is happening around you. Tonight: Out and about.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ A partner could force your hand. You might want to pull back and consider what is going on. Is this really the stand you want to take? Honor what feels right to you, even if it involves a sudden change. Tonight: Head home first, then decide.

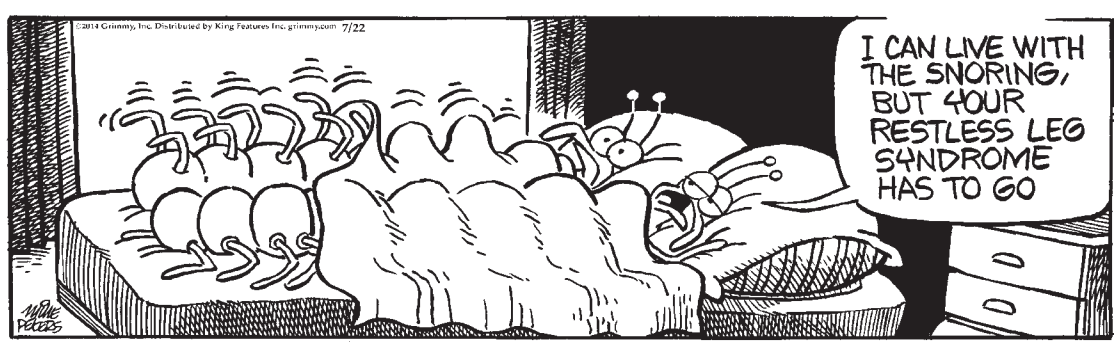
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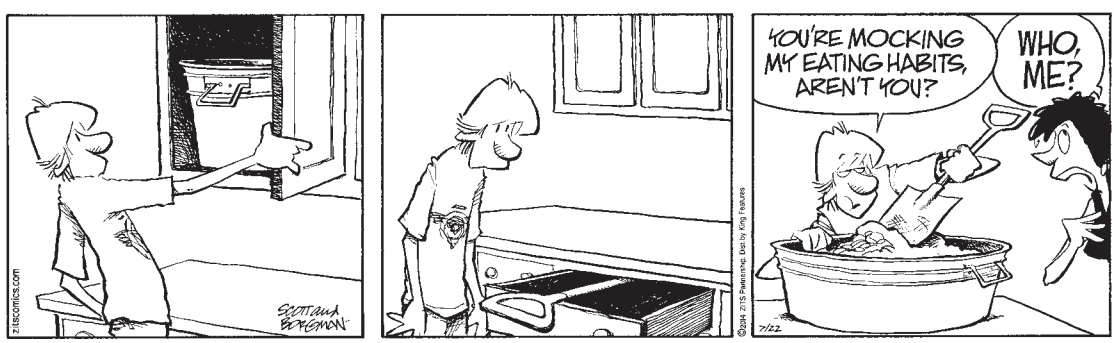
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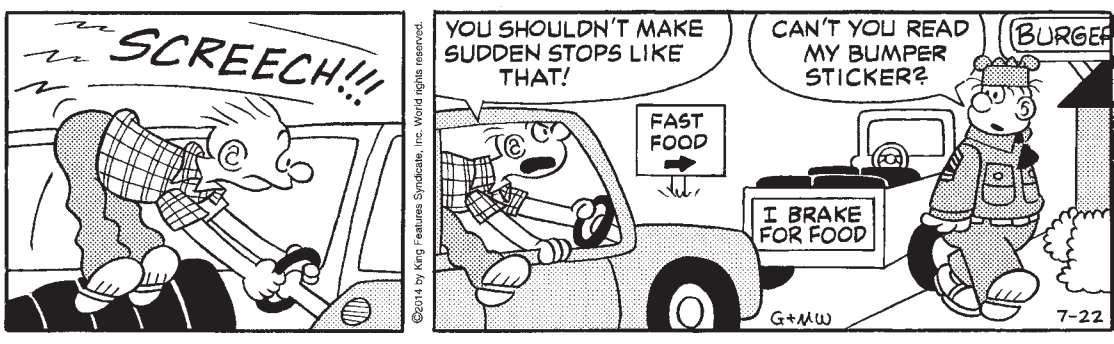
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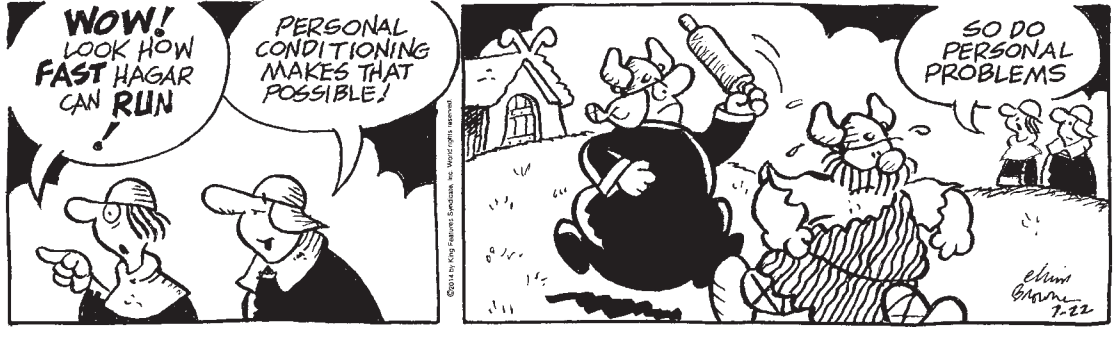
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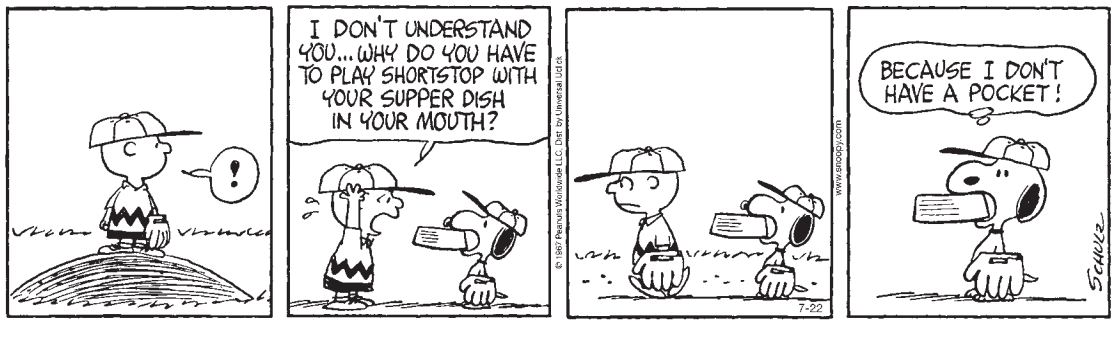
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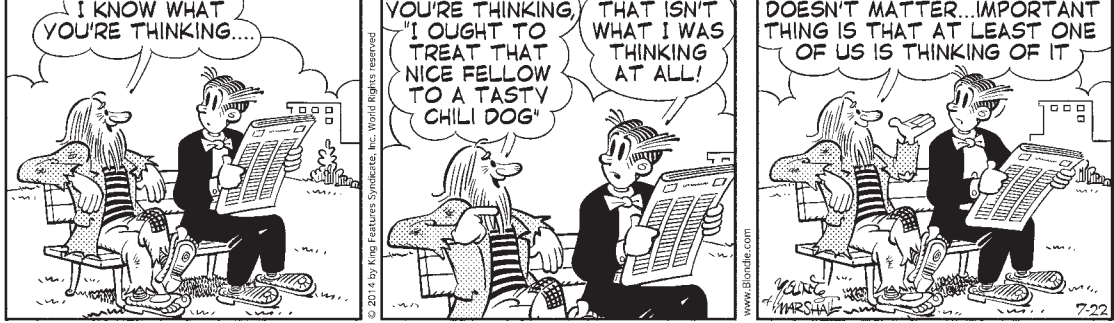
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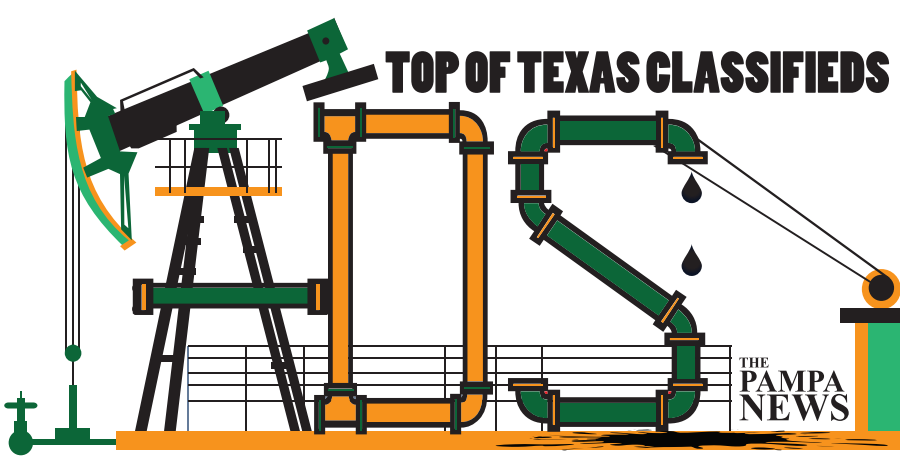


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Left, Brady Potter watches the pitch during the Pampa All-Stars' win versus Dumas. Middle, Brandt Logan reaches first base during the Pampa's championship game versus Dumas. Right, Derek Norris gets a lead from second base during the championship game of the West Texas State Tournament versus Dumas.

RTA could close disconnect between teams, NASCAR

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — There is no clearer example of the disconnect between NASCAR and its teams than the fight earlier this year over the procedures to cool cars down during qualifying. NASCAR refused to allow the use of cooling boxes, so teams had jury-rigged a system that created a dangerous on-track situation for the drivers. NASCAR summoned the crew chiefs from every Sprint Cup organization to hash out a solution. The teams were almost unanimously in favor of using the cooling boxes, but NASCAR officials on that conference call in March wouldn't budge. They were OK with using fans, but smaller teams were against having to go buy them. Exasperated, NASCAR reminded the participants on the call that the engine manufacturers were against the use of cooling boxes. Two of the top engine builders in NASCAR immediately denied that claim, and one said nobody from NASCAR had even talked with them. The call had turned comical. In the end, NASCAR allowed the cooling boxes in a small victory for the teams. The battle to get that win was absurd. The Race Team Alliance, at its core, hopes to prevent those fights going forward. Announced two weeks ago, the RTA was described as "a collaborative business association" that for the first time creates "a single entity to engage with stakeholders on creative ways to market and experience the power of the sport's teams and drivers." Michael Waltrip Racing co-owner Rob Kauffman is the elected chair of the RTA. He has talked

together for purchasing power, creating travel partners and finding a common insurer. The RTA is not, Kauffman insists, a union. And if the goal is to seize a larger share of the TV money, that's not a topic any members of the RTA are openly discussing. "That's a big obvious issue that's out there that the teams really have no influence or control over," Kauffman said of the \$8 billion in TV money that is split with the tracks (65 percent), teams (25 percent) and NASCAR (10 percent). "We're going to focus on stuff we can do. If someone wants to discuss any big picture issues, we're happy to discuss and engage in a constructive way." NASCAR has made it clear it isn't talking to the RTA about anything. Despite NASCAR President Mike Helton's dismissal of any animosity between the two sides, the RTA was informed all communication must go through NASCAR attorneys. International Speedway Corp. issued the same command. Sure, it is NASCAR's court and nobody has to play NASCAR's game. But it's the only game in town for high-performance, profitable racing, and being part of the show means playing by NASCAR's rules. Only NASCAR seems to have gotten so big that it's lost sight of the plight of its primary "stakeholders." The teams have always existed under an owner-operator model. It's risky. It's dangerous. Bill Davis once won the Daytona 500 and the Southern 500 as a Sprint Cup Series team owner. He entered drivers in all three of NASCAR's national series, but when the economy collapsed in 2008, his sponsorship evaporated and his NASCAR participation came to a halt. In

the cruelest twist of all, he won the Truck Series championship on his final weekend of NASCAR participation. When it was all said and done, he had a building and some used parts and a little bit of equity in the owner points he'd accumulated that season to show for his 20-year NASCAR career. It's a fear every NASCAR owner loses sleep over. When a sponsor pulls out, the whole house of cards can come crashing down. Kauffman lived it last fall when NAPA Auto Parts left MWR and the organization was forced to lay off one-third of its workforce. So who can actually blame these owners for not resenting the NASCAR model just a little bit? After all, the Buffalo Bills may sell for at least \$1.1 billion — a far sweeter golden parachute than listing used car parts on eBay. It's unclear if altering the landscape to a franchise model is on RTA's ultimate agenda. For now, the owners insist it's about creating one voice to benefit every team — and there's a need. Several years ago, Rick Hendrick organized a meeting between many of the top owners, who all put together lists outlining their concerns. After debate, the group whittled it down to roughly a dozen ideas on how NASCAR could help them save some money. Nothing spectacular — maybe \$1 million a team in savings. The list was presented to NASCAR, which heard the ideas with deaf ears. Perhaps the RTA will soon have the authority to step up and demand cost-saving measures. But for now, the question is not what the RTA is out to accomplish, but what took the team owners so long to get their act together.

Broncos primed for another super run

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. (AP) — Sacred cows were scarce when Broncos general manager John Elway dug out from the wreckage of that Super Bowl blistering by the Seahawks. Cornerback Champ Bailey, a perennial Pro Bowler and potential Hall of Famer, was sent packing. So were Dominique Rodgers-Cromartie, Mike Adams and Shaun Phillips, three other defensive starters who helped keep the Broncos afloat during an injury epidemic that sidelined Von Miller, Rahim Moore, Kevin Vickerson, Derek Wolfe and Chris Harris Jr. at the Super Bowl. Denver's record-breaking offense wasn't spared, either. After throwing for more yards and touchdowns than anyone in NFL history, Peyton Manning had to say goodbye to wide receiver Eric Decker and running back Knowshon Moreno, who combined for 3,154 yards from scrimmage and 25 touchdowns in the lead-up to the Super Bowl. Replacing Decker are coveted free agent Emmanuel Sanders and prized rookie Cody Latimer, both of whom have spent plenty of one-on-one time with Manning this offseason. Those post-practice sessions not only helped get the new guys up to speed in Adam Gase's break-neck offense, but they kept Manning sharp entering his 17th NFL season with a thought of retirement. "Sometimes it's the monotonous routine, the

boredom, that pushes guys out, not the physical part of it," Manning said. "And I have been stimulated the past two years working with Adam and working with different teammates, so it does sort of keep the bounce in you, I think." Atop Elway's to-do list is the highest-scoring team in NFL history. Elway also sought a beefier offensive line to give Manning better protection and the Broncos' ground game more muscle. He accomplished both goals in a stellar offseason that puts Denver in position to make another Super Bowl run. Here are some things to keep in mind as the Broncos kick off training camp this week in hopes of getting back to the big game and hauling home the Lombardi Trophy, not just a bunch of records and regrets: **Reinforcements arrive:** Elway signed pass-rusher DeMarcus Ware, cornerback Aqib Talib and safety T.J. Ward in another free agency mother lode that gave him thumpers at all three levels on defense. That theme continued in the draft when Ohio State's bruising cornerback, Bradley Roby, ranked 14th on the Broncos' board, slid to them at No. 31. **Stars return:** Denver defensive coordinator Jack Del Rio was all smiles this offseason as one by one his injured starters returned to practice. Miller and Harris Jr. are coming off ACL surgeries. Wolfe is back from a mysterious ailment that led to seizures and weight loss. Moore is back at full speed after

nearly losing his lower left leg to a rare medical condition. On top of that, coach John Fox, who had open-heart surgery in November, signed an extension. **Shuffled o-line:** Stand-out left tackle Ryan Clady's return from a foot injury that cost him almost all of 2013 allows the Broncos to move Chris Clark to right tackle and slide Orlando Franklin inside to Zane Beadles' old spot at left guard. With All-Pro Louis Vasquez at right guard and Manny Ramirez at center, Denver's interior boasts nearly 1,000 pounds. That should help provide a more balanced offense while keeping Manning from the kind of harassment that plagued him at the Super Bowl. **Ball's backups:** The Broncos are so comfortable with second-year pro Montee Ball that they let Moreno leave after a season in which he gained 1,586 yards from scrimmage and another 195 in the playoffs. The competition for carries behind Ball is one of the most intriguing battles. C.J. Anderson and Ronnie Hillman will be pushed by undrafted free agents Brennan Clay, Kapri Bibbs and Juwan Thompson. **New returner:** Elway also didn't bother to bring back kick returner Trindon Holliday, who faded down the stretch and was a non-factor in the playoffs. Primed to take his spot is Isaiah Burse, a speedy slot receiver from Fresno State who patterned his game after Wes Welker's — and even followed his idol's path to the NFL when he went undrafted. Burse aims to extend Denver's streak to 11 seasons with an undrafted free agent making the 53-man roster.



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Left, Misael Balderrama prepares for the play during Pampa's win versus Dumas in the championship game. Middle, Adam Zuniga pitches during Pampa's win versus Dumas. Right, Carson Eubank runs toward second base during the West Texas State championship game.



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