

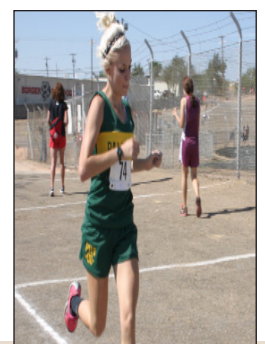
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THE HEART OF PAMPA

Viva Chautauqua!

■ *Chautauqua photos and info are inside!*

BEN TINSLEY
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PAMPA — Numerous area residents braved a very warm Monday to participate in the 31st anniversary of Chautauqua.

There were cars parked all up and down Cuyler and Sunset as adults, children, volunteers and performers descended on Pampa's Central Park. Delicious corn dogs, brisket, burritos, tacos and more were available as early as 10 a.m.

There were dogs and cats in need of adoption through the Pampa Area Welfare Society. Spot and Bashful, two six-week-old Chihuahua crosses, were part of many adorable potential pets in need of a home.

There were musical performances. A 5K run. Delicious food. Crafts. Booths. Entertainment.

Chautauqua Chairman Sena Brainard said the turnout was fantastic, even for vendors. There were 79, not 77, booths as originally predicted.

"It's going really well — despite the fact that its so humid today," she said. "There were no cancellations."

The family-oriented festival is a tradition hosted by the Pampa Fine Arts Association. It is designed so people can spend the day together for a minimum amount of money and observe, learn and participate in the tradition of the first Chautauqua before the turn off the century.



Staff photos by **Ben Tinsley**

Clockwise, from left to right: Taylea Matthew, 10, an Austin fourth grader and senior Tella Truitt, 17, prepare for the half-time show. Senior Francheska Bridwell, 17, (wearing "The Riot" T-shirt) and her friends prepare to raise a ruckus cheering the Harvesters. "Not A Trash Can." Aubrey Salazar, 2, toddles over to her mother, Danita Salazar; bell ringers Michael Mechelay, 14, a freshman, and Nolan Price, 15, also a freshman, enjoy the game. Olivia Reagan, 7, strikes a pose after an excellent halftime performance.

Newspaper editor impressed by community's team spirit



BY BEN TINSLEY
 Editor of the Pampa News

■ *Sports coverage on pages 11 and 12 and game photos throughout the paper!*

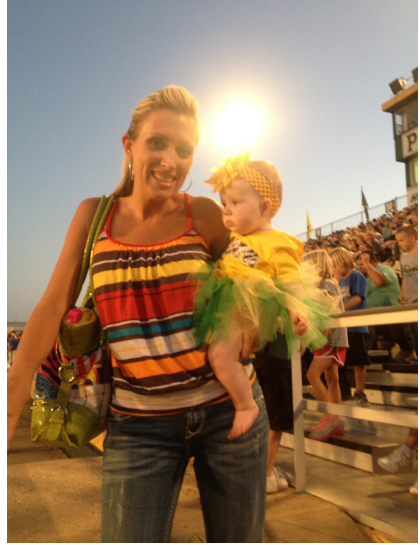
that kind of positivity. From every account, our varsity team has nothing but iron will and determination. And they will continue to display that moxie throughout the season.

But how did Pampa's young football heroes develop such positive attributes in a world whose other players seem determined to be violent, negative and vulgar?

Easy — the mothers and fathers in the stands who were there en masse to support their team, of course.

These parents are to be applauded for teaching principles that will always trump the glory seeking and hubris so often shamefully displayed in so much of today's football scene.

And I didn't just see this excellence in the parents. It was evident in the spirit of the elementary, junior high and high school students who turned out to watch the game. It was in the talent displayed by the cheerleaders and their younger counterparts who took the



Photos by Ben Tinsley
 On top: Dawn Boyd and her baby Elle, 7 months, enjoy the game. On bottom: Stephanie Paronto and Haley Heiskell, 8, a third grader at Austin, before the game.



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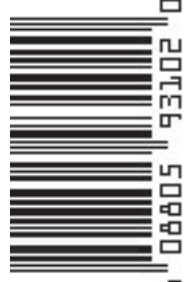
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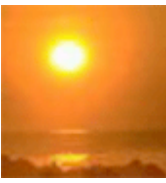


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Today: Sunny and hot, with a high near 97. West southwest wind 5 to 10 mph.

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Wednesday: Partly sunny, with a high near 87. West southwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming east northeast in the afternoon.

Wednesday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 62. Southeast wind around 10 mph.

Thursday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny, with a high near 89. Southeast wind 10 to 15 mph.

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Obituaries

Diann Ringo Birdsell

PAMPA — Diann Ringo Birdsell, 71, died Sunday, Sept. 2, 2012, in Amarillo.

SERVICES: Vigil will be at 6 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 4, 2012, in Carmichael-Whately Colonial Chapel with Rev. Francisco Perez, pastor of St. Vincent dePaul Catholic Church, officiating. Liturgy of the Word will be at 2:00 PM Wednesday, Sept. 5, 2012, at St. Vincent dePaul Catholic Church

with Rev. John Valdez, pastor of St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Hereford, officiating.

BURIAL: Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.

BIOGRAPHY: Mrs. Birdsell was born Jan. 21, 1941 in Bartlesville, Oklahoma and was a 1959 graduate of College High School in Bartlesville. She attended Oklahoma St. University where she was a member of Alpha Delta Pi Sorority. She married Jim Birdsell on May 18, 1963 in



Birdsell

Bartlesville. He preceded her in death on May 10, 1991. She worked for the Arrington Companies for many years as an administrative assistant and also worked for Cabot Corporation. She was a Presbyterian and attended St. Vincent dePaul Catholic Church with her family. She was a past member of the Pampa Altrusa Club and was a Girl Scout leader for many years. She volunteered in the medical records office at Pampa Regional Medical Center

for several years. She enjoyed playing bridge and was a member of several bridge clubs.

SURVIVORS: three daughters: Susan Bromlow, husband David, and their sons, Mitch and Ryan, all of Pampa; Marcia Moreland, husband Mike, and their sons, Mason and Matthew, all of Dallas; and Jill Harris, husband Carrel, and their children, Callie and Cory, all of Amarillo; two brothers: Bob Ringo and wife Louise of Lincoln, CA, and Jim Ringo and wife Robin of Norman, OK; a sister: Joann Foster and husband Woody of Kerrville. She was preceded in death by her parents, Robert and Mary Isabel Ringo.

MEMORIALS: BSA Hospice, P. O. Box 950, Amarillo, TX 79105 or Arthritis Foundation, P. O. Box 96280, Washington, DC 20077.

SPECIAL NOTICE: The family will receive friends at Diann's residence at 2329 Chestnut.

CURLY FRIES!



Sibling fans

FRENCH FRIES: In back, Tony Zavala, Ben Watson and Angie Hancox work diligently to make the perfect batch of curly fries on behalf of the Lady Harvester Volleyball Boosters. Also in the photo is Maxine Watson. Not pictured, but working equally as hard are Mary Henry and Martha Zavala.
SIBLING FANS: Brother and sister Kolton Dyson, 15 a sophomore, and LeAnne Hall, 34, share a hug as they watch the Harvesters play. Photos by Ben Tinsley.





FOOTBALL FUN

Clockwise, from left: Payton Rodgers, Kristin Shouse, Kristin Robison, Taylor Ramming, and Jaycee Garth, all 13-year-old eighth graders, chat with Pampa ISD student resource officer Troy Reeves at Friday's football game. Young Jet Barrow, 2-ish — son of head band director Joe Barrow — takes a moment to pose for a picture while relaxing in his portable chair. Meanwhile, Katie Lockwood, 3, sits and takes a bite out of a hot dog as she watches the game with her parents. Photos by Ben Tinsley.



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The Right: Charlie Daniels and Labor Day



CHARLIE DANIELS
 Columnist

Labor Day. I come from a long line of people who made a living by the sweat of their brows and the labor of their hands. Hands that could handle a plow or a crosscut saw, break an ornery mule or hold an infant baby.

Simple men who stood on the streets of small town America on Saturday afternoons while the wife bought supplies for the week and talked about the weather, the price of corn or the latest exploit of their prize coonhound or how this year's high school football team didn't quite come up to last year's.

They sat on the pews of the churches, in out of date suits and ties and listened to the gospel of Jesus Christ and applied the lessons and principles of honesty and integrity to their every day lives.

They called the mid-day meal dinner and the evening meal supper and weren't above the occasional sip of white whiskey. They treasured a good hunting dog and could nail a squirrel on the top branch of a tall hickory tree.

They raised their children with discipline and good manners and nothing meant more than family. I remember when my cousin Walton, who was a few years older than me, finished high school and even family who lived out of town came to Elizabethtown to see him receive his diploma, the first male child in the Daniel family to ever do so.

The women cooked

three meals a day, rocked the cradle, did their laundry with a scrub board in a galvanized washing tub and helped out with the field work, all the while being comforter, disciplinarian, homework enforcer, seamstress and sometimes milked a cow twice a day.

A Wall Street lawyer could never draw up a contract that was as binding as a handshake and a man's word was honored at all costs. Anything less than the truth was unacceptable and they spared not the rod and spoiled not the child.

I'll always remember Labor Day because it heralded the beginning of a new school year and putting on a pair of shoes after a summer of going barefooted could be a somewhat painful affair.

The stalks and vines and other remnants of this year's crop would be cut down and plowed under and the fields would lie

fallow for a few short months before the whole process would begin all over again.

I would not trade my experiences of growing up among real men with calloused hands and sun ripened faces, men who had neither union nor subsidy to provide a safety net should the crop fail or the price of timber fall.

They depended on faith in God, family and hard work, knowing that if you just kept doing the right thing, everything was going to work out.

A lot has changed since the two generations of my early years, but not the truths I learned and live my life by. I wish America would have retained the spirit of the greatest generation; it would be a totally different nation.

Happy Labor Day!
 What do you think?
 Pray for our troops, and for our country.
 God Bless America.
 Charlie Daniels

Right Vs. Left:

The Pampa News lets both sides duke it out on the editorial page

You may notice that we're trying something new on our editorial page. Quite a few new things, actually.

Awhile back, we stopped running our editorial page cartoons and replaced them with political mark-holders while we tweaked our product to see what exactly it is Pampa residents like to read.

Many readers phoned in to say they liked the Charlie Daniels and Chuck Norris columns and would like a steady diet of the Political Right.

Others called in to decry the columns, begging us to run columnist whose point of view reflects the left.

So we've decided to run both for the time being. You'll see the right wingers like Charlie Daniels on the top of the editorial page and the left wingers like Maureen Dowd on the bottom.

Wikipedia tells us that the "left-right political spectrum is a common way of classifying political positions, ideologies, or parties along a political spectrum."

"Left-wing politics and right-wing politics are often presented as opposed, and although a particular individual or party may take a left-wing stance on one matter and a right-wing stance on another, the terms left and right are used to refer to two globally opposed political families.

"In France, where the terms originated, the Left is called "the party of movement" and the Right "the party of order."

Here at the Pampa News we want to satisfy our readers and provide them — all of our readers — with the material they wish to peruse.

Again, we're here to serve all our readers: Left or right, right or left, or even somewhere deep in the middle. But we need you to give us feedback to tell us what you think.

Somewhere in all our efforts, the old fable of the miller, his son and their donkey is brought to mind. Again, Wikipedia has a good version of that particular story:

A man and his son who are accompanied by their donkey and meet constant criticism from passers by of the way it is used or treated by them.

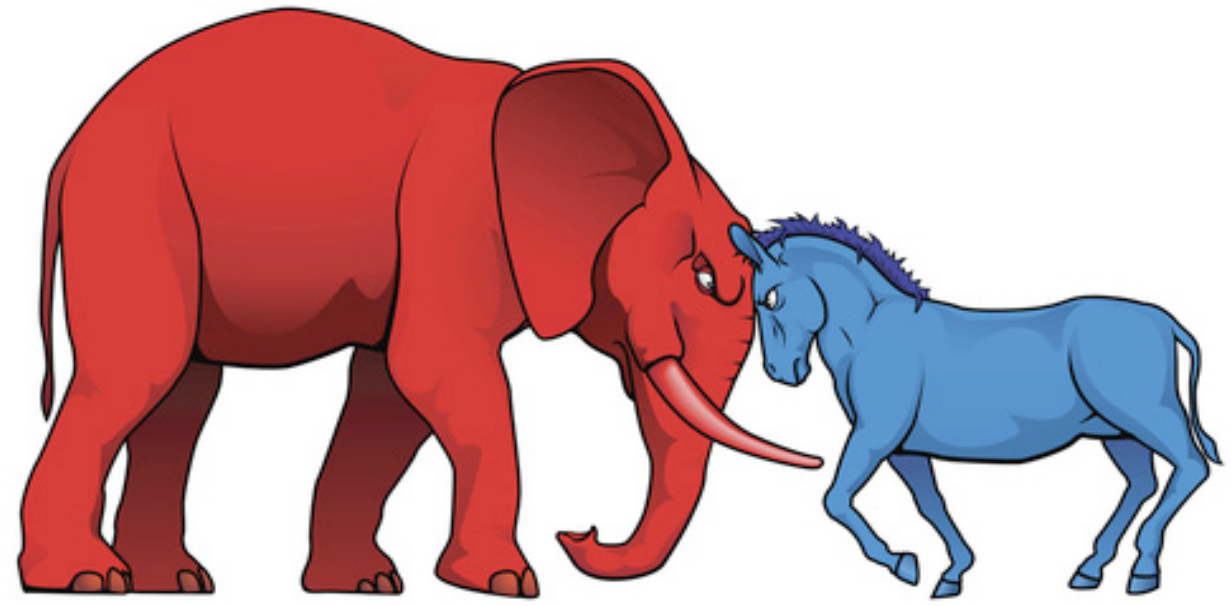
When both walk beside the donkey they are criticized for not riding it.

When the father rides, he is blamed for making his young son walk.

When the son rides, he is blamed for leaving his elderly father on foot. When both ride, they are berated for overburdening their beast.

Finally, the father and son — responding to the last criticism — try to tie the donkey to a pole which they carry on their shoulders. They accidentally drop the donkey and fatally injure the animal.

Going with the moral of the story — *try to please everyone and you end up pleasing no one* — are you getting what you want out of this page, Pampa? Please let us know.



The Left: Maureen Dowd: Will they decipher the cipher



MAUREEN DOWD
 New York Times Columnist

TAMPA, Fla. -- Mitt Romney doesn't elicit passion, as Ronald Reagan did in Detroit. Or respect, as Poppy Bush did in New Orleans. Or excitement, as W. did in Philadelphia. Or admiration, as John McCain did in St. Paul.

The emotion he evokes is pity. Romney slogged and spent his way to the GOP convention his dad craved for himself only to find that his role is not so much leading man as forgotten man.

Following an adulatory promotional video about himself, Gov. Chris Christie splashed in the Narcissus pool, giving a preening keynote speech that gassed on for 1,800 words and 16 minutes before he even deigned to mention "our actual nominee," as Sarah Palin sardonically put it on Fox News.

Christie, who has already said he may run in 2016 if Romney loses, urged "sac-

rific" and "tough choices" even though the blurry Romney beckons with an all-you-can-eat buffet of defense spending and tax cuts.

When TV cut away to Mitt in the hall to capture what should have been a thrilling moment, he looked as though his jelled skull might burst into flames.

He must have been fuming over why his high-priced mercenaries, who vetted Christie's speech two weeks ago, failed to ask the New Jersey governor to cool it on the solipsism. In a conflict of consultants, the Romney adviser who's helping run the convention, Russ Schriefer, is a once (and future?) Christie strategist.

Do Romney's consultants, like some other conservatives here, have a thinly veiled disdain for an animatronic aristocrat who insists on being in a business he has no business in?

This synthetic convention aches with the enormity of the effort involved in trying, and failing, to make Mitt alluring and compelling, the fruitless, endless hunt for the enigma code that will decipher the cipher.

It's absurd that Romney is still working tirelessly to show who he is given that he has spent the past six years running for president.

Ann Romney was straining so hard to come up with heartwarming, personal anecdotes about Mitt and her family, she actually hit on one with CBS News about her son mourning her miscarriage that a startled Mitt said he had never heard.

Even when conservatives try to defend Romney, they manage to insult him.

"If you've just been diagnosed with a brain tumor," Mike Huckabee told Howard Kurtz of The Daily Beast, "you honestly don't care if your neurosurgeon is a jerk."

Romney is seen more as maitre d' than nominee, ushering the party to a better table in the future.

When Mitt awkwardly came out on stage at the end of Ann's speech in what was supposed to be a crescendo, the room went flat. The few ripples of excitement in the Ward Cleaver-Betty Crocker convention with the generic music and anesthetized delegates have centered on younger 2016 prospects.

On the convention floor

Tuesday night, Rick Perry told Chuck Todd of NBC News that he would "absolutely" consider running in 2016.

On "The Daily Show," Jon Stewart hailed Marco Rubio as "Charisma Boy," saying it was good that Marco had dodged the problem of being Mitt's running mate because, if he wins, "it would have been uncomfortable for you to run against him in 2016."

After Condi Rice, glamorous in a salmon suit, impressed the crowd Wednesday night, Marc Ambinder of The Atlantic and GQ tweeted: "OK, HRC v. Condi in 2016 is on."

And, of course, there was the evening's main course and future, Ryan, who brought the zombie convention alive with a zowie speech -- building up Romney and tweaking him about what's on his iPod, "which I've heard on the campaign bus and on many hotel elevators."

Ryan's deft speech conjured the president's nightmare -- that disillusioned voters might decide it's time to try something new.

Maureen Dowd is a New York Times columnist.

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The Gift Of Pets: An amazing read for Pampa residents

“The Gift of Pets: Stories Only a Vet Could Tell” by Bruce R. Coston, D.V.M. c.2012, Thomas Dunne Books \$25.99 / \$29.99 Canada 302 pages

REVIEW BY TERRI SCHLICHENMEYER
Author photo by Bert Williams

People say your pet is lucky. He’s got a bed in every room – including the one you share with him. She has treats whenever she wants, toys are spread everywhere, you’ve got collars in all colors, and you always remember to sign your pet’s name on every greeting card.

Yep, it’s Pet Heaven around your house but really... you know who’s got the bigger blessing. In the new book “The Gift of Pets” by Bruce R. Coston, D.V.M., you’ll read about people, pets, and a vet you won’t soon forget.

Like many small-town Minnesota kids, Bruce Coston dreamed of someday becoming a veterinarian. He carried that dream, and a yearning to work with horses, through his high school years until, at age seventeen, he found a local vet with an extreme amount of patience who allowed Coston to job-shadow.

A couple of disastrous housecalls and a big misunderstanding later, Coston, who’d had no experience with cattle or horses, realized that working with large animals wasn’t for him. Dogs and cats, though? Purrfect.

Today, Coston owns a veterinary clinic in Virginia, where he cares for pets and the people who love them and where, from both ends of the leash, his clients teach him. He’s learned, for example, that children and pets go together but you can’t force a love of horseback riding.

From a certain Mr. Johnston, Coston discovered that even when a client becomes a pain in one’s posterior, it doesn’t diminish the love that client has for his dog. Nor does it lessen the pain when the dog dies.

Another client, Mrs. Laughlin, told Coston that “money is no object” when it came to her pet’s life. Pets are loved, he learned, but people don’t always fare as well: her spouse’s life-saving medicine stretched the budget “too tight...”



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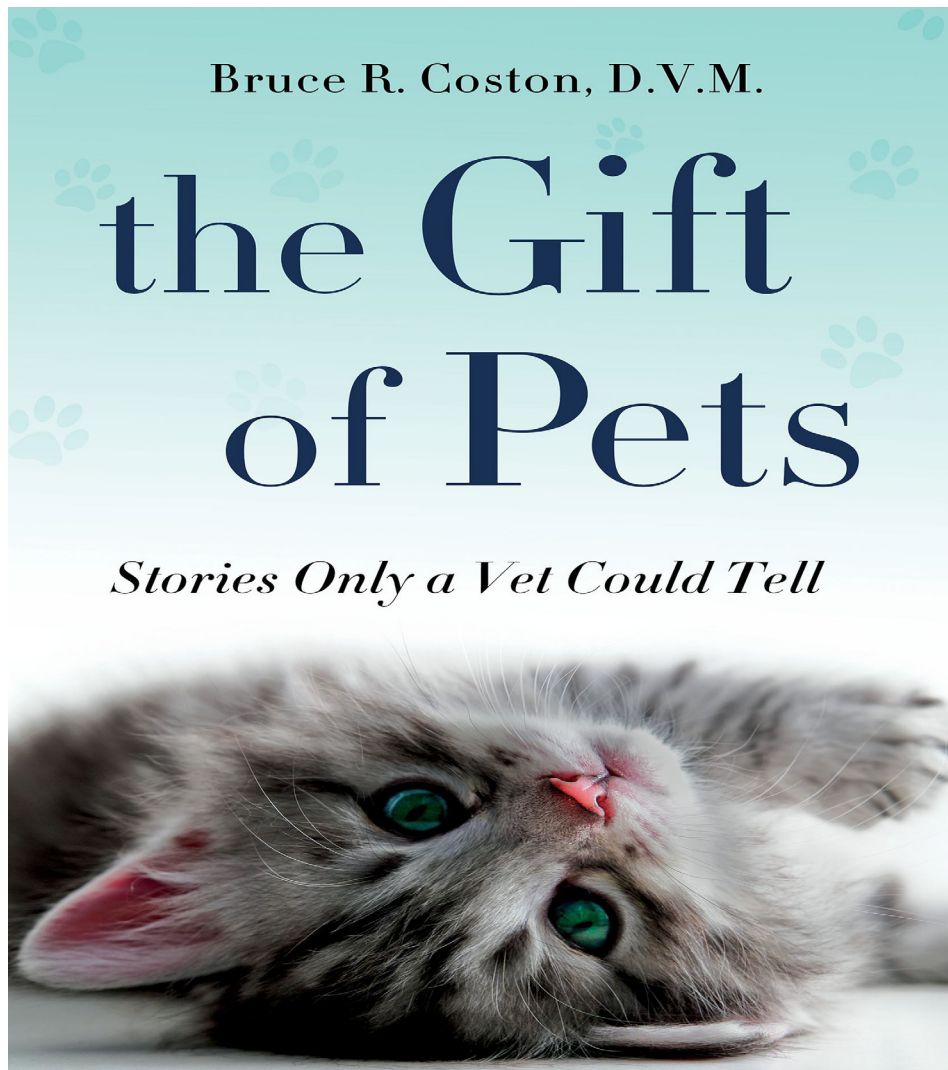
A t Coston’s hospital, there are pets that arrive in terrible health and some that come for a happy visit. There

are close calls and triumphant treatments. Walk in the door, and you’ll hear barking, greetings from the clinic cat, laughter, horseplay and practical jokes. And, like every other clinic that deals with birth, death, and what’s in between, you’ll also find sadness and missing friends.

Cozy. That’s the best word I can think of to describe “The Gift of Pets.” You just get a cozy, blanket-and-hot-cocoa feeling when you read a book like this.

Author Bruce R. Coston will make you laugh, yes, but he’s likewise respectful. He tells stories of eccentric owners, unique pets, and the relationships they have with one another, then he writes about humans who helped his career and critters that enhanced it. That makes this book a must-read if you’re a pet person, but understand that you’ll want a tissue handy while you’re reading it. If you don’t have a pet, you’ll want one of those by The End.

From its irresistible cover to the warm, wonderful story inside, this is a book to wrap yourself in. But beware: start “The Gift of Pets” and, well, good luck getting anything else done.



Bruce R. Coston, D.V.M.

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Around Town A back-to-school math lesson about education



At Chautauqua Monday, Eric Lockwood, above right, plays guitar and sings while fellow Calvary Baptist Church member Brandon Garcia, left, accompanies him. Meanwhile, at the Friday game, Danita Salazar, (below) Aubrey Salazar, 2, Zanden Salazar, 6, and laritza Melendez, a 15-year-old sophomore, take a reflective pause for the camera.

TERRY SAVAGE
Creator’s Syndicate

There’s a special back-to-school lesson to be learned by high school students — and their parents — about the way to plan for college. That planning should start by the first day in high school and move into high gear as you’re heading into senior year.

By now, we know that this economic slowdown is not going to reverse itself quickly despite what the politicians may promise. That means taking an entirely different look at college costs and having a family discussion about what is a reasonable possibility.

There is no doubt that a college education will pay off over a lifetime of earnings. But that payoff may not beat the debt load and the interest you will pay if you borrow too much money. So here are some things to take into consideration when choosing a college and paying for it.

— Community college or university? While this is an important decision, fortunately it is not an all-or-none choice. Start preparing your high-schoolers for the fact that your family may not be able to afford a four-year, out-of-state college. A compromise might be to consider a local community college for two years and then a transfer to a university to complete their degree. This can save a small fortune in living costs — though you and your student may face the uncomfortable situation of living together for another two years.

— In-state or away? The immediate presumption is that you will save money if your child attends an in-state

school. But you might receive more in financial aid from a school in a different state that is looking to diversify its student population. Work with your high school guidance counselor, who is likely to know which schools are seeking students these days — and offering extra financial aid to fill their classrooms.

— Financial aid: The time to start understanding how federal student aid works is in your child’s junior year of high school — when you still have time to adjust your situation to qualify for more financial aid. For example, money saved in a child’s name (in a traditional “UGMA” custodial account) weighs seven times more heavily against you in the financial aid formula. So spend down that money for a new computer or other legitimate expenses before you have to disclose it in the senior year aid application. To learn exactly what you’ll have to disclose in the aid application go to FAFSA.ed.gov.

— Scholarships: There are so many misconceptions about scholarships. Yes, there is a lot of money. And yes, a lot of scholarship money goes undistributed every year. But no, it’s not that easy to qualify, because many scholarships have restrictions and qualifications your child is unlikely to meet. To search out scholarships go to Scholarships.com or Fastweb.com and register. This is a project for sophomores and juniors, as well as seniors, because getting some of these great deals requires planning ahead.



And remember, each year a new round of scholarships is issued — first come, first served. Check deadlines, and be first in line.

— Athletic scholarships: It’s not just the star football and basketball players who get college scholarships. And it’s not just boys who get athletic scholarships. Federal rules level the playing field. Yet because parents, students and coaches don’t know about all the opportunities to get full or partial scholarships, money gets left on the table every year.

Basically, to get a true athletic scholarship at a Division 1, 2 or 3 school, your student must first register at the NCAA Clearinghouse. Go to NCAA.org, and then click on “Eligibility Center.” That’s something to do when your child is just starting high school — to encourage a budding interest in golf, tennis, volleyball, track and other physical education activities that could turn into real college money (even though your child will never turn pro).

— Private student loans and Parental PLUS loans: These look like easy money — but they carry the high-

est rates and the toughest repayment terms. Lenders make the offers look enticing, knowing they will get repaid eventually, since these loans cannot be discharged in bankruptcy.

With mortgage rates so low, you might be better off refinancing and taking out home equity to pay for college. But don’t do a floating-rate home equity loan, or you will be at the mercy of the interest rate market.

Bottom Line: Planning and saving for college should start when your child is born, but if you missed that opportunity, the next best chance is when your child is in high school. This is a family project — and it requires cooperation and attention to all the possibilities. But there is some good news in the current economic downturn. Colleges are competing for students to fill their classes — and if you pursue all these avenues and then negotiate beyond the initial financial aid offer, you could make college a wiser investment.

That’s the Savage Truth.

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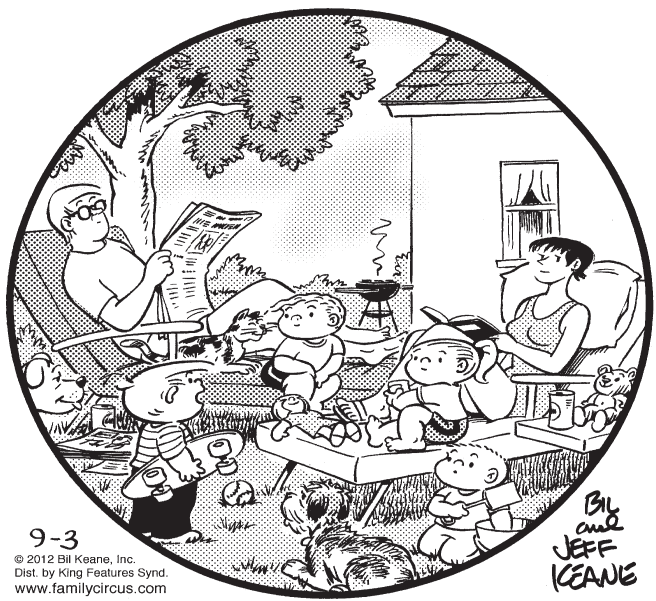
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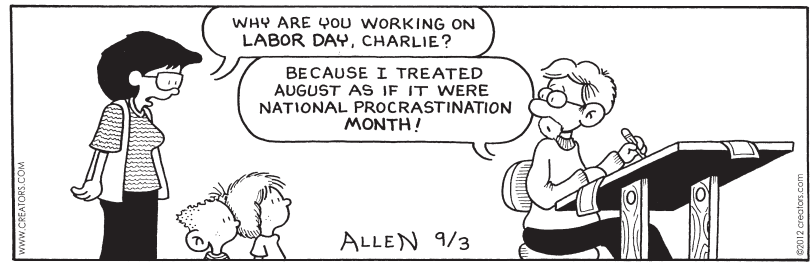
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daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, Sept. 4, 2012:

This year you often feel as though you cannot get certain elements of your life under control. You won't want to leave anything to chance. By learning to detach, you will gain many new insights that could make a big difference in the choices you make. If you are single, the romance you think you are attracting could be very different in reality. Your ability to grow and transform within a relationship will be tested. Ultimately, that skill is needed in all relationships. If you are attached, you will have control of your finances. You will display considerable talent in that area. Curb a tendency to be possessive around TAURUS.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ You might find it difficult to move forward in the morning. Perhaps you have pushed yourself beyond your limit. As the day goes on, you'll become more verbal and upbeat. Your logic appeals to someone. If you work together, you can implement changes. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ You beam, and others respond. You might not be up for following a routine; instead, you could want to indulge in more spontaneity. Once in a while, taking some time off helps re-energize you. News from afar starts you thinking in a different direction. Tonight: Treat yourself well.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Your day improves as time goes on. You know what someone wants because you have the ability to zero in on his or her needs. Unfortunately, your ability to respond often leaves this person thinking he or she has control of you. No such luck. You are your own person. Tonight: Do for you.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ Assume a low-key attitude, and refuse to push yourself as hard as usual. You are able to change gears and do something differently, if you pull back. Your attitude toward a special friend or loved one might be changing. Tonight: Get some extra R and R.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You initially could feel quite pressured by certain events and by what is going on around you. You naturally will loosen up and open up to new beginnings.

Success comes out of your willingness to head in a new direction. Tonight: With friends.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You might want to do something in a very different manner from how you have done it in the past. Detachment helps you see the big picture. Take in as much as possible. A child or new friend continues to change right in front of your very eyes. Tonight: A must appearance.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Deal with a partner first thing in the morning. You could be taken back by what is happening around you. Try not to trigger a reaction from anyone, and stay centered. View a key situation from an outside perspective, and trust that you will know what to do. Tonight: Relax.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Spend quality time with a child or loved one. You could be withdrawn or wondering exactly how to handle a difficult situation. You decide to talk to a key person directly. You know what to do and what to expect. Tonight: Dinner for two!

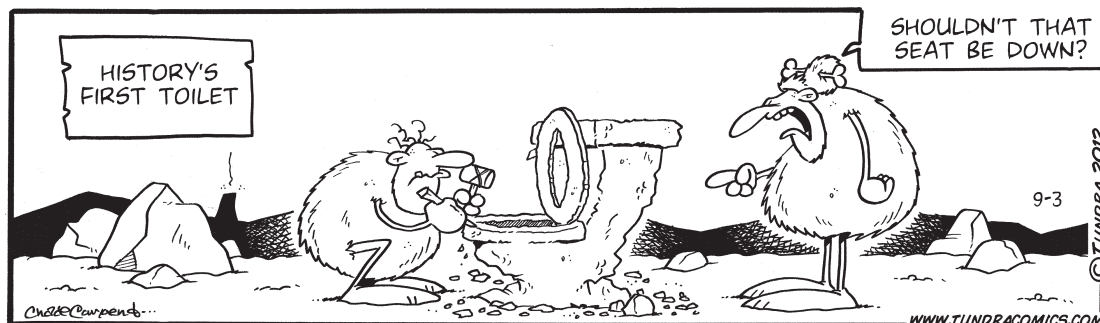
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You might have organized a very tight schedule, but you will watch it unravel quickly during the day. Do not try to fight city hall. Go with the flow, and you will appreciate the fun and light mood. Tonight: Be aware of your spending habits.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You wake up in the mood to hang out with the one you love, but clearly you have much to do. If you decide to change direction, there could be repercussions in other areas of your life. Be aware of this before taking action. Tonight: Could be late.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Getting going could be a major effort for you, yet one that is worthwhile. Tap into your innate creativity, and you'll discover solutions to what is seemingly impossible to resolve. Note the costs of taking a new course of action. Tonight: Let your hair down.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Move on a key matter early in the day, when you will be most open to communication. Tension builds throughout the day. You might want to clear the air, but perhaps you would be best off staying away for now. Tonight: At home.

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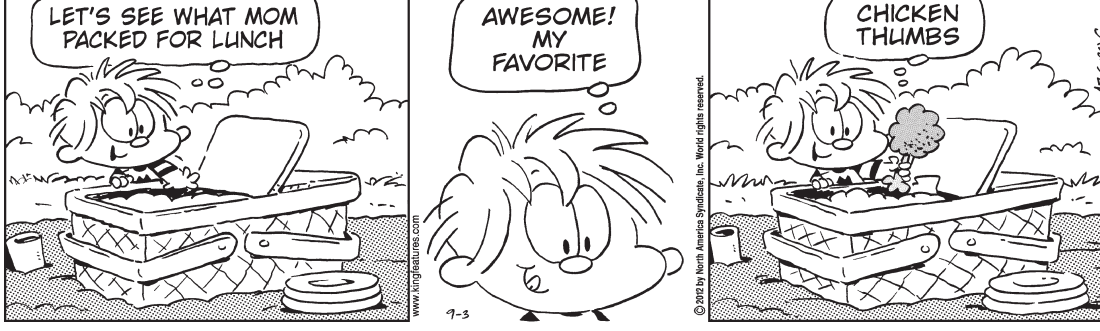
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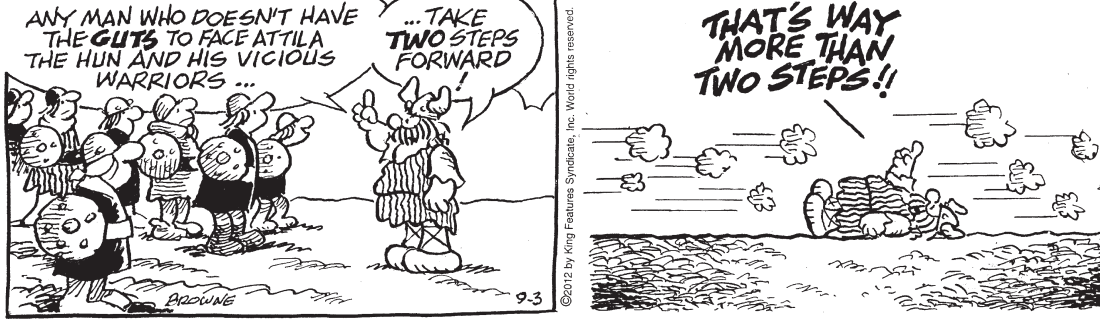
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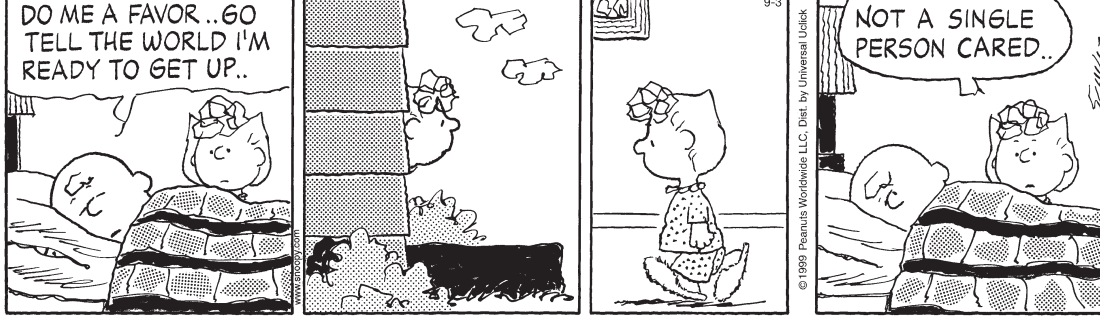
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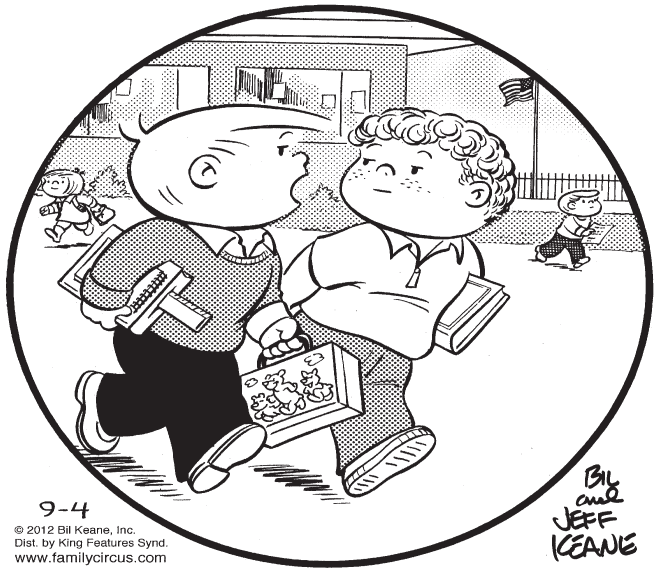
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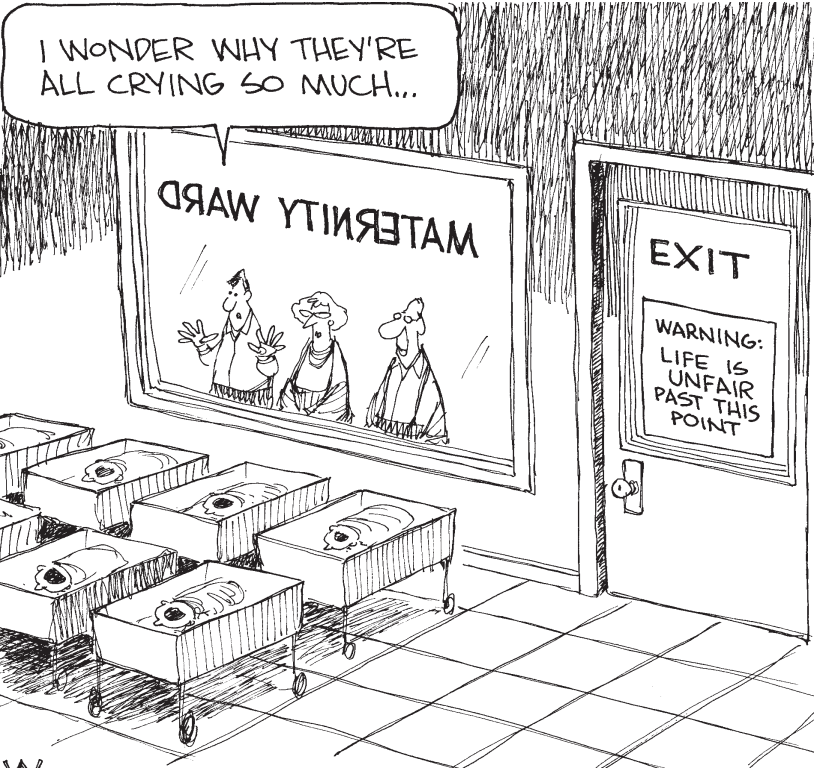


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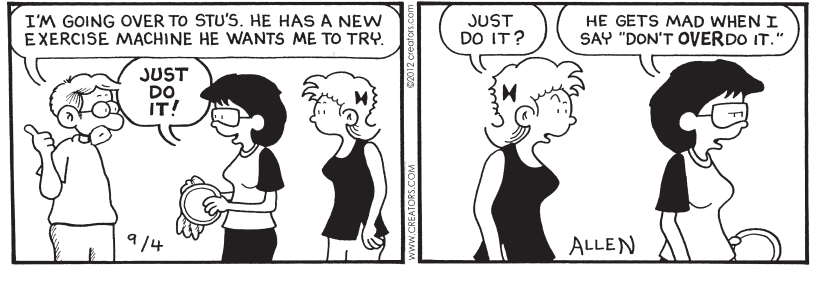
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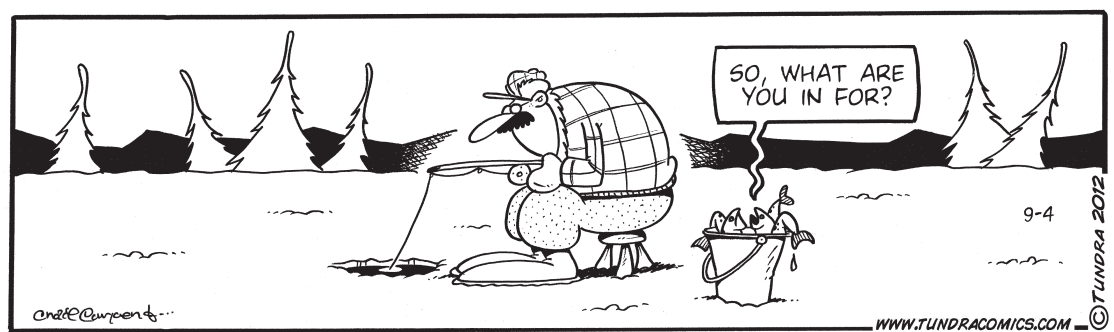
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, Sept. 5, 2012:
This year you express your mellow and reasonable personality to many. Others clearly are drawn to you, no matter what segment of your life you are dealing with; however, your temper becomes explosive and can be triggered easily. To some people, you actually might seem scary. Express your intense feelings in a way that doesn't portray you like a madman or -woman. If you are single, you hook up with someone significant to your life history this year. If you are attached, the two of you gain by leaving town together. You will recharge and enjoy each other's personalities and insights. Plan a longer getaway together. **TAURUS** demands quality and could cost you a pretty penny.
ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ You tend to tell it like it is, but you could go overboard as to how you verbalize your feelings. Note if someone seems to be staggering backward after hearing your words. Perhaps your self-expression might be too dramatic for this person. Tonight: Out on the town.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Your high energy might challenge someone. This person generally exhibits a lot of vitality, too. The two of you might be extremely explosive together. A little diplomacy or even steering clear of each other could work wonders. Tonight: All smiles.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ Zero in on what makes different situations work so well. You know what is needed to make the impression you want. Use self-discipline and think carefully before you say anything, despite someone's steamy words or hostility. Tonight: Get some extra Z's
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ You need to head in a new direction and change the tune you have been singing. Note what is not working. Tap into your creativity with the knowledge that things will get better if you make the correct choices. Tonight: Celebrate your free will.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You like to be acknowledged. The flip side of wanting this approval is that some people might feel free to tell you what you do wrong. It's possible that you'll encounter some negativity. Some people

would like more quality time with you and less limelight. Tonight: Be diplomatic.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You could be overwhelmed by all the options that surround you. Listen to news with more of an open mind. You, like many people, sometimes automatically close down at the mention of new, adventurous ideas. Decide not to. Tonight: Take a stand.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Work with a key person in your life, and you'll gain results quickly and efficiently. You could revise your thinking as a result. Listen and make sure you are on the same page with plans as well as with the vibes of the moment. Tonight: Just do not be alone.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ You are full of get-up-and-go. You see life from a fixed point of view. This trait could be positive in many ways, yet it could cause a collision with someone you deal with daily. Is this disagreement necessary? Tonight: Go with a suggestion.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ Focus on individual tasks instead of getting caught up in someone's story or even your own tales. By detaching, you will see new paths to the same end, given some peace and quiet. A friend or associate does everything he or she can to get your attention. Tonight: Play it low-key.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Your creativity saves the day, be it for yourself or others. A friend might push you beyond your patience and endurance. Though you could react harshly, this person might need to have your limits clarified in a meaningful way. Tonight: Finally having fun.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ Pressure builds within your immediate circle. You could be taken aback by someone's temper, which could impact you emotionally. Communication soars to a new level. Realize what you are asking -- not just the words, but the emotional commitment as well. Tonight: Happy at home.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You could be affected by a lot of disruption. You know when enough is enough, but sitting on chaos could be hard. Your ability to work with others emerges once more. You might want to rethink a decision. Tonight: Accept an invitation that will help you relax.

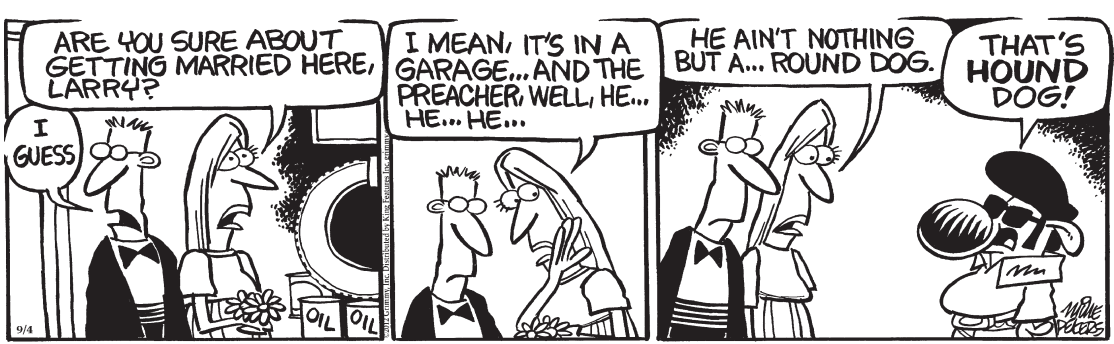
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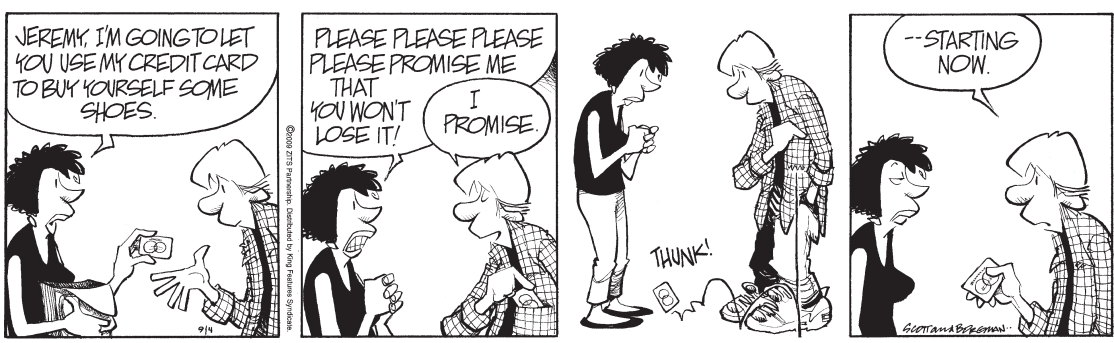
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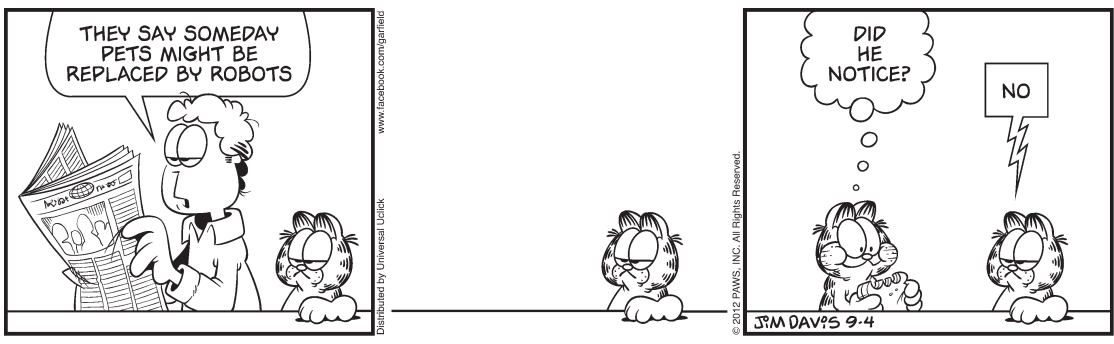
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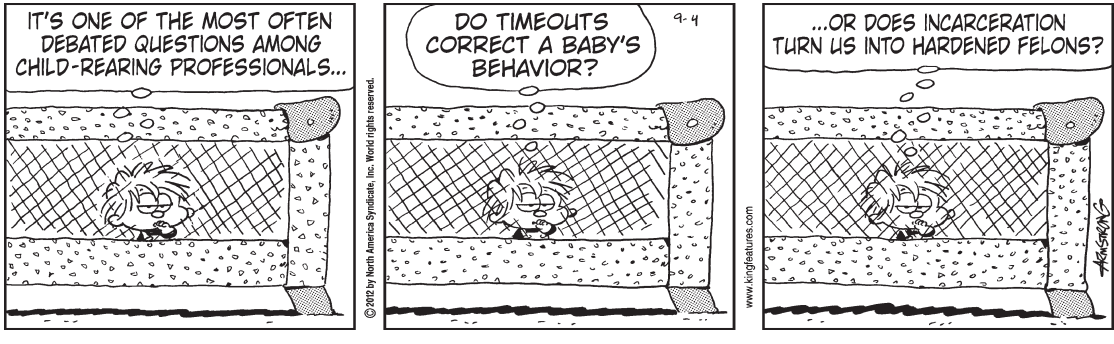
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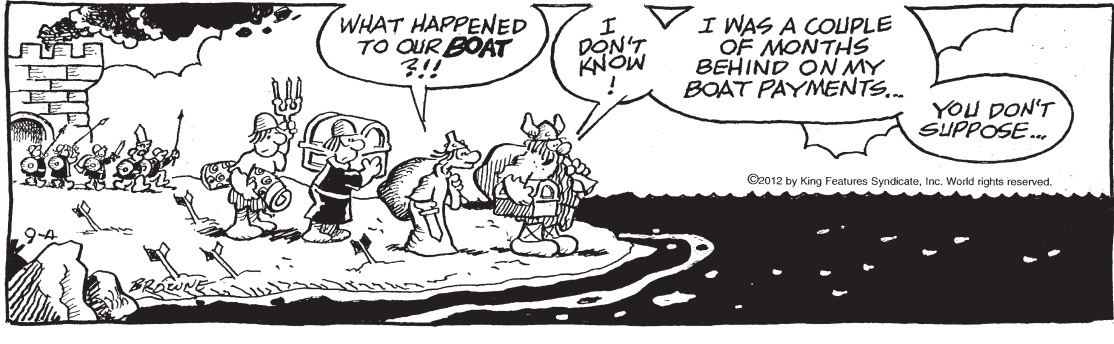
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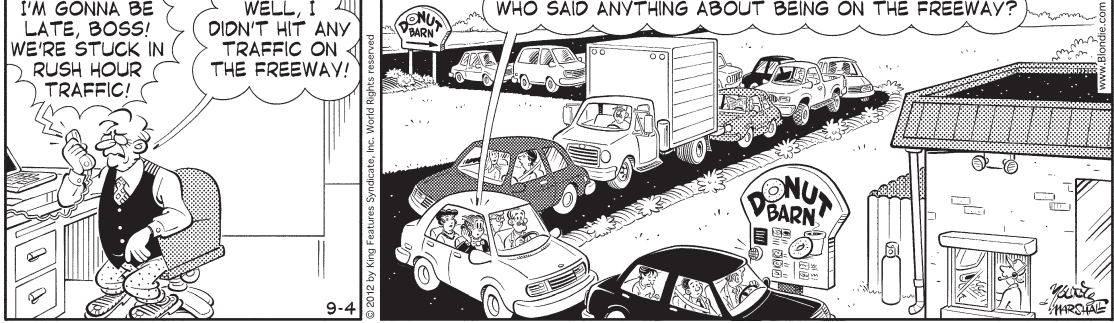
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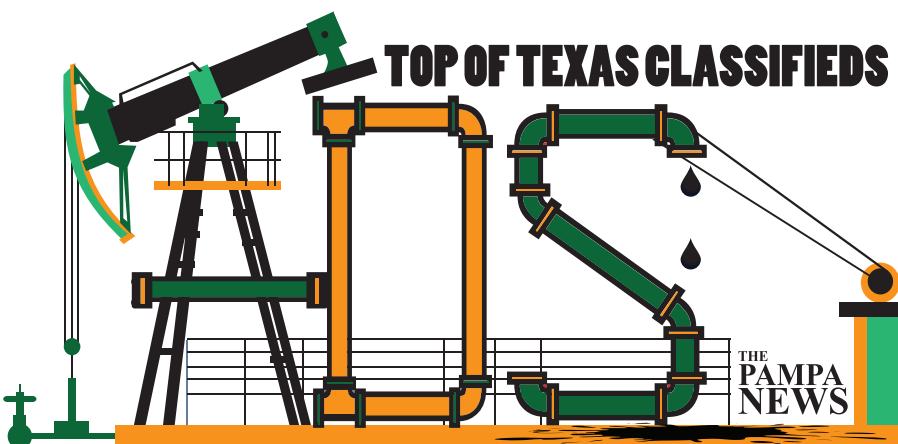


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9-4 CRYPTOQUOTE

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I W A V O L I P V P A L ; M V M Q

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I am a 29-year-old gay man. In my community, coming out at work isn't an option. I really like my job and want to keep it. However, a female colleague is not only trying to persuade me that the two of us would make a good pair, but she has gotten all of our co-workers involved. I'm constantly pressured by my supervisor to "just go out with her and give her a chance."

I have already told everyone, including her, that I'm not interested in mixing my personal life with my professional one, and I want to come to work -- not upgrade my marital status. However, because of my unwillingness to do what they "recommend," the pressure from everyone has gotten worse. I dread coming to the office.

Would it be unethical to hire a "girlfriend" to stop by the office next week to bring me my lunch? Maybe if I kiss and hug her as I say goodbye, my co-workers will finally back off. If not this, can you recommend something else? -- CAN'T COME OUT IN TEXAS

DEAR CAN'T COME OUT: You have described a classic example of sexual harassment and a hostile work environment. Your co-work-

ers and supervisor may consider themselves to be "Cupid's helpers," but their actions could be the basis for a lawsuit. That you are gay has nothing to do with it. If you were straight and preferred not to involve yourself in an office romance that could turn out badly, or felt no chemistry with your aggressor, what is being done to you is intolerable. It's embarrassing and distracts you from your job.

Document everything. Go to your supervisor's boss if necessary and state plainly that you need help to put a stop to this. You do not have to explain why you're not attracted to this desperate woman. If it isn't stopped, talk with an attorney.

I do NOT recommend hiring anyone to pose as a girlfriend, or you may have to put her under long-term contract, which could be expensive in more ways than one.

DEAR TRYING TO COPE: Say, "I'm being treated for a medical condition." And if the person then asks what it is, say, "It's personal. And if it was any of your business, you'd already know the answer to that question."

I'm undergoing chemotherapy for colon cancer. I'm happy to say that I'm doing well. I have a chemo session every two weeks, and afterward there

is a bag I wear for two more days that pumps additional medicine into me. I do what I can to keep the bag out of sight, but it isn't easy. Sometimes the tubing works itself loose and hangs down a bit.

My problem is people seem to feel free to ask me what it's for, and it's really embarrassing. I don't know these people, and for heaven's sake, why would they feel they have the right to ask such a personal question? Some of them have approached me and asked loudly, "Hey! What's that for?" Then they stand there waiting for me to answer the question.

Going through chemo is hard enough physically and psychologically. I don't need some ignorant clod asking me about something so personal. Some won't take no for an answer. Do you have any ideas on how to deal with this? Every time it happens I feel depressed and upset. -- TRYING TO COPE

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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 James of the NBA

7 Nevada neighbor

11 Show up

12 Long story

13 Site of early education

15 Follow

16 Earth's neighbor

18 Goad

21 Seed holders

22 Flower part

24 Gardner of movies

25 Failure

26 Water tester

27 Wish undone

29 George Eliot's "Adam —"

30 College head

31 Heal

32 Writer Asimov

34 Site of vocational education

40 Broad

41 Torino's nation

42 Stench

43 One way to chop peppers

DOWN

1 Fall behind

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Yesterday's answer

19 Playful mammal	31 Spiny plants
20 Radio part	33 "Like that'll happen!"
21 Golf goal	34 Binary base
22 Place	35 Free (of)
23 Antietam general	36 Bustle
25 Thick	37 Flamenco cry
28 Corporate shark	38 Squeak stopper
29 "The 39 Steps" author John	39 Place down

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My mother-in-law is insisting that her adopted son and I each write a eulogy for her, so she can read it before she dies. We don't think her request is appropriate and have told her so, but she keeps insisting. What do you think? -- TO WRITE OR NOT TO WRITE

DEAR T.W. OR NOT T.W.: I think your mother-in-law is starved for compliments, and that's why she's pressuring you. Ask her what she would like to have included in her eulogy, and then do some creative writing. When the time comes to read it, she won't be around -- and you can say whatever you'd like with no repercussions.

DEAR ABBY: My daughter "Sally's" husband, "Donny," left her when she was three months pregnant with their second child. She had to move back in with us to make ends meet, and Donny says it's "too strange" to come here to visit his son. He hasn't paid a nickel of child support since he left Sally. He's seeing another woman and wanted to introduce her to my grandson, but Sally said he would have to pick him up at our house, so he refused.

Three days ago, Donny emailed Sally and asked her to call him when she goes into labor so he and his girlfriend can be there. She replied that he is welcome to come after the baby is born, but the girlfriend is not welcome. He emailed my daughter back that she is immature, and she needs to get used to the idea that the girlfriend is going to be involved in their children's lives and she should "get over it."

We are horrified that he thinks this is OK. What do you think? How do we

handle this? -- UPSET GRANDMA IN MISSOURI
DEAR UPSET GRANDMA: It appears your daughter married a self-centered loser who has been shirking his responsibility to his child. Because there is no reason to think this won't continue when their second child arrives, Sally should start talking with a lawyer, NOW.

As to the email he sent your daughter, she should refuse to take the bait and not respond to it at all. Sometimes silence sends a more eloquent message than anything one could say. It goes without saying that Donny and his girlfriend should not have a front-row seat for the birth of this baby.

DEAR ABBY: We are a youthful senior couple who plan to remain single. We like to travel together. People assume that we are married. I know these inci-

dents will increase on any trip we take.

A straightforward, "Oh, we're not married," seems to cause awkwardness, especially with the age group that will be on these trips. I'd like to avoid lying or allowing the faulty assumption to exist. Any suggestions for the appropriate response? -- COUPLE ON THE GO IN NEW JERSEY

DEAR COUPLE ON THE GO: Couples in your age group who cohabit without marriage often have financial reasons for it. And not all married couples share the same last name. Because you feel you must reveal your single status, the appropriate response is the one you are giving, and you don't have to apologize for it.

BANANAGRAMS!

Using each two- and three-letter word just once, combine a word in the left column with a word in the right column. Then rearrange each five-letter scramble to form a new word that begins with an **A**, **E** or **L** and write it into the appropriate space.

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Yesterday's Answer: ADVANTAGE, RECTANGLE, ARCHITECT

9.3

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

- 1 Locks of hair
- 6 Delicious
- 11 Custody
- 12 "Carmen," for one
- 13 Stallone role
- 14 Make fresh
- 15 Portent
- 17 Decimal base
- 18 Authorization
- 22 Spring up
- 23 Conforms
- 27 Tycoon John Jacob
- 29 44th president
- 30 "Already?"
- 32 October birthstone
- 33 Ed Asner TV series
- 35 Member of the force
- 38 Halt
- 39 Concerning
- 41 Circus worker
- 45 Cat's quarry
- 46 Pageant crown
- 47 Wendy's friend
- 48 Like some beer

DOWN

- 1 Scoundrel
- 2 Much of N. Amer.
- 3 Grog ingredient
- 4 All available workers
- 5 Replay feature
- 6 Twister
- 7 Gorilla or gibbon
- 8 Dis-patched
- 9 Spruce or sequoia
- 10 Show boredom
- 16 Juan Perón's wife
- 18 "Woe is me!"

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Saturday's answer

- 19 Mexican coin
- 20 Light touches
- 21 Contraction
- 24 Mama's mate
- 25 Fed
- 26 Shaker fill
- 28 Weather vane motif
- 31 Squirrel snack
- 34 Reached
- 35 Summer spot for some
- 36 Bassoon's kin
- 37 Sullen look
- 40 Employ
- 42 Small rug
- 43 Memorable time
- 44 Jay-Z's music

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Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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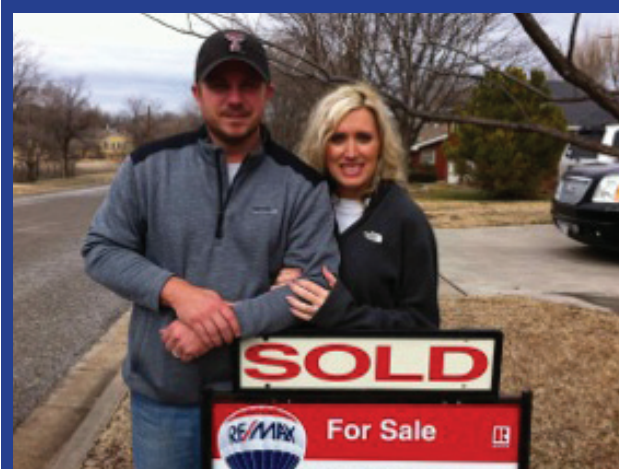


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Lady Harvesters win Borger Cross Country Invitational

BARB AMRHEIM
Special to The Pampa News

The Lady Harvesters cross country program is harvesting gold early in the season. Seniors J'Cee Holmes and Terra Truitt swept the top two spots in the 106 runner field to lead the Lady Harvesters to the team title. "I think it's been about ten years since we've won," said veteran coach Mark Egan. "This is exciting." All five Pampa runners finished among the top 28 to claim the title with 64 points ahead of district rivals Borger in second with 89, Perryton in third with 111 and Dalhart,

who claimed a state berth last year just three points ahead of the Lady harvesters with 113 points. "All of our girls ran well for this early," Egan said. "We were also missing a runner, so we have a chance to be very good." Holmes and Truitt ran second and fourth throughout most of the race, but took advantage of Borger freshman Abby Blansett becoming flustered when she began to take a wrong turn with about 500 meters remaining. As officials sent Blansett back on course, Holmes, running about five yards behind before the mistake, went past the Borger

freshman and began a surge that led to the victory in 12 minutes 12.99 seconds over the approximately two mile course. Truitt, an individual state qualifier as a junior, showed a strong kick in the last 400 meters passing Blansett and Clarendon's Audrey Shelton to take second in 12:23.99 with Blansett third in 12:29.56. Lady Harvester Yesenia Soria finished 15th in 13:27.6 with Claire Hopkins 23rd and Vanessa Ontiveras 28th to round out the Pampa scoring. On the Harvester boys team, only Alex Marrufo and Jose Hernandez par-

ticipated in the boys 3-mile varsity race for the Harvesters, but both runners brought home individual medals with top 25 finishes. Marrufo finished ninth in the 100 runner field with a time 17:59.28 and Hernandez took 17th in 18:21.91. In the boys junior varsity race, Pampa's lone participant, Tyler Whitson, also brought home an individual medal with a 25th place finish in the field of 57 runners. The cross country teams will continue the season this Saturday in Perryton.



Photo courtesy of **Barb Amrhein**
Lady Harvester J'Cee Holmes: Takes the lead on her way to winning the Borger cross country race.



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Lady Harvesters individual winners: J'Cee Holmes, Terra Truitt, Yesenia Soria and Claire Hopkins all finished in the top 25 to earn individual medals and lead Pampa to the team title of the Borger invitational.

Borger invitational results

Girls Class 1A-3A teams (approximately 2 miles):

1. Pampa 64; 2. Borger 89; 3. Perryton 111; 4. Dalhart 113; 5. Gruver 124; 6. Spearman 149; 7. Sunray 163; 8. Boise City 183; 9. Clarendon 197; 10. White Deer 229; 11. Claude 282; 12. Ascension Academy 322; 13. Booker 370.

Individuals (106 finishers):

1. J'Cee Holmes, Pampa, 12:12.99
2. Terra Truitt, Pampa, 12:23.99;
3. Abby Blansett, Borger, 12:29.56;
4. Sara Smith, Dalhart 12:35.34;
5. Audrey Shelton, Clarendon, 12:35.72; 6. Lindsey Williams, Sunray, 12:36.14; 7. Lariat Lerner, Gruver, 12:54.38; 8. Autumn Mizer, Boise City, Okla, 13:03.97; 9. Macy Hubbard, Perryton, 13:08.60;
10. Jasmine Rodriguez, Borger, 13:10.81; 11. Kristen Elizalde, Highland Park, 13:11.86; 12. Esmeralda Medina, Perryton, 13:18.85; 13. Allison Dejong, Dalhart, 13:24.02; 14. Kelsee Roberts, Claude, 13:26.01; 15. Yesenia Soria, Pampa, 13.65; 16. Cintia Martinez, Boise City, 13:28.59; 17. Cynthia Mendoza, Spearman, 13:32.37; 18. Bailey Stedje, Gruver, 13:39.33; 19. Ashley Parsley, White Deer, 13:40;
20. Kayla Banks, Dalhart; 23. Claire Hopkins, Pampa, 13:48.07; 28. Vanessa Ontiveros, Pampa, 13:54.31.

Boys Varsity Teams (3-miles, one Division 1A - 5A):

1. Dumas 53; 2. Randall 87; 3. Perryton 106; 4. Sunray 133; 5. Dalhart 183; 6. Borger 186; 7. Tascosa 188; 8. Hereford 212; 9. Hartley 216; 10. Booker; 11. Panhandle 270; 12. Ascension Academy 271; 13. Gruver 279; 14. Highland Park 296.

Individuals (100 finishers):

1. Miguel Mendez, Dumas, 16:04.3; 2. Blake Robertson, Randall, 16:50.78;
3. Quinlin McGregor, Highland

- Park, 17:15.76; 4. Mitchell Johnson, Hartley, 17:20.74; 5. Alex Carrasco, Perryton 17.25; 6. Derek Wieck, Hartley, 17:41.14; 7. Alex Bond, Perryton, 17:25.94; 8. Blane Thornton, Randall, 17:54.31; 9. Alex Marrufo, Pampa, 17:59.28; 10. Gabriel Ramirez, Hereford, 18:03.55; 11. Kevin Heaton, Dumas, 18:04.73; 12. Ricky Martinez, Perryton, 18:11.07; 13. Isreal Romero, Dumas, 18:11.33; 14. Jorge Arroyo, Sunray, 18:14.13; 15. Eric Gomez, Dumas, 18:14.48; 16. Fabian Galaviz, Sunray, 18:17.35; 17. Jose Hernandez, Pampa, 18:21; 18. Ky Klingsick, Dumas, 18:22.72; 19. J.J. Zalman, Tascosa, 18:24.18; 20. Lane Newcomb, Borger, 18:26.96.

Boys Junior Varsity:

1. Briggs Wittlake, Crockett Middle School, 16:43.09; 25. Tyler Whitson, Pampa 21:43.25 (only Pampa participant).

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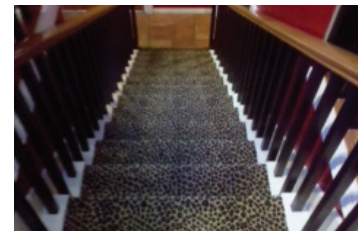


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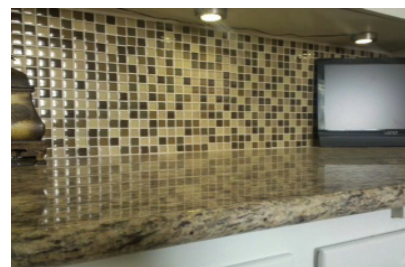


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