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Hastings plans merger with East Coast company



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The Pampa Hastings is in Las Pampas Square.

■ Amarillo-based entertainment retailer will still survive, company says.

STAFF REPORT

Elvis isn't in the building anymore, but more of The King's merchandising could be showing up in Pampa. Pending shareholder approval, Hastings Entertainment would be purchased by an entertainment conglomerate that owns control or partial control over the licensing of and merchandise rights of Elvis Presley, Marilyn Monroe and Muhammad Ali.

The proposed \$21.4-million merger would take the

Amarillo company — now listed on the NASDAQ — private.

Though Hastings closed its stores in Borger and Canyon in recent months, company officials said in January they have no plans to close the Pampa location.

Phone calls to the Amarillo headquarters were not returned before press time.

Hastings on Monday announced it has entered an

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Extreme Smile Makeover returns

STAFF REPORT

A new program offered by a Pampa dentist is like an "Extreme Home Makeover," except for smiles.

Once again, Dr. Jay Johnson's dental office is accepting applications for area residents who might benefit from an improved smile or better chewing function — and it's all for free.

Johnson offered a similar contest last year. "We were so pleased with our prior contest, we want to give back to another deserving SMILE cont. on page 2

Fugitive of the Week

SUBMITTED BY PPD

The Gray County Crime Stoppers Fugitive of the Week is Julie Ann Crossman, who is wanted for possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram in a drug-free zone.

Crossman, 24, is a white female, 5-feet, 4-inches tall with blond hair and green eyes.

If you have any information about Crossman or any other fugitive, you are urged to call Crime Stoppers or submit a Web Tip. They don't want your name, only your information.

Never try to detain the fugitive yourself. In determining whether someone is a fugitive, a suspect must have a felony charge coupled with an arrest warrant that was not cleared within a week of being issued.

If your information leads to an arrest, Crime Stoppers will pay a cash reward of up to \$200 and you will remain anonymous.

The wanted status of the posted fugitive or fugitives is updated as often as possible. Persons listed above may be arrested and no longer wanted. Upon confirmation of a person's arrest, Pampa Gray County Crime Stoppers will change or remove the post to reflect their status.

There are three ways to submit your tip, call 806-669-2222, visit Web Tips at www.pgcestips.com or text the word "pampa" along with your tip to 274637.



Julie Ann Crossman

Paving the way for growth



Photos by Timothy P. Howsare

Above, a truck hauling a belly-dump trailer unloads a paving material called "rap" along County J Road near the Pampa Energy Center. Below, a faded sign from the days when Celanese had both a golf course and a social hall along the road.

BY TIMOTHY P. HOWSARE
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Newspaper stories about economic development often portray multi-million dollar deals and with corporate CEOs pontificating about all the great benefits their new facility will bring to the community. And while there's nothing wrong with that, there's usually a lot of less-than-glamorous, behind-the-scenes work that goes on to help make those big deals happen.

A lot of that work involves big trucks. County Road J on the southern border of the Pampa Energy Center (PEC) used to be maintained by Celanese when it was used to access the company's nine-hole golf course and social hall.

After the plant closed, the road became pitted with potholes and the pavement was ripped up, ground up and used to repave the road, said Gary Willoughby, Precinct 2 commissioner.

Willoughby said that surface worked fine for the past five years, as there was very little traffic on the road east of where it intersects with Farm to Market Road 2300.

Now that the closed chemical plant is being reinvented as the Pampa Energy Center, Willoughby said the road needed to be improved to handle the increase in truck traffic. He estimates truck traffic could rise to as many as 100 vehicles per day.

On Tuesday, four trucks hauling belly-dump trailers made several trips back and forth from County Road J



to the Texas Department of Transportation maintenance facility in Groom to deliver loads of a paving material called "rap," which is a mixture of rocks and ground-up asphalt.

The rap was donated to the county by TxDOT and the PEC, owned by the Pampa Economic Development Corp. that paid for the cost of transporting the material, which was \$5,000. The county provided the labor under the supervision of Willoughby.

Sixteen loads were delivered Tuesday and 14 are planned for delivery today.

Dumping the loads from the underside of the trailer, the trucks spread the rap in a continuous row about four feet wide and three feet deep.

Willoughby said the project is a good example of different levels of government working together in an effort to bring more industry and jobs to the area. Halliburton already operates a facility at the PEC, and Houston-based G2X will open its Pampa Fuels methanol plant on the site in October, which is expected to employ nearly 150 people.

The industrial park is expected to attract even more energy-related industries in the future.

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PAMPA FORECAST

Today	Thursday	Friday
		
High 61 Low 34	High 77 Low 44	High 63 Low 35

Today: Sunny with a high of 61. Winds north-west at 9 mph. Sunrise at 7:49 a.m.

Tonight: Clear with a low of 34. Winds south-southwest at 14 mph. sunset at 7:55 p.m.

Thursday: Sunny and windy with a high of 77. Winds southwest at 21 mph. Sunrise at 7:48 a.m.

Thursday night: Mostly cloudy with a low of 44. Winds west-southwest at 13 mph. Sunset at 7:56 p.m.

Friday: Mostly cloudy with a high of 63. Winds north at 17 mph. Sunrise at 7:46 a.m.

Friday night: Clouds early clearing late with a low of 35. Winds east-northeast at 11 mph. Sunset at 7:57 p.m.

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Obituaries

Margaret "Maggie" Scott Shumate

Margaret "Maggie" Scott Shumate, 98, died March 16, 2014 in Friendswood.

Graveside services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, March 20, 2014, a Fairview Cemetery in Pampa, with Rev. Nick Matthews, associate pastor of First United Methodist Church of Pampa, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.



Margaret Shumate

Mrs. Shumate was born Jan. 24, 1916 in Freeman, Mo. She married Murrell W. "Jack" Shumate on Sept. 9, 1935. He preceded her in death in 1997. She had been a resident of Pampa since 1942, moving to the Houston area 14 years ago. While in Pampa, she worked for Waters Law Firm as a secretary for 30 years. She was a member of First United Methodist Church and Pampa Senior Citizens Center. She was preceded in death by two sisters, Mildred Fort and Marion Longley; and a brother, R.S. Scott.

Survivors include a daughter, Joy Hampton and husband Wayne of League City; a sister, Wilma McDaniel of Broadway, N.C., three granddaughters, Karen Hunter and husband Joe, Julie Levett and husband Jon, and Laurie Morrow and husband M.L.; seven great-grandchildren, David Hunter, Matthew Hunter, Emily Winstead, Micah Hunter, Kylie Levett, Anderson Morrow and William Morrow; and six great-great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 9-10 a.m. Thursday before the services. *Sign the online guest register at www.carmichael-whatley.com.*

Lorraine Elizabeth Dittle

Lorraine Elizabeth Dittle, 90, died March 18, 2014 in Pampa.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.



Lorraine Dittle

Mrs. Dittle was born June 13, 1923 in Maytown, Ill. to Richard and Anna Sharkey Gillan. She was a 1941 graduate of LaMoille High School in LaMoille, Illinois.

She married Wilbert A. Dittle on June 2, 1970 in Oglesby, Ill. She was the love of his life, and they were married for 37 years before his death in May of 2007. She was a homemaker and moved to Pampa in 2007 to be closer to her daughter. She was a devoted mother and a woman of deep faith who shared her love of the Lord with her family and friends. She attended First Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a son, Gary Wade; a son-in-law, Anthony Leonard Wasilauskis; a grandson, Christopher Anthony Wasilauskis; two sisters, Ruth Kryzek and Lucille Pinter; and six brothers, Earl Gillan, William Gillan, Harold Gillan, Leo Gillan, Richard Gillan and Vincent Gillan.

Those left to cherish her memory are her daughter, Linda Wasilauskis of Pampa; two sisters, Bernice Schneider and Shirley Klein, both of Cherry, Ill.; two grandchildren, two great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews, especially Janet Drewell and Julie Niewinski. The family would like to express their appreciation to Accolade Home Care and Accolade Hospice Care, and to her special caregiver, Pam Spranger for her loving care and friendship. *Sign the online guest register at www.carmichael-whatley.com.*

For the record

Several arrested on alcohol charges on St. Patrick's Day

- Warren Schroeder, 69, Pampa, was arrested Monday by the Department of Public Safety for driving while intoxicated, open alcohol container.
- Bert Corbin, 47, Borger, was arrested Monday by DPS for another county warrant for possession of a weapon.
- Kaitlyn Woods, 25, Pflugerville, was arrested Monday for two charges of violation of civil rights of a person in custody.
- Connie Schindler, 46, Pampa, was arrested Monday by DPS for driving while intoxicated.
- Anthony Tremarco, 46, Pampa, was arrested Monday by DPS for public intoxication.

Texas man dies after a fall at Grand Canyon

GRAND CANYON NATIONAL PARK, Ariz. (AP) — Authorities say a Texas man has died after falling about 350 feet off the South Rim at Grand Canyon National Park. Park officials say 53-year-old John N. Anderson of Grapevine was visiting the park with his family. The Grand Canyon Regional Communications Center received a report Saturday morning about a man falling off the rim near El Tovar Lodge. Rangers were able to find the man and began CPR, but they say efforts to resuscitate him were unsuccessful.

Grand Canyon spokeswoman Kirby-Lynn Shedd-lowski said Tuesday that it's unclear what caused Anderson's fall. An investigation is being conducted by the National Park Service and the Coconino County Medical Examiner.



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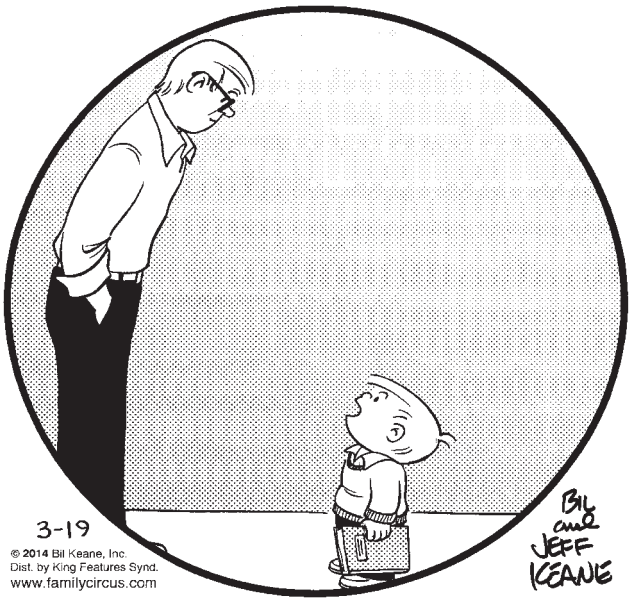
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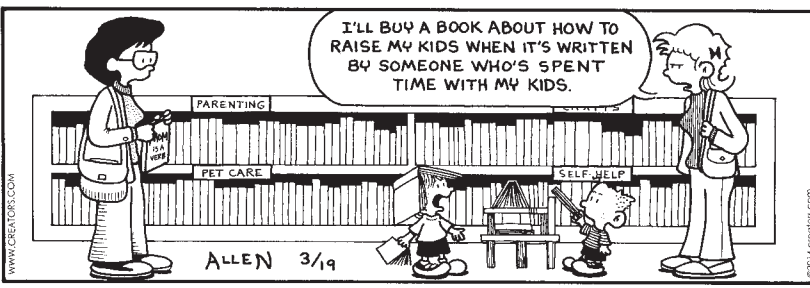
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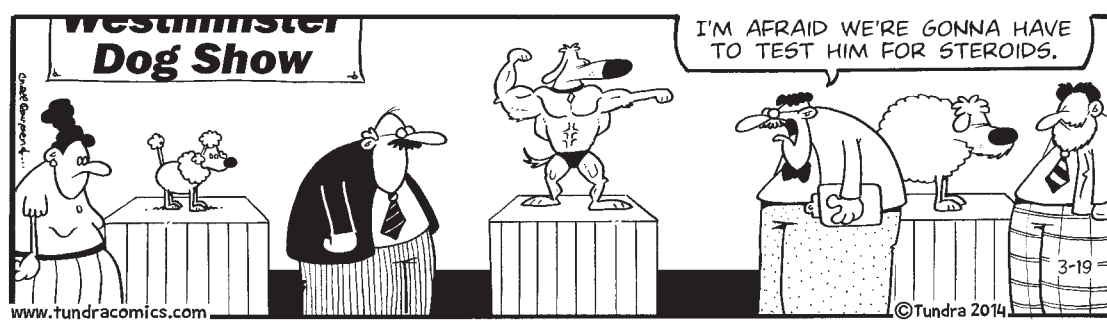
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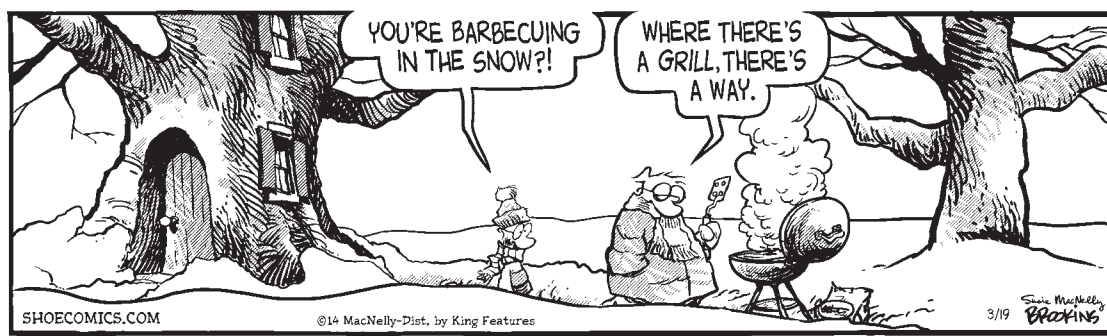
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The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult
ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ Use your intuition with an important situation involving a loved one. You can rely on feelings only to a certain level; a conversation is a must. In the afternoon, you will discover that there is a good flow between you and this person. Tonight: Celebrate the first day of spring.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Handle any important matter in the morning; otherwise, you might not gain the results you want. You could find others unusually difficult later today, which is likely to affect your opinion of them. Tonight: Defer to a friend or loved one for now.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ You will want to handle an important matter on your own. The financial benefits of a situation outweigh the negatives. Avoid being extravagant -- for your sake, if nothing else. You will join in and have a good time, no matter where you are. Tonight: Where your friends are.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Dig into your bag of creative ideas in the morning. You might be surprised by what evolves as a result. Think twice before you deal with a problem. Honor what is happening with a child first, as he or she needs some special time with you. Tonight: Get into weekend mode.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ You'll react instinctively to a perception or to a change in tone, and will wonder when you can say "enough is enough." Your ability to take in the big picture could help you gain a new

insight. Deal with someone directly about a financial matter. Tonight: Stay close to home.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Be willing to express your deeper feelings about a personal matter, as you seem to be more than serious about a long-term investment. Your creativity is likely to surge, which will allow you to visualize being in someone else's shoes. Tonight: Celebrate spring!
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ Pressure builds involving a work matter and your finances. Additional demands from a family member could add to your discomfort. Know that this person is not on your team right now. Tonight: Enjoy the moment, and avoid getting into a disagreement.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Your resourcefulness draws strong results in the morning. A family member, though well-meaning, could add to the pressure of the moment. Reach out to a friend or neighbor who has been very uppity for a while. Tonight: Relax.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You could be more easily confused than you realize. Ask questions to clarify, but phrase them carefully in order to get an appropriate response. You will see changes in how you handle your funds because of what you are hearing. Tonight: Remain upbeat. Greet spring with a smile.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Use the morning to the max, when others are more responsive to your inquiries. Look at a personal matter through someone else's eyes. Once you see this person's perceptions, your instinctive response could be right-on. Tonight: Happily head home.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ Pace yourself, as you have a lot to get done. You have a smile that helps draw others closer to you. Remain sensitive to the possibilities. Allow more lightness and spontaneity into your day. Read between the lines with a close loved one. Tonight: Out till the wee hours.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
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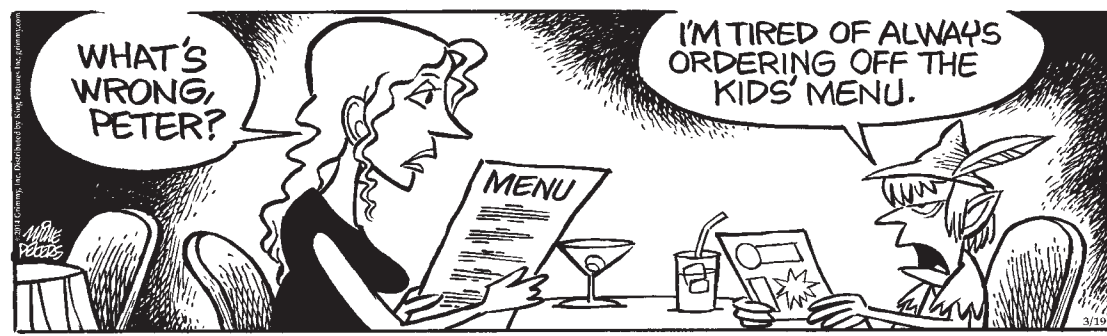
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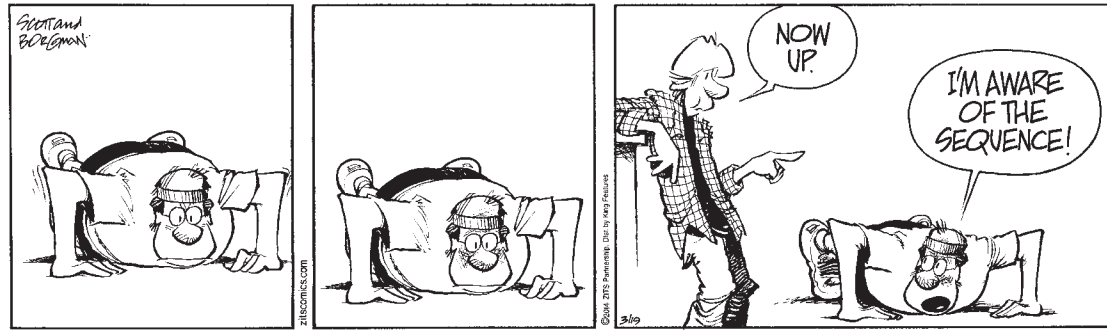
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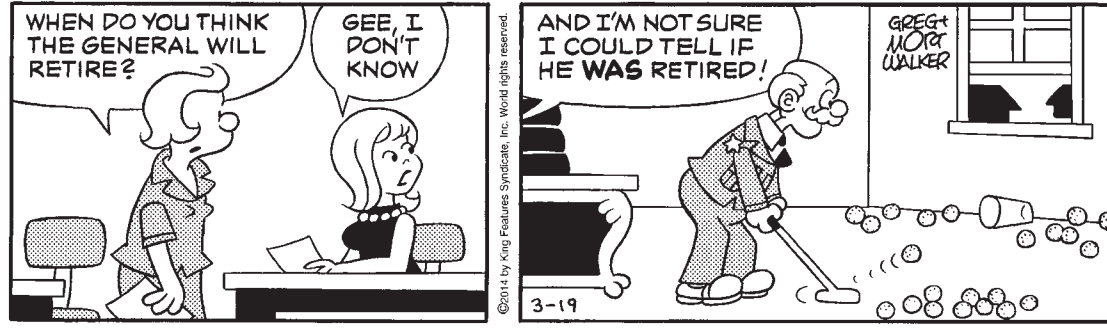
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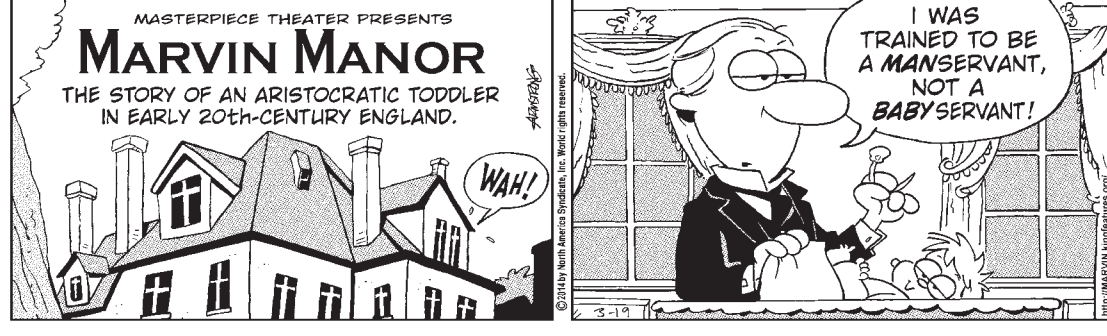
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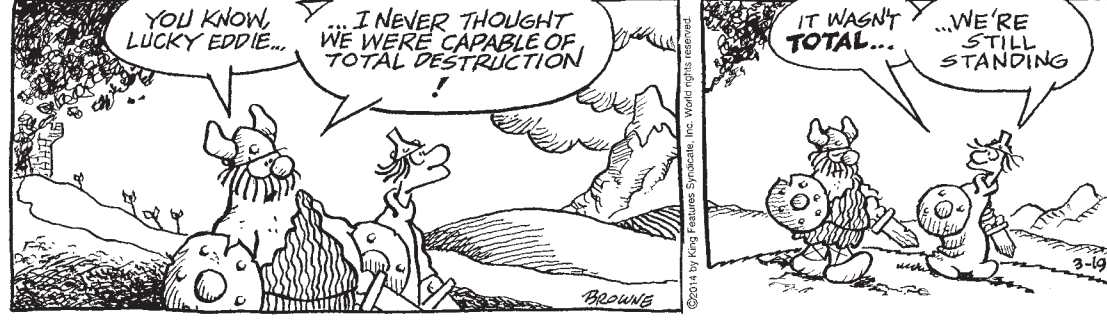
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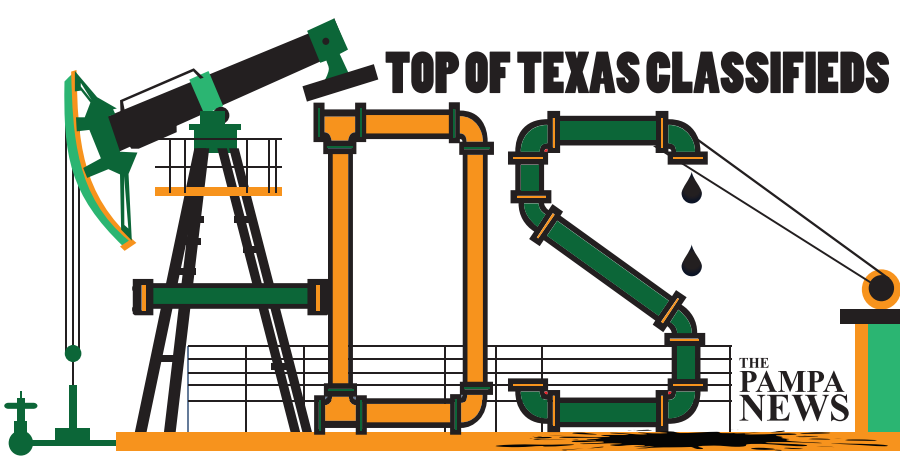


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Cowboys add QB Weeden to mix with Romo, Orton

SCHUYLER DIXON
AP Sports Writer

The Dallas Cowboys have three quarterbacks with starting experience in the NFL — at least for now.

The Cowboys added free agent Brandon Weeden on a two-year contract Monday even though they expect Kyle Orton to return behind Tony Romo next season.

There have been reports Orton might not come back for a third season as Romo's backup, but the team is expecting Orton to be on hand. Dallas carried two quarterbacks late last season after

Alex Tanney was claimed off the practice squad by Cleveland, where Weeden had fallen out of favor.

Weeden was a first-round pick by the Browns in 2012 and had a promising rookie season, when he passed for 3,385 yards and won five starts. However, he started poorly in 2013, got benched, lost his confidence and never recovered.

He also became a target of abuse by Cleveland fans, who grew tired of him forc-



Brandon Weeden

ing passes and making bad decisions. He was released last week.

At 30, Weeden is much older than a typical third-year NFL player because he played professional baseball for five years before finishing his college career. He started his baseball career with the Yankees' organization.

The Browns picked Weeden 22nd overall after two strong seasons as the starter at Oklahoma State, also the college home of Dal-

las Pro Bowl receiver Dez Bryant. Weeden had Oklahoma State in contention for the 2011 national championship game before settling for the school's first BCS bowl bid, a 41-38 victory over Stanford in the Fiesta Bowl.

Orton made his only start for Dallas in the season finale against Philadelphia last year with a playoff berth on the line. Romo injured his back a week earlier against Washington and had surgery two days before the Cowboys lost to the Eagles, their third straight loss in a finale with the NFC East title at stake.

Pampa wrestling to hold breakfast fundraiser

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The Pampa wrestling booster club will be holding a breakfast fundraiser from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 22.

Along with all-you-can-eat pancakes, there will be a silent auction from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.

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Let the Madness begin.

Warren Buffet has offered to pay \$1 billion to anyone who gets a perfect NCAA March Madness bracket this year. What exactly are the odds of that happening?

There are 9.2 quintillion combinations for a 64-team bracket. A quintillion is one million times a trillion, or a one with 18 zeros behind it. If every possibility were filled out on its own sheet of paper, the weight of the paper would be 184 trillion tons — more than 500 million times the weight of the Empire State Building. (Information thanks to Associated Press)

To put it in layman's terms: Your chances of fill-

ing out a perfect bracket are less than your chances to win the lottery three times in a row or being struck by lightning multiple times in your lifetime.

So now that we have officially smashed all hope of the \$1 billion, let's get down to the match-ups and I will give you my Sweet 16, Elite 8, Final Four and Champion. Keep in mind this is my blind bracket without any research yet. I will wait until the last minute to fill out my final bracket.

Let's start with the South. The favorite is Florida. And I will have to agree. For upsets I have Stanford over New Mexico, VCU over UCLA and Syracuse over Kansas. For the Sweet 16 I have Florida, VCU, Syracuse and Kansas. For the Elite 8 I have Florida and Syracuse fighting in a close

battle with Florida heading to the Final 4.

In the East I do not have the one seed making the Final 4. My upsets are Harvard over Cincinnati, Connecticut over Villanova and Michigan State over Virginia. In the Sweet 16 I have Virginia, Michigan State, Iowa State and Connecticut. In the Elite 8, I have Michigan State beating Iowa State to head to the Final 4.

In the West I have to try not to be biased since we have three Big 12 teams there, including Oklahoma State. My upsets are Oklahoma State over Gonzaga, Baylor over Creighton, Oklahoma over San Diego State and Baylor over Wisconsin. I think Oklahoma State will play down to the wire with Arizona, and should they pull the upset off, they have a great chance of making the Final 4. I would not be surprised if any of those Big 12 teams make the Final 4. It is a somewhat favorable bracket and Baylor and Oklahoma State have been peaking at the right time.

For the Sweet 16 I have Arizona, Oklahoma, Baylor and Wisconsin. For the Elite 8 I have Arizona

defeating Baylor to make the Final 4.

The Midwest is an insult to Wichita State. For going undefeated, the Shockers deserved a better draw. They could easily fall to Kentucky, Louisville or Duke. My upsets are NC State over St. Louis, (NC State has to beat Xavier Tuesday night, game started after press time) Duke over Michigan, Louisville over Wichita State and Louisville over Duke. My Sweet 16 is Wichita State, Louisville, Duke and Michigan. My Elite 8 is Louisville beating Duke to advance to the Final Four.

So in summary, my Final 4 is Florida v. Michigan State and Arizona v. Louisville. I have Florida beating Louisville in the championship game.

Please share with me your brackets if you would like and we can compare. I will be making another one following research later this evening or early Thursday.

Zac Green is an avid Oklahoma State fan and youth minister at Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ. He can be reached at zac.green@sbcglobal.net.

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