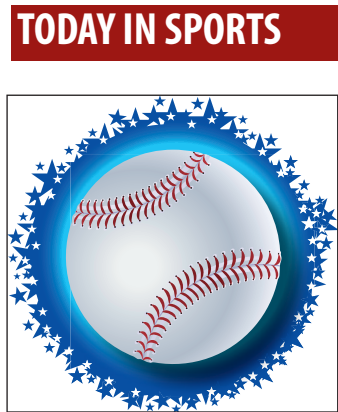


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## Fate of low-income apts. still unanswered

Developer waiting to hear whether group will get tax credits for project.

By **TIMOTHY P. HOWSARE**  
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The fate of a high-density housing project that in February drew passion-

ate protests from residents who would live near the apartment complex is still undecided.

Brett Johnson, the Overland Property Group proj-

ect manager overseeing the proposed development, said Monday he is still waiting to find out from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) on whether his company will receive the federal tax credits they would need to proceed with the project.

The location of the development, which would be called the Reserves at Sawgrass, is a 15-acre site east of Navajo Road and between Laguna Road and Sioux Place.

Based in Kansas with offices in Dallas, Overland is considering Pampa, Plainview and Levelland as the

site for a development similar to one it is now building in Dumas, called the Reserves at High Plains.

Asked when the TDHCA will allocate the tax credits for this year, Johnson said, "That's a good question. It varies from year to year. There are so many variables that go into it."

Then he added he could hear something as early as Thursday.

When word first got out of plans to build an apartment complex on the northeast side of town, which averages higher home values than most of

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### LOOKING GLAMOROUS



Photo by Timothy P. Howsare

Rosy Mejia, left, is the Clinique counter manager and Veronica Lopez is the Estee Lauder counter manager at the new Bealls location in Las Pampas Square. The store opens at 9 a.m. Thursday.

## Bealls to reopen Thursday in new, bigger space

By **TIMOTHY P. HOWSARE**  
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Frequent shoppers at Bealls will be glad to hear that the department store's new location in Las Pampas Square has air conditioning that always works — especially now in the middle of summer.

"This has better air conditioning than the old store," said store manager Ermelinda Fernandez. "We were constantly calling at the old store to get the AC fixed."

Bealls will open at 9 a.m. Thursday in its new store front facing Hobart Street in the former Coronado Center.

The newly renovated space is 20,000 square feet — 4,000 larger than the old space closer to the Enbridge offices.

As shoppers enter the new store, the first thing they will see is a counter with Clinique and Estee Lauder cosmetics.

Employee Rosy Mejia said the

popular cosmetic lines were often requested but not sold at the old store, so they have been added as new product lines at the new location.

Mejia's new job at the new store is Clinique counter manager. Veronica Lopez will work the other end of the counter as the Estee Lauder counter manager.

Fernandez said after the old store closed for the day at 6 p.m. Saturday, the process of moving everything into the new store began.

"We finished around 10:30," she said. "We had managers from different stores helping us. We had about 25 to 30 people."

The old store is now closed. Mejia said Monday the biggest challenge this week at the new, yet-to-be-opened store is getting everything organized.

"We rearranged things two or three times," she said.

Customers are invited to attend the 8:45 a.m. ribbon cutting Thurs-

day, with doors swinging open to welcome all shoppers at 9 a.m. The first 150 shoppers to arrive tomorrow will receive a free tote. On Friday, July 26, the first 50 customers in line will receive a mystery gift card with value ranging from \$5 to \$100.

Customers will find a \$10 off \$25 purchase coupon in the newspaper or their mailboxes to use on all purchases during the re-location celebration, July 25-30. Bealls also is offering money-saving coupons via text. Simply text GRAND to 38228 and shoppers will have coupons sent to their phones.

Michael Glazer, president of Bealls' parent company Stage Stores, said, "Bealls shoppers deserve a hometown store that delivers exciting fashion brands and well-known national brands at great prices. Bealls is that store."

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## Storm shelter discussed at PISD board meeting

Schools deemed 'safe and secure' through audit.

By **JOHN LEE**  
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The Pampa ISD Board of Trustees met Tuesday evening in what would be a fruitful meeting discussing topics that are important to the upcoming school year. Among the items on the agenda was a construction update on the new Pampa ISD administration building. Other topics the board discussed at length were the building of a tornado shelter in the new Pampa ISD administration building, the approval of the 2013-14 Student Code of Conduct and Acceptable Use Policy and a review of campus safety and security.

The board approved a 300-square foot tornado shelter.

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## Two from 'Duck Dynasty' coming to Pampa

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Miss Kay and youngest son, Jep, of A&E's popular reality show, Duck Dynasty, are coming to Pampa this fall as part of Tralee Crisis Center's October Domestic Violence Awareness Month activities.

Miss Kay and Jep Robertson are to be featured speakers at Tralee Crisis Center's "Bringing Honor to the Table" event, Saturday, Oct. 26, at 7:30 p.m. in M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium in Pampa.

"The Robertson family — crazy as they may seem in the television show — match perfectly with Tralee Crisis Center's goal of promoting honorable men and strong family values as a front-line offense against domestic violence," said Dee Dee Laramore, executive director of the non-profit agency. "What impresses me most about the Robertsons is their honesty. They get into some outlandish predicaments in the show, but at the end, they

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Miss Kay



Jep Robertson

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## PAMPA FORECAST

| Today             | Thursday          | Friday            |
|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|                   |                   |                   |
| High 95<br>Low 69 | High 86<br>Low 66 | High 85<br>Low 63 |

**Today:** Mostly sunny with a high of 95. Winds north northeast at 14 mph. Sunrise at 6:46 a.m.

**Tonight:** Late thunderstorms with a low of 69. Chance of rain: 40 percent. Winds east south-east at 13 mph. Sunset at 8:54 p.m.

**Thursday:** Scattered thunderstorms with a high of 86. Chance of rain: 40 percent. Winds southeast at 13 mph. Sunrise at 6:47 a.m.

**Thursday night:** Scattered thunderstorms with a low of 66. Chance of rain: 60 percent. Winds south southwest at 10 mph. Sunset at 8:53 p.m.

**Friday:** Scattered thunderstorms with a high of 85. Chance of rain: 30 percent. Winds northwest at 16 mph. Sunrise at 6:48 a.m.

**Friday night:** Partly cloudy with a low of 63. Chance of rain: 20 percent. Winds northeast at 8 mph. Sunset at 8:52 p.m.

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# Obituaries

## Lyn Laycock

Lyn Laycock, 56, left his family and friends on July 21, 2013 in Pampa.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, July 25, 2013 at Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel, with Rev. Fred Palmer, pastor of Carpenter's Church, officiating. Burial will follow in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.



**Lyn Laycock**

Mr. Laycock was born Aug. 21, 1956 in Pampa to Ray and Mary Bob Laycock. He was a 1974 graduate of Pampa High School. Lyn was a machinist by trade, beginning with Lee-Tex Valve Machine in 1974. At the time of his early retirement in December of 2011 due to health reasons, he was employed with Specialty Welding Machine of Pampa since 2002.

Lyn loved fishing, hunting, camping, and anything to do with the outdoors. He enjoyed sharing his love of the outdoors with his grandsons, buying them fishing and hunting equipment, as well as teaching them. He had a special love for animals, especially his cats, Wezel, Miss Kitty, Momma Kitty and KiKi. Lyn was loved by so many and will be missed beyond measure.

He is survived by three daughters, Rachel Dorsey and husband Travis of Darien, Connecticut, April Adams and Bobby Ledbetter of Shamrock, and Alicia Laycock of Amarillo, his son, Lyndel Ray Laycock, III of Amarillo, his parents, Ray and Mary Bob Laycock of Pampa, a sister, Linda Laycock of Pampa, six grandsons, Jadon of Amarillo, Easton and Evren, both of Shamrock, Connor, Luke and Ryan, all of Darien, Connecticut, a granddaughter due this week, Elyssa Ledbetter of Shamrock, a special longtime friend, Kathie Laycock of Pampa, and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Memorials may be made to PAWS, P.O. Box 2095, Pampa, Texas 79066-2095.

Sign the online guest register at [www.carmichael-whatley.com](http://www.carmichael-whatley.com).

## S. Mark Barrett

S. Mark Barrett, 53, died July 21, 2013, in Oklahoma City, Okla. Our Mark has slipped the surly bonds of earth and is now wrapped in the arms of eternal peace.



**Mark Barrett**

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, July 25, 2013, at Fairview Cemetery in Pampa, Texas, with Rev. Linda Kelly, rector of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church of Pampa, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mark was born August 21, 1959 in Pampa. He attended school in Phoenix, Ariz. and was a 1977 graduate of Greenway High School in Phoenix. He attended Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff. Mark married Gayle Mailley on July 27, 2009, in Elko, Nev. At the time of his death, he was a supervisor for UPS in Oklahoma City. Mark attended Crossings Community Church in Oklahoma City.

He is survived by the love of his life, his wife, Gayle, of the home, two daughters, Chelsea Barrett of Houston, and Shilo Barrett of Fort Worth, two sons, Austin Barrett and Dakota Barrett, both of Tulsa, Okla., his mother, Carolyn Barrett of McKinney, a brother, Michael Barrett and wife Misty of Little Elm, a grandson, Weston Habib of Houston, his God parents, Jim and Karen Gardner of Pampa, and Gwen Lindgren of Rye, and by an aunt and uncle, Barbara and DuVal West of Dallas.

Mark was preceded in death by his father, Richard "Dick" Barrett, his grandparents, Freda and Guy LeMond, and Finley Barrett.

Memorials may be made to Oklahoma Humane Society, 745 SE 26th Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73129

Sign the on-line guest register at [www.carmichael-whatley.com](http://www.carmichael-whatley.com).

## For the record

# Pampa woman arrested for possession

- Beverly Lynn Kirkland, 42, Pampa, was arrested Monday by the Pampa Police Department for possession of a controlled substance.
- Seth Devore Cochrane, 23, Big Springs, was arrested Monday by the Gray County Sheriff's Office for other county interference with child custody.
- Ricky Lee Reynolds, 31, Pampa, was sentenced to the department of criminal justice Monday for possession of a controlled substance.
- Danny Tilman Boyd, 54, Pampa, was arrested Monday by PPD for assault on a family or house member to impede breathing or circulation.

## Pampa Fire Department call log – July 19-22

- The Pampa Fire Department responded to these calls for the following dates. One unit with three personnel responded to each call, unless otherwise indicated.
- July 19**

    - At 3:56 p.m., to a medical assist in the 2200 block of North Dwight.
    - At 6:41 p.m., to a medical assist in the 700 block of Deane.
  - July 20**

    - At 5:28 a.m., to a medical assist in the 1500 block of West Kentucky.
    - At 7:29 a.m., to a medical assist in the 1100 block of North Charles.
    - At 3:20 p.m., to a medical assist in the 1000 block of South Faulkner.
    - At 6:14 p.m., to a medical assist in the 1000 block of South Faulkner.
  - July 21**

    - At 4:56 p.m., to a lift assist in the 1200 block of North Wells.
    - At 5:58 p.m., to a medical assist in the 300 block of Barnes.
  - July 22**

    - At 4:12 a.m., to a medical assist in the 1000 block of Prairie.
    - At 4:27 p.m., to a medical assist in the 2700 block of North Hobart.
    - At 6:21 p.m., to a medical assist in the 300 block of Sunset.
    - At 11:43 p.m., to a medical assist in the 1000 block of East Francis.
  - July 23**

    - At 1:59 a.m., to a medical assist in the 2200 block of Christine.

## Palo Duro Canyon State Park getting three bridges

CANYON, Texas (AP) — A state park in the Texas Panhandle will be getting three bridges to help improve the flow of traffic along crossings that can flood during storms. The Amarillo Globe-News reported Tuesday that the improvements are scheduled to start this fall at Palo Duro Canyon State Park. Officials with the Texas Department of Transportation say two bridges should be finished by next March. Park Superintendent Cory Evans says work will start next summer on the third water crossing. Some park roadways were flooding during heavy rain last week. Evans says other improvements at the park near Canyon include recently completed paving in the Juniper day-use area. Utilities will be installed later this year at the site. Dayside campsites and a group pavilion should be finished by next spring.

## For Ohio animals, a spread of doughnuts, hot dogs

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — It turns out doughnuts, dog food and Gatorade are bear necessities. At least those were the preferred foods of Dewey, a 400-pound Asiatic black bear temporarily housed at a state facility in Ohio. The building holds wild creatures confiscated or surrendered under Ohio's exotic animal law, which was strengthened following the release of dozens of animals including lions and tigers by their suicidal owner in 2011 in Zanesville. Authorities fearing for public safety killed most of the animals in a headline-capturing saga. At least five alligators and two bears have come through the state's roughly \$3 million facility since it opened in February. Ohio's agriculture department then looks for permanent housing for the crimmers in sanctuaries or zoos. Groceries and supplies for the hungry boarders have topped \$1,025 since the end of May, according to records obtained by The Associated Press through a public records request. Items included a 20-inch jungle ball for the bears bought online for \$225 and five, 5-foot kiddie pools for alligators from Wal-Mart for about \$74. Feeding logs show Dewey and an American black bear named Boo Boo weren't light eaters. Dewey's meals included chicken breast, nuts, cookies and bagels. Boo Boo, a female who weighed more than 200 pounds, enjoyed hot dogs, lettuce, corn and fish. Both bears had poor diets before they arrived. Sixteen-year-old Dewey ate like a teenager, munching on pizza and drinking Mountain Dew. The state initially got food for the bears through an agreement with the Columbus zoo, though Dewey turned up his nose at the nutritious chow. "In this particular case, we felt like it was more important to keep them on the food that they liked," said Erica Hawkins, a spokeswoman for Ohio's agriculture department. State veterinarians eventually worked more wholesome items into their diets, she said. Both bears left this month for a sanctuary in Colorado. The department expects to see more creatures after Jan. 1, when Ohio's law allows officials to take away dangerous wild animals if their owners don't meet state requirements to keep them.

**Rare flower to bloom at UC Santa Barbara**  
SANTA BARBARA, Calif. (AP) — An Indonesian flower famous for its foul odor is expected to unfurl its putrid blossom within the next week at the University of California, Santa Barbara. The school says its greenhouse will be open to the public during the one-day blooming of the so-called corpse flower. Unlike other flowers that rely on bees for pollination, this one counts on flies. It attracts them with the smell of rotting flesh, and they in turn spread its sticky pollen. Its nauseating scent comes from two sulfur-producing chemicals within its leaves.

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# EVERYTHING COMPUTERS



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Vision Computer Services, located at 120 W. Kingsmill Ave., held a customer appreciation luncheon Friday at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Vision Computer Services has been serving business and residential clients since 1990. Vision employees in the center of the photo from left are Kristin Smitka, Tammy Hernandez, Daniel Silva, owner and holding big scissors, Amy West and Erika Ellis. Chamber Goldcoats from left are Charles Henry, Larry Baker, Lynn Allison, Scott Hahn, Jerry Foote, Lyndon Field, Ronnie Wood, Lori Byrne, Darrell Sehorn and Sheila Webb. Chamber executive director Lori Byrne is third from right. Vision Computer Services can be reached at 806-665-4357. The website is [www.ihavecomputerproblems.com](http://www.ihavecomputerproblems.com).

## PISD

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shelter for the staff of the new Pampa ISD administration office. The storm shelter will cost around \$39,000 and will be able to hold roughly 60 people. There are between 50-53 employees projected to work at the Pampa ISD administration building. While they may not be in the building all at once, the board believed it was the best decision to build it large enough for 60 in case all employees were at the building at the same time. The shelter will be built at the northeast end of the building in the building's expansion wing. Should Pampa ISD decide to expand to that wing, it will be built around the shelter. In the event of a tornado, the board discussed at length being able to communicate with the schools from the shelter, whether staff could bring family if warning is provided and the supplying of emergency kits inside the room.

On the Student Code of Conduct, some of the items discussed varied from the verbiage of the document

to the choice of what is to be emphasized to the inclusion of plagiarism and in school suspension disciplines. Superintendent Dr. David Young pointed out that the keys of discipline is the consistency in a case-by-case scenario, but that is why it is important for the administration to have a good working relationship with students. Young and the board agreed the framework of the Student Code of Conduct is the building block to the district's relationship with the students.

Deputy Superintendent and the overseer of the writing of the Student Code of Conduct, Eddie Gage, mentioned that teachers and principals in modern schools have an advantage compared to what they used to have. The implementation of new administrative offices designed for disciplinary measures is one of those advantages. Young did say that he believes there is a "tremendous effort" to implement the behavioral expectations into the Pampa schools.

One item in the Student Code of Conduct is the use of technology. The board is expanding the "Responsible Use" section to be

more permissive, but at the same time retain most of the limitations for the allowance of technology. It is not meant to "open the barn doors" on content the students and staff has access to, but it is meant to be more permissive.

While there will always be attempts to keep discipline uniform in each campus, Young and the board agreed that the use of disciplinary tools such as in-school suspension will ultimately vary simply because those are tools that are best executed in a case-to-case scenario.

Also approved was a price increase for student lunches. The increase comes at the hands of the Federal Government and Pampa ISD had no other options, according to Debbie Middleton, director of food services.

The final item on the agenda was a review of the schools' safety and security. The results of the audits were presented by Stuart Smith, co-facilitator of campus security and safety. The object of campus security through these audits was to review the specifics, strengthen responses, and improve policy, procedures and routines. To aid in determining the safety

and security, the campus security crew went to several training sessions that included intruder awareness, weather spotting and other safety and security measures.

Among the security improvements pitched to the board are the implementation of key-less swipe cards to enter the building from the exterior, a buzzer that will make the entrance vestibules more secure and improve security on two campus playgrounds. The two playgrounds discussed were the gateless fence at Wilson Elementary and the short fence next to a busy street at Travis Elementary. With the suggested improvements made to the noted "weaknesses," Pampa ISD is deemed "Safe and Secure" by the district and several external auditors including Pampa Emergency Medical Center and the Texas Association of School Boards.

Regarding severe weather, the hallways were deemed safe and there are some completely enclosed bathrooms. It was noted that most of the classrooms do fall on the exterior wall of the campus.

The first day of school is Aug. 26.

## Housing

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the city, a citizens' group quickly organized to stand against the project.

The group expressed to public officials and the press their concerns of increased crime rates and drug activity associated with low-income housing. Another concern was increased vehicle traffic as residents in the develop-

ment would drive through the neighborhood to access Hobart Street.

Johnson told the citizens' group during an information meeting on Feb. 18 at M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium that he does not plan to build Section 8 housing.

Often labeled as "housing projects," Section 8 housing provides rent subsidies to low-income tenants. There are no rent subsidies with Section 42, Johnson said.

The Overland project manager told the crowd his development would be Section 42 housing, which requires that tenants have higher income levels than Section 8.

Typical tenants in Section 42 apartments are young families starting out and retirees, Johnson said in February, adding that nine of the 48 units would be offered at market value

and 39 would be offered as low-income.

On Monday, Johnson said Overland's development in Dumas is now 60 percent complete.

He said he has been communicating with city leaders in Pampa about a possible bus trip to Dumas so that they and anyone else with concerns can see firsthand what that project will look like.

## Bealls

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the Pampa Economic Development Corp., which has been steadily brightening up the appearance of the 50-year-old shopping center with the copper-colored awning in front of Bealls, Hastings and Steeles.

The Pampa EDC has also been making infrastructure

improvements, such as replacing old roofs and wiring.

Bealls' moving into a new space leaves empty a 16,000-square-foot space that could be leased by another business.

Clay Rice, Pampa EDC executive director, said while there have been a few prospects in the past, there is nothing specific at this point for the old Bealls location.

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## Duck

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always come to the table as family, every meal begins with a prayer, and there's a good moral to every story."

Miss Kay is the revered matriarch of the Robertson family. She will be speaking about her life and her efforts to raise honorable men.

She was 16 when she married Phil Robertson, founder of the Duck Commander empire. Since then, she's been keeping him and their four sons from spending too much time in the woods, bringing them back to civilization each night with a home-cooked meal.

Miss Kay believes her cooking talents are a gift which she must share, so she often ends up feeding all of the family and most of the neighborhood. Her most famous dishes are banana pudding, fried deer steak, crawfish pie and frog legs.

Appearing with Miss Kay will be her youngest son, Jules Jephtha "Jep" Robertson. He will be speaking about what it is like to grow up in the Robertson household. Jep likes to say he grew up in a duck blind. Utilizing these years of hunting experience for his role as the cameraman and editor for the family business, Jep is able to think like a hunter behind the camera and therefore, capture excellent footage for the Duckmen DVD series and the television show,

Benelli Presents Duck Commander.

Jep continues with the goal his father began years ago, to bring the "Duckmen" style of hunting out of the swamps, into the editing room, and into the homes of duck hunting enthusiasts around the world. Jep's passion for capturing the hunt on camera was stoked when he made his filming debut in "Duckmen X", and it remains his favorite Duckmen DVD to date. Jep lives in Louisiana with his wife Jessica and four children, Lily, Merritt, Priscilla and River.

Tickets to "Bringing Honor to the Table" featuring Miss Kay and Jep Robertson go on sale Aug. 1 at participating United Supermarkets or can be bought online through [panhandletickets.com](http://panhandletickets.com). Tickets are \$50 each, general admission.

For 29 years, Tralee Crisis Center has provided comprehensive services to victims/survivors of family violence, sexual assault and other violent crimes in the eastern Panhandle. Proceeds from this event will enable Tralee to continue to offer these vital services, Laramore said.

For more information about Tralee Crisis Center and services for violent crime victims, contact Tralee Crisis Center, 1-800-658-2796. For more information about "Bringing Honor to the Table" and business sponsorships, call the Tralee office at 806-

## Detroit suburb celebrating prominent pig sculpture

GARDEN CITY, Mich. (AP) — A Detroit suburb is getting ready to go hog wild to celebrate the return of a prominent, plump pig sculpture to its downtown.

The Garden City Downtown Development Authority says a Friday celebration will mark the return of "Willy the Pig." A community art fundraiser will feature pork sliders and a pig-calling contest. A showing of the talking-pig movie "Babe" is on the agenda.

The centerpiece of activities is to be a 7 p.m. unveiling of the newly casted sculpture.

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## Museum Musings

### Why would a group in the Texas Panhandle want to have high tea?

Many people do not realize that Pampa and Gray County, amongst the Indian wars and cowboy traditions, have a group of British men to thank for many of the things you see in Pampa today.

Montagu Kingsmill "Montie" Brown was born May 22, 1878, in the little village of Eastcote, Middlesex County, England, one of 12 children of an Irish mother and a

British father. When he was 7 years old, he was sent to a boarding school 60 miles from London at a place called Brackley, which was located 20 miles from Oxford and was known as Magdalen College School. Here he remained until the age of 15 when his father went broke and it became necessary for Montie to get a job. This was the end of his formal education, the remainder of it being obtained in the "school of hard knocks" as explained by Brown. He was a loyal alumnus of this latter school, but did not recommend it over formalized education, and thus it was that he dedicated himself to helping children attend college who otherwise might not have had the opportunity.

His first job was office boy for a timber merchant in the heart of London, and for two and a half years he drew

what he termed the "huge salary" of \$2 a week. Then he went to work in a bank at a salary of \$250 a year and while there he received a raise of \$50 a year. There were no adding machines at that early date and all checks had to be listed and added up "by main strength and awkwardness" as he explained it. This experience proved invaluable to him in later years when he was employed by the White Deer Land Company in Gray County.

When the Boers in South Africa declared war on England, the nation had no infantry to speak of and called on the various yeomanry units to furnish the manpower.

This seemed a golden opportunity to young Montie, who was a member of his county yeomanry unit to "join up and see the world at no expense to myself" His experiences in what he called the only "gentlemanly" war ever fought were many and colorful and when it was over, he returned to England feeling he would surely return to Africa someday.

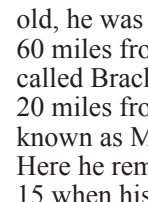
This was not the case, however. His Uncle Andrew Kingsmill began trying to interest him in a vast new land in the southwest part of the United States which he himself had visited. Located in the Texas Panhandle was an outgrowth of the old Francklyn Land and Cattle Company which had been owned and operated by a group of Englishmen headed by the

Prime Minister of England, Lord Rosebery. Andrew Kingsmill was a banker and agent for Lord Rosebery, and so it was that he had become familiar with this land company and he had to know Mr. T.D. Hobart, the manager.

He succeeded in influencing his nephew, M.K. Brown, to change his plans for adventure elsewhere in the world for a trip to an area in Texas which was to become his home for the rest of his life.

The ladies of the senior golf tournament held in Pampa this week had a high tea party on Monday. The party was a great success with nearly 30 players and players' wives. The group enjoyed snacks, hot tea and iced tea and had the opportunity to learn just why Pampa would have high tea. The White Deer Land Museum's Memorial Board looks forward to hosting the ladies again next year.

The White Deer Land Museum has an exhibit dedicated to the re-creation of M.K. Brown's apartment. In his apartment upstairs in the museum you will see British flags and other memorabilia from his home country.



**COURTNEY OXLEY**

*For more information about the museum's current exhibits, visit the White Deer Land Museum in downtown Pampa. Regular tours are offered Tuesday through Saturday from 1-4 p.m. 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.*

## Detroit and the tale of tomorrow

Just ahead of Congress as it takes an August recess, the president fares forth to "chart" — in the words of his communications director — "a course where America needs to go ... to restore this country's basic bargain for the middle class."

Let us see whether we can anticipate: Congress (assuming the President gets his way) will pass some laws, raise some taxes, spend some money. We'll restore the bargain. And maybe the Democrats won't take the licking that circumstances seem to predict, what with Obama-care causing mass public confusion, the president's approval ratings down in the mid-40s and Democratic control of the Senate threatened in 2014.

Who wouldn't want to change the subject under such conditions: The problem is we aren't likely to descend from the rhetorical stratosphere to the ground level, where political promises originate and just as often falter. Shall we talk about Detroit?

On the ground level, it's easier to understand one of the prime factors afflicting the once-proud city. To wit, city leaders made promises as if there were no tomorrow and then borrowed to make good the promises again as if there were no tomorrow.

One of the irritating features about tomorrow, politically speaking, is that it always seems to be somewhere down the street — way, way off. No need to worry for now. This is today, not tomorrow.

Detroit is in hock for possibly \$20 billion, of which \$3.5 billion is money owed to municipal pension funds. There's no more cash to stuff into the stocking. Tomorrow came, transformed from a gauzy day of sunshine and candy cane clouds into the dark Day of Reckoning. In various Yesterdays, municipal unions had wanted pay and pension boosts. Detroit's leaders said, sure. Somehow the money would be found, whether from borrowing or higher taxes or the borrowing necessary when the higher

taxes failed to produce the necessary wherewithal. Somehow all things would work out! Today at least the municipal unions wouldn't be rendered unhappy, handed political axes to grind — or worse.

And so Detroit, like a number of other U. S. cities, is bankrupt. A few others are merely broke: Chicago, for instance, with a pension debt of possibly \$36 billion, Los Angeles with a similar debt estimated at \$30 billion. Tomorrow comes fast, as today fades from view.

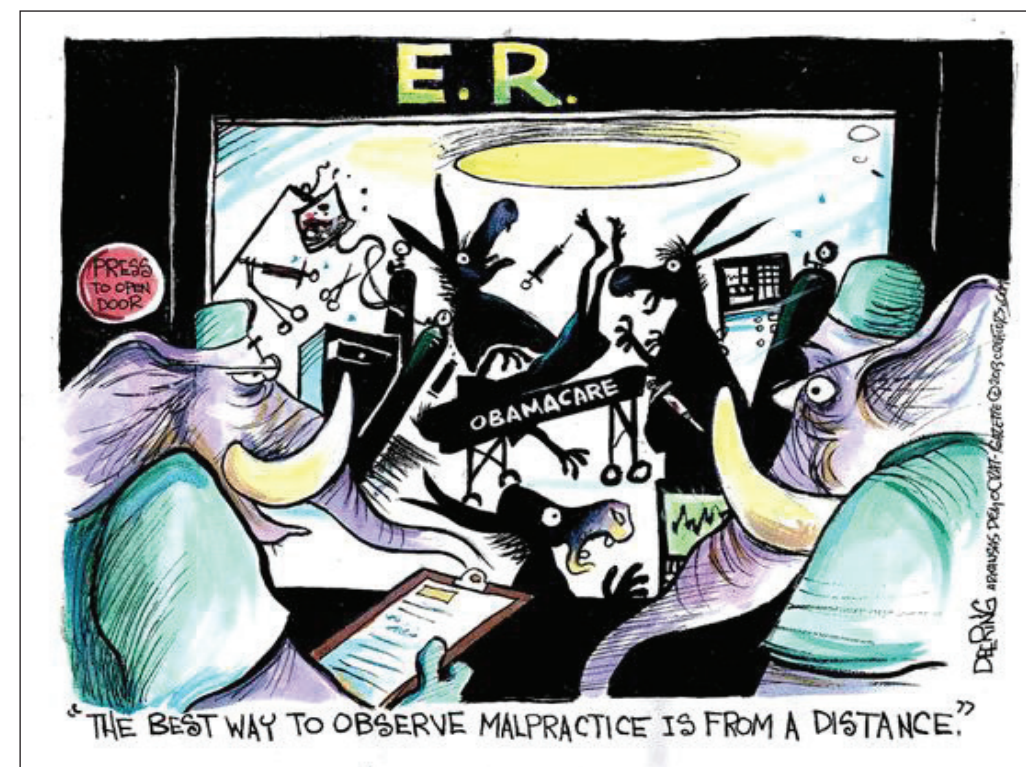
Modern America hardly invented insolvency and frivolity — human traits as old as Aesop's Fables. The moral-religious outlook of an older America, nevertheless, restrained some of the wilder impulses of the human species. It was acknowledged fairly regularly that actions produced consequences; that as a man sowed, so he reaped — due to which reality it was useful to think carefully about the crop one was planting, all the while watching the weather.

Appraisals of this character fell out of favor as politics assumed a larger and larger role in life. What politician was going to go around with dour face and wagging finger, warning happy constituents of reckonings to come? The ancient moral law fell into disuse. History as a predictor of outcomes turned into televised entertainment.

And so ... Detroit. Maybe Chicago. Maybe Los Angeles. Maybe a Medicare system yoked to unrealistic promises made for the sake of political returns, the future shoved further into the future, the can kicked as far down the road as possible. A moral overhaul for a nation suffering from the neglect of sound moral teaching is, you might say, a bit overdue. I wouldn't count on the president to undertake such a task as he buzzes around the country this month.

Speeches of that character aren't hard to write; politicians deliver them all the time.

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## The role of the 'sole military adviser' to the president

It's not often that a testy exchange at a hearing, followed by a senator's statement that he would put a hold on the nomination until he got an adequate answer to his question, opens a window to a fundamental issue in our democracy.

And a timely one.

Two days after brokering a deal to avoid the senatorial "nuclear option" — an effort by the majority to strip the minority of their filibuster rights by agreeing to a compromise that in grade school might win you an extra few minutes of recess and in Washington leads to accolades of utter disbelief at such good will — Sen. John McCain announced that he intended to put a hold on the nomination of Joint Chiefs Chairman Gen. Martin Dempsey to serve another two-year term.

The reason was Dempsey's refusal to answer McCain's question — or rather, to give him the kind of answer he wanted.

The question was this: "Do you believe the continued costs and risks of our inaction in Syria are now worse for our national security interests than the costs and risks associated with limited military action?"

The answer was this: "I am in favor of building a moderate opposition and supporting it.

The question whether to support it with direct kinetic strikes is a decision for our elected officials, not for the senior military leader of the nation."

In other words, it is the president's decision whether to use military force, and the man McCain called his "sole military adviser" refused to say what option the military favored.

In this instance, it is clear why McCain was so frustrated. He went to Syria and met with the rebel forces. McCain

favours stronger military action. He is looking for (and maybe believes he has, if he were to speak freely) a supporter and an ally in Dempsey, a voice at the table advocating for and not merely explaining the military option.

He is frustrated that the most powerful military man in the United States is so careful, reticent, reluctant to throw his power around.

Imagine that.

Talk about a miracle.

I'm not arguing that civilian control of the military ultimately turns on how Dempsey frames his analysis of the military options in Syria. Indeed, Armed Services Committee Chairman Sen. Carl Levin seemed to have come up with a compromise by the end, when he announced that the general would return in the future to discuss with the committee the pros, cons and costs. Said Levin: "If you'll do that, it may be a step that would be a constructive, positive step."

I expect he will do that.

I expect this particular dispute will be resolved.

But the fact that it could be a dispute at all is one of those minor miracles of democracy and the rule of law that is easy to forget in our collective disgust with the day-to-day operations of our government.

We live in a country where the most powerful military man actually (if you share McCain's view) has to be encouraged to take a strong position on whether the nation should resort to a military option.

Name one other country in the world where that is a "problem."

Meanwhile, a majority in the Senate was in fact able to craft a deal to address the problem of stalled nominees (for as long as two years), which should not have been a problem in the first place.

But, hey, we are still talking about Washington, D.C., in 2013.

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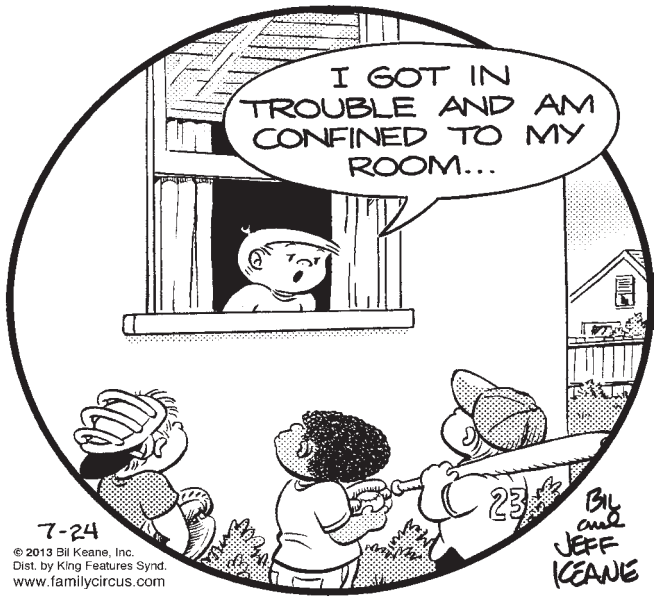




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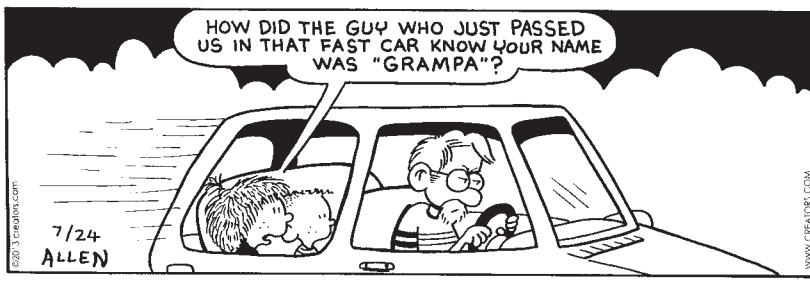


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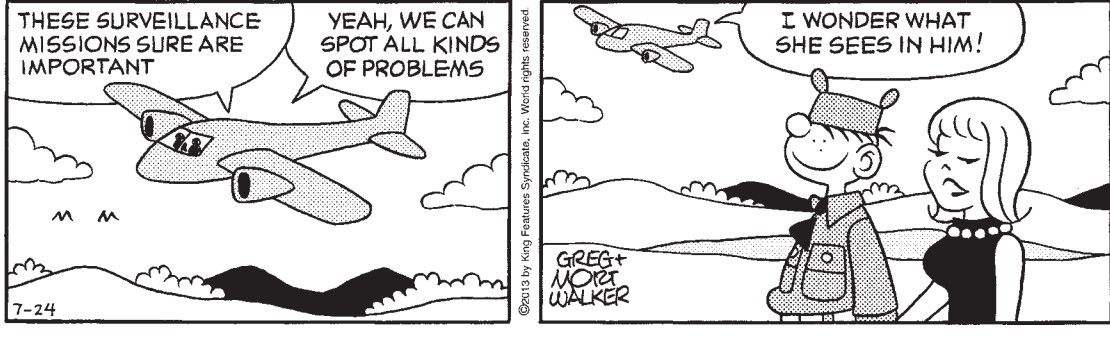
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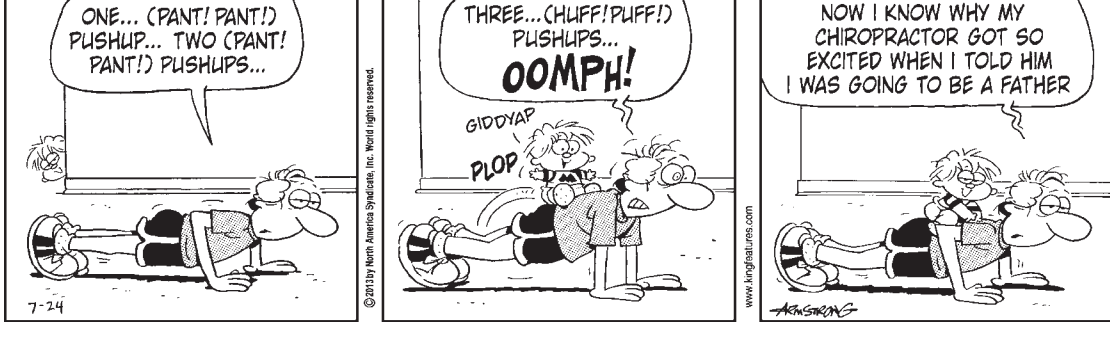
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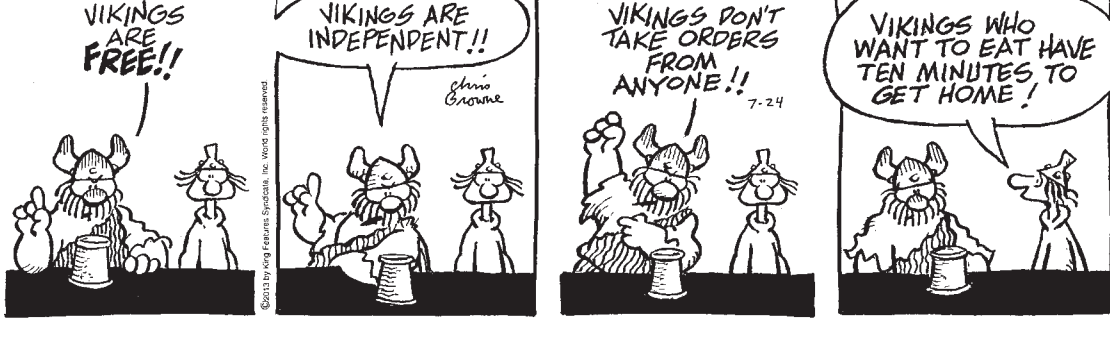
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# daily horoscope

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Thursday, July 25, 2013:  
 This year you are unusually intuitive, especially when it comes to others, their finances and their bottom lines. You will see what a change this knowledge can make in your daily life. You are willing to reveal your feelings more than ever before. If you are single, your desirability is unquestionable, but your choices might need some work. Figure out what type of bond you desire. If you are attached, do not take things so personally. Both of you will be happier as a result. PISCES knows how to reel you in!  
**ARIES** (March 21-April 19)  
 ★★★★★ Your need to express your ire might be strong, but allow yourself to be guided by your sensitivity. If you lash out, someone might find it a lot harder to understand where you are coming from. Appeal to others with logic and caring. Tonight: Catch up on sleep.  
**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20)  
 ★★★★★ Zero in on what is possible. Remain creative, and be open to a different thought process and new kinds of ideas. You even might want to give a strange idea some serious consideration. Communication will be active among friends. Tonight: Where your loved ones are.  
**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20)  
 ★★★★★ You will understand where a boss is coming from, but you might wonder if the direction in which he or she wants to proceed is the best, financially. You could gain someone's confidence because of how you handle controversial situations. Tonight: Burn the midnight oil.  
**CANCER** (June 21-July 22)  
 ★★★★★ Your imagination seems limitless to many. Your ability to detach is equally as strong. You have determination and energy on your side. Go with your emotional, knee-jerk response. Make a point of recognizing the recent changes a partner has made. Tonight: Go with spontaneity.  
**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)  
 ★★★★★ Deal with a situation directly, and know full well what is needed. Your direct approach and willingness to move into a new realm could be bolstered by a loved one who keeps encouraging you. Listen to feedback, and integrate what you hear. Tonight: Visit over dinner.  
**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)  
 ★★★★★ You might wonder what is

going on with a loved one. Your curiosity will make you want to live life similarly to how this person does, and you'll appreciate yourself more as a result. Listen to news with a sense of what can happen. Tonight: Favorite people, favorite place.  
**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)  
 ★★★★★ Pace yourself — you have a lot of ground to cover. You might want to flex and take your time, as you could see a better solution because of a recent discussion with a friend. Know that you can improve a project by opening it up to feedback. Tonight: Happily head home.  
**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)  
 ★★★★★ Your vision of possibilities allows for greater receptivity and success. Others also seek you out to share their thoughts and ideas, as they want your feedback. Still, it would be wise to factor in a touch of diplomacy. Follow your sixth sense. Tonight: Choose what makes you happiest.  
**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)  
 ★★★★★ The more you deal with a specific partner or loved one, the luckier you will become. It's as if you have a rabbit's foot tucked away in your back pocket. You will benefit from any activity involving this person. Profound changes are being made. Tonight: Try to make it early.  
**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)  
 ★★★★★ You might have difficulty verbalizing a vision involving a project. Even if someone says that he or she understands, that might not be the case. Defer to others, yet stay on top of communication. Ask a question, even if it makes you feel stupid. Tonight: At a favorite haunt.  
**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)  
 ★★★★★ Be aware of what you are doing with your checkbook. The damages could be far greater than you had anticipated. Know when to say "no." At this point, you are capable of pulling white rabbits out of black hats. Tonight: Indulge a friend or loved one; it does not have to cost.  
**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20)  
 ★★★★★ You are right where you need to be, and others find you with ease. Many friends will express a great deal of respect for you and your thoughts. Follow your intuition, especially regarding a matter at a distance. Your personality melts boundaries. Tonight: You can have it all.



# Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I have an awful time meeting men. I'm not considered beautiful by any means, so that means meeting any good guys won't happen. I use Craigslist a lot to meet sexual partners. I am so tired of giving up my body for a few minutes of pleasure and then feeling empty on the inside. Please tell me what to do.

— WHERE ARE THE GOOD GUYS?  
DEAR WHERE: I'll try, but first let me tell you where the good guys AREN'T. They are not on Craigslist trolling for sex partners. As my grandfather used to say, "If you're looking for trout, don't go fishing in a herring barrel."

Your problem isn't your looks; it is your extremely low level of self-esteem. It's important that you discuss this with a psychologist who can help you recognize the positive qualities you have to offer, because until you do, you will only repeat these empty, depressing encounters. Please don't wait.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 17-year-old girl who was raised to be polite. When I meet someone, I offer a handshake and a smile and make eye contact. However, I have found that because I'm female,

adults — especially men — will go in for a hug even when I offer my hand to shake. This is followed by comments like, "You're too sweet to just shake hands," or, "Girls don't shake hands."

I like hugs, but they make me uncomfortable when they're from someone I don't know well, and I find the comments insulting. How do I avoid this awkward moment and respond to the comments? — TEEN IN NEW YORK

DEAR TEEN: The next time someone lunges forward, take a step back and say, "I prefer to shake hands!" Say it with a smile and don't be confrontational, but DO defend your personal space if you feel it is being invaded. It is not impolite to do so.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a single, have no kids and I'm about to turn 62. I own my own home and have no debts. After years of earning a modest but steady income and watching my expenses, I have saved enough and I am eligible for good retirement benefits. So what's my problem? Friends and family insist I'm crazy to leave a job at which I could work for another five to 10 years. I know retirement is practical for me because

I have gotten professional financial planning advice. There are many things I really want to do — classes, hobbies, volunteer work and travel before I'm too old.

My friends need to work to support their extravagant lifestyles, lavish vacations, expensive restaurants, plus their new cars, clothing and electronics. I did things my way and can afford to retire now, so why can't my friends keep their mouths shut and let me enjoy what I have worked for? — READY TO RETIRE

DEAR READY: They may be jealous, or they may be genuinely concerned about you. Not knowing them, I can't answer for them. I can, however, suggest this: Before quitting your job and the steady, modest income it provides, talk with another financial planner and get a second opinion. You'd do that with a doctor if you had a serious question about your physical health, and I'm recommending you do it because this decision will affect your financial health for the rest of your life. If you wait a few more years, you won't be over the hill, and you will have even more money to enjoy in your retirement.



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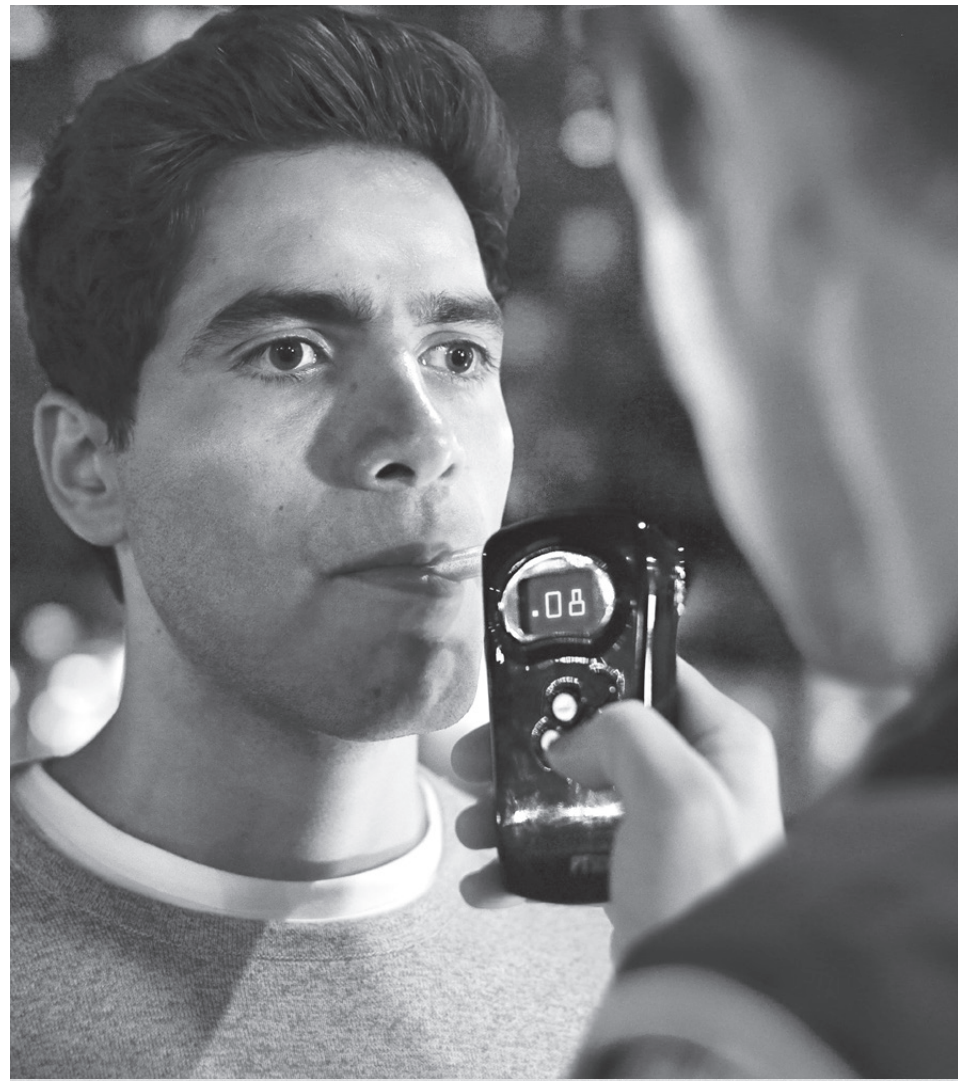
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# PampaSports

## Pampa All-Stars fall to Stone County, Miss. All-Stars 3-2

BY JOHN LEE  
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The Pampa All-Stars had their run in the Cal Ripken Regional Tournament end abruptly in extra innings Tuesday, July 22. The game was tied 2-2 at the bottom of the seventh, the game came to an end when the catcher was re-laying the ball to third base to stop a base-runner from stealing third plate. The ball went just over the third baseman's head, allowing for the go-ahead run. The final was 3-2 in seven innings.

coach Ryan Cloud is extremely proud of the effort showed by his team. "This group of boys is one of the most special group of boys to come through this Optimist," Cloud said. "I have been up here a while now and there is just something about them. They have played together a long time and you can tell. They aren't just strong physically, but they are strong mentally as well. Every game was tough for us, and they fought and they fought (and) they never gave up. They never thought they were going to lose, they

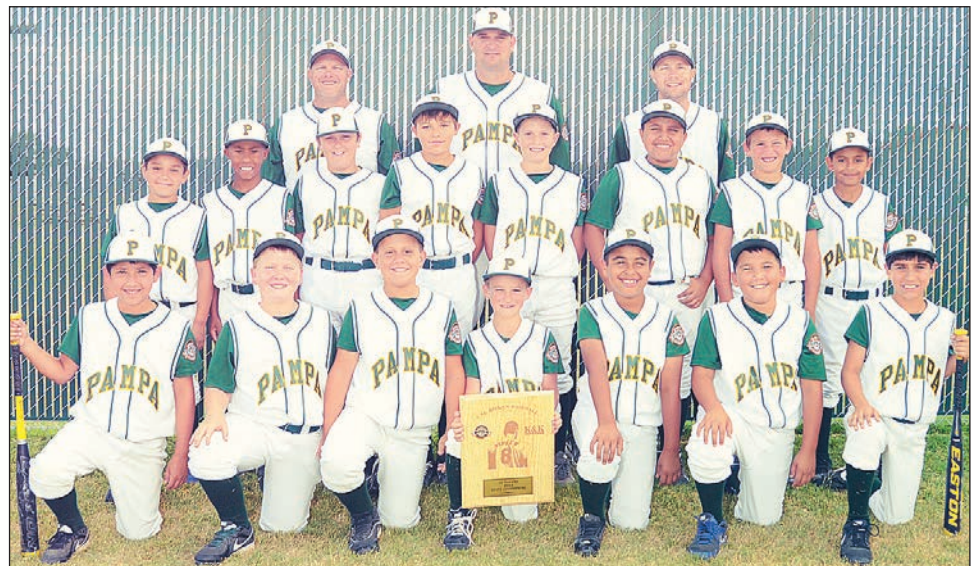
still think they are the best even after this loss. I love that about them, I love their grit." Cloud did attribute the struggles in the tournament to great pitching. "We faced good pitching. Anytime you get into a regional tournament you are going to face some studs," Cloud said. "That team we faced today that put us out, they weren't great, but they were very good on the mound. When you mix that with speed and the ball on the ground, that is a lethal combination. They threw strikes, they kept us off bal-

ance with change-ups, and we fought, but it was a little too late." Cloud wanted to make sure the kids get life lessons from the Optimist. "You cannot change the past, you can only change the future," Cloud said. "I hope they use these mottos and these little things that we say and I hope they use them in life. Everybody makes errors, everybody strikes out. It's a little tougher when their nine and ten (years old), I realize that. But they will be fine, they are headstrong and they will be fine."

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| Smokin Joe's          | 0-8   | 0-8                        |  |
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| NOV Mobile Rigs       | 8-2   | 8-2                        |  |
| Enbridge              | 6-4   | 6-4                        |  |
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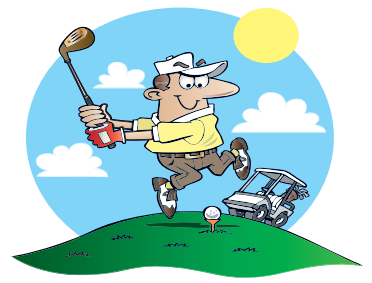
## THE PAMPA NEWS WANTS TO GIVE A BIG THANK YOU TO THE OPTIMIST 9/10-YEAR-OLD BOYS PAMPA ALL-STARS FOR REPRESENTING PAMPA

Photo courtesy of Nikki Shelton of Shutterbug Pictured are as follows Front row, from left, Damian Anguiano, Kyle Gordzelik, Kyler Cook, Hunter Dyer, Troy Perez, Armando Miranda, Dylan Booth Middle Row, Sam Anguiano, Isaiah Velasquez, Christian Porter, Joey Hill, Jack Studebaker, Oscar Jimenez, Nolan Groomer, Jose Arvizu. Back Row, Coaches, Jason Dyer, John Studebaker, Ryan Cloud.



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Mike Clendening  
Bob Fauske
- 2nd - 31**  
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Darby Schale  
Tom Grantham  
Felipe Velasco
- 3rd- 31**  
Judson Eddins  
George Hearon  
Jason Farmer  
Norris Jackson



## Sports Briefs

**Braun accepts 65-game drug suspension**  
NEW YORK (AP) — Ryan Braun stood on a spring training field and proclaimed he was innocent of using banned testosterone. "I would bet my life," he said back then, "that this substance never entered my body at any point." Seventeen months later, he accepted a 65-game suspension from baseball and admitted, "I am not perfect. I realize now that I have made some mistakes. I am willing to accept the consequences of those actions." The 2011 National League MVP was suspended without pay for the rest of the season and the post-season Monday, the start of sanctions involving players reportedly tied to a Florida clinic accused of distributing performance-enhancing drugs. Attention quickly turned to who's next. Will Alex Rodriguez or any of the other players tied in media reports to the Biogenesis of America clinic get dis-

ciplined and, if so, when. "I'm pretty sure Braunie won't be the last," Detroit All-Star outfielder Torri Hunter said. "It's going to be for the next 100 years, somebody's going to try to beat the system, and as long as they keep catching guys, the system works." **Broncos' Miller says he did nothing wrong**  
ENGLEWOOD, Colo. (AP) — The latest distraction for the Denver Broncos comes from All-Pro linebacker Von Miller, who insisted Monday he did nothing wrong in the face of reports he could miss four games for violating the NFL's drug policy. "I know I did nothing wrong. I'm sure this'll be resolved fairly," Miller tweeted, acknowledging he had seen the reports and adding he was disappointed the Broncos have to open training camp with this news hanging over them. ESPN first reported the pending discipline for Miller.

A person with knowledge of the situation confirmed the possible penalty to The Associated Press. The person did not want to be named because the league hasn't announced any punishment. George Atallah, spokesman for the NFLPA, said the players union was working with Miller on his appeal, adding via Twitter: "I can also confirm that Von's case does not involve the Steroids and Related Substances Policy." That would suggest Miller's case centers around recreational drugs instead. **Start of camp dims Cowboys' health**  
OXNARD, Calif. (AP) — Dallas Cowboys defensive end Anthony Spencer can't shake a troublesome knee problem. Backup Tyrone Crawford is out for the season after tearing his left Achilles tendon. The Cowboys have to hope the first two days of training camp aren't a

trend after figuring they would be better than last year simply by being healthier. But they're trying not to dwell on it. "When you let stuff like that creep into you, that's a cancer for the team," said Jason Hatcher, one of the healthy defensive linemen. "Last year we lost a lot of guys, but I think we played our butts off. We're just going to continue to do that." The Cowboys couldn't help but feel for Crawford after he went down in a noncontact individual drill during the first full workout of camp Sunday. Coach Jason Garrett said Monday that Crawford would return to the Dallas area for surgery this week. Dallas was already without defensive tackle Jay Ratliff, who strained a hamstring on the pre-camp conditioning test after missing 10 games last season with an ankle problem and a sports hernia that required season-ending surgery.

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