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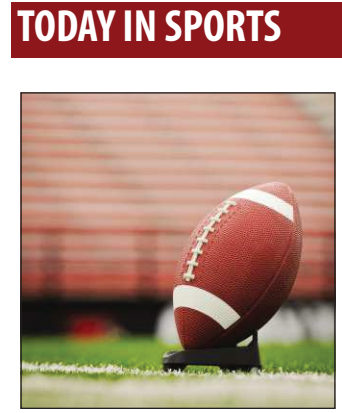

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Pampa students challenged to 'Ride It Forward'



Photos by John Lee

Above, students from Pampa Junior High School were among the students who got to sign Joe Ostaszewski's travel bus today following his presentation. The bus has been signed by many, if not all, of the groups of students Ostaszewski has made presentations to. Left, Ostaszewski traveled to each of the Pampa ISD elementary campuses and the junior high campus talking about his "Riding it Forward" program as well as his experience dealing with obesity.

and nutrition, that I wish I knew then (when I was a football player)," Ostaszewski told the students of Pampa Junior High Tuesday morning. "There is a huge difference between being healthy and in shape and just being in shape. What I am going to tell you is real."

Ostaszewski told the students that one in three of the country's youth are unhealthy and told them about his unhealthy lifestyle when he was a linemen at Florida St.

He had an eye-opener years ago when his father was having heart surgery. Him and his twin brother, Henry, were both out of shape and decided to make a pledge

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BY JOHN LEE
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In September of last year, Joe Ostaszewski was a runner up on NBC's "The Biggest Loser." Now he is on a trek across the United States, starting in Washington, D.C. and ending at The Biggest Loser Ranch in Calabasas, Calif., to educate the youth of the nation the dangers of being overweight.

"I am going to tell you something now about health

Accolade to hold annual health fair

■ United Clinical Services to give flu, pneumonia shots.

By LINDSEY TOMASCHIK
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Accolade Home Care and Hospice will be holding its annual Pampa Community Health Fair coming up from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 16 at the M.K. Brown Auditorium, 1100 Coronado Drive. There are more than 20 vendors signed up to partake in this year's event, one of which is United Clinical Services.

United pharmacist Beth Bagwell said that the flu vaccine indicated for anyone age six months or older. There are a number of flu-related deaths in young and old, and it's easily transmitted coughing or sneezing. The flu can be caught by touching one's eyes nose or mouth because this is how it enters the body. There are also unpleasant symptoms including nausea and vomiting when the flu is at its worst. Bagwell said that these people can end up hospitalized for the sickness.

The pneumonia vaccine will also be available at the health fair. Bagwell said it is recommended for those ages 65 and older. She specifically recommends this vaccine for anyone with a heart condition, diabetes, anything that compromises immune system, including smokers and people with asthma.

Insurance may cover these vaccines, too. Medicare B pays 100 percent of both the flu and pneumonia vaccines. If a person is not covered by insurance, it is \$20 for the trivalent flu vaccine and \$25 for flu mist, which is

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Two named to Harvester Hall Of Fame

SUBMITTED BY PAMPA ISD

Two Pampa High School graduates will be named to the Pampa High School Harvester Hall of Fame during an induction ceremony on Friday, Sept. 19.

The festivities will begin with a reception at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 18 at the Pampa ISD Central Office, 1233 N. Hobart Street. The formal induction ceremony will be held on Friday, Sept. 19 at 9:30 a.m. at Clifton McNeely Field House, followed by a community luncheon at noon at the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. Tickets for the luncheon are \$11 and reservations for the luncheon can be made by calling Karen Linder at 669-4700. The community is invited to attend all events. Reservations for the luncheon must be made by Sept. 12.

Mr. Drew Harvey, Class of 1964 and Mr. Zach Thomas, Class of 1992, have been named as two outstanding PHS alumni who have contributed significantly to the betterment of their professions and their communities.

Mr. Harvey worked as an Engineering

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Drew Harvey



Zach Thomas

PAMPA COUNTRY CLUB CELEBRATES PATRIOT GOLF DAY



Photo by Forrest Grimes

The Pampa Country Club celebrated Patriot Golf Day on Saturday. Like every other year, there was a marine posted at hole No. 9 who golfers often shook hands with and thanked for his service. On Labor Day weekend, golfers across the country are asked to add an extra dollar to their greens fees to fund Folds of Honor scholarships. The Patriot Golf Day campaign is jointly supported by The PGA of America and the United States Golf Association. In the last seven years, golfers nationwide have been instrumental in raising donations through Patriot Golf Day events, resulting in over 7,500 scholarships in all 50 states and 41 PGA sections.

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PAMPA FORECAST

Today	Thursday	Friday
		
High 96 Low 68	High 95 Low 67	High 88 Low 64

Today: Sunny with a high of 96. Winds south-southwest at 20 mph. Sunrise at 7:18 a.m.

Tonight: Clear with a low of 68. Chance of rain: 10 percent. Winds south at 19 mph. Sunset at 8:08 p.m.

Thursday: Sunny with a high of 95. Winds south-southwest at 20 mph. Sunrise at 7:19 a.m.

Thursday night: Partly cloudy with a low of 67. Chance of rain: 10 percent. Winds south-southwest at 17 mph. Sunset at 8:07 p.m.

Friday: Partly cloudy with a high of 88. Chance of rain: 10 percent. Winds west at 11 mph. Sunrise at 7:19 a.m.

Friday night: Thunderstorms with a low of 64. Chance of rain: 80 percent. Winds east at 11 mph. Sunset at 8:05 p.m.

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The quadrivalent vaccine is \$28 without insurance. This vaccine was new last year. The HD flu vaccine is for those ages 65 and up, and this vaccine is four times stronger than regular flu vaccine, which enables

the body to produce 24 percent more antibodies. For more information on these and other vaccines, contact United Clinical Services at 806-665-7642. Those who may be interested in reserving a booth

or finding out more information about the fair and its vendors are encouraged to call Accolade Home Care and Hospice at 806-665-9700. The deadline for booth rentals is Friday, Sept. 5.

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Director for Aluminum Company of America (ALCOA), and traveled extensively to Europe and Japan. He eventually led the construction of a plant in Germany that supplied aluminum bodies for the Audi A8, the world's first production volume aluminum car. This led to advanced technological manufacturing plants in Hungary, Italy, England, Spain, Norway and the USA. As the Director of Alcoa Business Systems, Mr. Harvey led the implementation of advanced manufacturing technologies throughout the business.

After retirement, Mr. Harvey became involved in Habitat for Humanity and traveled to Africa, Zambia, Ethiopia and New Zealand, leading groups in developing homes for those in need. He was a part of the team that created "The Nyadire Connection" (TNC), which is dedicated to enabling Nyadire to continue serving the people of Northeastern Zimbabwe. He is the chairman of TNC, and continues to take teams to Nyadire each year. He is a member of the Board of Directors for the Brothers for Brother Foundation, which collects medical supplies and equipment from hospitals and distributes them throughout the world. Mr Thomas is a former American College and professional football player.

He played college football for Texas Tech University, and was recognized as a two time Unanimous First-Team All-American. He was awarded the Southwest Conference Defensive Player of the Year his junior and senior years, and was selected as a finalist for the "Butkus Award." In 2006, he was inducted into the Texas Tech Athletics Hall of Honor, and was recently inducted into the 2014 Southwest Conference Hall of Fame. He was drafted by the Miami Dolphins in the fifth round of the 1996 NFL Draft, and played for the Dolphins his first twelve seasons. As a rookie, he led Miami with 154 total tackles, and was recognized as the team's MVP and Newcomer of the Year.

He also received the 1996 Unsung Hero Award, and became the first Dolphin in team history to receive NFL Defensive Rookie of the Month. He is Miami's all-time tackle leader, and holds the Dolphin record for career touchdown interceptions. He played one year for the Dallas Cowboys. He was selected to the Pro Bowl seven times during his career, earned first-team All-NFL honors five times, selected to the 1998 "All-Madden Team," and was selected for the "All-Iron Team." In 2012, he was inducted into the "Miami Dolphin Ring of Honor." He has been nominated for the NFL Hall of Fame. Complete biographies will be printed in the Sept. 20 edition.

Joe

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to be healthier.

Several weeks later, Ostaszewski's brother told him he was to have a heart catheter ablation, a procedure that is generally safe, but can be deadly. His brother was worried about the outcome of the surgery. But he had made the suggestion to Ostaszewski about doing "The Biggest Loser," but Ostaszewski was not wanting to do it at first.

"I was living in Gainesville, Fla., at the time," Ostaszewski said. "I'm driving home and I see this beautiful perfect double rainbow and it was my sign that everything was going to be okay. As I'm driving one of those rainbows completely disappears, I start getting tears down my face and kept telling myself it's going to be okay."

That was his sign to get on "The Biggest Loser." He told the students about the three teenage ambassadors on the show. "Sonny, Bingo and Lindsey were all on the show," Ostaszewski said. "Sonny wanted to fit into

her prom dress, Bingo wanted to play baseball and Lindsey wanted to be a cheerleader; but they were too unhealthy to do that. Guess what each one of them did? Each one of them got healthy."

Ostaszewski reminded the students of the two most important things about getting healthy, eating healthy and exercising. Then his advice to athletes were to eat as well as they train and get good sleep.

Ostaszewski said that 90 percent of the time he eats healthy but he still enjoys his pizza, chicken wings and ice cream about 10 percent of the time.

Ostaszewski told the students about the "Riding It Forward" program.

The program is a partnership between the National 4-H Council and Wear Your Soul, which is a non-profit corporation formed by the Ostaszewski brothers dedicated to improving the health of children by encouraging them to play non-competitive sports.

Ostaszewski challenged students to take time away from their electronics and exercise whether by walking or running, taking a picture of them

holding a sign saying how far they traveled through the "#RideItForward" program.

Ostaszewski talked to The Pampa News after his presentation to the students about the programs he mentioned to them.

"This ride is a grassroots ride to show America that it's time for us to take back our health," Ostaszewski said. "One of the most pressing things in our society is our health care system. It's at the top of every politician's docket. Education and health care. If we don't do something as Americans to take back our health, there won't be enough health care no matter what we do."

Ostaszewski said that as adults they make the choices to change their lifestyles, but children should be empowered to take charge of their lives and make the right choices when it comes to food.

"If we fix that (the obesity issue) at the grassroots, with our children, then we have a chance to be able to say 'hey we are promoting health,'" Ostaszewski said.

The biggest thing that Ostaszewski said he takes back is that the

kids want to be healthy and hopes to inspire not just the kids but also the educators who wish to be healthier.

Ostaszewski said that "The Biggest Loser" experience was a do or die experience.

"It wasn't about dieting because I was on the diet roller coaster my whole life," Ostaszewski said. "I wanted to learn how to get off that roller coaster and learn how to sustain it and live healthy not just then but the rest of my life."

That doesn't mean I can't contract some horrible disease that there is no cure from, but I know while I am living right now in the moment, I am going to be in the healthiest, happiest and energetic body I can live in.

"I wanna exemplify that to everyone else that they too can have that peace and that happiness and that same health. It's there. I am no different than anyone out there, we all come in the same and we all go out. Why not give yourself a beautiful body while you're."

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Obituaries

Larry Ray Nabors

Larry Ray Nabors, 64, of Pampa, died Aug. 31, 2014 in Pampa.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 4, 2014, at Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel, with Rev. Norman Rushing, pastor of Central Baptist Church, officiating.

Graveside services will be at 3 p.m. Thursday at Buffalo Cemetery near Sweetwater, Okla., under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Nabors was born June 9, 1950 in Sayre, Okla. to Wilbur Ray and Theresa Hardy Nabors. He graduated from Pampa High School in 1969, and while going to school and after graduation he worked at Furr's Supermarket. He married his high school sweetheart, Linda Gail Cooper, on Aug. 29, 1969 in Pampa. He lived in Pampa most of his life, except for five years when he and Gail lived in South Dakota. He later worked for Tom Rose Motors, Robert Knowles and Culberson-Stowers. Larry did handyman work for several years, retiring in 2002 due to health conditions.

His family and friends loved him beyond words, and are grateful for the impact that he had on their lives. Despite the sorrow of their loss, they rejoicing that he is now in a peaceful and pain free rest with God the father. Larry always focused on the needs of his family; God will now provide him with the same comfort, peace and security. Larry was preceded in death by his father, Wilbur Ray Nabors in 2010.

Survivors include his wife of 45 years, Gail of the home; his mother, Theresa Nabors of Pampa; one brother, Jerry Nabors and wife Linda of Denison; two sisters, Linda Forman and husband Bill of Pampa and Phyllis Doucette and husband John of Amarillo; numerous nieces and nephews; his three dogs and companions, Brahm,



Larry Ray Nabors

Sandy and Maggie and one cat, Brandy.

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, and I have kept the faith." II Timothy 4:7

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, c/o Gerry Caylor, 2130 Charles, Pampa, Texas 79065, or Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America, 386 Park Ave. South, New York, New York 10016.

Sign the online guest register at www.carmichael-whitley.com.

Billie Moore

Billie Moore, 86, of Miami, died Sept. 1, 2014 in Amarillo.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 4, 2014, at the United Methodist Church of Miami, with Rev. Anthony Inman, pastor, Rev. Tom Stribing, pastor of First United Methodist Church of Happy, and Rev. Scott Moore, grandson and executive pastor of First United Methodist Church of Conroe, officiating. Burial will follow in Miami Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Moore was born Sept. 30, 1927 in Wheeler County and attended Wheeler schools. She married Leslie Moore on Nov. 30, 1947 in Wheeler. He preceded her in death on Jan. 7, 2008. Billie had been a resident of Miami since 1960. She was a rural mail carrier for over 20 years and also worked in the Miami School cafeteria for nine years. She was a member of the Miami United Methodist Church where she served on the kitchen committee for many years. Billie was very active in preparing bereavement meals and was proud of the church's food ministry. She also served Meals on Wheels for many years.

Billie was preceded in death by a son, Tilden Moore in 1999, and a daughter, Francis Lynn O'Malley in 2001.

Survivors include a son, Jim Moore and wife Debbie



Billie Moore

of Willis, Texas; seven grandchildren, Michelle Moore of Lubbock, Scott Moore of Conroe, Courtney Moore of Woodward, Okla., Todd Moore, Rae Ann O'Malley and Cody Greenlee, all of Amarillo and Jas O'Malley of White Deer and 11 great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 248, Miami, Texas 79059.

Sign the online guest register at www.carmichael-whitley.com.

Linda Rhue DeWitt McCain

Linda Rhue DeWitt McCain, 66, of Pampa, died Sept. 1, 2014 in Pampa.

Memorial services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. McCain was born April 30, 1948 in Wheeler and was a 1967 graduate of Pampa High School. She married Robert McCain in 1987 in Las Vegas. She was a certified nurse's aide at Highland General Hospital for several years and worked at the first McDonald's in Pampa. She loved to play dominoes, work jigsaw puzzles, dancing, flower gardening, sewing, crocheting and cooking.

Survivors include her husband, Robert McCain of the home; daughter, Camellia Roberts and husband Stuart of Amarillo; son, Keith Mason and wife Ann of Oceanside, Calif.; two stepsons, Bob McCain and wife Gwyn of Wheeler and Danny McCain and wife Pat of Dallas; father, Noel R. DeWitt of Pampa; two sisters, Cecilia Cloud and husband Allen and Kay Shepherd and husband Dennis, all of Pampa; two brothers, Ray DeWitt and Damon DeWitt and wife Maggie, all of Pampa; seven grandchildren, Jarrett Coronado of Amarillo, Jordan Coronado of Oklahoma City, Kendra Roberts of Lubbock, Te'Mera Benevides of Houston, Andrew Malszycki, Dustin Yonkings and Jacqueline Yonkings, all of Oceanside, Calif. and five great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Accolade Hospice, 1313 N. Hobart, Pampa, Texas 79065.

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For the record

Several arrested on drug, alcohol charges

STAFF REPORT

• Luis Angel Lopes, 25, Pampa, was arrested Saturday by the Department of Public Safety for his second driving while intoxicated offense.

• Kandace Deann Roby, 29, Pampa, was arrested Friday by the Gray County Sheriff's Office for assault on a public servant.

• Anthony Dewayne Dunn, 35, Pampa, was ar-

rested Saturday by GCSO for evading arrest or detention with a previous conviction.

• Ronnie Bruce Jones, 54, Pampa, was arrested Saturday by GCSO for criminal trespassing, two charges of capias pro fine — failure to maintain car insurance, capias pro fine — expired car inspection, capias pro fine — displaying expired registration, capias pro fine — ficti-

tious license plate, registration or inspection, capias pro fine — theft — less than \$50.

• Gary Wayne Jackson, 51, Pampa, was arrested Saturday by the Pampa Police Department for assault to cause bodily injury to a family or household member impeding breathing or circulation.

• Estevan Calvillo, 40, Pampa, was arrested Sunday by PPD for capias pro

fine — speeding.

• Miguel Ortiz, 51, Pampa, was arrested Sunday by PPD for assault to cause bodily injury.

• Fortino Villegas, Jr., 34, Pampa, was arrested Sunday by DPS for driving while intoxicated.

• Krysten Miller, 18, Pampa, was arrested Sunday by PPD for possession of a controlled substance — between four and 200 grams, Pampa municipal

violation.

• Alfred Bromlow, 49, Fort Worth, was arrested Sunday by PPD for public intoxication.

• Kennly Smith, 22, Fritch, was arrested Sunday by GCSO for manufacturing or delivering a controlled substance — between four and 200 grams.

• Justin Liddell, 34, Borger, was arrested Sunday by GCSO for posses-

sion of a controlled substance — between four and 200 grams, tampering with or fabricating physical evidence.

• Christina Avila, 53, Pampa, was arrested Sunday by DPS for theft of property — between \$20 and \$500.

• Jarred Villalovos, 28, Pampa, was arrested Sunday by DPS for his third or more driving while intoxicated offense.

Detroit's historic bankruptcy trial begins

DETROIT (AP) — Opening statements in Detroit's historic bankruptcy trial began Tuesday afternoon in federal court, where lawyers for the city will attempt to convince a judge that its plans to wipe out billions of dollars in debt should be approved.

Attorney Bruce Bennett, who is representing the city, went first during opening statements in U.S. District Court, saying though progress has been made, "the city is still in distress." He also said the plan gives creditors all of value that the city can provide.

"All the revenue sources creditors can reach and are permitted to reach are exhausted," Bennett told Judge Steven Rhodes.

The trial in U.S. District Court comes a little more than 13 months after Detroit became the largest U.S. city to file for bankruptcy. Detroit expects

to cut \$12 billion in unsecured debt to about \$5 billion, according to Bill Nowling, a spokesman for state-appointed emergency manager Kevyn Orr, who has been in charge of the city's finances since March 2013.

Most creditors, including more than 30,000 retirees and city employees, have endorsed the plan of adjustment put together by Orr, who guided Chrysler through its bankruptcy, and his restructuring team. The strongest opposition to the plan has come from bond insurers, such as New York-based Syncora Guarantee.

The plan includes commitments from the state, major corporations, foundations and others to donate more than \$800 million over 20 years to soften cuts to city pensions. In return, pieces in the city-owned Detroit Institute of Arts would be placed into a trust to keep

them from being sold to satisfy creditors.

General retirees would take a 4.5 percent pension cut and lose annual inflation adjustments. Retired police officers and firefighters would lose only a portion of their annual cost-of-living raise.

Tuesday was the first in what's likely to be a number of days in which the city's debt, the rights of its creditors and what is allowable under bankruptcy law will be debated. Dozens of witnesses are expected to be called by the city, Syncora and other creditors.

Bennett's opening statement quickly moved from what unsecured creditors are not allowed under both state and Chapter 9 laws to the city's so-called Grand Bargain to save the DIA pieces. No alternatives to that deal have been offered "that would give the city a comparable amount of money while

the collection stays in Detroit," Bennett said.

"The DIA is one of the relatively few institutions Detroit has that might draw residents back," he said. "It would be most assuredly a reasonable decision to keep it in Detroit."

Syncora has said its claim is about \$400 million and believes Detroit has unfairly discriminated against financial creditors.

"It has been a very fast-track bankruptcy, which Syncora has no issue with," company attorney James Sprayregen said. "Syncora's issue is the lack of transparency of the process and the unfair treatment of its claims."

Rhodes has scheduled additional hearing dates, if needed, into October. But in the end, bankruptcy expert Anthony Sabino expects Rhodes to approve Detroit's bankruptcy plan — followed by appeals from creditors.

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Museum Musings

M.K. Brown arrives

Montagu (Mon-ta-gew) Kingsmill Brown was born on May 22, 1878, in the little village of Eastcote,



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Middlesex County, England. His British father, Thomas Davy Brown, was a broker with the London Stock Exchange. His Irish mother, Margaret Kingsmill Brown, was a sister of Andrew Kingsmill. Each of Margaret's 12 children had "Kingsmill" as a middle name.

When "Montie" was seven years old, he was sent to a boarding school at a place called Brackley, 60 miles east of London. The school, known as Magdalen College School, was twenty miles from Oxford.

When Montie was 15, his father "went brokers, by jove," and it was necessary for the boy to leave school and seek employment. The remainder of his education was acquired in the "school of hard knocks," which he did not recommend over formalized education. For this reason, in later years, he provided the means for many students to have a college education.

Montie first worked as office boy for a timber merchant in the heart of London. For two and a half years he drew the "huge salary" of two dollars a week.

Then he worked in a bank at a salary of \$250 a year, later raised to an additional \$50 a year. At the time there were no adding machines or

computers, and all checks had to be listed and added by "main strength and awkwardness." This experience was invaluable to him in later years when he worked at the "stand-up" desk which is still in the White Deer Land Museum in Pampa.

Montie became bored with his job at the bank and told his father that he would like to go to Australia or Canada to begin farming or stock raising. He had an inquisitive nature and an eagerness to learn about everything he could. He had become interested in farming from visiting some of his relatives, and throughout his lifetime he had a great interest in land and its productivity.

About this time (Oct. 11, 1899), the Boers in South Africa declared war on England, and the various yeomanry units were called upon to furnish manpower. This seemed a golden opportunity to Montie who decided to "join up and see the world" at no expense to himself.

In later years, people often commented that M.K. Brown was always as straight as a ramrod. When asked about this, he replied: "Queen Victoria taught me. When I sat my horse, the equerry gave me a good whack when I was not erect. A good whack will make you remember."

Young Brown joined Queen Victoria's army at the grand salary of four dollars a day and worked up from trooper to regimental sergeant-major. He had many interesting and colorful experiences in what he called "the only decent gentlemen's war that ever had been fought."

When the war was over (May 31, 1902), Brown returned to England with the feeling that he would return to Africa someday.

While he was trying to decide whether to return to Africa or to go to Australia, his uncle Andrew Kingsmill suggested that he should go to the Texas Panhandle to work for the White Deer Land Company. Kingsmill told his nephew that the land company needed him and that he would be a good cowboy in Texas.

Kingsmill wrote to rancher Jesse Wynne in Carson County that Brown "had time on his hands" and "was a steady, hardworking person" who would add much to the "scant population of the area."

Brown decided to follow his uncle's suggestion and began the journey to Texas with \$100 in his pocket — the amount required for entry into the United States. Arriving at New Orleans, he threw his hat and cane into the water and declared that he was going to be a good Texan. He came directly to Pampa, arriving on April 27, 1903.

He began work with T.D. Hobart, the new manager of the company, for \$25 a month plus room and board — "and the board was what I slept on!" he joked.

To learn more about Pampa and the Gray County area, visit the White Deer Land Museum in downtown Pampa. Regular tours are offered Tuesday through Saturday from 1-4 pm. If you would like to schedule a special or group tour, please call or email the museum at (806)669-8041 or courtney.oxley@graycch.com. Sources: Eloise Lane

Needed: An honest debate on war



MARK SHIELDS

Our country in September 2014 needs an open, serious and honest public debate so that this time, we can make an informed decision on whether to once again send Americans into war in Iraq. Tragically, the most recent time, 12 years ago, before the United States invaded and occupied Iraq, there was no such honest public debate. Republicans on Capitol Hill failed to question the Bush administration's campaign of misinformation in support of military action, while too many Democrats, apparently fearful of being tagged "soft" on terrorism on the eve of a national election, followed suit.

Let's give credit to three U.S. House members — Reps. Barbara Lee, D-Calif., Walter Jones, R-N.C., and Jim McGovern, D-Mass. — who have just written a letter to House Speaker John Boehner arguing that "the situation in Iraq is a grave one and before sending our uniformed men and women into danger we owe it to them and the people we represent to fully debate the matter and have a vote." They urge the speaker to bring a resolution to the floor for debate and a vote when the House reconvenes Sept. 8. This does not make Lee, Jones and McGovern popular with many of their colleagues, because, as former Republican Senate leader Bob Dole candidly explained, members of Congress like to make tough speeches and to avoid casting tough votes. The Obama White House has shown no interest in seeking either congressional authorization or debate on Iraq.

It is worth noting just how misleading and dishonest the Bush administration's case for war was. On Aug. 26, 2002, Vice President Dick Cheney told the Veterans of Foreign Wars' national convention: "Simply stated, there is no doubt that Saddam Hussein now has weapons of mass destruc-

tion. There is no doubt he is amassing them to use against our friends, against our allies and against us." What the U.S.-led Iraq Survey Group would learn, after 18 months of investigation, was that Saddam had terminated his nuclear weapons efforts in 1991, and his biological and chemical research efforts had been ended in 1995.

How long would the U.S. war in Iraq last? In November 2002, Defense Secretary Don Rumsfeld confidently announced, "Five days or five weeks or five months, but it certainly isn't going to last any longer than that." What about the cost? Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz told Congress, "We're really dealing with a country that could finance its own reconstruction." The war, which the Bush administration initially predicted would cost \$2 billion a month, has now exceeded a total of \$1 trillion.

Advocates for going to war against Iraq were wrong about WMD, wrong that U.S. troops would be "welcomed as liberators," wrong that Iraq's emergence as a thriving democracy — instead of a land crippled by sectarian strife — would lead to a veritable domino effect of democracy throughout the Middle East.

Before we go to war once again — even to stop such hatefully barbaric extremists as the Islamic State — we must understand that an army does not fight a war, that a country fights a war. And if we, as a country, are unwilling to fight a war, we must never send our army. We must also accept that war truly demands equality of sacrifice, which means that we must be willing, as Americans have done since the Civil War, to tax ourselves more to pay for the costs of war — something we did not do last time. Lee, Jones and McGovern are right: Congress needs to vote, and the country needs to decide.

To find out more about Mark Shields and read his past columns, visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at www.creators.com.



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Hump Day with Humphrey

Humphrey has his first birthday

Over the weekend (Sept. 1 to be exact), my adorable baby puppy turned one year old. I guess that means that he is no longer my baby puppy, but at the same time, he always will be.

In observance of him reaching this milestone, which is something a lot of other dogs his breed fail to do, I got him birthday hats, which he hated, but I did get him to sit still for one picture.

He also received a new leash, a new toy and a t-shirt that says "Sorry. I'm cooler than you," which is definitely true.

I now have to change his food from Puppy Chow to Dog Chow and watch him further mature. Though I will add here that as a step, I let him sleep out of his kennel last night. I woke up to a crime scene in my living room as he had ripped his bed to shreds, so I guess a new bed will also be on my list of things to get him. I don't know what

his deal is with beds. This is the second one he has destroyed.

I never thought I would miss the days when he was tiny and still working on the potty training thing, but the older my hound gets, the younger I wish he was.

I miss when he would sleep on my chest and I could still breathe comfortably with him doing so.

There's no bond quite like the one between a first-time dog owner and her trusty steed. Sure, I always had dogs around the house growing up, but Humphrey is all mine. I paid every cent for him out of my own pocket (ouch), and he is 100 percent my responsibility.

He's taught me a lot about responsibility and unconditional love. Dogs are so great in that manner. I know that no matter how bad of a day I have that he will never judge me or ignore me (unless I tell him it's time to go to his kennel), and he'll never stop loving me.

I know everyone thinks they have the best dog out there, but there's only one Humphrey James! He follows me everywhere and

when I don't think I have a reason to smile, I just watch his goofy expressions or roll around in the grass outside with him, and everything is better.

I look forward to spending many more years with my Humphrey. I like to think he will be in the book of world records for the longest-living dog.

I looked up the facts on this one, and from what I

could find, the longest-living English Bulldog lived to be nearly 20 years old, while the longest-living dog in general was 29. With Humphrey's endless energy, I can definitely see him being in contention for this title rather easily. He's healthier than your average pooch.

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Photo by Lindsey Tomaschik

Humphrey turned one on Sept. 1!

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Community Calendar

City Commission meetings

The Pampa City Commission meets at 4 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. The meetings are held on the third floor of City Hall.

School board meetings

The Pampa Independent School District board meets at 5:45 p.m. on the fourth Monday of each month at the new administration building on North Hobart Street.

Immunization clinic 3 times a month

The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) hosts an immunization clinic in Pampa three times a month. The clinics are held from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and from 1 to 3 p.m. on the first three Wednesdays of each month. The first 10 people

in line for the morning and first 10 in the afternoon will always receive shots. However, if there are more than 10, they still may be able to accommodate the patients, or ask them to come back at another time. For more information, call 665-4752 or 806-874-3211. The clinic is located at 736 S. Cuyler St.

PAWS meets first Tuesdays

Pampa Animal Welfare Society meets the first Tuesday of each month at the Pampa Animal Shelter, 811 S. Hobart St. The meetings are at 6:30 p.m. and are open to the public.

There is a desperate need for more members. PAWS members are needed to work at the shelter from 3 to 5:30 p.m. each day and to work adoption days or take animals to the vets

when needed, but mostly people are needed to love and work with the animals where they will be more adoptable.

For more information, call the shelter after 3 p.m. at 669-5775 and ask for the PAWS volunteer.

County Commission meetings

The Gray County Commission meets at 9 a.m. on the first and 15th of each month. If the date falls on a Saturday, the meeting will be held on Friday. If the date falls on a Sunday, the meeting will be held on Monday. The meetings are held on the second floor of the Gray County Courthouse.

TOT Republican Women's Club

Top O' Texas Republican Women's Club meets at noon on the third Wednesday of every

month at the Pampa Senior Citizens Center, 500 W. Francis St. For more information call 806-669-1990.

Jam sessions every Friday night

The Woody Guthrie Folk Music Center has a jam session every Friday night starting at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to play or listen. The center is located at 320 S. Cuyler St. For more information, call 806-664-0824.

Meredith House presents live music

Meredith House, an assisted-living facility at 812 W. 25th Ave., has a band performing at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday and Saturday night. Join them for Western music, gospel and the classics. For more information, call 806-665-5668.

Monday night dance club

The Monday night dance club meets from 7 to 9 p.m., each Monday, in the Pampa Chamber of Commerce building on the corner of Ballard and Kingsmill. Admission is \$3.50. Cold drinks and coffee are offered. The club plays country music. For more information, call Della at 806-663-1136.

PPQG Meets fourth Thursdays

Panhandle Piecemakers Quilt Guild meets the fourth Thursday of each month, January through October, at the Pampa Senior Citizens Center at 500 W. Francis St.

The meetings are held at 6:30 p.m. and membership is open to adult quilters of all ages. Dues are \$15 annually. Meetings consist

of a short business discussion followed by a program featuring quilting techniques. For more information, call 806-662-2909.

First United Methodist Church

Every Friday through August, First United Methodist Church will be holding Gospel Pic'n and Grinnin'.

The weekly event will be at 5:30 p.m. at Gathering Space in the church.

For more information call 806-669-7411.

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Area support groups

The following is a list of support groups that meet regularly each week in Pampa. Information for each meeting is submitted to The Pampa News office and may not be completely updated or accurate. Please notify the newsroom if a change is necessary.

The Pampa News welcomes all submitted materials for area support groups. Please include the meeting time, date and location and, if applicable, provide a contact number for each group.

■ **Victims of domestic violence and sexual assault**, meet at 6 p.m., Thursdays, starting June 26 at the Tralee Crisis Center, 308 S. Cuyler St. For more info, call the Center at 806-669-1131.

■ **Narcotics Anonymous — The Pampa Group** meets at 7:30 p.m., Tuesdays, and at 6 p.m., Saturdays, at 805 N. Gray St. **Narcotics Anonymous — Rufe Jordan Unit** also meets at 6 p.m., Mondays, and at 5:30 p.m., Wednesdays, at 1992 Hilton Road.

■ **Cancer Support** meets from 12-1 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month at Central Baptist Church. For more info, contact Beth Kean at 800-274-

4673

■ **Alcoholics Anonymous** Open Door Club meets daily at noon and 8 p.m. at 910 W. Kentucky Ave. **Al-Anon** meets at noon on Mondays. For more information, call 665-9072.

■ **Alcoholics Anonymous** Primary Purpose meets daily at noon and 8 p.m. at 112 W. Foster Ave.

■ **Alcoholics Anonymous** Keep It Simple meets Thursdays at 6 p.m. at the Methodist church in White Deer.

■ **Pampa Caregiver Support** meets at the Pampa Nursing Center on 1321 W. Kentucky Ave. at 6 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month. For more information call 806-669-2551.

■ **Accolade Home Care** sponsors a **Parkinson's Support Group** the second Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. The group meets at Accolade at 1313 N. Hobart St. For more information, call Lindsey Been at 806-665-9700 or 806-324-3230.

Halliburton reaches \$1B Gulf oil spill settlement

NEW YORK (AP) — Halliburton agreed to pay \$1.1 billion to settle what it calls "a substantial portion" of plaintiff claims arising from the 2010 BP oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico.

The settlement, if approved by a federal court, would allow businesses and property owners who were hurt by the oil spill to collect punitive damages from Halliburton through a fund to be administered by a court-appointed representative. These plaintiffs will receive or have already received compensation for their economic loss through a separate settlement with BP.

Halliburton and the plaintiffs had been waiting on the court to decide to what extent Halliburton was responsible for the blowout of the Macondo well and the subsequent explosion of the Deepwater Horizon drilling rig. Halliburton was BP PLC's cement contractor on the project. The accident killed 11 workers and led to the biggest oil spill in U.S. history.

"It's a very reasoned compromise to a set of complex legal question at a time of uncertainty," said Joe Rice of the law firm Motley Rice, which has been working for the plaintiffs.

The deal is contingent upon a minimum number of plaintiffs signing on. If a federal judge decides that gross negligence on the part of Halliburton was a major factor in the accident, plaintiffs could decide instead to hold out for a larger award. Halliburton would likely then challenge that ruling, leading to further delays in payments of punitive damages.

If the judge decides instead that Halliburton's actions were not a major factor, the plaintiffs would have locked in at least some punitive damages.

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Pampa Faith

Thinking with what did you say?

Every male between adolescence and old age understands the warning: "God gave you a brain, so do your thinking with it and not some other part of your body."



MIKE SUBLETT

Now usually when you hear that warning it has more "colorful" vocabulary, maybe even vulgarity. But the truth of the warning cannot be denied. When a male allows his fleshly lusts to rule his life, he may not realize it but destruction in some form is around the corner. And he will certainly learn the truthfulness of the scripture: "The way of the transgressor is hard." Proverbs 13:15

What brought this subject up today was a special study I have been preparing for the fall on The Judges and Kings Of Israel. In Judges 6-8 one of the most popular OT characters bursts on to the scene-GIDEON. He starts off as a coward hiding in a winepress, then by faith becomes Israel's inspirational leader to deliver them from the abuse of the Midianites. If his story ended there Gideon would get a double thumbs-up. But unfortunately his story is marred with how poorly he finished his life.

One of his failures is found in Judges 8:30-31. "Now Gideon had 70 sons, his own offspring, for he had many wives. And his concubine who was in Shechem also bore him a son, and he called his name Abimelech."

Gideon may not have been as foolish as Solomon was, who had 1,000 wives and concubines, but Gideon had enough wives to supply him with 72 sons, not counting daughters. And yet his lusts evidently ruled too much of his life because he found it necessary to also have a concubine in Shechem who bore

him a son named Abimelech.

The destruction that spawned from that love affair was the murder of 70 of Gideon's sons by the hands of his own son, Abimelech. On the day when Gideon was told that 70 of his sons had been murdered, do you think he would have backed up the clock if he could have? Do you believe that he would have told his lusts NO concerning the woman from Shechem? I believe that he surely would have, but at the time he couldn't see the crop of destruction that the affair would produce.

I can't tell you over the years how many men I have talked to, counseled with, who would have given anything just to back up the clock of their life to redo a decision made with their brain unplugged and their fleshly lusts running full speed ahead. The saddest part is when they have to face not their personal misery, but the suffering that dumps all over their children or other family or friends as a result of that "brain unplugged choice".

Point? You may not be able to redo the past, but you can certainly begin today asking the Lord every day to help you make better decisions with the brain that God gave you. And also ask Him to train your brain. You see, by itself your brain is still part of the fallen human that you are; that I am too. Our brains need God's schooling. If we will only allow God to teach us, then the havoc left in our wake won't cause us so much misery and pain and will allow us to be more of a blessing to our children, family and friends.

Since the "way of the transgressor is hard", please choose the softer way, God's way; ruled by Him and not by your fleshly lusts. God bless. Mike

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CHURCH SPOTLIGHT

Autumn

The Bible tells us, "To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven." (Ecclesiastes 3:1). The time of year that reflects the echoes of the happiness of summer and girds itself for the coming cold of winter is known as autumn.



DAVID BOULTER

Perhaps no season of the year touches our emotions as does autumn. Autumn is the season of leaves, when God touches each leaf with a different color and blends it into a beautiful tapestry that no artists could capture. It is a season of stacks and piles of leaves and the smell of their burning in the cool air.

Autumn is a season of crisp cool air, when God's air conditioning causes a spring in our step. There is a sharpness in the air that no other season can bring.

Autumn is a time of shared stories, as wide-eyed children tell teachers and their classmates that this was the best summer ever. They explain with excitement the trip to Grandpa's farm, the feed of squirrels in the mountains and the catching of the biggest fish ever, which must have weighed eight ounces.

Autumn is a time of football games, cookouts and cheerleaders. It is a time when every team is undefeated and dreams of the championship.

Autumn is a time of tears, when parents say good-bye to college students who it seems only last year were in kindergarten. It is a time of wondering where the time has gone.

But Autumn is also a wonderful time of dedication. The turning of the grass, the drying of the leaves, the finding of summer all around us, the reminder that Jesus died as a branch of wheat 2,014 ago at Calvary. The Savior died that we might live.

As autumn brings to our minds His death for us, the hope of spring calls to our minds His resurrection and new life. These same trees shall be green with new leaves, that dying flower shall bloom again, the green grass will grow. All around us, even in the seasons, "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth His handiwork. Day unto day utters speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge" (Psalm 19:1-2). Look at God's message of grace this autumn.

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Land markets survey shows individuals and families continue to invest in land

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CHICAGO — While overall median land prices steadily rose four percent, individuals and families continued to invest in land and account for 58 percent of buyers in land sales transactions, according to a 2014 Land Markets Survey, conducted jointly by the REALTORS® Land Institute and National Association of REALTORS®. In addition, the survey also revealed that 17 percent of land purchasers are corporations/partnerships, 17 percent are investors, and 10 percent are expansion farmers.

The 2014 Land Market Survey is the first of many biannual reports aimed to develop accurate information on current trends in the land markets and on the general state of land sales. The results are representative of over 625 land professional respondents from across the United States.

According to the survey, 43 percent of the purchases where individuals/families were buyers were purposed for farm and ranch (24 percent agriculture and 17 percent ranch) and 31 percent for recreation. Of those surveyed, expansion farmers purchased 98 percent of land for farm and ranch (85 percent agriculture and 13 percent ranch).

Investors purchased a diversified portfolio of land (21 percent agriculture, 20 percent timber, 17 percent development, 14 percent commercial). Of the 17 percent of land purchased by corporations, development land accounted for 30 percent, commercial land accounted for 26 percent, and 17 percent accounted for timber.

Terri Jensen, ALC Advanced, 2014 Institute National President-Elect of REALTORS® Land Institute, states that the findings “follow my experience in that 70 to 85 percent of land buyers are expansion farmers/individuals/families; the balance are investors and/or 1031 exchange

buyers.”

The results appropriately correlate to the findings that responding land professionals across the United States primarily focus their practices in agriculture (69 percent) and recreation (59 percent). The market and growth for land is steady. The survey recorded that over the past twelve months, ending in July 2014, the median land price change is growth of four percent.

According to Jensen, “Land prices are noting stable versus rapidly rising prices with decreases noted in some areas. Most decreases were less than 10 percent of responses and reflected 0 to 10 percent

decreases and increases. The zero to five percent increase in 50 plus percent of responses note the change to stability versus rapid changes up or down.”

The 2014 Land Market Survey was based on data collected in July 2014. The survey was emailed to 1,000 REALTORS® Land Institute members and approximately 9,500 non-members and generated 629 usable responses. The full survey is available for free online.

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Randall County Ag Show and Crops Tour set for Sept. 23 in Canyon

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CANYON — The 38th annual Randall County Ag Show and Crops Tour is scheduled for Sept. 23 in Canyon, according to Dr. J. D. Ragland, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service agriculture and natural resource agent, Randall County.

Registration, coffee and donuts will begin at 8:30 a.m., sponsored by Panhandle-Plains Land Bank of Amarillo. The morning portion will be in the Kuhlman Extension Cen-

ter, AgriLife Extension's office for Randall County at 200 N. Brown Road.

The program is free with the sponsorship of Happy State Bank. The morning program, starting at 9 a.m., includes:

- Weed Control Issues and Producer Concerns, Dr. Jourdan Bell, AgriLife Extension agronomist, Amarillo.

- Farm Insurance Requirements Pertaining to the New Farm Bill, Rachel Myers, Great Plains Ag Credit/Insurance, Ama-

rillo.

- New Lone Star Milk Producers Processing Plant and Its Impact on Randall County — Canyon, update to be presented by a Lone Star Milk Producers representative.

- Weed Control in Native Pastures, Jody Stockett, Dow representative, Claude.

- New Water Laws / Regulations and Ag Producer Requirements, Lynn Tate, High Plains Underground Water District Board president, Amarillo.

The noon luncheon, sponsored by Wells Fargo Bank in Canyon, will include an awards program and a presentation, Current Situation of Beef Industry in Texas, Are Cattle Numbers Increasing? Will High Prices Continue? Update on the Recent Passing of the Beef Referendum, by Russell Woodard, Texas Beef Council, Austin.

The latest in agricultural spraying equipment will be exhibited and demonstrated just south of Kuhlman Extension Center,

followed by four stops at the Michael Barrett Farm, located south of Canyon. Take Farm-to-Market Road 1714 and go south on Soncy Road for two miles.

The afternoon tour, on buses sponsored by the Palo Duro Soil and Water Conservation District of Canyon, will depart from the AgriLife Extension office and include three stops:

- Range and Pasture Aeration Demonstration.
- Tillage and Deficit Ir-

rigation Effects on Sorghum.

- Variances in Irrigated Sorghum Planting Methods — Single vs. Twin Row.

Three Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units — two in drift minimization and one general — will be available to private applicators attending the event.

For those planning to attend, an RSVP is required. Call the AgriLife Extension office in Randall County on or before Sept. 17 at 806-468-5543.

Marijuana's hazy contribution to highway deaths

WASHINGTON (AP) — New York teenager Joseph Beer smoked marijuana, climbed into a Subaru Impreza with four friends and drove more than 100 mph before losing control. The car crashed into trees with such force that the vehicle split in half, killing his friends.

Beer, who was 17 in October 2012 when the crash occurred, pleaded guilty to aggravated vehicular homicide and was sentenced last week to 5 years to 15 years in prison.

As states liberalize their marijuana laws, public officials and safety advocates worry there will be more drivers high on pot and a big increase in traffic deaths. It's not clear, though, whether those concerns are merited. Researchers are divided on the question. A prosecutor blamed the Beer crash on “speed and weed,” but a jury that heard expert testimony on marijuana's effects at his trial deadlocked on a homicide charge and other felonies related to whether the teenager was impaired by marijuana. Beer was convicted of manslaughter and reckless driving charges.

Studies of marijuana's effects show that the drug can slow decision-making, decrease peripheral vision and impede multitasking, all of which are important driving skills. But unlike with alcohol, drivers high on pot tend to be aware that they are impaired and try to compensate by driving slowly, avoiding risky actions such as passing other cars, and allowing extra room between vehicles.

On the other hand, combining marijuana with alcohol appears to eliminate the pot smoker's exaggerated caution and to increase driving impairment beyond the effects of either substance alone.

“We see the legalization of marijuana in Colorado and Washington as a wake-up call for all of us in highway safety,” said Jonathan Adkins, executive director of the Governors Highway Safety Association, which represents state highway safety offices. “We don't know enough about the

scope of marijuana-impaired driving to call it a big or small problem. But anytime a driver has their ability impaired, it is a problem.”

Colorado and Washington are the only states that allow retail sales of marijuana for recreational use. Efforts to legalize recreational marijuana are underway in Alaska, Massachusetts, New York, Oregon and the District of Columbia. Twenty-three states and the nation's capital permit marijuana use for medical purposes.

It is illegal in all states to drive while impaired by marijuana.

Colorado, Washington and Montana have set an intoxication threshold of 5 parts per billion of THC, the psychoactive ingredient in pot, in the blood. A few other states have set intoxication thresholds, but most have not set a specific level. In Washington, there was a jump of nearly 25 percent in drivers testing positive for marijuana in 2013 — the first full year after legalization — but no corresponding increase in car accidents or fatalities.

Dr. Mehmet Sofuoglu, a Yale University Medical School expert on drug abuse who testified at Beer's trial, said studies of marijuana and crash risk are “highly inconclusive.” Some studies show a two- or three-

fold increase, while others show none, he said. Some studies even showed less risk if someone was marijuana-positive, he testified.

Teenage boys and young men are the most likely drivers to smoke pot and the most likely drivers to have an accident regardless of whether they're high, he said.

“Being a teenager, a male teenager, and being involved in reckless behavior could explain both at the same time — not necessarily marijuana causing getting into accidents, but a general reckless behavior leading to both conditions at the same time,” Sofuoglu told jurors.

In 2012, just over 10 percent of high school seniors said they had smoked pot before driving at least once in the prior two weeks, according to Monitoring the Future, an annual University of Michigan survey of 50,000 middle and high school students. Nearly twice as many male students said they had smoked marijuana before driving.

A roadside survey by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in 2007 found 8.6 percent of drivers tested positive for THC, but it's not possible to say how many were high at the time because drivers only were tested for the presence of drugs, not the

amount.

A marijuana high generally peaks within a half-hour and dissipates within three hours, but THC can linger for days in the bodies of habitual smokers.

Inexperienced pot smokers are likely to be more impaired than habitual smokers, who develop a tolerance. Some studies show virtually no driving impairment in habitual smokers.

Two recent studies that used similar data to assess crash risk came to opposite conclusions.

Columbia University researchers compared drivers who tested positive for marijuana in the roadside survey with state drug and alcohol tests of drivers killed in crashes. They found that marijuana alone increased the likelihood of being involved in a fatal crash by 80 percent.

But because the study included states where not all drivers are tested for alcohol and drugs, most drivers in fatal crashes were excluded, possibly skewing the results. Also, the use of urine tests rather than blood tests in some cases may overestimate marijuana use and impairment.

A Pacific Institute for

Research and Evaluation study used the roadside survey and data from nine states that test more than 80 percent of drivers killed in crashes. When adjusted for alcohol and driver demographics, the study found that otherwise sober drivers who tested positive for marijuana were slightly less likely to have been involved in a crash than drivers who tested negative for all drugs.

“We were expecting a huge impact,” said Eduardo Romano, lead author of the study, “and when we looked at the data from crashes we're not seeing that much.” But Romano said his study may slightly underestimate the risk and marijuana may lead to accidents caused by distraction.

Many states do not test drivers involved in a fatal crash for drugs unless there is reason to suspect impairment. Even if impairment is suspected, if the driver tests positive for alcohol, there may be no further testing because alcohol alone may be enough to bring criminal charges. Testing procedures also vary from state to state.

“If states legalize marijuana, they must set clear limits for impairment behind the wheel and require mandatory drug testing following a crash,” said Deborah Hersman, former chairwoman of the National Transportation Safety Board. “Right now we have a patchwork system across the nation regarding mandatory drug testing following highway crashes.”

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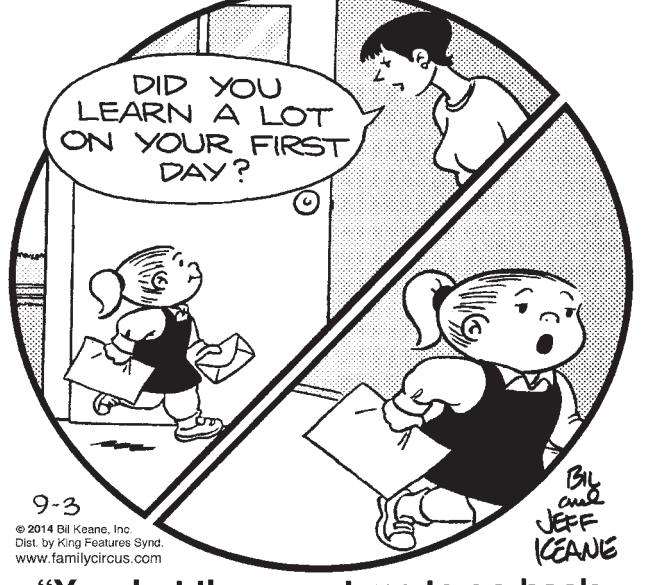
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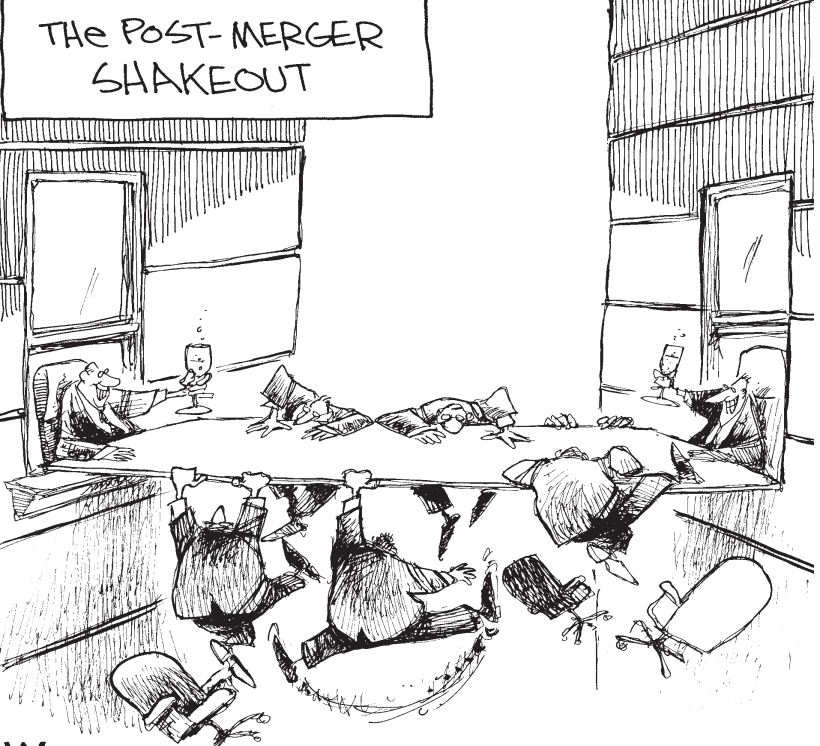
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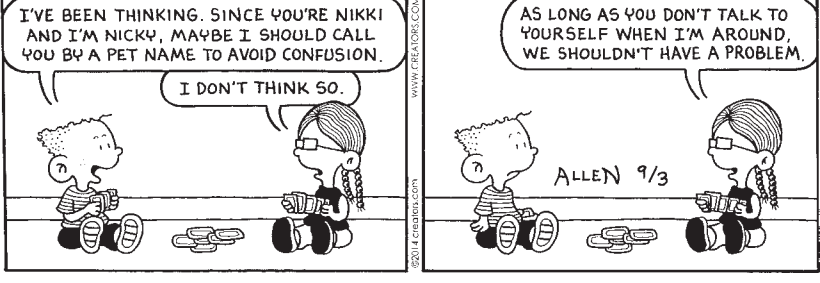
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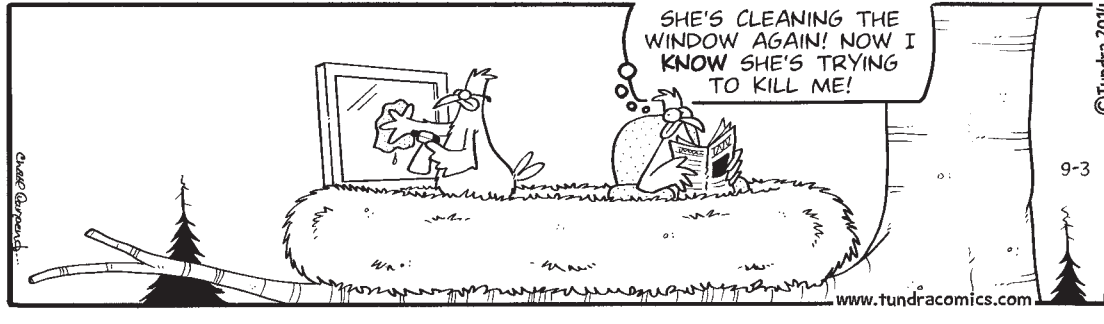
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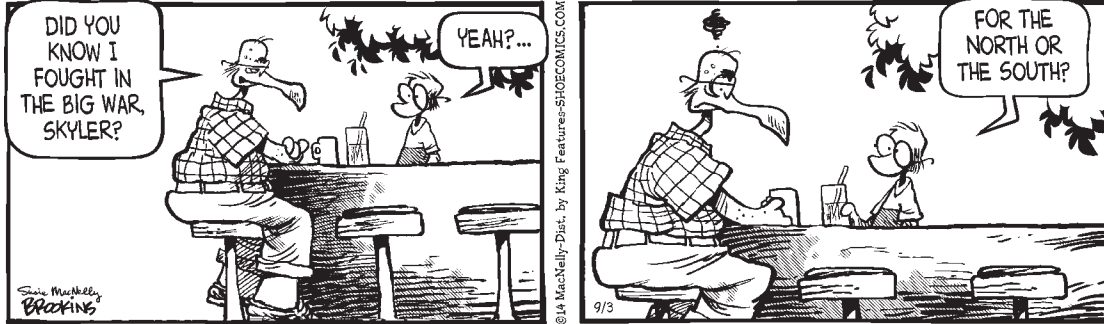
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 This year you will become more involved with completing long-term projects, but the tension of meeting deadlines often could irk you. Use tension as an advantage, not a detriment; you will empower yourself that way. This year is the perfect year to build on your strengths and eliminate what does not work. You enter a new life cycle next summer. If you are single, even if you are sure that Cupid has hit a bull's-eye, continue treating a new potential sweetie with some skepticism. If you are attached, the two of you develop quite a closeness. Enjoy every moment. **CAPRICORN** is solemn yet responsive.
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)
 ★★★★★ You seem to experience gawkiness, no matter what you do or with whom you do it. A situation where you have often taken the lead could transform. You might not want to be as much of a leader as you have been in the past. Tonight: Try to break free early.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
 ★★★★★ You could be giving off an aura of being extremely put-together, which might not be the case. Work on being as authentic as possible. A sudden insight is likely to make you wonder why you have never thought this way before. Tonight: Make plans for a fall getaway.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
 ★★★★★ One-on-one relating will be a dominant theme today. You might feel misrepresented in a conversation, as if the other party did not hear your message. Try to rehash the conversation in a different way. Change plans, if need be. Tonight: Be with that special person.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
 ★★★★★ Others will come forward and want to take control. You know that no one can control anyone else. Refuse to get involved in any power plays. Don't forget to touch base with someone who is very important to you. Tonight: Know when to head in.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
 ★★★★★ Do whatever you do 110 percent, or don't bother doing it at all. Your energy might feel awkward at times, but your strength will see you through any problems. Be aware of

how you deal with someone, as it could be quite starting to an observer. Tonight: Play it easy.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
 ★★★★★ You'll have an opportunity to brainstorm creatively and come up with amazing ideas. Romance could play a major role in your day, if you are open to it. Be direct and caring when dealing with others, as not everyone will be as upbeat as you are. Tonight: Use your imagination.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
 ★★★★★ Be centered and direct in your dealings. You will be on top of a situation and able to understand what needs to happen. Trust yourself and listen to your instincts. Honor a change, but refuse to get involved in a fight. Tonight: In the right mood.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
 ★★★★★ You will want to understand what is expected of you, so ask rather than assume. Though you might not want the feedback, it will be important to get it. A relative could cause an unexpected problem. Don't push this person away. Tonight: Favorite spot, favorite people.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
 ★★★★★ Your success is dependent upon you making the right choices. If you want to make a difference, let go of rigidity about anything that is happening. You will want to try a different solution to the problem. Tonight: Make it a point to indulge a little.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
 ★★★★★ Life is subject to fast changes. Don't fight the inevitable; instead, make it a point to go with the flow. You know much more about what is happening than you realize. Loosen up, and understand what is appropriate. Tonight: As you like it.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
 ★★★★★ Recognize that you will have an important choice to make. How you handle a personal matter could radically change as a result of that decision. The best course of action for you would be to reflect on the situation and sort out all the details. Tonight: Not to be found.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
 ★★★★★ Listen to news, and be more forthright with others. You have every reason to believe what you believe, and the effort you will extend to make it clear to others will be well worth your time. Catch up on a friend's news, and you will like what happens. Tonight: Celebrate living.

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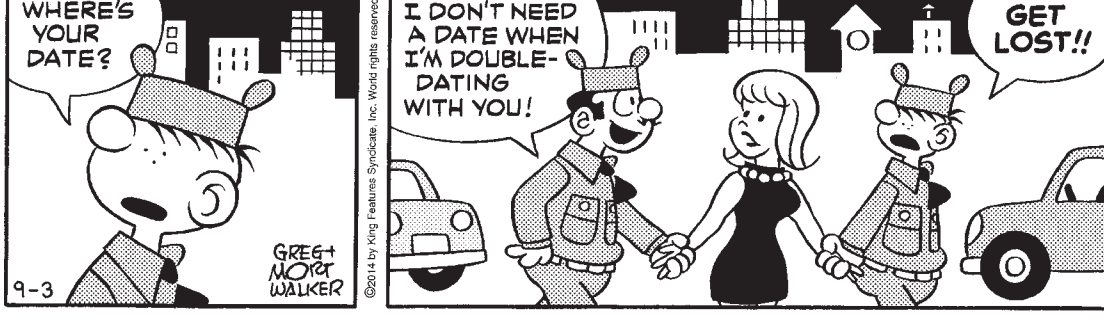
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Yesterday's Cryptoquote: IF YOU CAN KEEP YOUR HEAD WHEN ALL ABOUT YOU ARE LOSING THEIRS, IT'S JUST POSSIBLE YOU HAVEN'T GRASPED THE SITUATION. — JEAN KERR



Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My wife walks around our house nude or topless with the shades open, and anybody walking outside can see in. Recently she did this while some painting contractors were working around our house. I have begged her not to, to no avail. What should I do? — MORE MODEST IN NORTH CAROLINA

DEAR M.M.: It appears you married an exhibitionist. You might point out to her that parading around that way could be considered disrespectful to the workers she's exposed herself to. But don't be surprised if she's unwilling to change because it may give her some kind of thrill. (I'm sure it also gives the viewers something to talk about around the dinner table.)

DEAR ABBY: Please remind beachgoers that they need to leave their fire pits OPEN and not cover them with sand. My 16-month-old grandnephew was walking on a beach in Carmel, California, with his mom and dad when he suffered burns to his feet from walking across sand beneath which were hot coals. It will take at least three weeks for this dear baby's feet to heal from those burns.

People don't realize that covering the coals with sand hides them and keeps them hot for up to 24 hours! Beach fires must be treated

differently from those in a forest, where they should be covered with dirt because of the surrounding trees. — BEACH ETIQUETTE

DEAR B.E.: I'm printing your letter not only as a warning to beachgoers who might be using fire pits, but also to the parents of small children because hot buried coals can be a hidden danger to their little ones. Because the coals cannot be seen, children sometimes confuse fire pits ringed by rocks with "sandboxes," and the results can be tragic.

According to the University of California Irvine's Regional Burn Center, "coals should be extinguished by drenching them with water, waiting five minutes and drenching them AGAIN." (Italics are mine.) When water isn't available, the coals should simply be allowed to burn out.

DEAR ABBY: My husband, "Patrick," and I were married last year. On the morning of our wedding, his grandmother, "Sally," died. It was very sudden. Everyone assumed we'd postpone it, but we didn't.

Abby, my husband is still emotionally distraught over her death. Patrick's parents were absent from his life and Grandma Sally had raised him. Did we make a mistake by not postponing our wedding? How can I help him? — SAD NEW

WIFE IN SOUTH CAROLINA

DEAR SAD NEW WIFE: Life is for the living. I don't know how large your wedding was, but if there were contracts involved (hall, flowers, music, caterer, guests coming in from out of town, etc.), you were right to follow through with your plans. I am sure that's what Grandma Sally would have wanted.

Please convey to your husband how sorry I am for his loss. Because he is moving so slowly through the grieving process, it would be helpful for him to contact a grief support

group. To find one, he can ask a doctor, clergyman or hospice for a referral.

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Each set of 10 tiles contains two common five-letter words. The letters of the first five-letter word are adjacent, but not in order. Find them and rearrange them to spell a word. Rearrange the five remaining letters to spell the second word.

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Yesterday's Answer: Common: F; FAUCET, FLATLY, FIDDLE, ENGULF

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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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 - 9 Bar mixer
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 - 17 Like active beacons
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 - 20 Real bargain
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 - 22 Tag number
 - 24 Easy victim
 - 26 River to the Caspian Sea
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 - 30 Darning
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2014 NFL Season Preview

Patriots continue down road to Lombardi glory

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The New England Patriots posted a 12-4 record with a make-shift receiving corp. and of course, quarterback Tom Brady. They did, however, just trade Brady's most trusted linemen, Logan Mankins, to the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

Starting at center will be Ryan Wendell, flanked by guards Dan Connolly and Josh Kline with Nate Solder and Sebastian Vollmer rounding out the offensive line.

The Patriots' offense last season was among the best last season (seventh in the NFL) despite Tom Brady working with no-name receivers such as Aaron Dobson and Kenbrell Thompkins playing behind Julian Edelman and Danny Amendola.

The Patriots also expect to get Rob Gronkowski back 100 percent healthy. The Patriots definitely missed him last year as he is one of Brady's favorite goal line targets. He is backed up by Michael Hoomanawanui.

On the other side of the ball, they Patriots get big defensive tackle Vince Wilfork back, who was injured last season, leaving a gaping hole in the defensive line. They won the Darrelle Revis lottery in the offseason, adding him to the secondary when Aqib Talib left for the rival Denver Broncos. He will have Brandon Browner playing opposite of him, who will have a fresh pair of legs after serving a year-long suspension.

They also return Devin McCourty, Chandler Jones, Rob Ninkovich, Jerod Mayo and Dont'a Hightower.

In April, they drafted defensive tackle Dominique Easley from Florida, quarterback Jimmy Garop-

olo from Eastern Illinois, Florida State's Bryan Stork, Wisconsin running back James White, tackle Cameron Fleming out of Stanford, guard Jon Halapio from Florida, defensive end Zach Moore from Concordia (Minn.), corner Jemea Thomas from Georgia Tech and wide receiver Jeremy Gallon from Michigan.

The Patriots start the season with two road games at Miami and Minnesota before hosting the Oakland Raiders for their season opener. Then they hit the road to Kansas City again to round out the first quarter of the season. I could see the Patriots losing to Kansas City at Arrowhead stadium but winning the first three games.

With a 3-1 record, they host the Cincinnati Bengals, travel to Buffalo, then host the Jets and the Bears. Buffalo has always been a hard place for the Patriots to play, even though Brady boasts a 22-2 record against the western New York team. The Patriots will probably go 4-0 down the stretch, but it wouldn't surprise me if the Bills pull an upset given how hard they play against the Patriots (the two losses were road games for the Patriots).

With a 7-1 record at the midway point, Peyton Manning vs. Tom Brady comes to Gillette Stadium. Then they have a by week and travel to Indianapolis before hosting Detroit and traveling to Green Bay. Manning has only beat Brady twice in New England, so that's probably a win.

I think Andrew Luck overcomes his early Patriots hump, the Patriots beat Detroit and fall to Aaron Rodgers and the Packers.

The Patriots should be 9-3 to start the final stretch where they travel to San Diego, host Miami, travel to New York (Jets) and then host the Bills.

They should win out and finish with a 13-3 record, which will be good for one of the top two seeds in the playoffs.

Panthers look to legitimize themselves as contenders

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In Cam Newton's third year as the starting quarterback, the Carolina Panthers went 12-4 and won the NFC South.

In all reality, Newton's passing ability had very little to do with Carolina's success as the Panthers finished fourth-worst in passing offense. Newton threw for 3,379 yards, 24 touchdowns and 13 interceptions. However, he also rushed for 585 yards and six touchdowns.

DeAngelo Williams was the Panthers leading rusher last season with 843 yards and three touchdowns on 201 carries. Despite being a fullback, Mike Tolbert also contributed on the ground with 361 yards and five touchdowns on 101 carries.

The Panthers leading receiver last season was tight end Greg Olsen, who had 73 catches for 816 yards and six touchdowns. He's likely to be a major factor again as the Panthers' top three wide receivers from last year, Steve Smith, Brandon LaFell and Ted Ginn Jr. are all now with different teams. Carolina signed Jason Avant and Jericho Cotchery in the offseason.

They also drafted Florida State wide receiver Kelvin Benjamin with their first-round pick. Benjamin caught the game-winning touchdown in the BCS championship game last season. On the offensive front the starters will be Byron Bell, Amini Silatolu, Ryan Kalil, Trai Turner and Nate Chandler. Turner, an offensive guard out of LSU, was the Panthers' third-round draft pick.

The Panthers were outstanding on defense last season, finishing sixth in passing defense and second in rushing defense. Starting along the defensive front for Carolina will be Charles Johnson, Colin Cole, Star Lotulelei and Greg Hardy. Defensive ends Hardy and Johnson combined for 26 sacks last season. The Panthers selected Missouri defensive end Kony Ealy in the second round, but he'll have his work cut out for him to establish a role as part of one of the league's best defensive fronts.

Thomas Davis, Luke Kuechly and Chase Blackburn will be the starting linebackers. Kuechly had 156 tackles and four interceptions on his way to being named AP NFL Defensive Player of the Year.

In addition to those previously mentioned, the Panthers' other draft picks were North Carolina safety Tre Boston, San Jose State cornerback Bene Benwikere and Stanford running back Tyler Gaffney.

The Panthers open their season against the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. They then get the Detroit Lions, Pittsburgh Steelers and Baltimore Ravens. After those games, they face the Chicago Bears, Cincinnati Bengals and Green Bay Packers.

Next is a tough stretch with the Seattle Seahawks, New Orleans Saints, Philadelphia Eagles and Atlanta Falcons. After their bye week, the Panthers face the Minnesota Vikings and New Orleans Saints. They then finish the season against the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, Cleveland Browns and Atlanta Falcons.

With this schedule and their defense, I have the Panthers headed back to the playoffs with a 12-4 record.



Tom Brady



Cam Newton

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Boston Red Sox at New York Yankees.....ESPN 6 p.m.
Texas Rangers at KC Royals.....FSSW 7:10 p.m.

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Jerry Jones: Cowboys looking at 'uphill battle'

IRVING (AP) — Jerry Jones opened training camp with stories about how young his Dallas Cowboys were. He told a few thousand fans at the kickoff luncheon that many of those players faced an "uphill battle."

Not exactly Super Bowl talk from an eternally optimistic owner who has made such preseason predictions a few times.

The Cowboys have 34-year-old quarterback Tony Romo coming off back surgery, and Rolando McClain possibly starting at middle linebacker just a few months after deciding to retire. Not to mention a defensive line lacking star — and possibly pass-rushing — power heading into Sunday's opener against San Francisco.

"I think there is a difference being optimistic and

assessing the odds," Jones said after the Cowboys finished a winless preseason with a 27-3 loss to last week. "You've got guys out there, no-name guys. You've got guys out there who retired. You've got guys who are coming back from injury. Man, this is a 'to prove' group."

Jones still includes coach Jason Garrett in that group. Even though a youthful roster is loaded with questions about a defense that gave up the most yards in the league last year, Jones isn't ready to commit to Garrett beyond this season.

"If I said that, I'd be giving him a contract and that's not how we're operating here," Jones said. "I in no way have shut that door. But I have already decided that we were going to operate this year with his contract status the way it is."

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 Above left, Tyler Hooper scans the field. Hooper had seven touchdowns in Friday's game. Above middle, Scott Bussell takes a catch deep into wildcat territory. Bussell had two catches for 57 yards unofficially. Above right, Alec McClendon reels in a catch during Friday's game. McClendon had 36 yards in the contest. Below left, Dario Abrego (6) scampers into the end zone on Friday. Abrego finished with five catches for 74 yards and two touchdowns in the contest. Below right, Bryce Parker carries in a long touchdown after making several defenders miss. Parker, who played quarterback in the fourth quarter, finished with two carries for 115 yards and a touchdown. He also had a receiving touchdown earlier in the game.

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