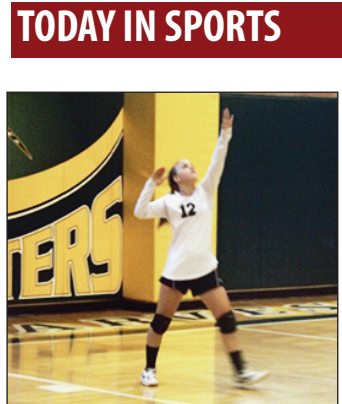


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Possible hostage situation ends without incident

BY TIMOTHY P. HOWSARE
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A possible hostage situation ended Wednesday night with no one harmed and one man arrested. Keith Hart, 37, was arrested and booked at the Gray County Jail for interference with public duties after he refused to comply with police when told to exit a house with family members inside, said Brian Massey, a spokesman for the Pampa Police Department.



Keith Hart

At about 10:35 p.m., officers responded to the 100 block of North Wynne Street on a report of a male subject allegedly armed with a gun. After officers arrived on the scene, the caller, who was waiting outside of the home, told them there were still several family members inside the house with the suspect. The caller told police the lives of the subjects may be in danger. Due to a possible hostage situation, additional units were dispatched to the scene, and the area was blocked off for the protection of those passing by the location, Massey said.

Contact was made with the suspect via telephone and negotiations began in an effort to get him to come outside of the home, but Hart refused to comply.

Officers continued their efforts to get him to surrender, and at 11:37 p.m. he exited the home unarmed and was taken into custody.

Police determined that no subjects inside the home were harmed and that they had not been held against their will, Massey said.

"It turned out to be not as bad as what the caller told us," Massey said. "Both the caller and suspect had gotten into an argument. He (Hart) was arrested for failing to cooperate with the investigation."

Massey added Hart was under the influence of alcohol.

Land for sale



Photos by Timothy P. Howsare

Above, Tom "Spanky" Assiter, standing and wearing suit, leads the McLean Ranch auction while his bid assistants, dressed in orange shirts, work the crowd. Below, 109 bidders attended the auction.

Four-hour McLean Ranch auction brings in \$16.8 million for Amarillo developer.

BY TIMOTHY P. HOWSARE
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If you were in the market for some choice ranch property in the Panhandle, the place to be was the McLean Cowboy Church on Thursday.

Amarillo developer George Chapman's 16,000-acre McLean Ranch was auctioned to the public in 43 tracts.

The auction was estimated to bring in between \$8 to \$24 million for the developer, who earlier this year faced possible foreclosures on several of his commercial



properties in Amarillo. Yesterday's auction was not forced by any of Chapman's creditors. Chapman, who bought the ranch about 30 years ago to raise cattle, was selling the 43 tracts directly to buyers. The auction started at 10 a.m.,

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PISD explains attendance policy

BY LINDSEY TOMASCHIK
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Stuart Smith, attendance officer and transportation director, is in charge of keeping track of attendance for the seven schools in the Pampa Independent School District. Smith and Belinda Elms, attendance clerk, are in charge of absences, which can sometimes get confusing for parents and students.

Each school used to be in charge of its own attendance and absentee policies, but due to the inconsistencies between the different schools, the district decided to dedicate an office to this department in order to keep everything uniform. This office has been operating for three years now, and Elms said that the policy is now the same for all seven schools.

"We even have it set up so that even those enrolled in the pre-k programs go by the same attendance policy as everyone else from kindergarten to 12th grade," Elms said.

Still, there is some confusion between the three categories of absences: excused, verified and unexcused absences. Although Smith and Elms work to communicate the differences to the best of their ability, sometimes it's hard to

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Photo by Lindsey Tomaschik

Harvester's tidy facilities provide its employees with a productive work environment.

Harvester Cleaners voted Pampa's best dry cleaners

BY LINDSEY TOMASCHIK
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Since opening four years ago, Harvester Cleaners has established itself as a top-of-the-line business with quality service. Owner John Locke, who grew up in Miami, opened the business upon returning home after living in Austin for 18 years.

Locke enjoys doing business in Pampa because he likes interacting with the people here and the surrounding communities. "People in Pampa and the surrounding area are friendly and understanding. I like the personality of the people here, and they make our job more enjoyable.

When it comes to his philosophy on customer service, Locke strives to always create a good customer experience because he realizes if the customer has a good experience with Harvester, it is because of the good service. "People enjoy the service they get here. I encourage all of my staff to be the best they can be. In a small town, word of mouth advertising is huge, and it can lead to the success or failure of a business, so awards like this mean a lot as it reassures us that the work we put out is appreciated."

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Today	Saturday	Sunday
High 78 Low 59	High 81 Low 61	High 89 Low 61

Today: Isolated thunderstorms with a high of 78. Chance of rain: 30 percent. Winds south-east at 13 mph. Sunrise at 7:25 a.m.

Tonight: Scattered thunderstorms with a low of 59. Chance of rain: 50 percent. Winds south-east at 13 mph. Sunset at 7:54 p.m.

Saturday: Partly cloudy with a high of 81. Chance of rain: 10 percent. Winds south at 14 mph. Sunrise at 7:26 a.m.

Saturday night: Partly cloudy with a low of 61. Chance of rain: 10 percent. Winds south at 9 mph. Sunset at 7:52 p.m.

Sunday: Partly cloudy with a high of 89. Chance of rain: 10 percent. Winds south-southwest at 14 mph. Sunrise at 7:27 a.m.

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For the record

Pampa woman arrested for assault

STAFF REPORT

• Jessica Michell Hunnicutt, 37, Pampa, was arrested Wednesday by the Gray County Sheriff's Office for assault with intent to cause bodily injury.

• Shawn David Sander-son, 35, Chandler, Ariz., was arrested Wednesday by GCSO for violation of probation — forgery of a financial instrument.

• Keith Thomas Hart, 37, Pampa, was arrested Wednesday by the Pampa Police Department for interfering with public duties.

Rep. King announces re-election

SUBMITTED

Representative Ken King announced he will seek reelection to continue to serve the constituents of House District 88. King was elected last November and was sworn in to office in January 2013.



Ken King

While this was King's first session, with a regular and three special sessions, he came out of the summer like a seasoned veteran. "We finished a very productive regular session with several key items yet to be addressed. We managed to wrap things up and I was able to get back to my family and the good people

of the panhandle just before summer ended," King said.

Speaker Joe Straus, who makes committee assignments, could see great potential in Representative King. He put him on the House Public Education Committee as well as the Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence Committee.

With King's background as a school board member and proponent of public schools, he had experience and knowledge to offer the committee. Committee members frequently sought his advice and counsel on rural schools. "You sent me to Austin to fight for District 88. One of the most important things we work on is education. Our very existence depends on a first class school system. Rural Texas deserves as much focus when it comes to schools as their urban counterparts. I'm proud of

my mission," King said.

King spent a great deal of time explaining that public school equity doesn't always mean equal dollars.

"Equity means that all children have the opportunity to be educated equally. A student in Miami, Texas should be able to take the same classes that are offered to a student in Houston," King stated.

"I learned a lot this session. A lot about the diversity of Texas, and the people in it. I didn't carry a lot of legislation because I don't believe in quantity, I believe in quality. With over 6,000 bills filed this past session, we need less government, not more," King said. "I have work left to do, which is why I'm running for re-election. I want to keep government out of your lives and provide a quality education for our children. We need good

roads and water for all the businesses and people that are moving here. It's no secret that Texas is the best state in the nation to do business, but it won't be if we don't give her a strong infrastructure to go with it."

King was also honored to be appointed by Speaker Straus to both The Energy Horizon Institute as well as the Energy Council. King is the only legislator from Texas who will be attending The Energy Horizon Institute, which educates legislators on the industry in general. The Energy Council is a legislative organization of 12 energy producing states, four Canadian provinces and the nation of Venezuela.

King is Vice President of King Well Service in Canadian. He and his wife Robin are busy raising their two children who attend public schools in Canadian.

Farm Service Agency acreage reporting dates for 2014

SUBMITTED

Gray/Roberts County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) acting Executive Director Cecelia Cloud announced that producers who file accurate and timely reports for all crops and land uses, including failed acreage can prevent the potential loss of FSA program benefits. Please pay close attention to the acreage reporting dates below, as some dates have changed for 2014.

"In order to comply with FSA program eligibility requirements, all producers are encouraged to visit the Gray/Roberts County FSA office to file an accurate crop certification report by

the applicable deadline," said Cloud.

The following acreage reporting dates are applicable for Gray/Roberts County:

Nov. 15, 2013: Alfalfa; native and improved grasses for grazing and forage.

Dec. 15, 2013: Wheat for grain or for forage; rye for grain, forage or grazing; triticale for grazing or forage; barley for grain, grazing or forage; spring oats for grazing.

May 15, 2014: Spring oats for forage.

July 15, 2014: Corn, millet, all types of sorghum forage for grazing or forage; CRP.

Oct. 15, 2014: Winter wheat for grazing; winter oats for grazing.

The following exceptions apply to the above acreage reporting dates:

• If the crop has not been planted by the above acreage reporting date, then the acreage must be reported no later than 15 calendar days after planting is completed.

• If a producer acquires additional acreage after the above acreage reporting date, then the acreage must be reported no later than 30 calendar days after purchase or acquiring the lease. Appropriate documentation must be provided to the county office.

• If a perennial forage crop is reported with the intended use of "cover only," "green manure,"

"left standing," or "seed" then the acreage must be reported by July 15th.

According to Cloud, Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) policy holders should note that the acreage reporting date for NAP covered crops is the earlier of the dates listed above or 15 calendar days before grazing or harvesting of the crop begins.

Additionally, producers can purchase both NAP and RMA coverage for 2014 annual forage crops. NAP coverage will not be available for 2015 annual forage crops.

After September 15, 2013, late-file fees will be assessed for 2013 and 2014 late-file acreage reports.

For questions regarding crop certification and crop loss reports, please contact the Gray/Roberts County FSA office at 806-665-6561 ext 2.

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keep it all straight, they said.

For excused absences, there are six occasions that qualify: religious holy days (with approved documentation), required court appearances, activities related to obtaining United States citizenship, service as an election clerk and perhaps the one causing the most confusion, documented health care appointments (if the student attends school and the appointment in the same day). Any junior or senior student is also permitted to miss up to

two days for college visits with prior approval from the principal as long as he or she follows the campus procedure to verify the visit and makes up missed work. District approved extracurricular or co-curricular activities are not considered absences under the compulsory attendance requirements.

Now, back to the category that causes the most confusion among parents and students regarding excused absences, documented health care appointments (as long as the student attends school and the appointment in the same day). This category requires that the student spends some amount of the school day in

school either before or after the doctor's appointment. Smith said it could be as little as 15 minutes, as long as he or she is accounted for before or after going to the appointment and brings proper documentation from the appointment for school records. If a student does not attend school but brings a doctor's note for the date of the absence, this is considered a verified absence.

A verified absence is when the school is made aware of the absence by a parent or guardian the same day of the absence either in person or by phone. An absence with documentation that is not an excused absence, such as a doctor's note for a day the student

did not attend school at all, is also considered a verified absence. Another example of a verified absence would be if a student attended school, became ill and the school nurse sent him or her home that day. Verified absences are not excused.

The final category of absences is an unexcused absence. This is when the school is not made aware of the student's absence and there is no formal documentation presented.

Although it's early in the school year, there are already students in jeopardy of paying consequences for absences. It is the district policy to send a letter home when a student reaches his or her fourth verified or un-

excused absence. After the seventh of these absences, a conference will be scheduled in addition to another letter. After nine verified or unexcused absences, there will be a letter and another conference at which the school principal may choose to include the superintendent.

At 10 absences, the district may institute judicial proceedings against the parent and/or student with formal truancy charges as well.

It is state law to have 90 percent attendance, and a student may be considered truant if he or she has a combination of 10 or more verified or unexcused absences within a six-month period

in the same school year or three or more absences within a four-week period. Although the Pampa ISD policy on this is flexible depending on communication between school and parent and circumstances of the absence, a student with less than 90 percent attendance could face loss of course credit for the semester or school year, court charges, both of these or none of the preceding at the discretion of the principal.

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For more information about the Pampa ISD attendance policy, call 806-669-4700.

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Auction

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but by 9:30 the parking lot of the church was completely full and cars and trucks were parking in the grass along the road.

In charge of the auction was Tom "Spanky" Assiter, whose Amarillo-based Assiter Auctioneers is known across the country for large real estate auctions.

Bidders filled every seat in the church's spacious sanctuary, or watched on a video feed in the church's community room.

In the lobby, representatives from lending institutions were on hand to assist buyers with financing.

Blain Eubank, who works at Panhandle-Plains Land Bank in Pampa, said this was not the first land auction he's attended as a lender, but probably the largest.

"This has to have more acres than any I've been to," he said.

Tyson Paronto, chief appraiser for the Gray County Appraisal District, attended because he wanted to become more informed on what ranch property is selling for in Gray County. He said yesterday's event was his first land auction.

"This is a good indicator on what land values will be," he said.

The ranch, widely known for its game and fishing, includes areas with mature trees, pasture land and irrigated tillable land, which will be offered in approximately 50 tracts ranging from about 40 to 1,280 acres. It has more than five miles of creeks and six lakes, one of which is more than 50 acres. It is spread out over 25 square miles in Gray and Wheeler counties.

Amarillo resident John Parker, owner of Parker Boats in Pampa, was there as a bidder.

Parker said he was looking to buy if the price was right.

"I might want to buy

some land," he said. "But it will probably go for more than what I want to pay."

Promptly at 10 a.m., Assiter took center stage and gave the bidders a run down on how the auction would be conducted and what was expected if they bought a tract.

He asked bidders to make sure they received their packets, then said that at the advice of his lawyer he was supposed to go over everything with them.

"But I don't always listen to lawyers," he said. "I don't want to insult your intelligence but I will go over some parts of the packet with you." Assiter said all tracts were vacant land except for one tract that had a house. Every successful bidder was required to pay a 10 percent premium. In other words, if a winning bid was \$100,000, the buyer had to pay an additional \$10,000.

Buyers were required to sign a contract and put down a 5 percent deposit by personal check, money

order or certified check. Credit and debit cards were not accepted.

On closing day 45 days after the auction, the balance had to be paid or the bidder would forfeit his deposit.

On closing day, the land and everything on it will be conveyed from Chapman to the buyer.

Someone asked if that included mineral rights, and Assiter answered yes, pointing out that whatever minerals may lay under the land are unknown to Chapman.

"Mr. Chapman bought the land for cattle and did not have a mineral search done," he said. "Whatever is on the land is conveyed to the new owner, and that includes water, wind, gas and oil rights.

Assiter also pointed out that the ranch was being divided up by tracts, not acres.

So, for instance, if you bought a tract that was listed as 640 acres and at a later date a surveyor told

you it was only 632 acres, Chapman was not going to give you any money back.

Likewise, if the land was surveyed at 645 acres, you didn't owe any money to Chapman.

Before the auction started, the church's pastor, Ronnie Ferguson, gave an invocation.

Looking out at a crowd ready to spend some big money, Ferguson asked jokingly, "Can we take up a collection?"

To show his appreciation to Ferguson for letting the auctioneers use his church, Assiter auctioned off an air compressor, electric generator and air compressor and donated the proceeds to the church.

The auction lasted for more than four hours. The total sale price was \$16,797,000, with 19 different buyers. All sales were confirmed by Chapman. There were 109 bidders and an overflow crowd.

Cleaners

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vester is successful, the employees. Locke said he is grateful and fortunate to have the team he has. "Any business, especially in the service industry, is only as good as its staff and the quality work they provide."

"We put out quality work in a timely manner and that's something I believe our customers appreciate." Harvester prides itself on

this aspect of their work, as they provide same-day service which is a main perk that attracts customers to Harvester.

Over the years, Locke said Harvester has improved by taking feedback and accommodating the customers' preferences. Locke knows that each customer is different and each one is going to have different needs therefore they are constantly changing with the customer. "It's an ongoing work in progress and we continue to better our-

selves by listening to our customers."

Locke would like to thank Pampa and the surrounding communities for their support and looks forward to many successful years ahead. As for the future of Harvester Cleaners, Locke

said he wants to continue to be a part of the community and provide a good service. "There is opportunity in Pampa and the panhandle and I plan to stay in the area and see the business have continued success," Locke said.

DPS announces driver responsibility incentive program

SUBMITTED BY DPS

AUSTIN — The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) is now offering eligible drivers with unpaid Driver Responsibility Program (DRP) surcharges significant reductions in fees owed as part of a new Incentive Program. In addition, drivers can now apply for the already existing Indigency Program and the new Incentive Program through one application process, which ensures that customers who are denied indigency status will automatically be considered for the Incentive Program if they are eligible. Both programs were created by the Texas Legislature.

The Incentive Program applies to individuals whose total household income is above 125 percent but below 300 percent of the federal poverty level, as defined annually by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The surcharge fees are reduced by 50 percent of the total amount assessed, plus service fees. It also removes all surcharge license suspensions for six months from the date of approval but not other suspensions on the driving record.

which began in 2011, applies to individuals whose total household income is at or below 125 percent of the federal poverty level, as defined annually by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Surcharges are reduced to a maximum of \$250 or 10 percent of the total amount assessed (whichever is less), plus service fees. It also removes all surcharge license suspensions for six months from the time of approval but not other suspensions on the driving record.

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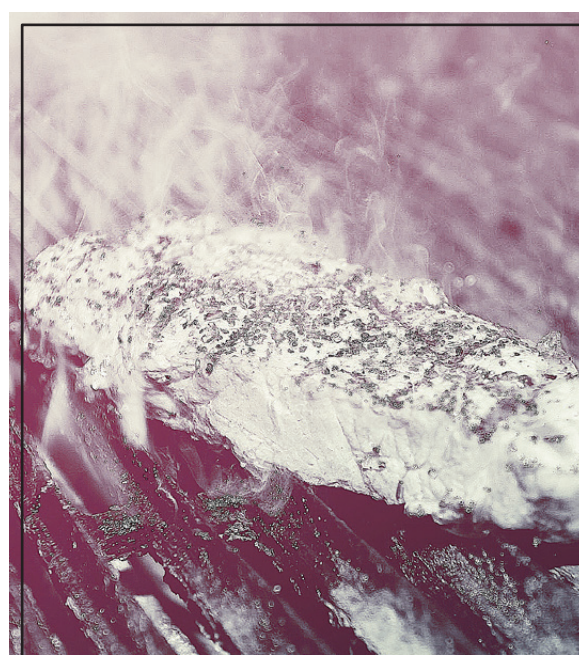
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Viewpoints

Back to school in a new mood

It used to be that most kids hated early September: those back-to-school ads all over the place and the dreaded specter of another long year sitting in front of Ms. Crabtree or whomever. Most baby boomers like me equated Labor Day with a trip to the dentist.



BILL O'REILLY

is this possible?

I think I know. Simply put, many American children want to get away from their parents, some of whom micromanage every move they make. These days, everything is set up for the kids. No longer do they have any freedom. It's play-date this, sporting activity that. Camp here, seminar there. Climb a tree? You could be arrested — and you might even get dirty!

So children experience more

freedom at school than they do at home.

In the hallways, they can relate to other kids and engage in actual conversations and horseplay without Mom hovering around. Also, the high-tech gizmos in many classrooms give kids some power over their academic performance. So school is cool and much more stimulating than home.

My high school experience was mainly tedious.

I had to take Latin. Amo, amas, amat. I am bored; you are bored; he, she or it is bored (loose translation). Five days a week, I fought slipping into a coma.

But when I got home, the fun began. My mother wanted me out of the house. The rule was be home by 6 and don't assault anyone. I ran wild. Tackle football without equipment, stickball in the street and competitive basketball on a cement court. It was nonstop action with no adults in sight. Why would anyone want to go to school?

Today, adults are swarming their kids like ants on Haagen-Dazs. The tykes are rarely unattended. Instead, they are shuttled from

venue to venue in enormous SUVs driven by mothers holding a huge cup of Starbucks in one hand and a cellphone in the other. Leisure time is often contrived and full of pressure to win a black belt or master perfect ballet moves.

Wouldn't you rather be in school?

The obsession with offspring is part of an overall narcissistic plague that has infected the USA. Children are now extensions of their parents' egos. They are scorecards.

The parents win if their kids do well in whatever. The children feel this very personal pressure so much that school demands are almost a relief.

So three cheers for the beginning of the school term. After a summer of smother, the urchins are finally free to express themselves in classrooms all across America.

Amazing how things have changed.

Veteran TV news anchor Bill O'Reilly is host of the Fox News show "The O'Reilly Factor" and author of the book "Pinheads and Patriots: Where You Stand in the Age of Obama."

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Road to Damascus

Some things you just have to do, in spite of great uncertainty.



JOHN STOSSEL

Launching missiles at Syria isn't one of them.

Many pundits talk about going to war as if all we have to do is make up our minds about what "ought" to happen — who the bad guys are — and the rest is just details. If we decide we must punish a tyrant, let the military worry about how to get it done.

We ought to worry more about details.

Everyone agrees there are huge "known unknowns" in Syria — we barely know the composition of the rebel movement we're supposed to aid — but we should be more concerned about "unknown unknowns," to borrow former Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld's phrase.

Remember the confidence with which he and other Bush administration officials described their plans to remake Iraq? Dick Cheney said, "We will, in fact, be greeted as liberators." The Wall Street Journal beat the drums for war for a year. I read that Iraq was full of repressed democratic activists just waiting for Saddam to be overthrown.

Pundits also argued that once the authoritarian ruler was gone, Iraq would blossom into a showcase of peace and democracy that would inspire transformation throughout the region. I wanted to believe it. Once they had a choice, why wouldn't they pursue our way of life? It's clearly better!

Instead, we've spent more than a decade fighting feuding factions that most Americans have never heard of — and still can't name.

When pro-war pundits did admit to uncertainty about what would happen in Iraq, it was often to stoke fear about what would happen if we didn't intervene. Saddam might use chemical weapons! Saddam might get nukes! Well, maybe.

I'm glad Saddam is gone, and Iraqis are better off. But the masses yearning to breathe free turned out to include more troublemakers than we expected.

I don't trust John Kerry, but I'll accept his claim that Syria's leaders probably used chemical weapons to kill 1,400 people. Horrible.

But are we going to

enforce a "red line" to tell dictators that if they murder their people, they better use conventional weapons?

Even if that's the goal, our options are limited. Maybe we'll:

—Lob a few cruise missiles, like Bill Clinton did in Sudan.

—Hit Assad's compound, killing hundreds of innocents, without killing Assad.

—Kill Assad himself and then ... what?

President Obama argues that limited intervention in Syria might accomplish good more quickly and cheaply than our efforts in Iraq did. He said he wants a two-day engagement instead of months of fighting.

But we thought that would happen in Iraq, too. We didn't foresee years of civil war. What do we fail to foresee now? More intervention from Russia? China? Iran? World war?

Even if the conflict remains localized and contained — a dangerous assumption in the "fog of war" — we can't assume that a new government will be more democratic or tolerant than Assad's regime.

We already know that the rebel forces include factions allied with al-Qaida. Some of those people execute Christians and want to replace Assad's repressive but multi-faith regime with Islamic totalitarianism. If they murder Christians while still fighting Assad, what will they do once in power?

Years ago, al-Qaida (and Osama bin Laden) gained power because America funded "rebels" fighting the Russians in Afghanistan.

Given what happened on Sept. 11, 2001, there are worse things than leaving murderous Russian-backed governments in place.

I hate Assad. I hate what's happened in Syria. I also hate what happened in Rwanda and Darfur and what still happens in Somalia, China, Russia, Zimbabwe and so on. But there's just not much we can do about it without making new enemies and exacerbating America's coming bankruptcy.

America cannot police the world and shouldn't try.

Defense should mean defense. Unless we are attacked, we shouldn't go to war.

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Benghazi, censored or spun

When we last checked in on Barack Obama discussing Benghazi on the network news, he was reassuring Brian Williams on the Oct. 25 "Rock Center" that "we're going to do a full investigation." It's a year later, and it's still "we are going to."



BRENT BOZELL

Last fall, Williams and Obama posed as curious for answers on how this disaster happened. Neither of them has demonstrated any noticeable curiosity since.

A new Media Research Center study of Benghazi coverage in 2013 on ABC, CBS and NBC shows there are two routine modes of operation: (a) praising Team Obama's public relations and (b) silence.

The first option came during Hillary Clinton's ridiculous outburst in her January testimony asking, "What difference does it make?" how four Americans died in a terrorist attack.

Diane Sawyer at ABC offered thumbs up for "the fiery appearance for Secretary of State Hillary Clinton. ... The indignation and then the tears in her eyes."

But NBC was goopier. Brian Williams proclaimed Clinton "leaves her post as the most admired woman in the world in the Gallup poll, for the 11th year in a row." Then reporter An-

drea Mitchell lauded her professionalism: "Parrying hostile questions all day, Clinton was also the political pro. Massaging big egos, sidestepping attacks when she could. When she couldn't, giving as good as she got."

The only other real outbursts of Benghazi news came during the brief Obama-scandal outbreak in May. The riveting House testimony of Greg Hicks, the deputy to deceased Ambassador Chris Stevens, was recognized by the networks as "dramatic" and "emotional," but it didn't really change their incuriosity. None of the networks brought Hicks on to retell it in a live exclusive interview at the time.

As usual, the other news networks are trying to ignore the news Fox reports. On April 29, an anonymous source inside the special-operations community claimed many people connected to the Benghazi siege feel threatened and are afraid to talk. "The problem is, you got guys in my position, you got guys in special operations community who are still active and still involved," the source said. "And they would be decapitated if they came forward with information that would affect high level commanders."

On the same day on "Special Report with Bret Baier," Correspondent James Rosen reported at least three career State Department employees and at least one more at the CIA had retained lawyers (or were in the

process of doing so) to provide sensitive information to Congress about Benghazi.

"The four consider themselves whistleblowers and want their counsel to receive the security clearances that would enable them to review classified documents," Rosen said. "But the lawyer representing one of the employees at State told us the department is not providing a process for that and even worse, is actively threatening her client and the others."

The other networks didn't breathe a word about this, and when Obama was pressed on April 30 by Fox's Ed Henry, he pleaded ignorance: "I'm not familiar with this notion that anybody has been blocked from testifying." Network coverage of all this? Zero.

Months of incuriosity followed. On July 18, Congressman Frank Wolf went to the House floor to claim survivors of the Benghazi attack were being forced to sign non-disclosure agreements.

The charge emerged again on the Aug. 1 edition of CNN's The Lead with Jake Tapper. Reporter Drew Griffin relayed: "CNN has learned the CIA is involved in what one source calls an unprecedented attempt to keep the spy agencies' Benghazi secrets from ever leaking out. Since January, some CIA operatives involved in the agency's missions in Libya have been subjected to frequent, even monthly polygraph examinations."

Where on earth are the "watchdogs" of the press? Napping around the president's feet.

On Sept. 3, Paul Bardard of the Washington Examiner revealed that in a new book by former government agent Fred Burton called "Under Fire," it's "revealed that an unidentified security official in the Benghazi compound protecting Ambassador J. Christopher Stevens messaged the U.S. embassy in Tripoli: 'Benghazi under fire, terrorist attack.'" CBS alone granted Burton an interview. He said, "The moment that the first round was fired, the agents that were there knew absolutely that this was a terrorist attack." But strangely, the names "Obama" and "Clinton" and "Susan Rice" never came up.

One year has elapsed, and the administration has failed to bring any of the Benghazi murderers to justice.

The families of the lost Americans and the survivors of the attack have been completely ignored by the TV bookers, no matter how much they are demonized or silenced by Team Obama.

This jaw-dropping journalistic failure underscores why the press deserves an approval rating in the single digits.

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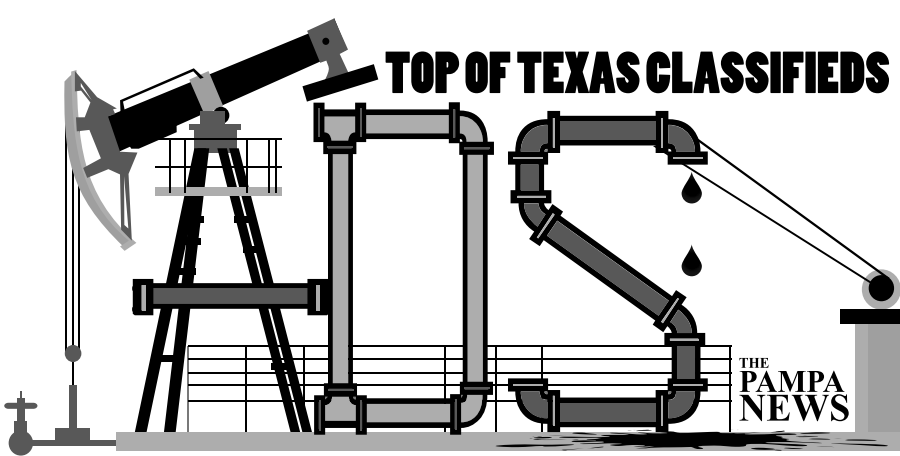


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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: Now that California law prohibits drivers from using cellphones and texting while driving, an additional issue needs to be addressed and acted upon. Bicyclists are supposed to abide by the vehicle codes, too, but they rarely do — and that includes not wearing protective gear.

I'm now seeing people on bikes texting, talking while riding and routinely ignoring stop signs. Disappointingly, I have never seen a single rider pulled over or ticketed for doing this. How many lives must be destroyed or lost before the police start enforcing penalties for the danger these people cause to others? — CARING READER, SACRAMENTO, CALIF.

DEAR CARING READER: You're asking something I have been asking myself for some time. I understand that teenagers may think they're immortal as they whiz along the streets, but the adults I see weaving in and out and ignoring stop signs are old enough to know better.

Many cities promote bicycling as a way to mitigate traffic congestion and encourage a healthier, more active lifestyle. Police may ignore the infractions because they have more serious crimes to attend to. Or perhaps they have been instructed to do so. (If members of law enforcement would like to address this, I'd love to hear from you.)

While I'm on the subject of cyclists, I should mention my own concern about riders who wear dark clothing and ride after dark. Not all neighborhoods are well lit, and I have seen near misses because of it.

Although dark colors are fashionable, wouldn't it make sense for people who ride at night to wear jackets with reversible linings in a lighter color? (I have seen a few with fluorescent trim, but there haven't been many.) And if drivers are pulled over for broken or missing headlights or taillights, shouldn't the same be true for bicyclists?

DEAR ABBY: My son

serves on a ship in the Navy in an area known for terrorism. People who know this tell me how safe his ship is, how strong the U.S. military is, etc.

PLEASE, people, when I (or anyone else who has a family member in the military) ask for prayers or express concern, do NOT offer these platitudes. Understand that our fears are real, and so are our tears.

Offer a hug, a handshake, say you will pray for us — but understand that until our loved ones are back on U.S. soil, our fears and tension won't lessen. Unless you have been in our shoes,

you can't know how we feel when we watch the news because we have no true idea of what is going on. Our military family members can't tell us, and often we have no (or limited) contact with them. I cry alone often.

I am proud of my son for his service and even encouraged it, but this is a rough time for me and others who are in this situation. — MILITARY MOTHER

DEAR MILITARY MOTHER: Thank you for writing. Many people are uncomfortable when they encounter an emotional situation and don't know what to say. Their impulse

is to "make it better," not realizing that sometimes a gesture is more eloquent than words can be.

I agree with you that when a loved one is in harm's way, it is an emotional roller-coaster ride for all concerned — the parents, the siblings, the spouses and the children of our servicemen and -women.

TO MY JEWISH READERS. Tonight at sundown, Yom Kippur, our Day of Atonement begins. For observant Jewish people, this is a time to fast, to reflect, to pray and formally repent for any sins that might have been committed during the previous Hebrew year. To all of you, may your fast be an easy one.

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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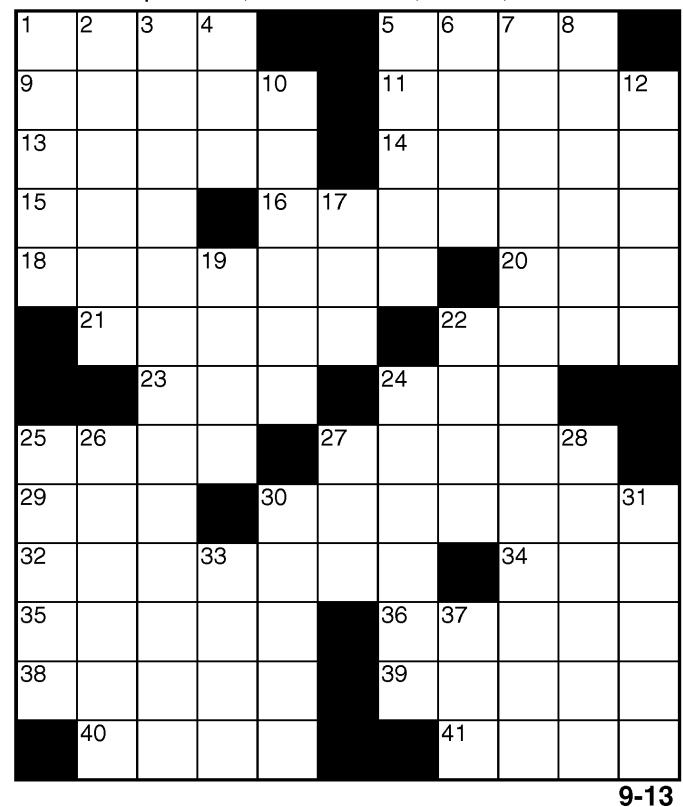
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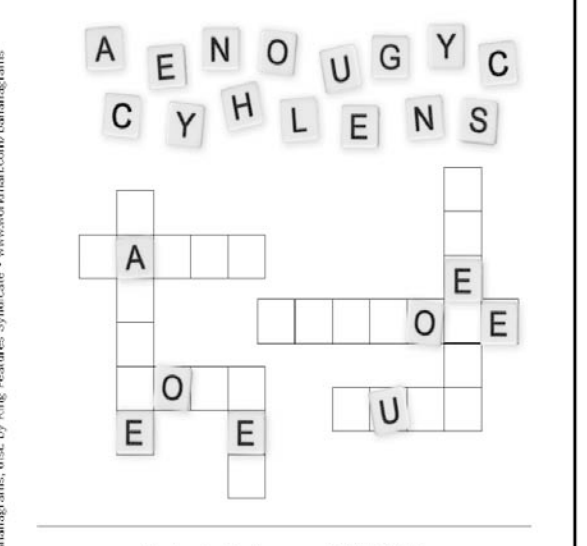
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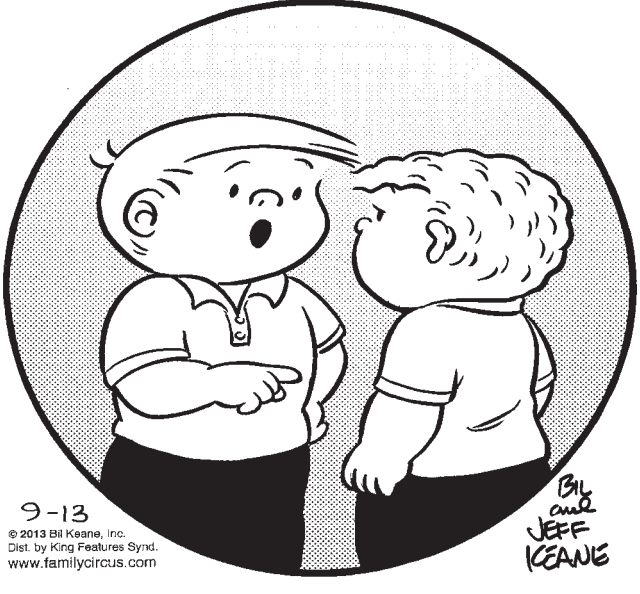
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Nest Heads



daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Saturday, Sept. 14, 2013:
This year you feel unusually fortunate, and you'll manifest what you want. Your desires might not arrive in the form that you think they should, but it will happen nonetheless. Be careful what you wish for, as you are likely to receive it. If you are single, you will meet someone through your friends, or a friendship could become more. If you are attached, the two of you will experience a lot of romance, but don't forget to work on your friendship as well. CAPRICORN could be very attracted to you. Proceed with care.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Others look to you for their plans. Be ready for a lot of changes and good times. You flex well and know how to adjust. Someone will become very contrary. Your creativity could help loosen up others — especially this person. Tonight: Watch a spontaneous party begin.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Make calls early in the day. You will want to readjust your schedule, so make that OK. Conversations could evoke many different thoughts. Listen to someone's words, and you will gain more insight into what is happening in his or her mind. Tonight: Choose a movie.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ You will be happiest dealing with one person at a time. You usually feel good around a close loved one, though he or she can be rigid at times. Your flexibility might be needed in order to help this person process his or her feelings. Tonight: Visit over dinner at a new restaurant.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ You might want to see a situation differently, but you could experience difficulty getting to the bottom of the matter. Someone you care about might put up a wall that you can't seem to break down. If you give this person some space, he or she probably will come forward. Tonight: Out and about.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ Get into a favorite game. Exercise will reduce tension levels. A dear loved one might start discussing something that he or she always has wanted to have happen. You will be inclined to manifest this desire. The two of you will become much closer as a result. Tonight: Pace yourself.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Your imagination speaks. Others respond in kind and share their thoughts as well. A loved one might surprise you with a choice involving a goal that might not be totally grounded in reality. You have the gift of practicality. Can you make it happen? Tonight: Hang loose.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ Stay close to home. You have much to do, like convincing a family member of the rightness of an idea that could influence both of your personal lives. A male friend could push you hard to go along with his idea. Don't be afraid to say "enough." Tonight: Settle in. Make it easy.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Listen to what is going on behind the scenes. You know what is acceptable, and you know your limits. The wise move at this time would be to not push too hard and to let matters fall as they may. Do not interfere with a child or loved one. Tonight: Head to a favorite haunt.

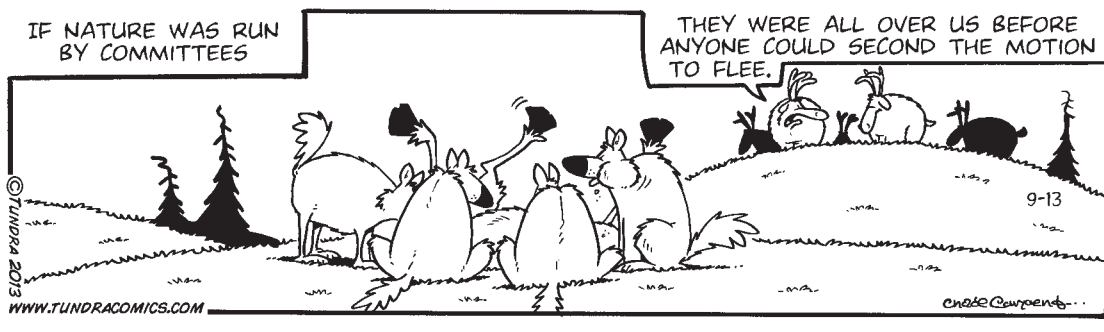
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ Curb a tendency to overindulge, regardless of how difficult it might be. Look at the ramifications, then decide. You could be missing a major point concerning a financial decision. Do not make any commitments at this present moment. Tonight: Pick up the tab for dinner.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ Others seem to be very enthusiastic, no matter what idea you throw out. You could be exhausted by everything that is going on. Remain sure of yourself, yet process new information. A misunderstanding could happen far too easily. Be careful. Tonight: Out on the town.

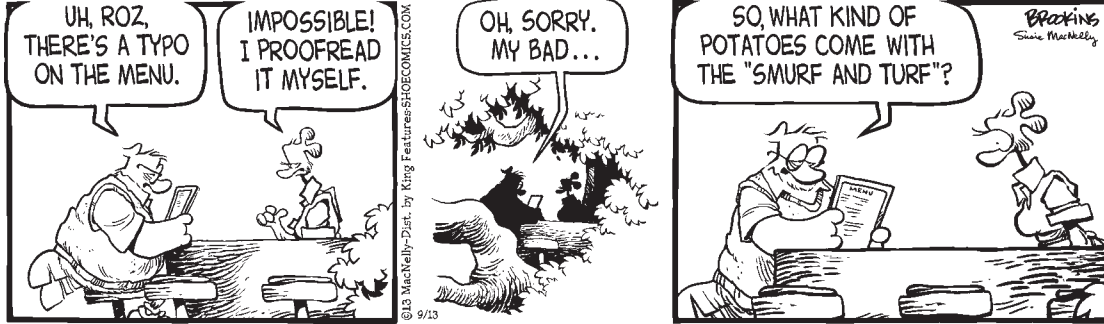
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ Sometimes you enjoy vanishing and letting the chips fall as they may. You want and need privacy more than most other signs do. Try not to worry about what others think. Get into a major project where you can burn off some excess energy. Tonight: Do only what you want.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Surround yourself with friends, whether you're at a sports event or off at your favorite haunt. Somehow you'll feel far more upbeat as a result. News from an important loved one could toss you into an ambivalent moment. Worry about this later. Tonight: You are the party.

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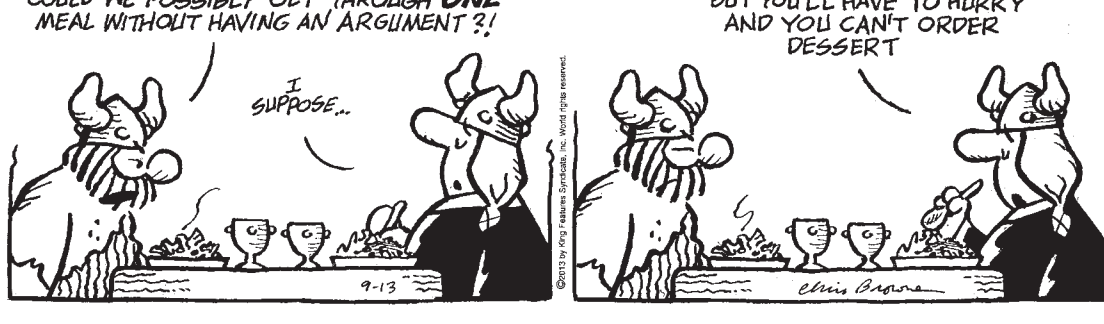
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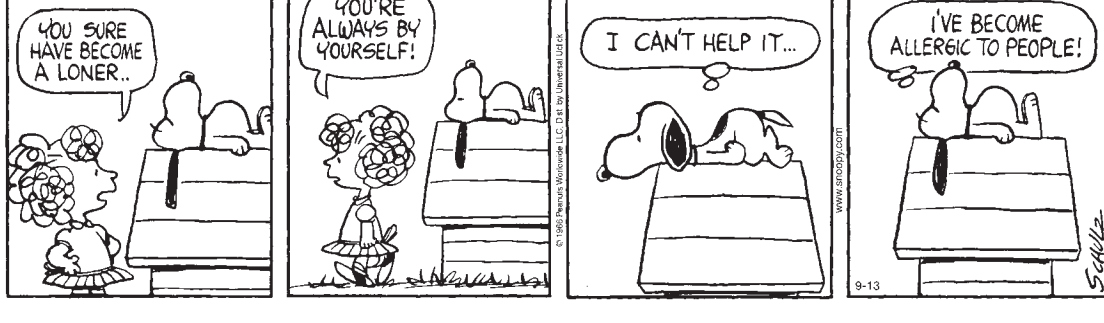
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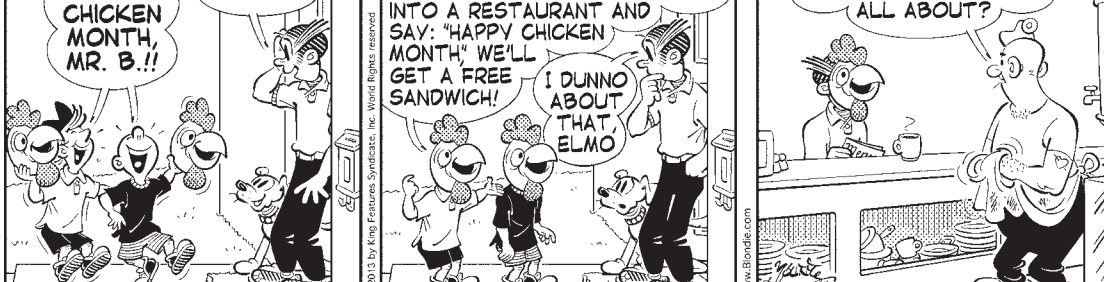
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Golf Thought of the Week

It's where you finish that counts

Some say that golf is at its best when played as match play, especially team golf match play. Not trumpeted, heavily advertised or commercialized in any way, the Walker Cup took place last weekend and it was golf at its finest! Played at The National Golf Links of America, which is close to Shinnecock Hills in New York, it ended with a resounding American victory. As American and tough as Shinnecock course is, so authentic and Scottish is the National. This is a course that works with the land and allows whatever the weather is doing to add to the adventure. There's nothing artificial, nothing new and modern, nothing

tricked up to be monstrously long — just golfers playing golf and having fun. The majority of the time, most of us play match play. It's time spent with friends. It's meant to give us a chance to hit some good shots, face down some challenges and enjoy the company of our golfing buddies. In those circumstances, why does a golf course have to be long, or even for that matter, tough? Sure, you want to think a little. Yes, you want to play a variety of shots. However, no hole needs to be extravagantly long! So, next time you're out with friends, look at the front tees and don't think it's a lesser form of golf - it's not. Where you start from doesn't matter in golf. It's where you finish that counts.

Tim Stadler is the PGA Golf Professional at Pampa Country Club. He can be reached at 665-8431.

Hidden Hills Monday night scramble

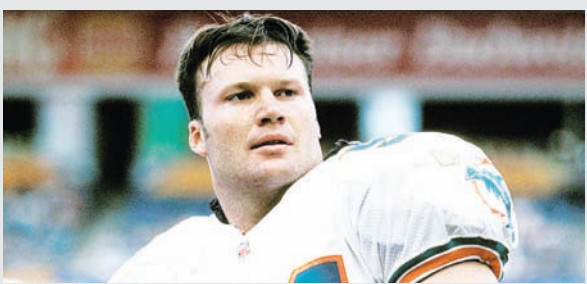
■ Event was played Sept. 9.

1st – 29
RD. Stephens
Danny Riddle
Lynn Allison
Howard Musgrave
2nd – 30
Ron Fields
Gerrell Owens



Ralph Baker
Melvin Ball
3rd – 30
Ron Miller
Ben Woodington
Brandon Montgomery
Felipe Velasco

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Hidden hills seniors four-man scramble

■ Event was played Sept. 11

1st – 59
Kelly Everson
Gerrell Owens
Darrell Hinkle
Jerry Davis
2nd – 61
Charles Byrum
John McCall
Mike Wesbrooks
Melvin Ball
3rd – 63
RD. Stephens
Kirk Foster
James Lee
James Richardson



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Pampa Harvesters will look to rebound against Dumas Demon

By JOHN LEE
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Dumas and Pampa are going to be teams looking to rebound from their home-openers. The Pampa Harvesters were out-matched last week by the Canyon Eagles, while Dumas lost to Pampa's 1-3A rival, Dalhart, 34-28. Dumas was 4-6 last season, and is 1-1 this year. Dumas is also a 4A team, sharing a district with the Canyon Eagles, Palo Duro Dons, Randall Raiders, and the Amarillo

High Sandies. There is no shortage of football powerhouses in the aforementioned district.

Dumas quarterback Benton Bilbrey is making the transition from wide receiver to quarterback this year, which will make it interesting when he decides to run with the ball on quarterback keepers. But, throwing the ball, he went 3/16 for 25 yards a touchdown and an interception.

It will be important for Pampa to stop the run

this week, as Bilbrey carried the ball nine times for 100 yards last week, and paired with running backs Dax Hayes (13 carries for 72 yards) and Christian Landeros (14 carries for 83 yards). The Demons ran for 255 yards on 36 attempts. Which is an average of 7.10 yards a carry.

Where Pampa has strength is in their run game and offensive line, which will come in handy as the Dalhart Golden Wolves rushed for 300 yards against the Dumas

Demons. Running backs Brycen McClendon and Adrian Elam should be able to do the same.

Quarterback Tyler Hooper stood strong against a Canyon pass-rush which is as good as any in the Panhandle, only getting sacked once.

Players on defense to watch include Gabriel Garcia, who has made a great transition to 11-man football, after spending much of his football career playing six-man football.

If the Pampa Harvesters

can establish a run-game, passing game.

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■ Lady Harvester JV Volleyball impressive vs. Monterey.

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The Lady Harvesters' junior varsity squad defeated Monterey's junior varsity team in two matches Tuesday, winning both 25-13 and 25-23.

Dominating the first set by a 12-point margin, the Lady Harvesters were poised to do the same in the second set. After taking a 4-2 lead, Reata Collins scored a point for the Lady Harvesters, giving them the 5-2 lead.

The score would volley in favor of both teams and eventually settle at a 9-9 tie, getting both benches anxious to take the lead.

The Lady Harvesters eventually lost their lead, falling behind 15-16.

Taking the lead after a 17-17 tie, the Lady Harvesters got ahead by as much of four points at 21-17.

Monterey did not want to go quietly, coming back and tying the game at 23-23.

The Lady Harvesters held on, however, winning the set and the sweep 25-23.

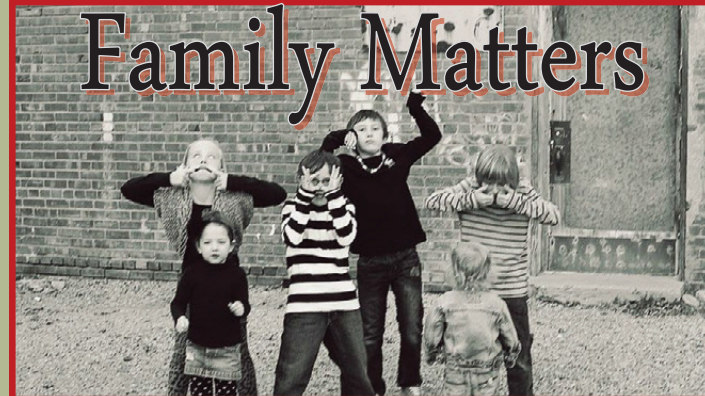


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(12) Kristin Robison makes a serve to Monterey. Robison joined (8) Kami Ware and other members of the Lady Harvesters in defending the net.



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