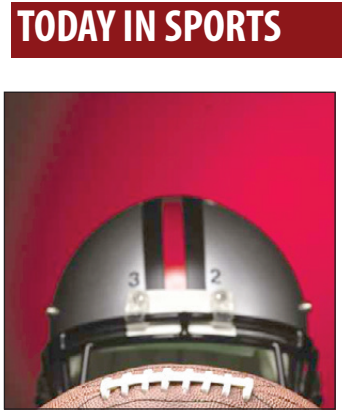


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## WHY DID YOU ABANDON ME?



Photos by Timothy P. Howsare

Clockwise from top, this female Pointer mix and her six puppies, apparently dumped by their former owner, were found about a month ago in the crawl space at the Pampa Animal Control office. The temperatures were in the 100s that day and the white puppy was almost dead, according to a shelter worker. The puppies were so young their eyes weren't open yet. This female Siamese cat was left at the shelter, where her kittens were born. This frisky Schnauzer mix can barely keep still when he's let out of the cage. He also was dumped at the shelter. For a story, turn to page 6.

## County pay raises get green light

By **TIMOTHY P. HOWSARE**  
 thowsare@thepampanews.com

Three percent pay raises for eligible county employees have made it over the first hurdle when those increases were approved last Thursday by the Gray County Court of Commissioners.

The commissioners met all day last Thursday to discuss the budget and hear presentations from various groups that receive money from the county.

The commissioners will meet again at 9 a.m. Wednesday to discuss the budget and other agenda items.

Judge Richard Peet, who oversees the commission, said Monday although the raises were unanimously approved, the increases could be lowered

or cut altogether before the budget is passed.

He said the commission was required to act on the item within 10 days before the budget is finalized.

Peet expects the budget, which begins Oct. 1, will be finalized by Sept. 9.

Public hearings where citizens can give input will be held on Aug. 27 and 30.

Both meetings will held at 9 a.m. on the second floor courtroom in the Gray County Courthouse, 205 N. Russell St.

Commissioners also approved Thursday an additional \$1,800 for sheriff's deputies who receive Master Law Enforcement Certification.

Currently, only Sheriff Don Copeland has the certification, Peet said.

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## Thornberry to speak Wednesday

STAFF REPORT

U.S. Rep. Mac Thornberry will be the guest speaker Wednesday at the Top O' Texas Republican Women's Club

monthly meeting, which will be held at noon at the Pampa Senior Citizens Center, 500 W. Francis St.

Club president Jana Vinson said

Thornberry will likely speak on a variety of topics he feels are of interest to the people in Pampa and Gray County. Also, there will be a chance for people to ask questions.

Thornberry has represented Texas' 13th District since 1995, when the Texas House seated its first Republican majority in 40 years. He lives in Clarendon with his wife Sally.

Everyone is invited to attend the meeting. For more information, call Jana Vinson at 806-669-1990.



Mac Thornberry

## Six inducted into Freedom Museum's Hall of Honor

STAFF REPORT

Six veterans from the Panhandle were inducted into the Hall of Honor at the Pampa Freedom Museum on Saturday at Pampa Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1657.

The ceremony was held at 6 p.m. and accompanied by a barbecue dinner.

The welcome was given by John Tripplehorn, president of the Freedom Museum.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given by Larry Stephens and the invocation by Lynn Hulsey.

The event was attended by many family members and friends of the honorees.

Each year, five or six former members of the Armed Forces in the 26 counties of the Texas Panhandle are nominated for placement in the Hall of Honor.

This year's inductees were Bill Owens of Wellington, George W. Howard of Clarendon, Edgar Lee Hawkins born in Deaf Smith County and later of Lamesa, William M. Sims of Pampa, Dempsey Malaney of Perryton and Homer Thomas of Canadian.

### Edgar Lee Hawkins

Edgar Lee Hawkins was born in Deaf Smith County in 1929. He was raised in Dawson County, near the communities of Key and Gail and attended school in Lamesa, graduating from Lamesa High School in 1947. In 1952 he graduated with a BS in agriculture from Texas Tech University where he was an Honor Student and a member of the Air Force ROTC. Upon graduation he was commissioned a 2nd LT and enlisted in the United States Air Force.



Photo by Timothy P. Howsare

William J. Owens, left, and George W. Howard were the two living veterans honored Saturday at the Pampa VFW Post.

By 1965 Hawkins was a Captain in the 67th Tactical Fighter Squadron's third deployment to Southeast Asia. The principle Air Force tactical strike aircraft during the Vietnam War was the Republic F105D Thunderchief, nicknamed the "Thud." On Sept. 20, 1965 Captain Hawkins was the pilot of the 2nd aircraft,

F105D, in a flight of two that departed Korat Air Base in Thailand on a strike/armed recon mission, identified as "Rolling Thunder 32C-4." The intended targets were a military storage area and a bridge located in the rugged mountains approx. 6 miles north of the Vietnamese/Laos border. This area of North Vietnam was considered a stronghold used by the communists to move men and materials.

Capt. Hawkins followed his flight leader in for a rocket attack once the bridge was spotted. The flight leader reported watching Capt. Hawkins' rocket fire but then saw his aircraft clip the tops of trees, throw up a stream of dirt and explode as the Thunderchief slid along the ground.

Because of the intense enemy presence in the region, no close visual inspec-

tion of the Thunderchief's crash site was possible. The Air Force believed there were ample circumstances by which Edgar Hawkins was able to safely eject and parachute into an area where capture could have easily occurred. Because of this reasonable chance, Capt. Hawkins was listed as MIA. In May of 1973, the Air Force listed Major Hawkins as KIA. A memorial service for Maj. Edgar Lee Hawkins was held on June 3, 1973 at the First Baptist Church of Lamesa.

Edgar Lee Hawkins was posthumously awarded the rank of major. His medals include the Distinguished Flying Cross, a Purple Heart, the Air Medal and the Vietnam Service Medal along with the Vietnam Campaign Medal.

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## PAMPA FORECAST

Today	Wednesday	Thursday
		
High 93 Low 65	High 93 Low 64	High 93 Low 65

**Today:** Sunny with a high of 93. Winds south at 15 mph. Sunrise at 7:07 a.m.

**Tonight:** Clear with a low of 65. Winds south-southeast at 14 mph. Sunset at 8:26 p.m.

**Wednesday:** Sunny with a high of 93. Winds south at 15 mph. 7:08 a.m.

**Wednesday night:** Clear with a low of 64. Winds south at 12 mph. Sunset at 8: 25 p.m.

**Thursday:** Mostly sunny with a high of 93. Chance of rain: 10 percent. Winds south at 13 mph. Sunrise at 7:09 a.m.

**Thursday night:** Partly cloudy with a low of 65. Winds south at 10 mph. Sunset at 8:24 p.m.

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# Obituaries

## Samuel Nathan Godwin



**Samuel Nathan Godwin**

Samuel Nathan Godwin, 99, died Aug. 16, 2013 in Pampa. Memorial Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 20, 2013, at Briarwood Church with the Rev. Lynn Hancock, pastor, officiating. Private family graveside will be at Fairview Cemetery. Mr. Godwin was born June 12, 1914 in Houston to Grover and Bennie Godwin. They later moved to Dallas where Sam grew up. Sam married Grace Anna Ewell on Oct. 6, 1940. She preceded him in death on Feb. 7, 2008. In Sam's early years he served in

Christian ministry, pastoring and pioneering churches as well as conducting revival meetings. Through the years Sam published and distributed Christian literature and he had a radio ministry. In his later years Sam ministered in churches as a layman and had an e-mail ministry. Two of Sam's attributes were notably humor and generosity, which was much appreciated throughout his extended family. Sam was a member of the Briarwood Church. He was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers and a sister. Survivors include two daughters, Carol Baumann and husband Darwin of Amarillo, and Joyce Moran and husband Charles of Pampa, one son, Dennis Godwin and wife Norma of Keller, nine grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren, his youngest brother Ernest Godwin of Dallas, and a host of friends and family. Sign the online register at [www.carmichael-whatley.com](http://www.carmichael-whatley.com).

## For the record

# Pampa man arrested for driving while intoxicated

STAFF REPORT

- Joshua Lee Rivas, 22, Pampa, was arrested Saturday by GCSO for driving while intoxicated.
- Jesus Rene Torres, 27, Pampa, was arrested Friday by the Pampa Police Department for theft, possession of drug paraphernalia.
- Steven Soto, 32, Pampa, was arrested Saturday by the Gray County Sheriff's Office for failure to use a turn signal, capias pro fine

- failure to appear, bond surrender — credit card abuse.
- Ricky Joe Diaz, 38, Pampa, was arrested Saturday by GCSO for the manufacturing and delivering of controlled substances.
- Amber Loree Caviness, 30, Pampa, was arrested Saturday by PPD for no valid driver's license, failure to maintain car insurance.
- Eddie Scott Graham, 25, Pampa, was arrested Saturday by PPD for no valid driver's license.
- Ashley Monique Shepard, 28, Pampa, was arrested Saturday by PPD for no seatbelt, no valid driver's license, failure to maintain car insurance, failure to appear, two charges of capias pro fine — no valid driver's license, capias pro fine — expired registration, capias pro fine — expired inspection.
- James Darren Parker, 42, Pampa, was arrested Saturday by PPD for capias pro fine — failure to appear.
- Terry Wayne Rapstine, 50, Pampa, was arrested Sunday by PPD for speeding, no valid driver's license, violation of promise to appear.
- Brady Mason-Woofe Williams, 18, Pampa, was arrested Sunday by GCSO for sex offenders failure to comply civilly.
- Chilton Eugene DeWayne, 34, Pampa, was arrested Sunday by GCSO for expired car insurance, expired registration, failure to maintain car insurance, no valid driver's license, failure to appear.

## Pampa Fire Department call log — Aug. 16-17

The Pampa Fire Department responded to these calls for the following dates.

One unit with three personnel responded to each call, unless otherwise indicated.

**Aug. 16**

- At 5:34 p.m., to a medical assist in the 100 block of East 27th.

**Aug. 17**

- At 10:27 a.m., to medical call in 100 block of East Randy Matson.
- At 2:36 p.m., to a lift assist in the 900 block of Campbell.
- At 4:18 p.m., to medical call in the 700 block of North Faulkner.
- At 9:58 p.m., to medial call in the 800 block of North Frost.

## Tea party favorite Cruz releases birth certificate

AUSTIN (AP) — U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz has released his birth certificate amid concerns that his being born in Canada could derail a possible presidential run. The document posted online Monday by The Dallas Morning News shows the tea party firebrand's birth in Calgary, Alberta, in 1970. Cruz's mother is American and his father Cuban. They were working in Canada at the time. Elected last year, Cruz has already angered Senate

Democrats and some Republicans with his outspokenness. He has fueled speculation about a White House run by making several visits to Iowa, which will open presidential primary voting ahead of the 2016 election. Only natural-born American citizens can be president. Cruz's office has long maintained, though, that because his mother is an American, Cruz became a naturalized citizen at birth. Perry makes frequent trips to California. Some of the earliest support for his 2012 presidential bid came from major Republican donors in California. The Texas governor also tries to convince California businesses to relocate to Texas, where taxes are significantly lower. Critics argue so are the state services. Perry announced last month that he will not seek re-election, but he has left open the possibility of running for president in 2016. He has said he will make a decision later this year.

### Perry headlining Calif. GOP convention

AUSTIN (AP) — The California Republican Party says Texas Gov. Rick Perry will headline its fall convention in Anaheim. The GOP made the announcement Monday. Perry's office did not immediately confirm his attendance at the event from Oct. 4-6. The party said Perry was invited for Texas' history of job creation. Perry makes frequent trips to California. Some of the

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**PAMPA BUCKS WINNER**



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Corey Coronis, center, was the lucky winner of a drawing held by the Pampa Chamber of Commerce after it got 1,000 "likes" on its Facebook page. Coronis received \$100 in Pampa Bucks that he can spend at participating businesses. Pictured with Coronis is Shawn Boyd, chamber president, and Vivian McIntire, administrative assistant.

**Travis Elementary Lunch and release schedule**

Lunch Schedule is as follows:

- Kindergarten – 10:40 a.m.-11:15 a.m.
- 3rd grade – 11 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
- 1st grade- 11:15 a.m.-11:45 a.m.
- 5th grade- 11:30 a.m.-noon
- 2nd grade- 11:55 a.m.-12:20 p.m.
- 4th grade- 12:15 p.m.-12:45 p.m.

Travis will begin school at 8 a.m. and will have a staggered release for students at the end of the day.

- 3:20 p.m. for Kinder-1st
- 3:25 p.m. for 2nd & 3rd
- 3:30 p.m. for 4th and 5th grades

**Theft of 840K coins sends NY meter-man to prison**

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) — A former Buffalo, N.Y., parking meter mechanic has been sentenced to 2 1/2 years in prison for stealing thousands of dollars in quarters while on the job.

Prosecutors say it was James Bagarozzo's idea to rig meters to get at the coins. He stole \$210,000 over more than eight years, grabbing fistfuls of coins, storing them in a bag in his truck and then rolling and cashing them in at banks.

Bagarozzo apologized during a brief statement. He blamed a gambling addiction and an illness he believed would kill him.

Bagarozzo pleaded guilty to theft in September, along with a former co-worker, Lawrence Charles. Charles admitted stealing \$15,000 in quarters over about five years.

**Correction**

In the Saturday edition of The Pampa News, a photo caption with two men preparing the back of the newspaper for the new press should have had the name of the pressman as Larry Crow.

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**After 7 decades, POW's prized gold ring comes home**

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — After a year and a half behind barbed wire as a prisoner in World War II, 2nd Lt. David C. Cox had just about reached his breaking point.

Deliveries of Red Cross parcels to Stalag VII-A had all but ceased, and the U.S. Army bomber co-pilot and his fellow POWs were subsisting on scanty rations of bug-infested soup and bread. Outside the wire, Adolf Hitler's forces showed no signs of giving up.

Cold and hungry, the North Carolinian made a difficult decision. He slipped the gold aviator's ring — a gift from his parents — off his finger and passed it through a fence to an Italian POW, who handed back a couple of chocolate bars.

He would never again see the ring. But it did not disappear.

Last week, about a dozen family members and friends gathered in the living room of David C. Cox Jr.'s Raleigh home and watched as he slit open a small yellow parcel from Germany. The 67-year-old son dug through the crinkly packing material and carefully removed a little plastic box.

"And here it is," he said with a long sigh as he pulled out the ring. "Oh, my goodness. ... I never thought it would ever hap-

pen. I thought it was gone. We all thought it was gone." He thought it was gone," he said of his late father.

The story of how the ring made it back to the Cox family is a testament to a former enemy's generosity, the reach of the Internet and the healing power of time.

Following the December 1941 Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, the elder

Cox left college and enlisted. The Army Air Corps accepted him on his second application.

He graduated from flight school on July 26, 1942. That same day, he married his high school sweetheart, Hilda Walker.

To celebrate his commission, Irvin and Connie Bell Cox presented their middle son with a gold signet ring, the oval emblazoned with a raised propeller and wings.

**County**

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Peet said the bonus for the certification was offered last year as an incentive to retain employees at the sheriff's office.

In the past year, two deputies have left the county for higher paying jobs at energy companies, Peet said.

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# Prairie Plains Perspective

## Better buy your Obama mask now

I can't wait come Halloween 2013 to see this scenario. It will take place in every costume shop across this once great nation where Halloween paraphernalia is sold.



**DENNIS PALMITIER**

Store clerk: "Your son wants what? A mask of President Obama? Sir (assuming the clerk comes with manners), those are now against the law! Your son will have to change his costume plans, but more importantly, I am now required by law to record your and your son's name and submit them to a Department of Justice list for mandatory sensitivity training. I'm not joking, sir. Has to do with some rodeo clown who wore an Obama face mask while performing last August at the Missouri State Fair Rodeo."

I must add, the Obama masked rodeo clown also had a broom protruding from his costume's posterior and was performing via cues from the rodeo announcer. Lighting up my off the wall imagination, that's funny. I don't care if you think my humor is X-rated; nope, not at all. To me the Obama vision elicits a guffaw.

From my earliest childhood recollection, rodeo clowns have been making fun of sitting presidents, but since this Missouri State Fair Rodeo clown's performance, many politicians (mostly black) from the left and a few from the right have been in apologetic indignant huffs.

To add to the hilarity, part of my store clerk's rendition is actually the truth, for the Missouri State Fair is now requiring any rodeo clown to complete sensitivity training! I expect to get my call any day now.

Not content with the Missouri State Fair's sensitivity training, the Missouri Chapter of the NAACP wants the U.S. Justice Department to investigate the hapless, now unemployed and unemployable clown, over possible racism type civil rights violations.

That's right. If there ever was an ostrich head in sand statement from the NAACP folks, it was this one. Quite frankly, there is no more a racist organization than the NAACP, who over the years has gotten away with their particular brand of racism by finding fault with other ethnic groups. This was a statement from an organization who refuses to address and seek resolution to the statistically highest among ethnic groups and factual, black on black crime. This was a statement from an organization who refuses to acknowledge the inordinate amount of fatherless black children and single black women with children from multiple fathers.

This was a statement from an organization that refuses to address the use of the N-word among its youth, recording artists, and Hollywood persona. The man is a rodeo clown, for Pete's sake! Making rodeo goers laugh with any and all types of humor is his job! What is next? Will we no longer see political cartoons depicting President Obama with oversized ears and

skinny legs? I'm willing to bet that will occur, or at least an abating of Obama political cartoons until this Missouri flap goes away.

On my recall factor toes, I let my fingers surf the keys through Mr. Gore's Internet to make sure I was right, and indeed I am.

Back in 2007 on Saturday Night Live, then 2008 presidential candidate Barack Obama joined SNL's cast on a parody of presidential contender Hilary Clinton, wearing an Obama mask. Research, gotta love it!

I suggest the Missouri Chapter of the NAACP do the same. That fact duly noted, I'm still willing to bet the ranch some parents of school-aged children, blue states in particular, will get a phone call from a diversity and inclusion counselor of their children's school telling them their child is being suspended for making fun of our president or another prominent personality.

What this nonsense tells me is the sad fact of just how priggish our soci-

ety has become. Hence, diversity and inclusion counselors.

Want to partake in something with me? I'm on my way to Amarillo to find a costume shop. Upon doing so, I'm going to purchase a Nixon mask, a Jimmy Carter mask, a Ronald Reagan Mask, Bill and Hillary Clinton masks a George W. Bush mask, and an Obama mask. Sure as shootin' in the very soon future, all cartoon masks of U.S. presidents will be outlawed. Better buy them now, by doing so will save you having to complete that mandatory sensitivity class, with yours truly sitting next to you. In closing, please take note of Mr. Voltaire's quote: "Prejudices are what fools use for reason."

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### Honor

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#### George W. Howard

George W. Howard was born in Wellington in 1948. He attended school in Wellington and enlisted in the Navy in January of 1966. After boot camp, he graduated from Basic Hospital Corps School in August 1966 and Field Medical Services School in June of 1967 while assigned to the Fleet Marine Force. Later that month he was shipped to Vietnam for a 13-month tour. He was stationed with the 3rd Marine Amphibious Force's 2nd Combat Action Group south of Danang. As a medic for infantry Marines in combat, he also helped take care of Vietnamese civilians treating ill patients and even delivering babies. He married Sue Ellen Derr in Oceanside, Calif. in November of 1968, earned his GED in August of 1969 and graduated from X-Ray Technician School in 1971. In 1976 George left the Navy and returned to the panhandle with his wife and two sons. The family later grew to four sons. He re-enlisted in the Naval Reserve in 1983 and in 1986 he began long-term employment as a guard at the Pantex Plant.

He was recalled to active duty in January of 1991 where he was stationed for three months at 29 Palms, Calif. and then at the Naval Hospital in Portsmouth, Va. George retired from the Reserve in 2000 as a Senior Chief Petty Officer after 26 years of service to his country. His medals include the Vietnam Service Medal with three Bronze Stars, Combat Action Ribbon and the Navy Unit Commendation as well as numerous others.

George resides in Clarendon where he enjoys farming and ranching when he is not entertaining his grandchildren.

#### Dempsey Malaney

Col. Dempsey Malaney was born in Perryton in 1941. He attended his 12 years of school in Perryton. He graduated from West Texas University in May of 1965 where he was active in ROTC, the Rifle Drill Team and served as Corps Commander his senior year. He then received his Master's Degree from the University of Northern Colorado in 1974.

Colonel Malaney served in the military from 1965 until his retirement in 1991. He served in the Armor, Military Intelligence and Aviation Branches of the US Army. His medals include the Bronze Star, the Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm and numerous other awards and citations.

In July of 1969 while serving in Military Intelligence of the U.S. Army, Captain Malaney received The Air Medal Citation for his participation in more than twenty-five aerial missions over hostile territory in the Republic of Vietnam.

In 1991 Colonel Malaney received The Legion of Merit citation for his contribution to the deployment of Joint Stars to Desert Storm.

In the fall of 2003 Colonel Malaney returned to Perryton. Since that time he has involved himself in his community, serving as the American Legion Service Officer, Usher at the United

Methodist Church, Board Member of the Museum of the Plains, Ochiltree County Veterans Service Officer, Veterans Traveling Tribute Chairman and a member of the Panhandle Archeological Society and the Texas Archeology Society.

He and his wife Kara have three grown children and seven grandchildren.

#### Bill Owens

Bill Owens grew up in the tiny community of Dodson near Wellington, Texas. He was a staff sergeant in the communications platoon of the 38th Infantry Regiment assigned to the 2nd Battalion in the Korean War. The platoon members lived in tents in the Taebak Mountains of Korea. While extremely dangerous, their vital mission was to run communication lines from the command post to forward positions along the front lines. When their squad leader was KIA in April 1952 Owens received his field promotion to staff sergeant at the age of 22. Since there were no officers in the platoon, the 22 men were bonded by duty and danger and knowing all they had was each other.

Owens was in Korea when the cease fire was announced July 27, 1953. From 1950 to 1953 36,913 Americans died in Korea; 105,785 were wounded and 8,176 were reported as MIA.

After the cease fire, Bill spent another five years serving at the special weapons atomic testing site in Sandia, N.M.

He returned to farming in the Wellington area in 1958.

Bill has served as the Post Commander of the Glynn Moore VFW Post No. 6439 in Wellington for more than 10 years. He works tirelessly to ensure that veterans are appropriately honored.

#### William Mickey 'Bill' Sims

William Mickey "Bill" Sims was born in DePew, Okla. in 1923. After traveling with his family to and from California as a young boy, he was reared southwest of Lefors, Texas where he attended school and graduated in 1942.

Upon graduation, he proudly joined the U.S. Army. During his tour in World War II, Bill was a D-Day invader, serving in combat as a member of the Signal Corp in the European Theater where he many times strung communications wire ahead of advancing troops. He received the EAME Campaign Medal with five Bronze Stars, the American Theater Campaign Medal, the Good Conduct Medal, the World War II Victory Ribbon, one Service Stripe and three Overseas Service Bars.

After discharge, Bill attended Coyne Electrical School in Chicago, learning his trade for life. Upon completing his training Bill and his brother, Howard, returned to the Texas Panhandle.

He married his wife, LaVelle, in 1947 and remained happily married for 41 years until her untimely passing. Together they raised three sons and one daughter.

Bill opened Sims Electric in the garage of their home in 1957. He continued to operate the company until his retirement in March 1988. He was a fiddle player and occasionally sat in with Bob Wills when Bob would be playing clubs in the area. Bill learned music from his mom and dad. The Sims family had a radio show on KPND in the 1930s and 40s.

Bill and his wife served as co-presidents of the Pampa High School Band Boosters from 1970-72. He was a lifetime member of Pampa

VFW Post No. 1657.

Bill Sims died at the age of 86 in November 2009.

#### Homer Thomas

Homer Thomas was born in 1921 in Bates County, Mo. He moved to the Texas Panhandle in his early years, attending school in the Gem City community east of Canadian.

Mr. Thomas enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1942 and was stationed at Fort Benning Georgia.

While serving in World War II, he was stationed in Northern France as a tank driver and mechanic. While driving his tank in October of 1944 during the Battle of The Bulge, the tank was hit and exploded. Cpl. Thomas was seriously burned and was taken to a hospital in England for medical treatment. After returning to active duty his feet were frozen in Northern France in the Black Forest during a very severe winter.

Cpl. Thomas was discharged in November of 1945. He received the American Campaign Medal, the EAME Campaign Medal with 4 Bronze Stars, the Good Conduct Medal, the WWII Victory Medal and two Purple Hearts.

After discharge, Homer returned to farming and ranching in the Canadian Texas area and later owned and operated The Thomas Meat Processing Plant until his retirement in 1977. He was a member and later Chief of the Volunteer Fire Dept of Gem City. He was very involved at the First Christian Church of Canadian and was awarded the Conservationist of The Year Award in Hemphill County in 1997 for his love of nature.

Homer Thomas died on June 9, 1999.

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# Pampa Animal Shelter seeing overabundance of animals

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By JOHN LEE  
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The Pampa Animal Welfare Society (PAWS) is seeing higher than normal rates of animals at the Pampa Animal Shelter.

And what is even more disconcerting is many of these animals are not taken to the shelter during regular business hours, but dumped there when the shelter is closed.

PAWS is a volunteer organization that helps care for the animals at the city's shelter on Municipal Drive.

On their Facebook page on Thursday, PAWS posted, "We are just at a loss. Why are so many people dropping their animals off at the shelter, or worse dumping them when no one is there. Does anyone have any insight on this subject? The numbers keep increasing!"

Many people were disgusted at the fact that people were leaving animals during the night when the shelter is closed, saying it is heartbreaking and the city needs stricter laws.

One person said it also is happening at the Borger Animal Shelter.

PAWS president Faustina Curry said that while the Pampa Animal Shelter states this is normal for summer, Curry maintains she has never seen it this high.

"It is illegal," Curry said of dumping animals at the

shelter. "The new animal shelter may have cameras and signs up and hopefully this will deter animals being left there."

Curry said that something else that will keep from this happening is getting people to commit.

"A dog is a commitment," Curry said.

The rate of animals coming to the shelter is so bad that some are being euthanized shortly after arriving at the shelter. Curry also said that the new shelter, set to open Nov. 1, will not be a no-kill shelter, and although bigger, will still not have enough space to house the animals at the rate they've been receiving them.

Another way to help control the pet population is getting the stray wild cats spayed and neutered.

PAWS has a program where if a citizen has a semi-wild cat (a cat that hangs by the residence but is not owned by a citizen) wants to feed the cat, they will help them neuter the cat so it won't breed and have kittens that don't have a home.

On Labor Day, PAWS will be conducting an adoption at Chautauqua — Pampa, an event that celebrates the arts and academics.

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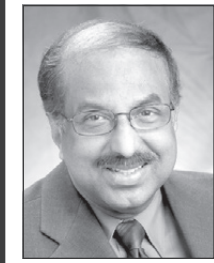
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# Pampa ISD student dress code 2013-14

The Pampa ISD Dress Code seeks to raise expectations among our students, promote academic excellence, promote grooming and hygiene, instill discipline, prevent disruption, promote safety and teach respect for one another. Campus standards for students in grades PK - 3 will be defined in each campus handbook.

## General rules for grades 4-12:

- All lower garments must be worn to ensure that the midsection is covered at all times.
- All lower garments must be worn at the waist, fitted properly hemmed or cuffed.
- All lower garments must be worn in a manner which eliminates the presence of sagging at all times.
- Male students must tuck their shirt tails into their pants in a manner in which their waistline can be determined.
- All upper garments must have sleeves, and must be worn in a manner which eliminates exposure of the male chest, or female cleavage, shoulders, back, armpits, midsection and undergarments.
- If belts are worn, they must be cinched, sized appropriately, worn through all belt loops, and contain no inappropriate writing or stud attachments.
- Shoes must be worn at all times. House shoes are not acceptable.
- Undergarments are required and shall not be visible at any time.
- All clothing must be sized appropriately, be in good condition, free from any holes, tears, or fraying, except at the hem or cuff. Patches may be worn on clothing, if the patch is of like color and fabric.
- Shorts, skirts, skorts, and dresses must be knee length.

## Unacceptable dress for grades 4-12:

- Caps, hats, gloves and head coverings are not permitted to be worn indoors.
- Sweatbands, bandannas, hairnets are not permitted to be worn, unless required by class.
- Under Armor and Spandex-type of material may not be worn as outerwear.
- Trench coats and dusters are not permitted.
- Clothing may never be worn in a manner which reflects gang affiliation.
- Clothing containing any

form of tobacco, alcohol, drugs, lewd, sexual innuendos, vulgar, racial slurs, or inappropriate writings, pictures or embroidered emblems are not permitted.

Cheer leading outfits that do not conform to the dress code are not permitted to be worn at school except during pep rallies.

## Outerwear for grades 4-12

Coats, jackets, windbreakers, sweatshirts, hoodies, or other outerwear may not be worn in the classroom unless an exception is granted by the teacher.

## Jewelry, tattoos and hair — all students

- All facial piercing (to include tongues) are prohibited for both genders.
- Students are allowed to wear piercings in their ears.
- All tattoos must be covered at all times.
- Spiked jewelry and chains are not permitted at any time.
- Hair is to be neat, clean and well groomed.
- Hair should be of a natural color.
- Hair should not obstruct vision and should not be a distraction to others.
- Eyebrow notching is not permitted.

## Exceptions

Deviations from the Dress Code for the purpose of promoting school spirit, holidays, or special events are left to the discretion of the campus principal.

With respect to dress code variances based upon medical or religious reasons, documentation from a medical provider or established religious authority will suffice for such variances to be

granted.

## Decisions and Judgments

At the campus level, the campus administrator will have complete and final judgment on all matters concerning the interpretation of the student dress code. Matters concerning appearance and dress not specifically covered within the dress code policy shall be within the discretion of the superintendent. The PISD Board of Trustees must approve any changes or revisions to the Dress Code Policy.

The PISD Board of Trustees should implement this

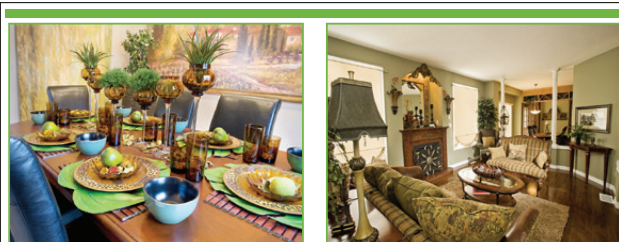
policy. In the event that this policy is not succeeding as planned, additional adjustments should be considered immediately.

## Consequences for violations:

- First offense: 5 hours of school service.
- Second offense: 30 hours of school service.
- Third offense: 15 days of in-school-suspension and 30 hours of school service.
- Fourth offense: 30 days of DAEP.

If there are more than 20 violations regarding inappropriate writing on shirts, at any campus during a one

month period, the Board will take action to reinstate the following statement into the dress code: "Writing on shirts is limited to support of school spirit and/or local student groups."



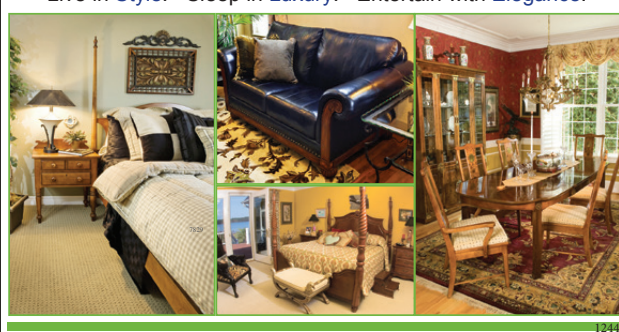
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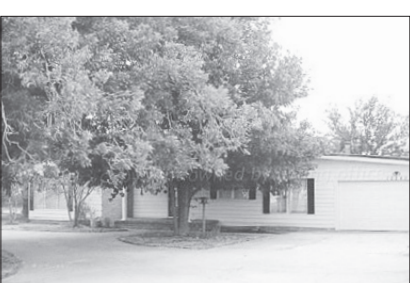


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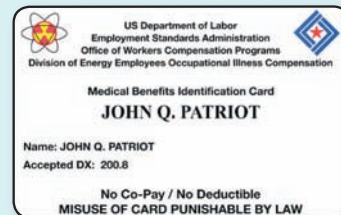
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## Sunday: Darvish loses way in Rangers' 4-3 loss

ARLINGTON (AP) — Coming off a 15-strikeout performance in his last start, Texas ace Yu Darvish looked sharp through the first four innings Sunday afternoon against the Seattle Mariners.

The next four innings were a different story as the Rangers' right-hander allowed the lead-off batter on base in each frame, resulting in three runs, and closer Joe Nathan also let the leadoff batter score in the ninth as the AL West-leading Rangers lost 4-3 to Seattle on Saturday.

"He just lost his command," Texas manager Ron Washington said of Darvish. "Earlier he was spotting it up and then as we got past the fifth inning there, he was just a little erratic with his command. But then again, he was able to pitch around a lot of that trouble also."

After each team scored single runs in the fifth, sixth and eighth innings, Seattle's Kyle Seager took a pitch from Nathan that was nearly in the dirt down the right field line

for the game-winning RBI double in the ninth.

The Mariners took two of three from Texas, and they scored three runs in 7 1-3 innings against Darvish in the series finale.

### Rockies lose to Orioles 7-2

BALTIMORE (AP) — A grieving Jhoulys Chacin could have skipped his latest start in the wake of his grandmother's death. He wanted a chance to pitch, though.

Chacin did his best to hold down Baltimore's big hitters, but eventually they broke through Sunday and carried the Orioles to a 7-2 victory over the Colorado Rockies.

Chris Davis went 4 for 5 with his major league-leading 45th home run, and Adam Jones had a two-run shot among his three hits for Baltimore.

Chacin (11-7) took the ball one day after his grandmother died. The right-hander, who entered with a 1.87 road ERA, gave up nine of

Baltimore's 15 hits and three runs over 5 1-3 innings while striking out five.

### Cardinals beat Cubs 6-1

CHICAGO (AP) — Cardinals ace Adam Wainwright was back in charge Sunday.

Wainwright struck out 11 and allowed one run through seven innings, and Jon Jay drove in four runs with a homer and double to lead St. Louis to a 6-1 win over the Chicago Cubs.

Matt Carpenter singled in two runs in the third to help back Wainwright (14-7), who allowed just five hits and one walk after going 0-2 in his previous four starts.

"It's as good as he's been all season," Cardinals manager Mike Matheny said. "He came out in the first and established all his pitches, had great life."

"His curveball was as sharp as we've seen it. That made the difference, it set the tone."

Wainwright hadn't won since July 21 at home against

San Diego and had allowed 14 runs in 28 innings during the span.

### Dodgers lose to Phillies 3-2, ending 10-game run

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Hanley Ramirez and the Los Angeles Dodgers are not about to wallow over one loss. They'll just try to start a new winning streak Monday.

Carlos Ruiz had four hits and the Philadelphia Phillies benefited from two ninth-inning errors by Ramirez at shortstop to beat the Dodgers 3-2 on Sunday, giving interim manager Ryne Sandberg his first victory and ending Los Angeles' 10-game win-

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### Volleyball

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Thursday-Saturday — Tournament at Graham — Time t.b.a.

### Track

Saturday — Cross country at Canyon — Time t.b.a.

### Tennis

Saturday — Green and Gold tournament — 9 a.m.

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### Here are my likes and gripes from this weekend in sports:

#### Likes:

• **Joey Logano** — The youngster won Sunday at Michigan for his third career win.

He wasn't always my favorite driver but I tend to favor him over other drivers in the pack.

His win mathematically boosts his chances of making the Chase and he is also somewhat of a fresh face in Victory Lane.

• **Tom Brady** — The future Hall-of-Famer did what he does best every time someone questions his ability.

Two days after getting a knee injury in practice, Brady went and completed 11-of-12 passes for 107 yards and a touchdown. Even though Brady is a bonafide Denver Bronco-killer (he always seems to beat the Broncos and beat them bad), I can't deny his talent and he is one of my favorite players. He also seemed to be in perfect rhythm with newcomer Danny Amendola. He and Amendola hooked up on a beautiful throw and catch for a touchdown.

• **A-Rod** — All steroid talk aside, the Yankees are rallying around Alex Rodriguez after rumors have surfaced that someone in A-Rod's camp was the whistle-blower on players involved in the Biogenesis investigation. One player told A-Rod to hit a homer and walk it off. This is the kind of thing, you want to see from players.

• **Seattle Seahawks** — The Seahawks were unstoppable against the Broncos on Saturday. They were creating turnovers and scoring easily. They may even be a better team than the 49ers. Not to mention

head coach Pete Carroll looks a little like Owen Wilson, who is one of my favorite actors.

#### Gripes:

##### • Von

**Miller** — Sources say Broncos linebacker Von Miller may be suspended six games for violating the league's substance abuse policy. What is it with those A&M guys and getting in trouble? Miller is one of the most talented defenders in the NFL and he is throwing it away. He is trying to appeal it but he has been in trouble recently so it might be pointless.

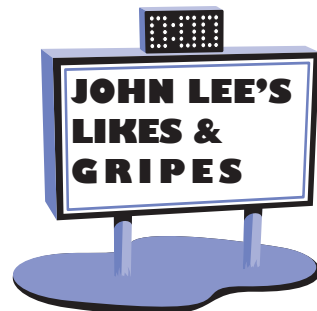
• **Tim Tebow** — I love Tim Tebow as a person. He makes me want to watch him no matter how awful he is as a quarterback.

This last week he went one-for-seven for a negative one yard. He had six rushes for 30 yards, though. But that isn't going to give him the backup job over former Arkansas guy Ryan Mallett.

• **ESPN Baseball programming** — It seems like ESPN has a love affair with the Yankees, Red Sox and Rangers.

The only teams that make Sunday Night Baseball are one of those three teams, or a combination of them. There are a lot of Giants and Cardinals games sprinkled in as well.

But there are a bunch of other teams in Major League Baseball, I know they want ratings, but they are also eliminating some viewers by not having any other teams.



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## PREPARING FOR THE MARCH-A-THON



Photos by John Lee

The Pride of Pampa Band are preparing for a March-a-Thon Fundraiser. The March-a-Thon is a march through town to raise money for their spring trip. The Pride of Pampa band will march through Pampa playing songs that they have learned over the last few weeks. Band Booster president Theresa Peters said that the spring trip is to Disney World, where the band will march in a parade and make a studio recording with a Disney conductor. "We have several students who haven't been out of the Panhandle," Peters said. "This is a once in a lifetime opportunity for them, we are very excited." Peters said that the March-a-Thon is their most successful fundraiser. Along with the March-a-Thon, the Pride of Pampa band also does fundraisers with a catalog sale and candy bars. The March-a-Thon is this Friday, Aug. 23 from 7-9 p.m.

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ning streak.  
"It's tough to explain,"  
Ramirez said.  
"We don't think about  
negative stuff. We just move  
on. It's definitely tough, but  
games like this will happen."

Andre Ethier homered  
for the Dodgers, who have  
lost just nine of their last 51  
games.

Brandon League (6-4) re-  
lieved Paco Rodriguez with  
one out in the ninth and no-  
body on.

After Casper Wells reached  
on Ramirez's throwing error,  
Ruiz singled to right to put  
runners on first and third.

### Other scores:

- Tigers 6 vs. Royals 3
- Braves 2 vs. Nationals 1
- Rays 2 vs. Blue Jays 1
- Pittsburgh Pirates 2 vs. Arizona Diamondbacks 4
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ear infections, or a severe cold keep in mind these symptoms may be attributed to an allergy issue. At the New Life Wellness Center we now offer in house Allergy Testing and treatment that gets to the source of your allergy issues. With over 2 million patients our treatment has proven safe to take home. The time has come for you to stop suffering and find long lasting relief!

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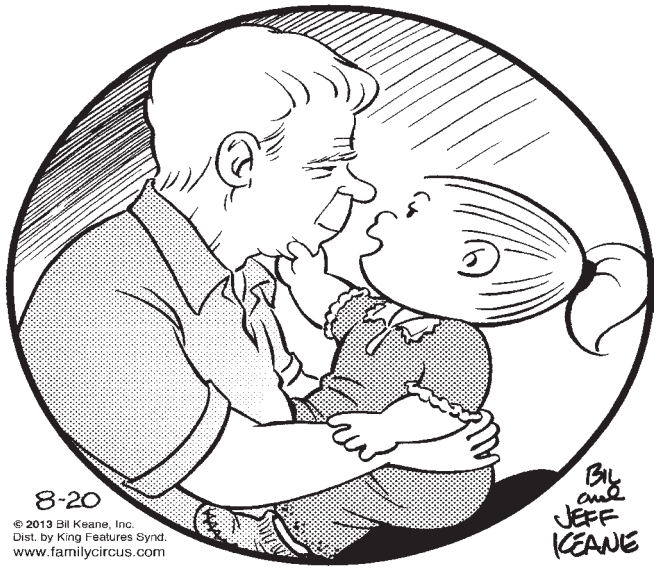
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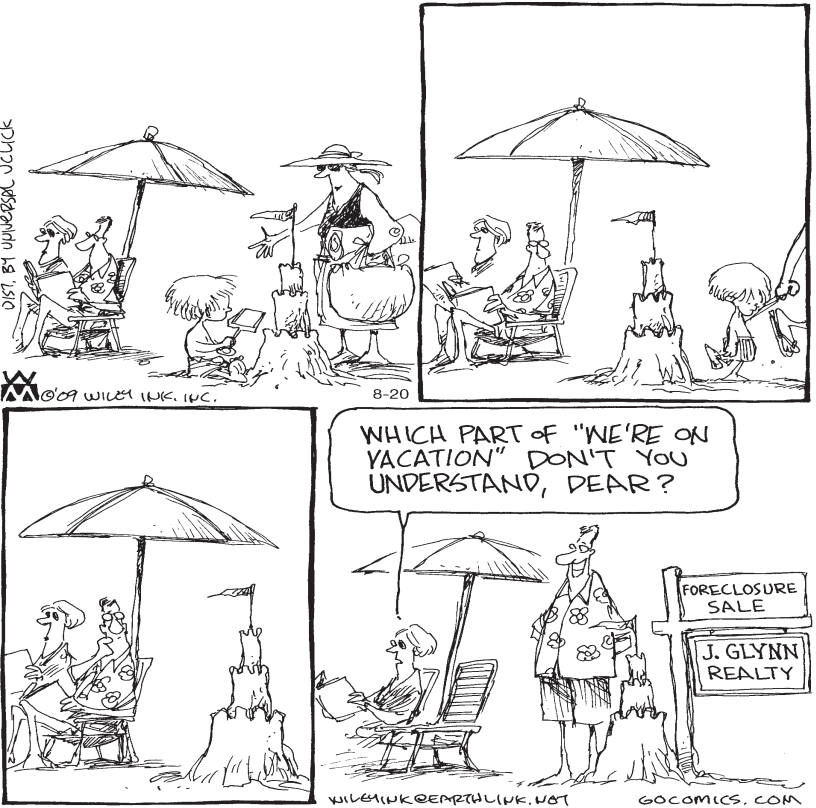


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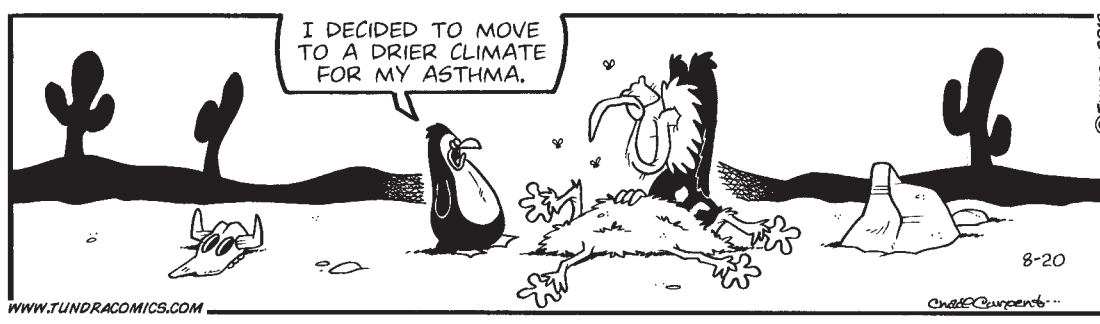
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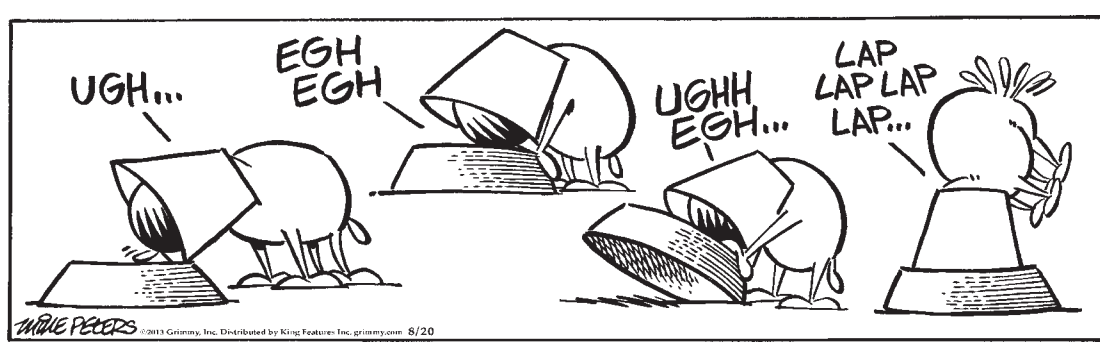
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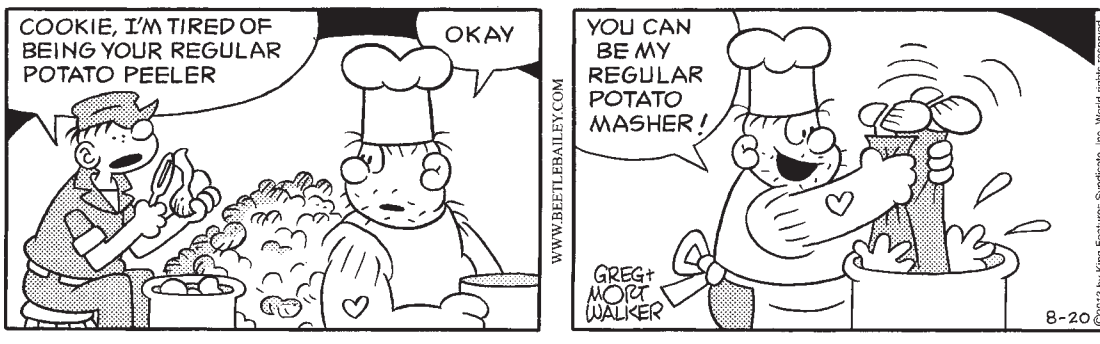
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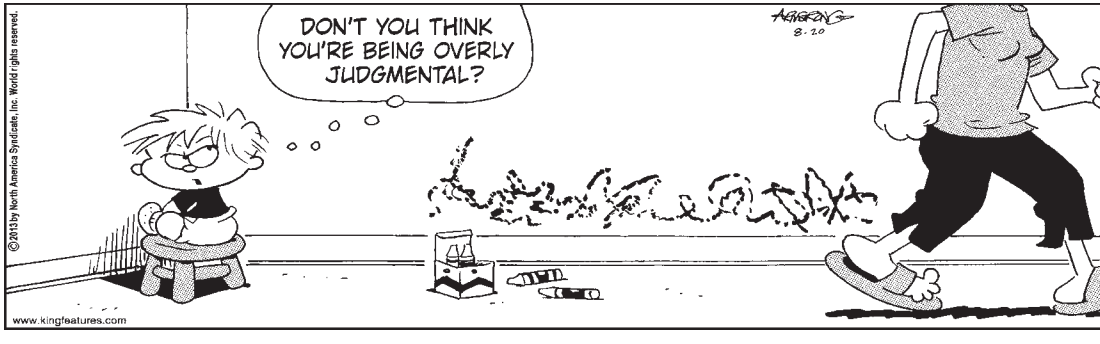
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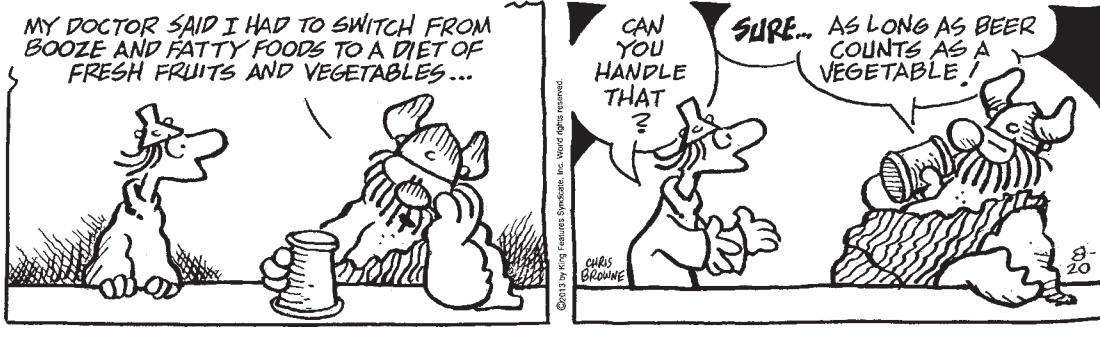
### Beetle Bailey



### Marvin



### Hagar The Horrible



### Peanuts



### Blondie



# daily horoscope

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Wednesday, Aug. 21, 2013:  
This year you are more in touch with the deeper meanings of life. You also are more sensitive to the people in your life. You have the ability to walk in others' footsteps with ease. If you are single, with this additional compassion, you will have more than your share of suitors. You do not need to commit, especially if you are enjoying being by yourself. If you are attached, your sweetie will respond positively to your kindness, which adds to your mutual happiness. PISCES can be quite emotional.

**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)  
★★★ Emotions could be running high right now. Though you'll want to have an animated conversation, the other party will need more gentleness. You might have to tip-toe around this person's mood, but by the end of the experience, you'll be all smiles. Tonight: Observe.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20)  
★★★★ Meetings will prove to be important, as will the need to come to an agreement. You could have the kind of support you want if you'd just ask. An associate initially might seem moody, but by the end of the day, he or she will be more upbeat. Tonight: A midweek break.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20)  
★★★★ You could be overwhelmed by everything that is occurring around you. Life might seem demanding, especially when it comes to your career. You might be considering a move in a different direction. Be reasonable, and do what you must. Tonight: Happily live the good life.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22)  
★★★★ Tap into your intuition, and realize that more answers are needed. Detach from a situation involving someone who knows how to trigger you. What starts out as a serious and heavy conversation could become a fun, light interaction. Tonight: Accept a friend's offer.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)  
★★★★ Your spunky ways attract many people. The problem is that most of them want to be close to you, even just as friends. Expect to be extremely busy. Let someone else take over some of the tasks that can be delegated. Listen to a suggestion. Tonight: Out with a special person.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ You are full of excitement. You might want to make a major change. Right now, you barely can discuss what's on your mind, as others keep seeking you out to help them with their issues. Transform this unbalanced situation, and you will be happier. Tonight: With friends.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)  
★★★ You have your hands full. Prioritize, and you'll clear out your to-do list. People could demand a lot from you, but be sure to meet your personal needs first. Initially you might feel tense, but by late afternoon, you will be celebrating. Tonight: Do what makes you happy.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)  
★★★★ No one will deny your creativity. You sometimes limit yourself by being negative and closing off your options. Review those decisions that were recently made, and assume a positive stance -- you will see the difference. Tonight: Make sure that music is involved, no matter what.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)  
★★★ You might want to stay close to home or work from home. Sometimes, when people are not used to spending so much time at home, they will feel isolated. Look at the situation positively and imagine everything that you could get done. Tonight: Make an easy dinner and kick back.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)  
★★★★ Make calls and listen to what is being shared on the other end of the line. Know that you don't need to go along with plans if you don't want to. Be aware of someone's generosity. If you do not feel the same way, don't push yourself. Remain authentic. Tonight: Hang out.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)  
★★★★ Be more forthright and open with others. A money matter could come up in conversation. If you don't feel like discussing the issue, say so rather than being evasive. You might find that your optimism will soar, even when dealing with a difficult friend. Tonight: Could be late.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20)  
★★★★ You will be in your element, but realize that others might feel intimidated when you are like this. Be conscious of their discomfort, and try to help them relax. No matter what goes on right now, the final say will be yours. Opportunities will open up as a result. Tonight: Not alone!





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**8-19 CRYPTOQUOTE**

UK UQ LSK QS NJDE SJY

GYUFLVQ' EFTO KEXK EFTOQ

JQ. XQ KEF DSLGUVFLDF SG

KEFU Y EFTO. — FOU DJY JQ

**Saturday's Cryptoquote:** OTHER THINGS MAY CHANGE US, BUT WE START AND END WITH FAMILY. — ANTHONY BRANDT

# Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

**DEAR ABBY:** I recently declined a wedding invitation because my spouse and I will be out of town on the date of the wedding. A few days after I sent the RSVP, I got an email from the groom saying he had "suspicions" that I wasn't attending because I was bitter about not being in the wedding party. I was shocked by the email. Not only do I not care about who is in the wedding party, I don't think we're such close friends that we should have been invited in the first place. I think it's appalling that he would accuse someone who declined an invitation of having ulterior motives for not going. I emailed him back, explaining that we will be out of town and how upset and disappointed I am that he would think something like that. Wasn't what he

did a breach of etiquette? — **APPALLED IN NEW YORK**

**DEAR APPALLED:** Yes, it was. Your inability to attend the wedding appears to have brought to the surface the groom's insecurity about his social relationships. I don't blame you for being appalled. The man's behavior was inappropriate.

**DEAR ABBY:** My sister is 63, divorced, educated, intelligent, self-employed and receives monthly support from her ex-husband. The problem is she takes no responsibility for her health. She's extremely overweight because she overeats and doesn't exercise. She complains every day that she feels "terrible." (I call it self-pitying whining.) Our other siblings think it is too late to confront her about it. I want to address the issue now,

before she gains even more, or has a stroke or heart attack and, quite frankly, won't be able to care for herself. I don't want to see the responsibility fall on her three kids or us siblings. It's not fair. She's just too lazy to make necessary changes and constantly whines! Your thoughts? — **SIBLING STANDING BY**

**DEAR SIBLING:** The problem with "confronting" someone is that it usually makes the person being confronted defensive. In a case like this I don't recommend it. However, a family intervention might work. If the family members were to get together and, as a group, talk to your sister about your concern for her health, it might be the wake-up call she needs.

No mention of "whining" should be made, but suggest that she might have a touch of depression that could be helped if she brings it to the attention of her doctor. Tell her you all love her, that you're worried about her, and are willing to help her schedule an appointment with her physician if she's willing. I think that would be a loving thing to do.

**DEAR ABBY:** When my wife and I go to a busy restaurant or a concert where we can pick up last-minute tickets, I often ask her to hop out of the car to find out if the wait times are reasonable or tickets are available while I wait in the car. I do this so I won't have to find a parking space until we're sure we will be staying. My wife says my doing this is tacky. I believe it is efficient. What are your thoughts, recognizing that I usually come up with the short straw on matters of manners? Thanks! — **JOHN K. IN WINDSOR, CONN.**

**DEAR JOHN K.:** Your request makes perfect sense to me. Parking spaces are sometimes hard to find and valet parking isn't cheap. However, because your wife resents doing this, either she should be the one to drive so you can "hop out," or tickets and reservations should be made in advance either online or on the phone.

## BANANAGRAMS!

Use the 15 tiles in this bunch to create words that fit into the grids below. The BANANA BITES provide hints. Reuse the tiles for each grid.

LEVEL

ARUT AOT  
 ODAUCTAD

**BANANA BITE:** One word means "a pair."

**BANANA BITE:** One word means "to woo."

Yesterday's Answer: WARMUP

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

**Sudoku**

2	3	1	6	7	4	5	9	8
4	7	6	5	9	8	3	2	1
9	8	5	2	1	3	7	4	6
3	5	9	1	6	2	8	7	4
6	2	8	4	3	7	1	5	9
1	4	7	9	8	5	6	3	2
5	1	4	3	2	6	9	8	7
7	6	3	8	4	9	2	1	5
8	9	2	7	5	1	4	6	3

Level: Beginner

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

**Sudoku**

4	3	6	1	8	9	2	5	7
2	1	9	5	7	4	3	8	6
7	8	5	2	6	3	1	4	9
9	2	8	3	1	6	5	7	4
3	4	1	8	5	7	6	9	2
5	6	7	4	9	2	8	1	3
1	7	2	9	3	8	4	6	5
8	9	3	6	4	5	7	2	1
6	5	4	7	2	1	9	3	8

Level: Beginner

## BANANAGRAMS!

Each of the two-letter groups below may be extended on both the right and the left to form a six-letter word. Drawing from the tiles above each group, fill in the blanks to find the words.

LEVEL

E K M N O R W  
 H A

A B I L N T  
 K I

A A D F O P T  
 L O

Yesterday's Answer: COURT OAT AURA TACT

## CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

**ACROSS**

1 Librarian's patched stamp  
 6 Thin board  
 10 Start of a Caesar quote  
 11 Singer Jones  
 13 Funny fellow  
 14 Visibly stunned  
 15 Greek vowel  
 16 Brit. fliers  
 18 Storage spot  
 19 Poverty  
 22 Start of a count  
 23 Indy event  
 24 Attacks  
 27 Sub system  
 28 Rara —  
 29 Debtor's letters  
 30 Amends  
 35 Tiny worker  
 36 Afternoon break  
 37 Compass dir.  
 38 Composer's creation  
 40 Walking aids  
 42 Mister, in Madrid  
 43 Deal maker

**DOWN**

1 Chopped into cubes  
 2 Keen  
 3 Slangy farewells  
 4 Aussie bird  
 5 Book copy  
 6 Big mixup  
 7 Ship record  
 8 Swift horse  
 9 Pudding choice  
 12 Marilu of "Taxi"  
 17 Had lunch  
 20 Club sandwich base  
 21 Lake swimmer  
 24 Pester  
 25 Broad streets  
 26 Rome's — Chapel  
 27 Warhol subject  
 29 Call — day  
 31 Like xenon  
 32 Central  
 33 Without letup  
 34 Bird abodes  
 39 Great weight  
 41 Candle count

**Saturday's answer**

LOOT ALDA  
 SONAR MARTS  
 ASTRO IDAHO  
 LEASING WAN  
 TIP LEAVING  
 STEPUP ENDS  
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## CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

**ACROSS**

1 1958 hit "La —"  
 6 Confine  
 11 Once more  
 12 Un-escorted  
 13 What some rescuers search for  
 15 Shade tree  
 16 Funny fellow  
 17 "Ice Age" sloth  
 18 Numbs  
 20 — Aviv  
 21 Tick off  
 22 Soccer legend  
 23 Makes headway  
 26 Fruit coats  
 27 Taverns  
 28 Regret  
 29 Free (of)  
 30 Some fast food chicken  
 34 Paris pal  
 35 Bustle  
 36 Geese formation  
 37 The birds and the bees  
 40 Speedy  
 41 Destined  
 42 School paper  
 43 Ship poles

**DOWN**


1 Head-quartered  
 2 Acrobatic  
 3 Molten rock  
 4 Coal holder  
 5 Puzzle book section  
 6 Tool handles  
 7 Building wing  
 8 Wet  
 9 Diamond part  
 10 Sewing items  
 14 Cry from a sty  
 19 Clamors  
 22 Multi-colored  
 23 Tall grazer  
 24 Zoo residents  
 25 Book parts  
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