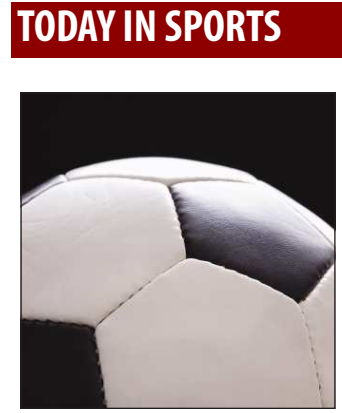


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City of Pampa Annual Seal Coat Project to start next week

SUBMITTED
 PAMPA — The City of Pampa's Annual Seal Coat Maintenance Program will be commencing on or around Monday, July 28, weather permitting, and will continue until all streets are completed. Seal coating is a pavement surface treatment that consists of applying a layer of liquid asphalt on existing paved streets followed by a layer of crushed rock to provide for an improved wear surface. It seals and protects the road and provides strength so that the underlying base can resist the abrasive and disruptive forces of traffic.
 Residents are asked to not park their vehicles in the street and are asked to shut off their sprinklers the day that work is to be performed on their street to help keep water off the streets. Residents affected will be receiving a door hanger alerting them that their road will be sealed within the next two to three days so that they may have ample time to remove their vehicles from the street and allow the contractor an opportunity to prepare the street.
 During construction, drivers will be directed by flagmen as to where to drive.
 Drivers are asked to respectfully follow instructions from flagmen and prepare to be detoured.
 The list of streets to be seal coated are: Crane Road from Rosewood to the end of
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Miami genetics boar stud manager spends summer vacation overseas



Submitted photo
 From left, general manager at Caucasus Genetics Ltd, Dimitri (Dito) Kvirikashvili; manager at Smithfield Premium Genetics, Agnes Grocholska; marketing and public relations manager at Caucasus Genetics Ltd, Alexander Sandro Sakvarelidze; accountant Sophie Gugenishvili and Caucasus Genetics Ltd public relations manager Tornike Zhgeti.

BY JOHN LEE
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Many people spend their summer vacations going camping, hiking or even on a Caribbean cruise. For Agnes Grocholska, however, taking a journey across the pond seemed to be more fitting.
 Grocholska works as a manager at Smithfield Premium Genetics, an "internal genetic production company for company and partner commercial production system and technical infrastructure for research focused on creating (genetic) and producing (health and nutrition) a better pig," according to an informational PowerPoint crafted by Smithfield Premium Genetics.
 When it came time to decide where she would go for her summer vacation this year, Grocholska took advantage of her knowledge and skills, and traveled across the Atlantic Ocean to the country of Georgia.

"I like to travel," Grocholska said. "And this is how I like to spend my vacation this year. Last summer I just walked on the beach in Florida and that's basically all I did. I wanted to do something. I do work with boars. At genetic sites I tend to work with 230 boars"
 Grocholska was able to take this "vacation" thanks to ACDI/VOCA, which "is an economic development organization that fosters broad-based economic growth, raises living standards and creates vibrant communities," according to the ACDI/VOCA website. In this farmer-to-farmer program, her assignment title was "boar semen collection," which was used for the artificial insemination of sows, which is an adult female pig.
 Georgia is situated between Europe and Asia and is divided into 12 regions. It shares a border with Russia to the northeast, Turkey to the south, Armenia and Azerbaijan to the southeast. It's western coast is the Black
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Texplainer: Does AP U.S. history contain common core?

BY MORGAN SMITH
 The Texas Tribune

Hey, Texplainer: If high school students take AP U.S. history, does that mean they are studying Common Core? I thought that was illegal in Texas.
 Since Common Core launched five years ago, Texas has refused to participate in the initiative to set uniform academic standards across U.S. public schools. A diverse alliance of conservative activists and typically left-leaning teachers' groups have supported state officials in that decision, which they said was to guard against a potential federal takeover of education policy.
 State lawmakers reiterated objections to Common Core during the 2013 legislative session, passing a law prohibiting it from the state's classrooms. After the legislative session, Attorney General Greg Abbott backed lawmakers up, issuing an opinion emphasizing that school districts may not use Common Core to teach Texas students.
 But anxiety over the potential presence of Common Core in Texas classrooms continues — currently with the new Advanced Placement U.S. history curriculum that school districts are preparing to roll out this year. Conservative education activists have expressed concerns that the new framework for the course issued by the College Board, the organization that administers AP courses
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Statewide gas price average moves lower, down four cents this week

SUBMITTED BY AAA TEXAS
 IRVING — Summer road trips will continue to cost Texans less money at the gas pumps this week. The statewide average for a gallon of regular unleaded fuel is now \$3.41, according to the AAA Texas Weekend Gas Watch. That price is four cents less than last week and 13 cents less than this time last year. Of the major metropolitan areas surveyed in the Lone Star State, drivers in El Paso are paying the most at \$3.49 per gallon while drivers in Amarillo are paying the least at \$3.32 per gallon. The statewide average in Texas is 14 cents less than the national average of \$3.55 per gallon.
 Retail prices at the pump have con-

tinued to move lower due primarily to lower crude oil costs as global geopolitical tensions stabilize. AAA analysts say prices may continue to slide or remain flat, barring any additional geopolitical concerns, major hurricanes or refinery disruptions.
 "Mid-summer vacationers will be paying an average of \$48 to fill up the tank of a typical family sized vehicle this weekend," said AAA Texas/New Mexico Representative Doug Shupe. "For those who still plan to take a weekend trip or are still planning to take a summer vacation, visit the nearest AAA Texas branch office for free and expert travel ideas, tips and information that could save time and money on future trips."
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the alley; Somerville from Kingsmill to Hobart; Banks from Kentucky to 18th; Primrose from Terry to Cinderella; Williston 18th to 23rd; Coffee from Randy Matson to 22nd; Wilcox from McCullough to Albert; Wilks from Love to Barrett; Kentucky from Hobart to Duncan; Mary Ellen from Kentucky to Harvester; Gwendolyn from Zimmers to Hobart; Foster from Hobart to West; Hazel from Browning to Ruth; Ruth from Hazel to Sloan; Sloan from Browning to

Jordan; Harvester from Magnolia to Powell; 23rd from Primrose to Price Road; Somerville from Hobart to Clarendon College; Crane from Primrose to Hobart; Hamilton 18th to 23rd; Municipal Drive from Hobart to Highway 60; Charles from 18th to 22nd; Linda from Duncan to Charles; Russell from 23rd; Oklahoma from Barrett to Gray; Octavus from Crawford to Oklahoma; Barrett from Crawford to Wilks; 19th from Lea to the Alley; 19th from Zimmers to Nelson; Red Deer from Browning to Harvester; Lefors from Francis to Browning; Browning Lefors to Harvester.

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Sea. Georgia's economy has traditionally revolved around tourism, cultivation of citrus fruits, tea, grapes, industrial and mining sectors and output of industrial sectors producing wine, metals, machinery, chemicals and textiles. The country imports the bulk of its energy needs, including natural gas and oil products. According to Grocholska, it is a very under-developed country, however, in comparison with the United States.

"I was born in Eastern Europe, in Poland," Gro-

cholska said. "So somehow it's kind of similar, I knew what to expect as far as culture. They speak Russian, Georgian and English, while I speak Polish, Russian and English."

With these advantages, Grocholska was tasked with training two Ukrainian farmers with boar semen collection and helping to develop Caucasus Genetics, which "is a company which combines dairy experts and breeding and AI specialists." They offer their consumers deeply-frozen semen of leading dairy and beef brands of bulls for artificial insemination.

"We only had two boars," Grocholska said. "During this time, I had two train

boars and two people to work with them. When I leave they need to be able to get new boars and train. They had never done this before, they were nervous and excited because they had an American coming to work with them. They were hoping for some development for the future."

While she did a lot of work for Caucasus, she also got to enjoy herself. She was able to see the city from a birds-eye view using lifts comparable to Rocky Mountain ski lifts. She also learned how Georgians make bread. They make the bread dough and set it against the inside of a ceramic pot, and the pot bakes the bread. But just as this was a learning ex-

perience for Grocholska, it was just as educational for the Georgians.

"They asked a lot about the United States and our lifestyle," Grocholska said. "The way business is handled and they were asking if I was coming back."

Grocholska said that this was a very rewarding experience for her.

"I love to help people and seeing the way they are happy and confident," Grocholska said. "They feel like they can succeed now."

For more information about the Georgia country or assignment from ACDI/VOCA, you can contact Agnes Grocholska at 806-664-4894.

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and exams that allow high school students to earn college credit, is based on Common Core curriculum. The new U.S. history framework is the first of what will be updates to all 34 AP subjects offered as a result of a redesign effort launched by the College Board in 2006.

Those who express concern over the updated U.S. history curriculum cite two main reasons. The first is an overlap in leadership at Common Core and the College Board. David Coleman helped develop the Common Core's English curriculum before he assumed his current role in May 2012 as president of the College Board and has expressed a goal to align the AP program with the Common Core. The second is a perception that the new AP standards undermine state standards.

Ken Mercer, a San Antonio Republican on the State Board of Education who has been outspoken against the new AP U.S. history standards, says that Cole-

man has used his authority at the College Board to do an end run around state standards. At the board's July meeting last week, he proposed that the state delay offering the updated course until officials could determine whether the course would be violating the new law prohibiting the nationally developed curriculum standards.

Mercer, whose allies in the effort include Senate Education Chairman and Republican lieutenant governor candidate Dan Patrick, as well as conservative pundit Glenn Beck, laid out his case in an email circulated to supporters and news outlets on July 8:

"This unelected body is rewriting United States history and promoting among our students a disdain for American principles and a lack of knowledge of major American achievements ... If we do nothing, this radical AP U.S. History course will enter our high schools this fall. Join me in ... demanding that Members of your House and Senate and State Board of Education immediately rebuke and reject."

Among Mercer's objections were lacking mentions of military heroes,

founding fathers and prominent civil rights leaders.

Whether the AP program reflects Texas curriculum requirements could be a matter for policymakers to debate — and at their July meeting, State Board of Education members said they would consider passing a resolution requiring AP classes to cover the state standards set by the board.

But if board members object to the new AP U.S. History course, it shouldn't be because it is a back door for the Common Core to infiltrate Texas classrooms. That argument comes up against a serious roadblock: Common Core standards only exist for language arts and math, meaning it's not possible for AP U.S. history to cover the Common Core. The initiative, which was spearheaded by the Obama administration but overseen by the bipartisan National Governors Association, never aimed to address social studies or science standards.

John McGrath, a spokesman for the College Board, also denied any claims that the new U.S. history standards limited focus on key American historical figures like the founding fathers,

saying study of them had been "expanded, rather than reduced."

"It is important to note that most of the topics or individuals that purportedly are 'missing' from the Framework have never been called out or specified in any document released by the College Board," McGrath said in an email. "Each individual teacher selects which figures and events to focus on just as they always have, but now they have the time and space to explore those topics in-depth with their students."


McGrath added that plans to redesign standards for AP U.S. history began in 2006 — pointing out that was well before the launch of Common Core — and was released publicly in 2012 before Coleman became president of the organization that May.

Bottom line: While opponents of Common Core targeting AP U.S. history courses are motivated by a larger concern that the College Board could be undermining state-developed curriculum through the AP program, the Common Core initiative only developed standards for reading and math, not U.S. history.

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Saturday: Partly cloudy with a high of 102. Winds southwest at 13 mph. Sunrise at 6:48 a.m.

Saturday night: Mostly clear with a low of 71. Winds south-southwest at 10 mph. Sunset at 8:53 p.m.

Sunday: Partly cloudy with a high of 95. Chance of rain: 20 percent. Winds southeast at 9 mph. Sunrise at 6:48 a.m.

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• Jerry Lynn Rhoten, 60, Pampa, was arrested Tuesday

by GCSO for bond surrender — theft of property by check — between \$20 and \$500.

• Juan Manuel Moreno, 20, Pampa, was arrested Wednesday by the Pampa Police Department for

capias pro fine — disorderly conduct — unreasonable noise, capias pro fine — no valid driver's license.

• John Wolfgang Minnett, 37, Pampa, was arrested Wednesday by GCSO for capias pro fine — public

intoxication.

• Kevin Kirkham, 24, Pampa, was arrested Wednesday by GCSO for violation of probation — injury to a child, elderly or disabled person with intent of causing bodily injury.

Weed management meeting set for July 29 in Canyon

SUBMITTED BY TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE EXTENSION SERVICE

CANYON — A Randall County Producer Weed Management Update Meeting will be held from 9-11 a.m. July 29 by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service office in Randall County at the Kuhlman Extension Center, 200 N. Brown Road,

Canyon. The program, sponsored by Consumers Supply Cooperative in Canyon, is free and open to the public, said Dr. J. D. Ragland, AgriLife Extension agriculture and natural resources agent for Randall County.

Three Texas Department of Agriculture continuing

education units for pesticide applicators will be offered — one in laws and regulations, and two in drift minimization.

Dr. Peter Dotray, AgriLife Extension weed and herbicide specialist in Lubbock, will speak on the following topics:

- Weed Identification.
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- Suggested Application Methods.
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A question-and-answer session will follow.

For more information contact the AgriLife Extension office in Randall County at 806-468-5543.

Buck Creek Watershed Protection Plan accepted by EPA

SUBMITTED BY TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE RESEARCH

VERNON—The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has accepted the Buck Creek Watershed Protection Plan as meeting the agency's guidelines for watershed-based plans and effectively outlining a strategy to reduce non-point source pollution in the watershed, according to a Texas Water Resources Institute official.

"This acceptance comes after years of collaboration between local watershed

landowners and stakeholders, local soil and water conservation districts, and regional and state agency personnel," said Lucas Gregory, a Texas Water Resources Institute project specialist in College Station.

The Texas Water Resources Institute, Texas A&M AgriLife Research and the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service led efforts to develop the plan. The institute is part of AgriLife Research, AgriLife Extension and the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Texas A&M University.

In 2000, Gregory said, Buck Creek was added to the state's Clean Water Act section 303(d) list of impaired water because of the creek's high levels of bacteria. Through im-

proved understanding of watershed function, water quality and landowners' efforts to implement effective measures, Buck Creek is no longer impaired, he said.

"This was a long process, and it is great to see the plan accepted," said Phyllis Dyer, research associate and watershed coordinator with AgriLife Research in Vernon. "The stakeholders and landowners really deserve the credit here. Their diligence and determination to improve Buck Creek really shows in this plan, and their efforts should be commended."

Thanks to work done through the partnership of AgriLife Research, Texas Water Resources Institute, Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board and local stakeholders, E. coli

levels decreased by 90 percent, well below the state's water quality standards, she said.

"The EPA's acceptance of the plan sets a precedent for future funding to implement water quality management plans, wildlife habitat management, feral hog management, and septic system education and outreach," Gregory said.

The watershed plan is currently available for download at <http://buckcreek.tamu.edu/> or by contacting Dyer at 940-552-9941, pmdyer@ag.tamu.edu.

Development of the plan was funded through a Clean Water Act nonpoint source pollution grant from the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board and EPA.

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Bereavement and Healing Caskets II — carrying mechanisms

The carrying mechanism of a casket is made up of many components. Each component has a unique and specific purpose.



TRACY LEE

The obvious component of the carrying mechanism is the bar. The bar is the portion of the casket that the pallbearers will grab onto in order to lift and carry the casket from one point to another. Caskets consist of two different bar systems.

The first system is a stationary bar. A stationary bar is fixed and does not move. A stationary bar system is not the most comfortable system for carrying a casket. There is, however, an argument to be made for sturdiness. The stationary bar is very strong and sturdy. In a stationary bar system, the wrists hold most of the weight of the casket and the grip may be painfully stressed. The bar presents a flat shape, failing to provide the pallbearers a substantial gripping surface. I have never seen a stationary bar fail during a service.

The second system is a swing bar. A swing bar moves away from the casket for carrying purposes and tucks back tightly to the casket for aesthetics. A swing bar system is more comfortable for the pallbearers. It allows for more room between the casket and the pallbearer's arm and grip. This extra room provides greater leverage, so the pallbearers do not have to lean outwardly from the casket. Standing straight keeps the weight of the casket evenly distributed throughout

the pallbearer's body. In so doing, a pallbearer's back is not overly strained, and his wrists are not overly stressed. Of equal importance is the extra room for gripping provided through the outward movement. These precious inches between the casket and swing bar provide skin saving space for the pallbearers hands. The swing bar also has a fuller shape. This fuller shape gives the pallbearer a more substantial gripping surface.

The swing bar is attached to an arm. The arm is the portion that allows for the movement of the bar outwardly from the casket. The arm is quite possibly the most important part of the entire bar system. If the arm is weak, the weight of the casket when carrying a decedent may be cause for alarm. I have only seen one swing bar system too weak to support the weight of the casket during a service. The casket was made by a custom cabinetmaker, and he had purchased the bar system on the Internet. The casket carvings and staining were beautiful. All of that paled, however, when the arms failed, and the casket began to awkwardly tilt.

The arm of the casket is attached to the ear of the casket. The ear is not only decorative; it serves to strengthen the area where the entire carrying system attaches to the casket. Without the ear, the ability of the system to carry the weight of the casket and the weight of the decedent would be greatly reduced.

Caskets and casket components have size and weight restrictions. Some of us are fortunate enough to have light loved ones. A light loved

one can utilize the least expensive caskets in the funeral home's selection room, Internet shopping mall or the casket store's sales floor. If your loved one was a bit portly or extra tall; however, you might consider the advice of your funeral director as invaluable. Unlike a salesperson, a funeral director has had extensive education in funeral traditions, equipment, merchandise and law. His or her knowledge and hands on experience with funeral issues will probably save you tons of anguish and possibly money in the long run. At any rate, advise your funeral director of any issues or concerns you might have about caskets or other funeral merchandise, and he or she will be able to answer or research the answers for you. At least armed with their knowledge and advice, you will be better able to make an informed decision when choosing a casket.

Men and women express themselves differently

Men and women express themselves differently. This fact is magnified in a grief situation. Men may not feel free to openly express the depth of their grief. Societal mores allow women much more latitude in the expression of grief.

My name is Tracy Renee Lee. I am a funeral director, author and freelance writer. I write books, weekly articles and brief tips on understanding and coping with grief. It is my life's work to comfort the bereaved and help them live on. Please follow my blog at <http://pushin-up-daisies.blogspot.com/>, follow me on Twitter @PushnUpDaisies and visit my website for additional encouragement and information at www.QueenCity-FuneralHome.com.

Border crisis tests religious faith — and some fail badly



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Flamboyant piety has long been fashionable on the political right, where activists, commentators and elected officials never hesitate to hector us about their great moral and theological rectitude. Wielding the Scriptures like a weapon, these righteous right-wingers are always eager to condemn the alleged sins of others but reluctant to examine their own. They seem to spend far more time in posturing and preening than spiritual reflection. Rarely does anyone call them out on their failures to fulfill their proclaimed devotion, because, in this country, that is considered rude.

But occasionally something happens that separates the people of faith from the sanctimonious fakers. With thousands of defenseless children now gathered on America's southern border, seeking asylum from deprivation and deadly violence, something like that is happening right now.

Nobody in the House of Representatives is more vociferous about her reverence for God's word than Michele Bachmann, R-Minn. — the tea party queen bee who often has said she believes that America is a "Christian nation." When Bachmann opened her mouth on television about those hungry and fearful children, she demonized them as "invaders" and incipient criminals who could be expected to rape American women and break American laws.

Then there is Bachmann's colleague Louie Gohmert, R-Texas, whose religious zeal is so overpowering that he cannot restrain himself, even during House proceedings — like that committee hearing last month when he proclaimed his belief that anyone who doesn't accept Jesus is destined for hell. But when the subject is the innocent kids at the border of his home state, most of whom are girls under 13 years of age, Gohmert speaks of "invasion" and urges the governor of Texas to unilaterally initiate a state of

war. Like many of his fellow far-rightists, he stokes rumors that these children are harbingers of disease and gangsterism.

So does Phil Gingrey, R-Ga., a medical doctor who went so far as to accuse the young migrants of bringing the Ebola virus — seen only in Africa — with them from Central America. And so does Sandy Rios, the religious right talk show host who speaks of the "hope" that the Lord bestowed on her but warns that we should treat the border children like "lepers." And so does Ann Coulter, the church lady who suspects that all those kids, no matter how small, probably belong to the murderous MS-13 narcotics syndicate.

Now among the theological ideas shared by many of these figures is a fondness for the Old Testament, which they routinely quote to justify cruel strictures against gays, women and anybody else they wish to suppress. At the moment, however, these biblical literalists ought to be studying the very plain instructions of Leviticus:

"The foreigner residing among you must be treated as your native-born. Love them as yourself, for you were foreigners in Egypt. I am the Lord your God."

More recently, Pope Francis laid down a clear edict on the border crisis that springs from his own biblical understanding, urging Americans to "welcome and protect" the children arriving on our border. (He didn't mention anything about immediate deportations.) The Holy Father expressed deep concern for the "tens of thousands of children who migrate alone, unaccompanied, to escape poverty and violence ... in pursuit of a hope that in most cases turns out to be vain."

"Many people forced to emigrate suffer, and often, die tragically; many of their rights are violated; they are obliged to separate from their families and, unfortunately, continue to be the subject of racist and xenophobic attitudes," he said. He went on to say that only development and security in their own countries would ever stem the flow of migrants head-

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The day of the hawk

The bombing of Pan Am 103 over Lockerbie was premeditated mass murder.



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Gadhafi was taking revenge for Reagan's raid on Tripoli in 1986.

The downing of KAL 007, flying from Anchorage to Seoul, was mass murder in the second degree. Seeing an aircraft intrude into Russian air space, Soviet officers brutally ordered it shot down.

The downing of the Malaysian airliner that took the lives of 298 men, women and children was not deliberate terrorism. No one wanted to massacre those women and children. It was a horrendous military blunder, like the U.S. shoot-down of the Iranian Airbus by the Vincennes in 1988.

That U.S. cruiser thought it was coming under attack. And Ukraine's separatists thought they were firing at an army plane.

The distinctions are as important as those between first- and second-degree murder, and manslaughter.

The respective reactions confirm this. Gadhafi concealed his role in the Scotland slaughter. Moscow was defiant in the KAL case. America was apologetic over the Iranian airliner.

Today, Vladimir Putin, with an indictment being drawn up against him, is blaming Ukraine for the war out of which the tragedy came.

But though Putin did not order the plane shot down, the horror of it all has put him in a box. And the course he pursues could determine the future of U.S.-Russian relations for his tenure. For the rebels in Ukraine are seen as Putin's proxies. They have been armed and advised by Russia. And it was a Russian SA-11 that brought the airliner down.

While the separatists say they got the surface-to-air missiles from an army depot, there is evidence the missile was provided by Russia, and Russians may have advised or assisted in the fatal launch.

This crisis has caused President Obama to insist that Putin cut off the rebels. And if he does not rein them in, and abandon their cause, Putin is likely to face new U.S.-EU sanctions that could cripple his economy and

push his country further out into the cold.

And the ostracism of Putin and the sinking of Russia's economy is what some in the West have long had in mind.

The Day of the Hawk is at hand. John McCain and John Bolton are calling for punitive sanctions, declaring Russia an adversary, putting defensive missiles and U.S. troops in Eastern Europe, and arming Kiev.

"That's just for openers," says McCain, who wants "the harshest possible sanctions on Vladimir Putin and Russia."

"So first, give the Ukrainians weapons to defend themselves and regain their territory," McCain adds, "Second of all, move some of our troops into areas that are being threatened by Vladimir Putin."

Right. Let's get eyeball to eyeball with the Russians again.

In this "moment of moral and strategic clarity about the threat that Vladimir Putin's regime poses to world order," the Wall Street Journal said this weekend, we should send "arms to Ukraine until Mr. Putin stops arming the separatists."

The Washington Post urges "military assistance to

Ukraine" and sanctions "to force Mr. Putin to choose between continued aggression in Ukraine and saving the Russian economy."

But if aiding rebels in overthrowing their government is "aggression," is that not exactly what we are doing in Syria?

Hopefully, those who prodded the U.S. to send surface-to-air missiles to the Syrian rebels are having second thoughts today.

But before we sink the Russian economy and send weapons to Ukraine, perhaps we should consider the potential consequences.

If Kiev, bolstered by U.S. weapons, decides to go in for the kill in Eastern Ukraine, Putin will face a choice: Back down and let his allies be defeated and routed, or move his army into Ukraine to protect them.

Heretofore, Putin has not done so, clearly because he does not wish to annex Luhansk and Donetsk, which would have been a cakewalk for the army he had on Ukraine's border after the Crimea crisis.

And should Ukraine, with U.S. arms, win its war in the east, what is to stop it from sending troops to recap-

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ing northward — and that in the meantime, the rest of us should abandon “attitudes of defensiveness and fear, indifference and marginalization.” Attitudes like those displayed by goons waving flags and guns and “Go Home” signs,

who don’t care whether these little strangers live or die.

Where are the real Christians? Where are the true people of faith? They may be found in houses of worship near the border and around the country, where people of all political persuasions realize that they are called to feed, clothe, shelter and heal God’s children, even

when they arrive on a bus without papers. If there is a kingdom of heaven, it is these generous souls who will be admitted when they reach its border. The hypocrites will be sent somewhere else.

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ture Crimea, which would surely cross any “red line” of Vladimir Putin.

Arming Ukraine, and putting U.S. prestige on the line for a victory by Kiev over the rebels in the east and Russians in the south, is a formula for a war Ukraine cannot win, unless

the United States comes in to win it for them. Then we could be on the escalator to something unthinkable.

Sanctions on Russia can cripple her economy. But Russia can also cripple the economies of Ukraine and Europe.

Declaring Putin persona non grata may make us feel good about ourselves, but it could also mean Russia tightening ties to Beijing, and breaking up the U.S.-led

sanctions regime on Iran.

Russia is on the other side in Ukraine, but in battling the Taliban and Islamic State, al-Qaida and the al-Nusra Front, she is on our side.

That “moral and strategic clarity” exists only in uncomplicated minds.

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FX says overnight ratings becoming meaningless

NEW YORK (AP) — It’s a rite nearly as old as television: the morning after a new show premieres, network executives wait impatiently for the Nielsen company’s estimate of how many people watched, and rush to report the first sign of a hit.

Leaders at the FX network are trying something new: They’re no longer talking publicly about how their programs do on opening night, believing those numbers don’t accurately reflect how many people see their shows. Instead, they’re waiting a few days to see how many people catch up via time shifting.

Inside baseball perhaps, but also a vivid illustration of how TV viewing is changing, particularly for the scripted dramas that dominate at FX.

Less than a decade ago,

the vast majority of people watched a show when a network scheduled it.

FX’s “Sons of Anarchy” averaged 2.6 million viewers a week in 2006, with 2 million people watching live and another million within 24 hours, Nielsen said. Last year, each episode averaged 7.5 million viewers over a week’s time, although only 3.2 million saw it “live.” The rest watched on DVD, on demand, online or in FX repeats during the week.

Fully two-thirds of “Homeland” viewers on Showtime last year watched later than its first airing. The Fox series “Sleepy Hollow” had 10.1 million people watch live and another 10.1 million on various time shift options.

The early numbers, besides poorly representing

a show’s true audience, can blatantly mislead, said FX President John Landgraf. For his network’s “Tyrant,” overnight ratings showed that 13 percent fewer young viewers watched the second episode as watched the premiere. But when Nielsen’s numbers for viewing over three full days came in, viewership was actually up 9 percent.

It gets under CBS’ skin when NBC touts “America’s Got Talent” as summer’s most popular network show. That may be true in the overnight numbers, but CBS shows “Under the Dome” and “Extant” surpass it when time-shifted viewing is taken into account, said CBS research chief David Poltrack. Reality shows, sports and news are most commonly watched when

they air.

Besides the overnight numbers, Nielsen measures how many people watch a show within three days of its first airing, and within a week. Landgraf said it’s fairer to make judgments on a show after three days. FX bases its advertising sales on how many people watch a show’s commercials within three days.

Landgraf said he hoped other networks follow his lead. He realizes his stance is risky. Even if FX doesn’t report its overnight numbers, other networks know them and can tell the world.

“It gives our competition ... the opportunity to do mischief,” he said. “Are we all going to slit each other’s throats? Are we like rats in a cage, or are we going to recognize the fact that the consumer is

changing the way he or she consumes our content?”

Landgraf said he waited to take his stand until after the premiere of “The Strain,” which is one of the biggest initial hits in the network’s history, so people wouldn’t question his motives. “The Strain” did very well in the overnight numbers with 2.99 million and increased to 4.73 million within three days.

Robert Seidman, co-founder of the TV by the Numbers website, said FX’s move is partly a publicity stunt. Overnight numbers still solidly represent how one program is doing against a competitor. For a cable network like FX, the value in promoting how many people watch a program over time comes when negotiating with cable or satellite providers over how much money

they will pay to carry a network.

Even if Landgraf won’t talk about the overnight numbers, Seidman said people shouldn’t make the mistake of thinking he isn’t paying attention.

“Whatever they say, whenever they get into the office the day after a premiere, they’re looking at the first shred of numbers that are available,” he said.

Obama wants limits on US company mergers abroad

LOS ANGELES (AP) — President Barack Obama is tapping into growing misgivings about tax-driven overseas mergers by U.S. corporations, issuing a new call to end the practice quickly and questioning the patriotism and citizenship of those companies.

The push comes amid a developing trend by companies to reorganize with foreign entities partly to reduce their tax payments in the U.S.

But Obama’s election-year drive also coincides with increased attention to the issue by congressional Democrats, who are seeking to draw contrasts with Republicans and to portray them as too corporate-friendly.

Obama was scheduled to address the issue in remarks Thursday at a technical college in Los Angeles.

Though he included a proposal to rein in such mergers and acquisitions in his 2015 budget, this marks a new, more aggressive focus on the issue by the president.

His administration began to ramp up attention to these transactions last

week with a letter from Treasury Secretary Jacob Lew to House and Senate leaders. Lew said such deals, known as “inversions,” “hollow out the U.S. corporate income tax base.”

In his remarks, Obama was expected to call for “economic patriotism.” White House officials said Obama would declare that those companies that engage in inversions are in effect renouncing their U.S. citizenship in order to shift their profits overseas.

Obama is urging Congress to enact legislation that is retroactive to May, arguing that will stop companies from rushing into deals to avoid the law.

Republicans and some Democrats, however, prefer to make those changes as part of a comprehensive overhaul of the corporate tax code that would also lower corporate tax rates and reduce the incentive for companies to seek out countries with lower levels of taxation.

Under such inversion deals, U.S.-based, multinational companies can lower their tax bills in

part by combining with a foreign company and reorganizing in a country with a lower tax rate. The United States has a 35 percent income tax rate, the highest in the industrialized world, and it also taxes income earned overseas and then brought home.

Republicans such as Sen. Orrin Hatch of Utah say the U.S. first must change its policy of taxing income earned abroad.

Under current law, shareholders of a U.S. company that merged with an offshore entity would have to own less than 80 percent of the combined entity to take advantage of a lower foreign tax rate.

Obama’s budget proposes slashing that cutoff to 50 percent.

Administration officials estimate the deals, if allowed to continue, will cost the U.S. Treasury \$17 billion in lost revenue over the next decade.

“We should not be providing support for corporations that seek to shift their profits overseas to avoid paying their fair share of taxes,” Lew said in the letter.

New Jersey sues over Florida pizza shop logo

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) — The New Jersey Turnpike Authority wants a Florida pizza shop to pay a big toll for using a logo similar to the Garden State Parkway’s green and yellow signs.

The agency sued Jersey Boardwalk Pizza Tuesday in federal court over the logo it uses for its two pizza shops and on merchandise sold online. It said in the suit that the company is trying to trade upon the fame of the Garden State Parkway logo to attract customers and potential franchisees.

JoyAnn Kenny, a lawyer with the Red Bank-based firm of Marks & Klein LLP, which represents the company, defended its use of the logo in a letter to turnpike authority lawyers included in the suit. She wrote that there’s no way anyone would confuse a highway and a pizza place 1,300 miles away.

“Given the very distinct difference in the goods and services offered by our respective clients (yours being a governmental agency providing highway maintenance and travel related services exclusively in the state of New Jersey — ours being a franchisor of pizza restaurants providing

the opportunity to provide delicious pizza and Italian food to patrons of its licensed restaurants), there is no plausible likelihood of confusion,” she wrote.

The turnpike authority sued over two logos, one used by the pizza business and one by a franchising business it owns. Kenny said that logo for the restaurants was approved by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and has been used since April 2011.

New Jersey says that “there is no question” that the logos “were directly copied and appropriated from Plaintiff’s famous Garden State Parkway Logo.” It asked a judge to require the company to stop using the logos and to destroy any merchandise that includes it.

It calls the Garden State Parkway one of the most iconic and well known highways in the country. Its logo includes a green map of the state with a line showing the highway on a yellow background with the words “Garden State Parkway” written in yellow on a green background.

Jersey Boardwalk Pizza also includes a green map of the state and its title written in yellow on a green background.

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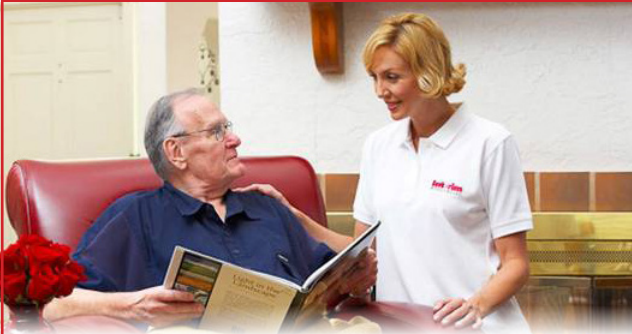
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The Rangers fire sale continues

Normally, a tale-tell sign that a team as written off a season as a lost cause is when they begin to trade players nearing the end of their contracts before the July 31st trade deadline.

Last week Texas traded reliever Jason Frasier. Wednesday night they traded another reliever in Joakim Soria to the Tigers for two prospects. And there are rumors floating about that Alex Rios will be traded before the deadline. The players the Rangers received in the trade were Corey Knebel and Jake Thompson. Knebel is 22 years old and is a right-handed relief pitcher. He hasn't fared well in the majors thus far as he has a 6.23 ERA with 11 Ks in a little over eight innings pitched. Thompson is still in the minors. He is a 20-year-old right-hander and was drafted in the second round of the 2012 MLB draft. In Double-A this season he has started two games and has a 2.45 ERA.

In other recent news the Rangers designated Carlos Pena for assignment on July 17. No one claimed him off waivers so they were allowed to place him back in the minor leagues on July 19. Mitch Moreland has also been placed on the 60-day DL which was previously only a 15-day stint.

Yu Darvish came out of the All-Star break firing bullets as he struck out 12 batters over six and two-thirds innings in the game Friday. He lim-

ited the Blue Jays to one run. Neal Cotts and Soria came in for the final two and one-third innings to keep the Blue Jays off the board. Rougned Odor had a huge night going 3-4 with a triple, a double and an RBI. Adrian Beltre and J.P. Arencibia homered in the game for Texas. Final: Texas 5, Toronto 1.

Game two of that series you could almost flip the score vice versa. Colby Lewis allowed two over five innings and Ryan Feierabend added two more runs from the bullpen. Normally just two runs allowed by your starter would be a good thing but the Rangers offense can't seem to put two good outings together. Texas went 1-8 with runners in scoring position and that is about all someone needs to hear to know the result of the game probably wasn't a good one. Final: Toronto 4, Texas 1.

Sunday the Rangers had hopes of winning their first series in a long time. Unfortunately, Nick Tepesch had one of his learning curve games where he allowed five runs over four and one thirds innings pitched. Neftali Feliz allowed a run from the bullpen as well as Matt West gave up three more runs from the pen. The Rangers went 4-15 with runners in scoring position. In close games you're going to have to do better than that to win the game. Elvis Andrus and Geovany Soto each had doubles. Daniel Robertson had four RBIs but

their efforts just weren't enough. Final: Toronto 9, Texas 6.

Monday the Rangers traveled to New York for a four-game set with the Yankees. Miles Mikolas hit the mound for Texas and he had two previous rough outings on the season. Mikolas came to pitch though putting up his best MLB start yet by allowing just two runs over seven and a third innings pitch. Cotts and Soria blanked the Yankees in the final one and a third innings. Soto, Odor and Shin Soo-Choo all had RBIs in clutch spots with 2-outs in an inning. All three in addition to Beltre had RBIs in the game. Final: Texas 4, New York 2.

Tuesday was a pitching duel. 17 total pitchers hit the mound in the game over the 14 innings. Nick Martinez, Feliz, Shawn Tolleson, Cotts, Roman Mendez, Feierabend and Scott Baker all combined to pitch 12 innings of shutout baseball including limiting the Yankees to only six hits. One would think that would be enough to make the difference. However, Soria and Tepesch each allowed a run over the final one and a third innings to give the Yankees the win in walk-off fashion. The lone Ranger run was from an Arencibia home run. Chirinos had a double in the game and Texas once again struggled with runners in scoring position, going 1-9. Final: New York 2, Texas 1 in 14 innings.

Wednesday was the same score but completely different story. The game was called after four and a third innings due to rain. Darvish allowed two runs in the four and a third innings. He also struck out five batters. Leonys Martin had a triple and scored the only Ranger run. When the rain started, it took 13 minutes and three different tries for the grounds crew to get the tarp on the field. By that point, Mother Nature had already done its damage and the field was too wet to continue playing without risk of injury. Final: New York 2, Texas 1 in 5 innings.

Colby Lewis took the mound Thursday hoping to give the Rangers two wins in this four game set with the Yankees. He allowed three runs in six and a third innings pitched. Feierabend came in from the bullpen and allowed

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Bucs seek resurgence under Lovie Smith

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The Tampa Bay Buccaneers enter the 2014 season under the leadership of veteran head coach Lovie Smith. After a 4-12 campaign, the Buccaneers sacked two-year head coach Greg Schiano.

The current quarterbacks on the roster are Mike Glennon, Josh McCown, Mike Kafka and Alex Tanney. Glennon had a solid rookie season started 13 games for the Buccaneers last season, throwing for 2,608 yards, 19 touchdowns and 9 interceptions. He will be competing with 12-year veteran McCown for the starting position.

Vincent Jackson led the Bucs in receiving last season with 78 catches for 1224 yards and seven touchdowns. Tampa Bays used the draft to add a couple more weapons, drafting Texas A&M wide receiver Mike Evans and Washington tight end Austin Seferian-Jenkins.

After a strong rookie season, running back Doug Martin struggled last season, averaging 3.6 yards per carry for 456 yards. He split carries with Bobby Rainey and Mike James. Tampa Bay added

to their running back stable by drafting West Virginia running back Charles Sims.

The Buccaneers' other draft picks were Tennessee State guard Kadeem Edwards, Purdue offensive tackle Kevin Pamphile and Wyoming wide receiver Robert Herron.

In addition to Josh McCown, some of the Bucs' other offseason acquisitions were tight end Brandon Myers, defensive tackle Clint McDonald, wide receiver Lavelle Hawkins, center Evan Dietrich-Smith, defensive end Michael Johnson, guard Oniel Cousins and cornerback Alterraun Verner.

Offseason losses include cornerback Darrelle Revis, wide receiver Mike Williams, tackle Donald Penn and fullback Eric Lorig.

The Tampa Bay Buccaneers open their season against the defending NFC South champions, the Carolina Panthers. This will be a tough opener that I would not expect the Bucs to win, but anything could happen. Their next game is against the St. Louis Rams, which is very winnable. It should be a good measure of how much the Bucs have improved from

a season ago.

Their next three games are on the road against Atlanta, Pittsburgh and New Orleans. The Falcons also went 4-12 last season. The Steelers also struggled last season with a rare playoff miss, finishing with a record of 8-8. The New Orleans game is at the Superdome, where the Saints are always difficult to beat.

The Buccaneers then return home to face the Ravens, who have had a disastrous offseason. After the bye week, they play the Vikings, Browns, Falcons and Redskins. Each of those teams failed to win more than five games last season. It is completely possible that Tampa Bay could win all four of those games.

The next game is against Josh McCown's former team, the Chicago Bears, who finished last season 8-8. They then face a play-off team in the Cincinnati Bengals, before facing the Detroit Lions. The Buccaneers have a tough stretch to end the season, facing Carolina, Green Bay and New Orleans.

My prediction for the Buccaneers' first season under Lovie Smith is a step in the right direction, finishing with a 7-9 record.

Jerry Jones: Garrett not coaching for job

OXNARD, Calif. (AP) — Jerry Jones doesn't like to repeat his good sound bites, so he found a new way to say Jason Garrett isn't coaching for his job.

The Dallas Cowboys owner said Wednesday it wasn't a "make or break" season for Garrett, a year after opening training camp by declaring that last season wouldn't be "Armageddon" for his coach if the once-proud franchise missed the playoffs again.

The Cowboys have identical endings to all three full seasons under Garrett, losing to NFC East rivals to finish 8-8 and miss the playoffs.

This time, Garrett is in the final year of his contract. While he's not talking extension, Jones also isn't talking change.

"Did the record of 8-8, 8-8, 8-8 ... was that the factor? No," Jones said on the eve of the team's first camp practices. "In

my mind he is more of an asset after this last 8-8 season than he was before the first 8-8 season we had three years ago."

In Jones' mind, that means Garrett is gaining experience since replacing Wade Phillips in the middle of the 2010 season. And the owner says he likes the continuity with Garrett going into his eighth season after he was hired as offensive coordinator before Phillips came on as coach in 2007.

"There's nobody that has a better feel for me than Jason, in terms of the relationship," Jones said. "We both know where our expectations are and when it's looking good and when it's looking dire. And I don't expect it to be the latter."

In other words, Jones isn't resigning himself to missing the playoffs a

fifth straight time. Dallas hasn't done that since 1990, when the Cowboys entered his second year as owner coming off a two-year mark of 4-28.

"I don't want to have to stomach it," Jones said. "Let's put it like that."

Still, Jones was a bit cautious with his optimism, using his opening statement to point out that roughly half of the 90-man camp roster includes players who weren't with the Cowboys a year ago.

He also likes to say Dallas has gone from one of the oldest teams in the league to one of the youngest. Some might call that rebuilding. Not Jones.

"It's not about next year," Jones said. "I think we've got the fundamentals to compete and compete right now, and the decisions we've made are that."

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one run in one inning of work. So once again the Rangers offense needed to go to work to come out on top. However they went 1-4 with runners in scoring position and left five men on base. Odor had two hits. Choo, Andrus and Arenecibia each had a hit. The only RBIs came from Andrus and Arenecibia. Arenecibia's hit was from a solo home run in the seventh inning. The Rangers offense just couldn't do enough in the end to come out on top. Final: New York 4, Texas 2.

This weekend Texas hosts Oakland for a three-game set. Nick Tepesch (3-6, 4.87 ERA) goes up against Jason Hammel (8-7, 3.35 ERA) on Friday. Tepesch has had a very inconsistent season this year. The Rangers never really are sure of what they can get out of him. Hammel on the other hand has been very consistent with the Cubs and now the Athletics. Look for a close game and pitching duel if Tepesch is on, but if he's not it could get ugly early. Prediction: Athletics 5, Rangers 2.

Miles Mikolas (1-2,

7.48 ERA) faces off with Sonny Gray (11-3, 2.72 ERA) on Saturday. Gray has been one of the best pitchers in baseball this season. He has owned Texas as well. Until Mikolas proves otherwise I am thinking the game against the Yankees Monday was a fluke. Prediction: Athletics 7, Rangers 1.

Nick Martinez (1-6, 4.73 ERA) matches up with Scott Kazmir (11-3, 2.32 ERA) in Sunday's finale. These are all horrible pitching matchups for Texas as they face two of the best pitchers in baseball and the two best on the Athletics this series. And to counter Texas has young guys that are trying to learn at the Major League level. Prediction: Athletics 6, Rangers 3.

Not much has changed in the standings. As of Wednesday's games here is the AL West standings. Oakland sits at first with a 62-38 record. The LA Angels are in second at 60-40. Seattle is in third at 53-48. Houston remains fourth at 42-59. Texas brings up the rear at 40-61.

Since the Rangers moved to Globe Life Park, formerly the Ballpark in Arlington, the season high for losses is 91 in 2000 and 2003 and they will be in danger of snap-

ping those records, the types of records that don't need to be broken.

In this week's edition of Prospect Watch we will take a look at Joey Gallo. He is the second best Ranger prospect. He is a third baseman for Double-A Frisco. Many think he will be the one to replace Beltre when he finally decides to hang it up. He is a power hitter. In 2012 he broke the Arizona Rookie League's single-season home run mark. And then in 2013 he hit 40 homers to lead all minor league levels in his first full season. Unfortunately with his home runs he has had a lot of strikeouts, 172 of them in 111 games in 2013. Scouts say he has an excellent arm, but is a below-average runner and that limits his range and that he will need to improve defensively to stay at third base in the long run. They say he will go as far as his bat will take him. So far this year he has a .277 average with 12 homers and 32 RBIs in 37 games. He has struck out 67 times so far in 137 at bats.

Be sure to stay tuned to this column each week especially since the Rangers have become sellers at the deadline. The deadline is next Thursday and I will have the latest for you

Harvesters hold youth soccer camp

By FORREST GRIMES
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The Pampa Harvesters hosted their annual summer youth soccer camp from Monday to Thursday from 9 to 11 a.m. at Harvester Field for boys and girls grades one to nine. The camp was run by Pampa High School head girls' soccer coach Hugo Aguillon and head boys' soccer coach Joel Baker.

Aguillon said the purpose of the youth camps to help get the younger children involved in soccer.

"The purpose is for the kids to of course have fun,

learn how to pass the ball, learn simple techniques and movement, which is very important," he said. "We would like for them to be able to know these techniques so whenever they go up to the high school they will be at a good level to start off with."

The camp participants were taught the fundamentals of soccer.

"We do passing. We do dribbling, shooting, finishing, and we work a lot on possession, how to pass the ball, movement as well," Aguillon said. "Of course, what we're doing right now is trapping pos-

session." The younger children were taught the more basic fundamentals, while the older children were taught the more advanced fundamentals.

"The younger kids, since a lot of them are new to soccer, learn pretty much the same techniques, same passing, but they start with simple drills," Aguillon said. "The older kids work on some more difficult drills."

Coach Baker equated it to the younger children learning their ABCs, while the older children learning how to spell.

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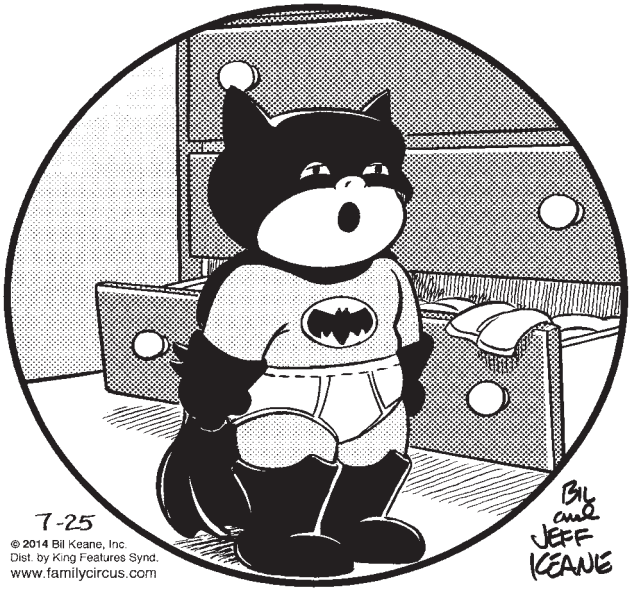
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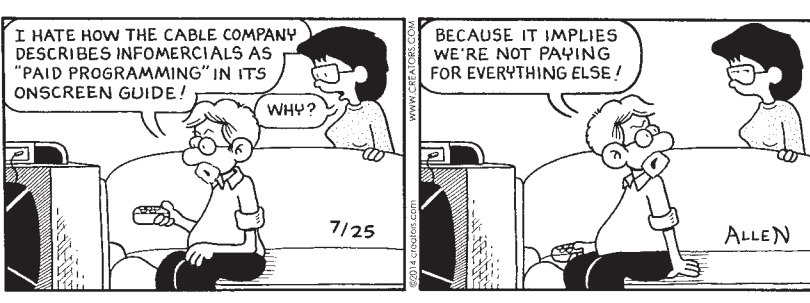


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The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult
ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ A new beginning involving a creative venture or a relationship becomes possible. You might be surprised by your own reaction, as a wish starts to become a reality. A partner will give you important feedback. Avoid getting into a power play. Tonight: Let it all happen.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Tension builds, as you might have strong feelings about a person who seems to be very difficult to deal with. Let go of this person's snide comments. A change involving your home or domestic life becomes very likely. Tonight: Order in.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ As always, you have the right words at the right time. Someone you are somewhat acquainted with could become reactive when he or she sees you. Understand that this behavior has more to do with this person than with you. Tonight: At a favorite haunt.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You might be taken aback by a difficult loved one whose behavior could be explosive. Your temper could flare in reaction to this person, so take a walk or go out and do some shopping that you have been putting off. Tonight: Indulge a friend.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ A new beginning becomes very possible. You are unusually fortunate at this point, so remain optimistic. Others will follow your lead. If someone becomes unusually evasive or difficult, know that he or she could be hiding an important detail. Tonight: Say "yes."

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ Your mind will be working overtime, but you might not be ready to share your thoughts. Don't be surprised if you suddenly lose your temper. You can suppress your feelings only so much. Follow your instincts when communicating with others. Tonight: Vanish!
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Focus on someone you really want to get together with. You could decide to go on a spending spree to spruce up your wardrobe and perhaps your home. You might feel as if a dating situation could become more serious. Take your time. Tonight: Where the crowds are.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ You often put on a good face because you feel as if you must. You might be noticing that your temper is building. Perhaps you need to express your feelings now before you get into a difficult situation or an argument. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Act on an impulse and take off for a little while. You won't believe how much better you will feel with a change of environment. You could meet someone of significance unexpectedly. Avoid a money hassle at any cost. Tonight: Let your imagination lead the way.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Deal with a loved one directly. You really enjoy this person, so remember that. Don't create a power play out of the blue. This person could walk away from you if you continue to play games. Do you really want that? Tonight: A cozy dinner for two.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ You'll be OK with allowing your friends to run the show. You will enjoy being somewhat less dominant, and you'll feel more cared about than you ever dreamed possible. Do not allow an older friend or relative to rain on your parade! Tonight: Go along with the program.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You might want to evaluate how much you must do before you can relax and enjoy the weekend. You might decide to add a new element to your life, such as a new exercise routine. Avoid a pushy or controlling friend if possible. Tonight: Play it easy!

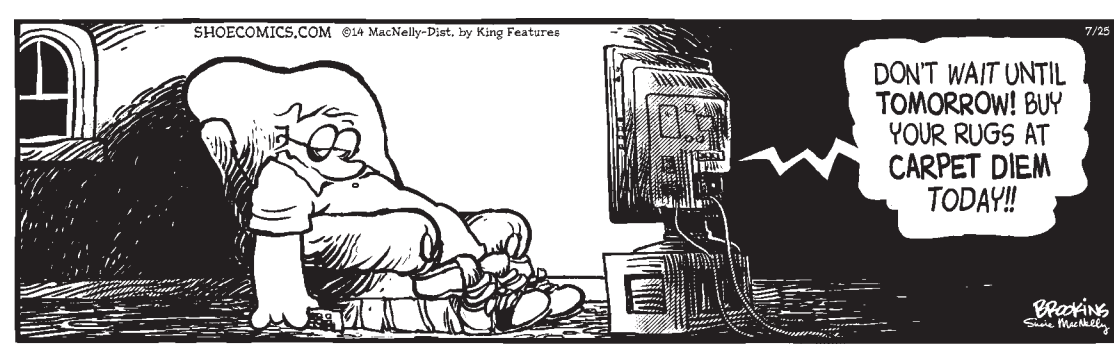
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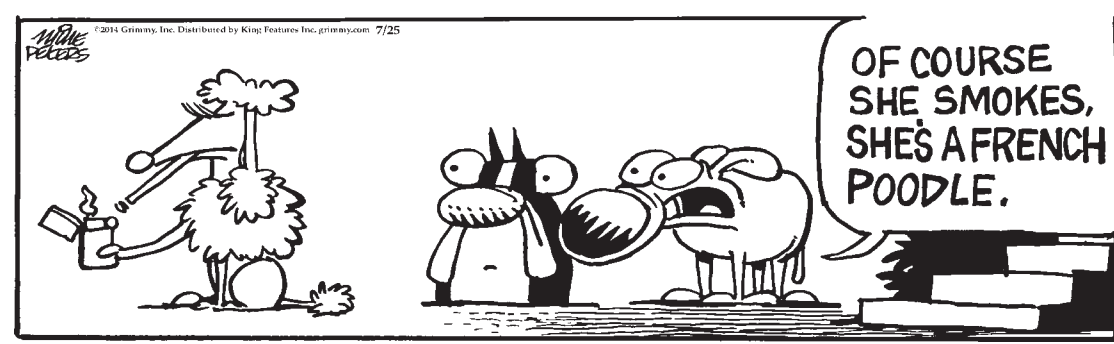
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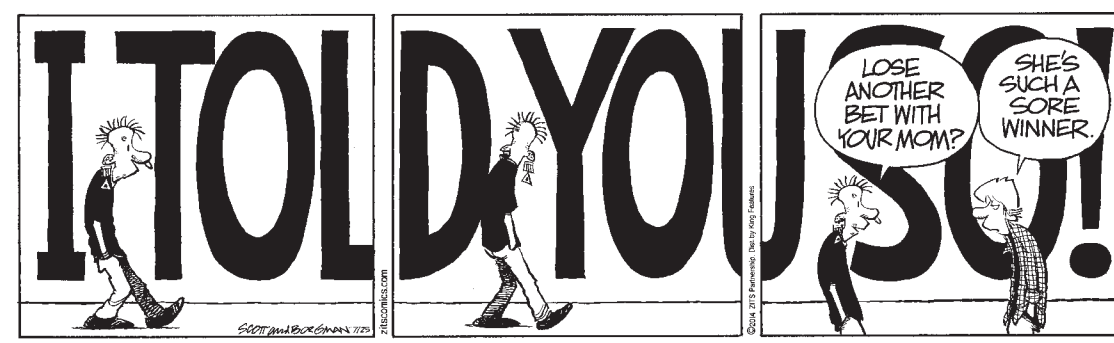
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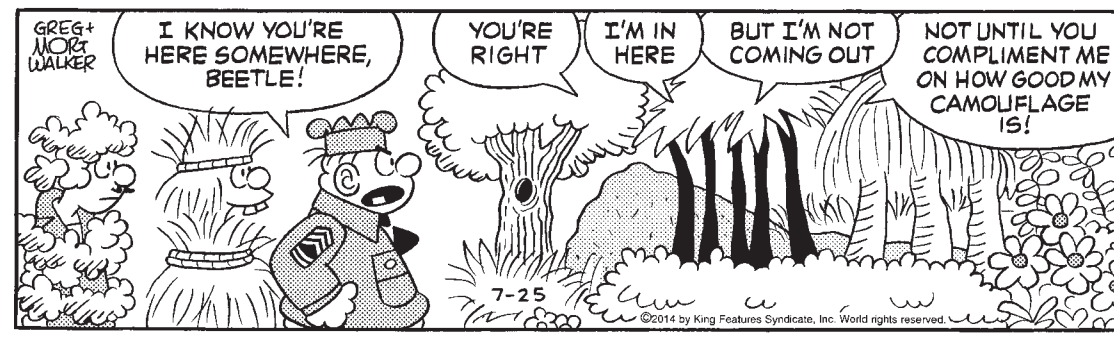
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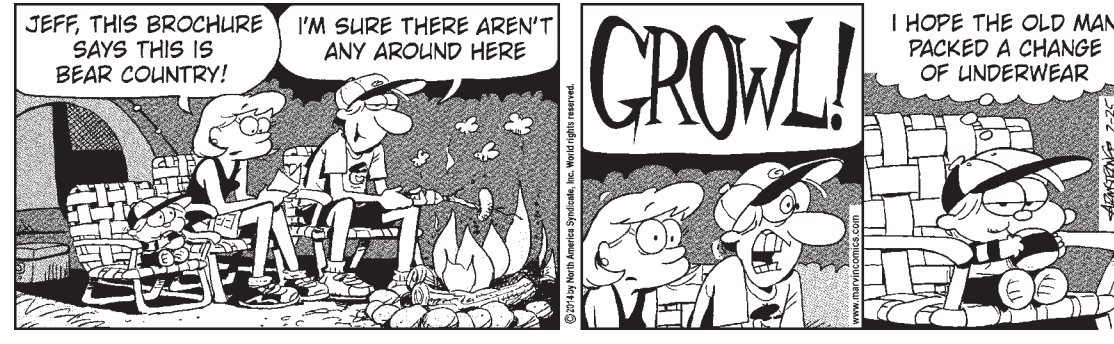
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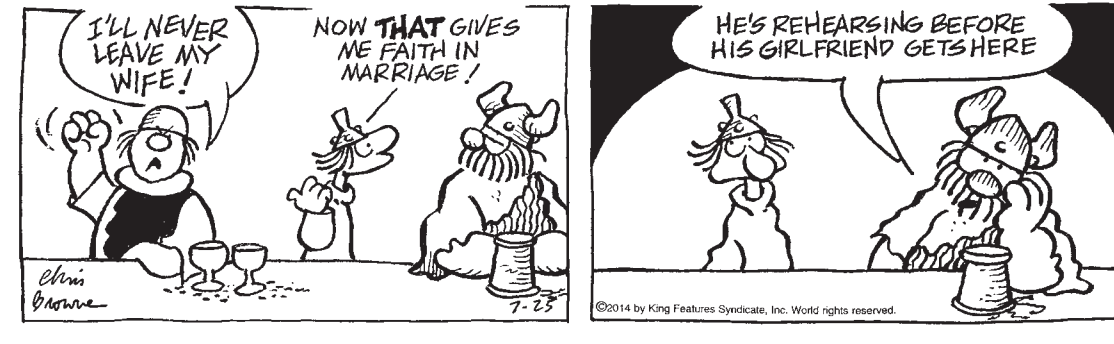
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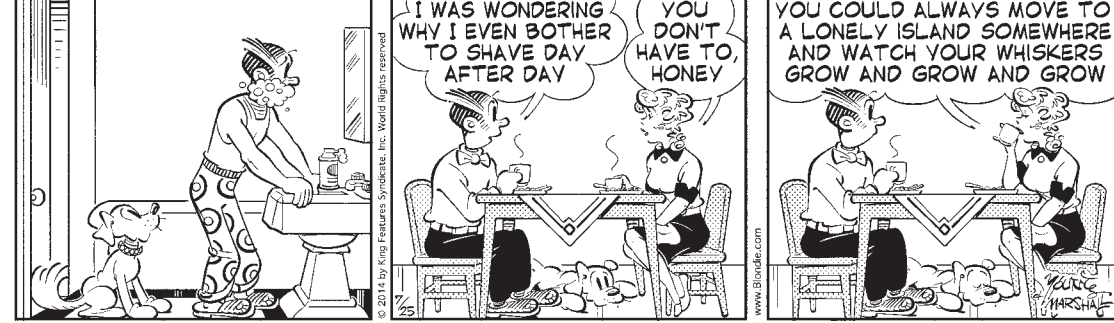
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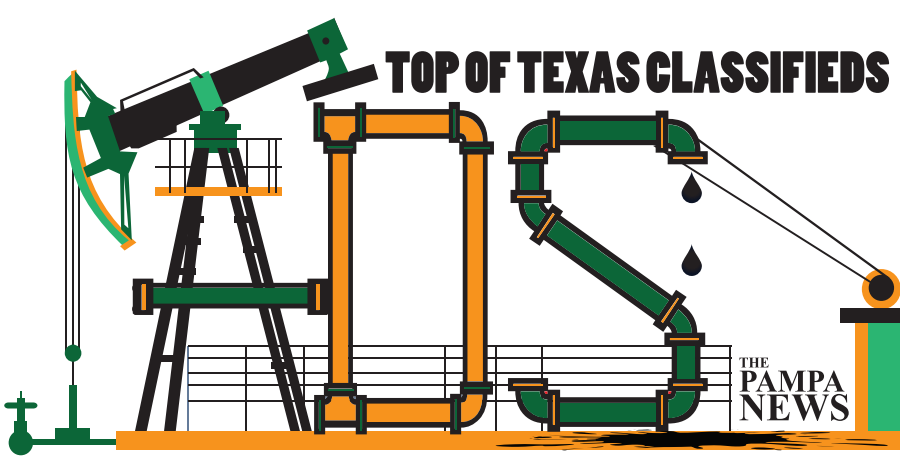


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ACROSS

- 1 Half of humanity
- 6 Couches
- 11 Make amends
- 12 Up in the air
- 13 "Royals" singer
- 14 Towel material
- 15 Auction buy
- 16 Couple
- 18 Up to, briefly
- 19 Quarter-back Manning
- 20 Road-house
- 21 Road hazard
- 22 Stood up to
- 24 Miles off
- 25 Tel Aviv native
- 27 St. Louis landmark
- 29 Plots of land
- 32 Aunt in Acapulco
- 33 Summer sign
- 34 Seaman's answer
- 35 Back muscle, for short
- 36 Bizarre
- 37 Refrain syllable

- 38 Fake name
- 40 Knuckle-head
- 42 Boosted
- 43 Nary a soul
- 44 Printer need
- 45 Dead duck

DOWN

- 1 Enclosed, in a way
- 2 "Becket" actor
- 3 Great shame
- 4 Goal
- 5 Less well-off
- 6 Squelched
- 7 Spanish cheer

- 8 Rampart's role
- 9 Serengeti setting
- 10 Designer
- 17 Chronologically ambiguous
- 23 Kinda: Suff.
- 24 Copying
- 26 Wearing away
- 27 Ultimate-ly
- 28 Theater district
- 30 Power of films
- 31 Usher, at times
- 33 Pathetic person
- 39 Heady brew
- 41 "Da - Ron Ron"

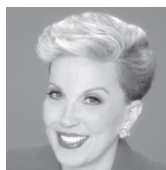
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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: When my friend "Fran" and I get together with our kids, they often play games on her cellphone until the battery dies. If she tries to take the phone from her 6-year-old to make a call or recharge the phone, he starts yelling at her, pushes her, pulls her skirt and hits her. Her reaction is to hug him and start praying for the devil to get out of his body in Jesus' name as he continues to hit her.

While I respect Fran's religion, I'm appalled at his violent behavior, concerned that he will grow up thinking it's OK to hit people, and I think this should be handled differently. What do you think? Should I say something? And if so, what can I say so as not to hurt her feelings? — **APPALLED BY THE VIOLENCE**

DEAR AP-PALLED: Surely by now Fran knows what will happen when she lets her son play with her cellphone. The boy may act this way because his mother never taught him how

to deal with frustration in a healthy way. Whether his outbursts are the result of poor parenting or an emotional disability, be less concerned about hurting Fran's feelings than about whether her son could seriously hurt her in another year or two. Tell her this and urge her to discuss the boy's behavior with his pediatrician — before his problems get worse and he becomes unmanageable.

DEAR ABBY: I recently got married. The week before our wedding, my husband was so hateful and hard to get along with that I wasn't sure what was going on with him. When I asked if he was sure he still wanted to get married, he would say yes.

On the day of our wedding he brought up his ex-wife's name twice — each time making snide remarks. Nonetheless, he married me. He has slept downstairs every night since our wedding, not in our bed. Our marriage has yet to be con-

summated. So tell me, Abby, what's his problem? I'm miserable! — **MISERABLE BRIDE IN OHIO**

DEAR BRIDE: The only person who can answer that question is your husband. Clearly, he is not happy either. Tell him that you are worried about him and ask him to level with you. Offer him the option of marriage counseling, but if he refuses, then, frankly, you both may be better off if this marriage is annulled.

DEAR ABBY: I'm in my 30s and have a tattoo on my forearm that I now regret getting. I try to wear sweaters so no one will notice. In the past when people discovered I have a tattoo, they have judged me so I ended up feeling ashamed of myself.

I am debating having it removed — or I could go to driving school to become a long-haul trucker. Both options are expensive, and I'm undecided about which to do. Can you advise me? — **TORN IN SAN ANTONIO**

DEAR TORN: It's a hard choice, but truck drivers make good money, so you may be on to something. Once you have the money, you could have the tattoo removed, if you still want to, so I'm voting for going to driving school.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

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