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## Young firefighter on the job to help the community

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Firefighter Gregg Weston, 19, has been working with the Pampa Fire Department since January, after finishing EMT training and graduating from Fire Academy at Tarrant County College in Fort Worth.

Being on the scene of his first house fire in January was a little different than the simulated fires he dealt with at Fire Academy.

"My first fire was scary and exciting," Weston said. "I think I was more excited, but I was still a little bit scared. We knew everybody was out of the building, so we didn't have to go in, but my captain let me go in anyway, just because it was my first fire, to take control of one room. Then we went outside and fought it defensively."

After dealing with simulated fires, his biggest surprise with the house fire was the staggering heat.

"In an actual structure fire, it's a lot

hotter," he said. "I went in, kind of scrunched into a ball, and then sucked it up, got up and started fighting it. That was probably the biggest shock I've had."

Weston grew up in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, spending most of his time in Bedford. He was drawn into firefighting and EMT work after working as a lifeguard at a Grapevine hotel, where he saved the lives of several kids.

"It was an adrenaline rush," Weston said. "I kind of remember it, but I don't,

because it was just instinct to jump in there. It was indescribable what the feeling was."

That experience inspired Weston to complete training as an EMT, which led him down the road to fighting fires.

"It's just another thing that allows me to help out people, because I want to help better my community," he said. "That's part of the reason I got into this. I like knowing that my community is safe, and I'm part of keeping it that way."

## Golden Horseshoe found



Staff photo by **Gayden Hays**

**Top O' Texas Director Robert Douglas presents Golden Horseshoe winners (left to right) Garrett Taylor-Marrow, Braxton Snell, and Kade Parks with the box seat tickets to the rodeo they won Wednesday. The boys located the coveted horseshoe behind the ash container at City Hall.**

## Veteran hall of honor next Saturday

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The Freedom Museum will host its annual Veteran Hall of Honor at 6 p.m. next Saturday, August 18, with a dinner at 6 p.m. at the VFW Post 1657 on 105 South Cuyler. The evening will cost \$15 for one person and \$25 for a couple.

John Tripplehorn, board president of the Freedom Museum, said inductees are Panhandle-based, and were born and raised in the area, settled here or served in the Pampa Airfield during World War II.

"We feel strongly that military personnel don't receive enough recognition and accolades, and we want people to come out and participate in what we think of as a worthwhile event," said Tripplehorn.

This year, Homer Ratliff Jr., of Miami, Don Rader, of Canadian, J.W. Harrison, of Floydada, Richard H. Hendrickson, of Fritch, and a Pampa resident will be inducted into the Hall of Honor.

"We have a local inductee, Robert Curry, of Pampa, and we hope everyone will come out and honor this serviceman from our community," Tripplehorn said.

## Woman gets 20 years on civilian and cop assault charges

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A woman authorities believe is 'mentally compromised,' who struck a Pampa resident with her vehicle and attempted to hit a police officer with it as well, was convicted by a jury Tuesday of aggravated assault against a public servant and aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, court records show.

Karla Dobbs, 56, was sentenced by 31st District Judge Steven Emmert to 20 years in prison, and ordered to pay \$2,000 in fines for her charges.

She was charged with assault following the incident, which occurred last September.

For several days leading up to the last September incident, Dobbs had been living in her car outside a home at Florida and Somerville. After she began throwing trash into the yard there, the resident, Jeremy Doucette, asked Dobbs to leave. She did, but returned later, driving her car into Doucette's lawn, where he was sitting in a lawn chair. Dobbs then struck Doucette with her car. He did not receive any injuries from the incident.

Two officers with the Pampa Police Department arrived on the scene, where Dobbs' vehicle was still in

the lawn, and they attempted to apprehend her by breaking her passenger side window. She backed the car into the street, and an officer stepped in front of the vehicle to attempt to prevent Dobbs from driving off. However, she put her car into drive.

The officer discharged four bullets into the front grill and hood of the car to disable it, and jumped out of the way before Dobbs began to leave the scene. He received no injuries.

She made it a block away from the scene before her car stopped running, and she was apprehended by police.

Alcohol and drugs were not involved in the incident, according to a report from the Pampa PD at the time. However, Dobbs has a history of mental illness, which was the focus of the argument from defense attorney Harold Comer. At the time of the incident, Dobbs was not on medication, while he argued should mitigate punishment.

After receiving her charges, Dobbs was found to be incompetent to serve trial in an evaluation, and she was transported to the North Texas State Hospital, a mental healthcare facility in Vernon. After a 120-day stint there, Dobbs was found to be competent for trial, and returned to the Panhandle. She lived at Faith City Mission in

Amarillo until trial.

Comer said he was disappointed with the outcome, given Dobbs' mental health.

"We think it was evident Karla Dobbs is a mentally compromised person, and should be held to a different standard as far as sentencing is concerned," he said. "She was in a mental condition such that she couldn't grasp the seriousness of her conduct, even though she knew it was wrong."

Assistant District Attorney Jeromie Oney of the 31st District, who argued for the prosecution, said that Dobbs was a danger to herself and others, whether off or on medication. He added that Dobbs was committed to a mental health facility a few weeks ago after threatening suicide, despite taking her medication as prescribed at the time.

"Our position was she has these mental issues, but she's clearly shown she's a danger to the public, because she put (Doucette's) life in danger, she put an officer's life in danger, and now she's a danger to herself," Oney said. "She'll get treatment for mental issues in prison, too."

Dobbs is currently in custody at the Gray County Jail.

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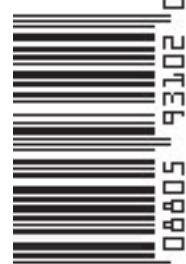
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# MORNINGRUSH

## JetBlue pilot has psychotic episode

AMARILLO (AP) — A federal judge says the JetBlue pilot who disrupted a cross-country flight by running through the plane and yelling has had a psychotic episode in prison.

Clayton Osbon was found not guilty by reason of insanity in July for his behavior on a March 27 flight. Osbon had been charged with interference with a flight crew.

A neuropsychologist testified that Osbon had a "brief psychotic disorder" at the time of the flight brought on by lack of sleep.

Osbon is being held in federal prison in North Carolina and was to appear for a hearing this week on whether he should be freed or sent to a mental health facility.

But the judge said Wednesday she'd been notified Osbon had suffered a psychotic episode and needed more time for evaluation.

## Deputy mourned during funeral

BIG LAKE (AP) — A West Texas deputy fatally shot last week has been remembered as a man of dignity and integrity at a packed funeral.

Mourners filled First Baptist Church in Big Lake on Wednesday to honor Reagan County sheriff's Deputy Josh Mitchell.

Pastor Bryan Bitner said the 26-year-old became a lawman while still in high school and "could wrestle you down, handcuff you, and by the time you got to the jail, be your best friend."

The San Angelo Standard Times reports that others remembered Mitchell as someone who enjoyed farming, ranching, jewelry-making and baking.

Mitchell was killed Aug. 1 after he went to talk to 42-year-old Marcus Wade Madison about a complaint. Madison, who surrendered with a self-inflicted gunshot wound after a 17-hour standoff, died in a hospital Tuesday.

## Police kill man outside workplace

HOUSTON (AP) — Houston police have shot and killed a man who allegedly fired into his estranged wife's office, then tried to enter the building.

Internal affairs officers are reviewing Tuesday afternoon's shooting. Police say the officer who fatally shot 33-year-old Monta Cordell Fizer has been with the force since 1984.

Police say a 911 call from the woman, who had a restraining order against her husband, summoned officers.

Investigators say Fizer, who briefly ducked into a waiting taxi he apparently took to the building, refused to put down a pistol and threatened to harm his spouse. Officer J.M. Macphail shot the husband before the suspect could enter the woman's building.

Houston police believe Fizer was also responsible for a shot fired into the building early Tuesday.

## Police shooting leaves man dead

ABILENE (AP) — Police in West Texas have shot and killed a gunman who allegedly slipped into his estranged wife's home by removing an air conditioner.

Abilene Police Chief Stan Standridge says the man died at a hospital following Wednesday morning's shooting. The wife wasn't hurt.

The woman called 911 to say her estranged spouse was in her bedroom. Police say the man apparently removed a window air conditioning unit to get inside and threatened to kill her. He then allegedly walked to the backyard.

Standridge says the 49-year-old man, whose name wasn't immediately released, had a loaded revolver. The suspect allegedly pointed the gun at officers and wouldn't surrender.

Both officers opened fire and shot him several times. The officers have been put on administrative leave during a review of the incident.

## Cruz to address GOP convention

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas U.S. Senate candidate Ted Cruz will be among the "headliners" addressing the Republican National Convention in Tampa.

Republican National Committee Chairman Reince Priebus (ryens PREE'-bus) said Wednesday that the former state solicitor general will address the Aug. 27-30 convention along with four other conservative notables, including Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker.

Cruz is a tea party darling who upset Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst for the Republican nomination to replace retiring U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison.

Dewhurst was backed by Gov. Rick Perry and much of the Texas GOP establishment but lost a July 31 runoff election to Cruz by 13 percentage points.

Cruz advances to the November election against Democratic former state Rep. Paul Sadler. Texas hasn't elected a Democrat to the U.S. Senate since Lloyd Bentsen in 1988.

# Ouch! July in US was hottest ever in history books

WASHINGTON (AP) — This probably comes as no surprise: Federal scientists say July was the hottest month ever recorded in the Lower 48 states, breaking a record set during the Dust Bowl of the 1930s.

And even less a surprise: The U.S. this year keeps setting records for weather extremes, based on the precise calculations that include drought, heavy rainfall, unusual temperatures, and storms.

The average temperature last month was 77.6 degrees. That breaks the old record from July 1936 by 0.2 degree, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Records go back to 1895.

"It's a pretty significant increase over the last record," said climate scientist Jake Crouch of NOAA's National Climatic Data Center in Asheville, N.C. In the past, skeptics of global warming have pointed to the Dust Bowl to argue that recent heat isn't unprecedented. But Crouch said this shows that the current year "is out and beyond those Dust Bowl years. We're rivaling and beating them consistently from month to month."

Three of the nation's five hottest months on record have been recent Julys: This year, 2011 and 2006. Julys in 1936 and 1934 round out the top five.

Last month also was 3.3 degrees warmer than the 20th century average for July.

Thirty-two states had months that were among their 10 warmest Julys, but only one, Virginia, had the hottest July on record. Crouch said that's a bit unusual, but that it shows the breadth of the heat and associated drought.

For example in 2011, the heat seemed to be centered mostly in Oklahoma and Texas. But this summer "the epicenters of the heat kind of migrated around. It kind of got everybody in the action this month," Crouch said.

The first seven months of 2012 were the warmest on record for the nation. And August 2011 through July this year was the warmest 12-month period on record, just beating out the July 2011-June 2012 time period.

But it's not just the heat that's noteworthy. NOAA has a measurement called the U.S. Climate Extreme Index which dates to 1900 and follows several indicators of unusually high and low temperatures, severe drought, downpours, and tropical storms and hurricanes. NOAA calculates the index as a percentage, which mostly reflects how much of the nation experience extremes. In July, the index was 37 percent, a record that beat the old mark for July last year. The average is 20 percent.

For the first seven months of the year, the extreme index was 46 percent, beating the old record from 1934. This year's extreme index was heavily driven by high temperatures both day and night, which is unusual, Crouch said.

"This would not have happened in the absence of human-caused climate change," said Pennsylvania State University climate scientist Michael Mann.

Crouch and Kevin Trenberth, climate analysis chief of the National Center for Atmospheric Research, said what's happening is a double whammy of weather and climate change.

## Obama: Romney would take health care back to 1950s

DENVER (AP) — President Barack Obama says Republicans who want to repeal his health care overhaul want to take the country back to policies more suited to the 1950s than to the 21st century.

Speaking to a largely female crowd of 4,000 at a campaign event in Denver, Obama said repealing the health care law would take away insurance from millions of young people, force senior citizens to pay more for prescription drugs and make it harder for people with pre-existing conditions to get insurance.

Obama said his Republican rival, Mitt Romney, and Romney's GOP allies in Congress should not decide who gets access to health care.

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# Viewpoints

## Today in History

August 9 is the 221st day of the year (222nd in leap years) in the Gregorian calendar. There are 144 days remaining until the end of the year.

### Events

**48 BC – Caesar's civil war:** Battle of Pharsalus – Julius Caesar decisively defeats Pompey at Pharsalus and Pompey flees to Egypt.

**586 BC – Solomon first temple** totally destroyed by the Babylonians led by King Nebuchadnezzar. That occurred on the 9th day of Av, 586 BC.

**70 AD – Jewish revolts** against the Romans caused the Roman General Titus, later who became Caesar, to besiege the city. The second Temple was completely destroyed by fire on the 9th of Av, 70 AD.

**378 – Gothic War:** Battle of Adrianople – A large Roman army led by Emperor Valens is defeated by the Visigoths in present-day Turkey. Valens is killed along with over half of his army.

**681 – Bulgaria** is founded as a Khanate on the south bank of the Danube after defeating the Byzantine armies of Emperor Constantine IV south of the Danube delta.

**1173 – Construction** of the campanile of the cathedral of Pisa (now known as the Leaning Tower of Pisa) begins; it will take two centuries to complete.

**1329 – Quilon**, the first Indian Christian Diocese, is erected by Pope John XXII; the French-born Jordanus is appointed the first Bishop.

**1483 – Opening** of the Sistine Chapel in Rome with the celebration of a Mass.

**1810 – Napoleon** annexes Westphalia as part of the First French Empire.

**1814 – American Indian Wars:** the Creek sign the Treaty of Fort Jackson, giving up huge parts of Alabama and Georgia.

**1842 – The Webster-Ashburton Treaty** is signed, establishing the United States-Canada border east of the Rocky Mountains.

**1854 – Henry David Thoreau** published *Walden*.

**1862 – American Civil War:** Battle of Cedar Mountain – At Cedar Mountain, Virginia, Confederate General Stonewall Jackson narrowly defeats Union forces under General John Pope.

**1877 – American Indian Wars:** Battle of Big Hole – A small band of Nez Percé Indians clash with the United States Army

**1892 – Thomas Edison** receives a patent for a two-way telegraph.

**1902 – Edward VII and Alexandra of Denmark** are crowned King and Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland.

**1907 – The first Boy Scout encampment** concludes at Brownsea Island in southern England.

**1925 – A train robbery** takes place in Kakori, near Lucknow, India

**1930 – Betty Boop** made her cartoon debut in *Dizzy Dishes*.

**1936 – Summer Olympic Games:** Games of the XI Olympiad – Jesse Owens wins his fourth gold medal at the games becoming the first American to win four medals in one Olympiad.

**1942 – Indian leader Mahatma Gandhi** is arrested in Bombay by British forces, launching the Quit India Movement.

**1942 – World War II:** Battle of Savo Island – Allied naval forces protecting their amphibious forces during the initial stages of the Battle of Guadalcanal are surprised and defeated by an Imperial Japanese Navy cruiser force.

**1944 – The United States Forest Service** and the Wartime Advertising Council release posters featuring Smokey Bear for the first time.

**1944 – Continuation war:** The Vyborg-Petrozavodsk Offensive, the largest offensive launched by Soviet Union against Finland during the Second World War, ends to a strategic stalemate. Both Finnish and Soviet troops at the Finnish front dug to defensive positions, and the front remains stable until the end of the war.

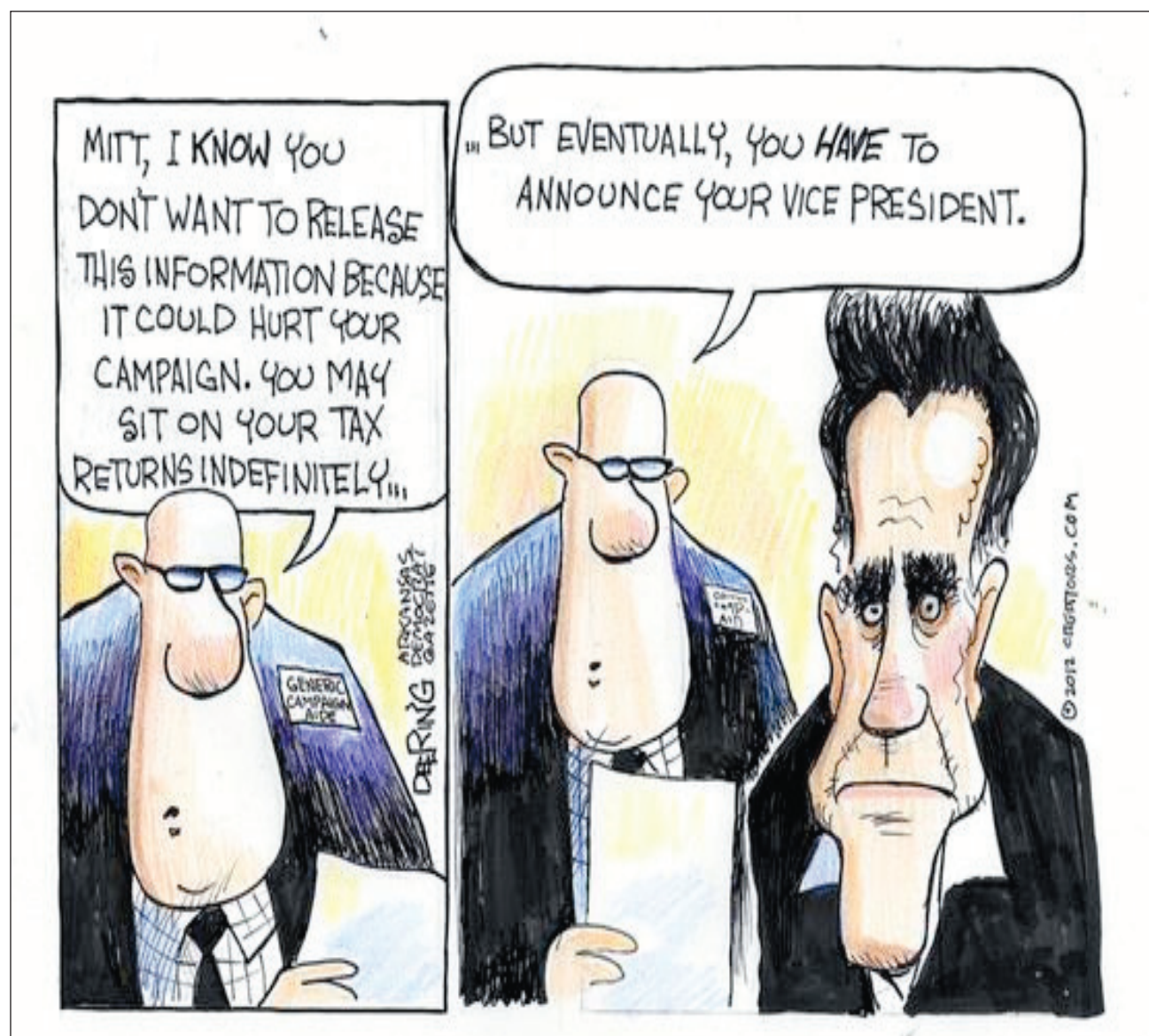
**1945 – World War II:** Nagasaki is devastated when an atomic bomb, Fat Man, is dropped by the United States B-29 Bockscar. 39,000 people are killed outright.

**1945 – World War II:** The Soviet Union declares war on Japan and begins the Manchurian Strategic Offensive Operation.

**1965 – Singapore** is expelled from Malaysia and becomes the first and only country to date to gain independence unwillingly.

**1965 – A fire** at a Titan missile base near Searcy, Arkansas kills 53 construction workers.

**1969 – Followers** led by Charles Manson murder pregnant actress Sharon Tate (wife of Roman Polanski), coffee heiress Abigail Folger, Polish actor Wojciech Frykowski, men's hairstylist Jay Sebring and recent high-school graduate Steven Parent.



## Chuck Norris: 'Who is more powerful than the president?'

**CHUCK NORRIS**  
Actor/columnist

How much power does the president actually possess?

That is a question at the heart of most debates about the federal government. Declaring war, writing executive orders, legislating, allocating taxpayers' money and even influencing what your children learn and eat are just a very small sample of subjects hotly under dispute right now.

Well, I know a position more powerful than the presidency.

I wholeheartedly believe in the Spanish proverb that says, "An ounce of mother is worth a pound of clergy." But I also believe that men and fathers hold a unique role and power to restore our homes and country.

I believe that as families go, so goes the nation. And men possess three specific keys (powers) that can draw them, their spouses and their children nearer to one another and God, as well as make them all better citizens.

Before I reveal those three keys, I need to tell you where I learned them -- from a dearly departed saint who greatly influenced me: Dr. Edwin Louis Cole. I owe what I know to him.

Dr. Ed Cole is called the "Father of the Christian Men's Movement" because he influenced millions of men worldwide, including many leaders who lead the movement today. His mission statement was simple and powerful: "I have been called to speak with a prophetic voice to the men of this generation and commissioned with a ministry majoring in men to declare a standard for manhood."

My wife, Gena, and I first met Ed and his wife, Nancy, in 1998 at a banquet honoring "Walker, Texas Ranger." Over the next four years, there would be many choice moments between Ed and me.

One night in that period, Dr. Cole drove across Dallas through a thunderstorm simply to deliver a message that God had laid on his heart to encourage us to get grounded in the Bible in order to discern between the genuine and the counterfeit in life. What a great lesson. What a great man!

As I shared in my autobiography, "Against All Odds," in 2002, Ed called our home and asked us to pray for him because he was very ill. After we prayed with him over the phone, we decided to fly to Dallas to see and pray with him personally. It was one of the most moving moments of our lives. It wasn't long after that when he passed to his heavenly home.

God loved me through Ed Cole, and I thank God for him. And I look forward to thanking Ed again when I see him one day in heaven.

I never will forget or take for granted Ed's influence in my life. He influenced me to increase my trust in God and to be a faithful husband and father, and -- even though I was a "TV tough guy" -- he challenged me to be a real man. He challenged me with the three keys I alluded to earlier: to be a better role model, mentor and motivator to my family.

What I wrote and detailed to men and fathers about manhood and fatherhood via those three keys in my *New York Times*

best-seller "Black Belt Patriotism" I learned from Ed. Another great book for men is "Courageous," by our friend Randy Alcorn. It's based upon the movie but expanded with 80 percent more story content.

I am not a perfect father or husband. Truth be known, I've learned far more from my failures than from my successes. However, I won't allow them to stop me from pressing on. And I don't believe that you should allow failures to hinder your fatherhood, either. As Ed used to say, "you don't drown by falling in the water; you drown by staying there."

Do you have a few role models, mentors and motivators in your life? I hope so. If not, Ed still can be a part of your life today through his resources found at the Ed Cole Library, at <http://www.edcole.org>. In commemoration of the 10th anniversary of Ed's homecoming to heaven, his children and our friends, Joann Webster and Paul Cole, have curated a special edition of "The Collection," which is a compendium of Ed's lifework in one digital location.

Ed's legacy message is this: If we men continue to fight to be the best husbands, fathers and men we can be, we will not only give our family members what they need but also get in return what we need and simultaneously help to restore our country, one home at a time.

That is what I mean by a man who is more powerful than the president -- not just Ed Cole but you! The president can't make or mold your family without your permission. He might try, but that is your jurisdiction and power,

endowed by God. Protect it!

As Ed used to say, "do not let others create your world for you, for they will always create it too small." He also said, "The power of choice is our only true freedom in life."

Only you have the ability to order your private world. You also have the ability to create, hinder or improve life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness in your heart and home.

In fact, I don't believe one can truly experience life, liberty and happiness as the Declaration of Independence states without a proper lineup of priorities for God, family and country. Those are the priorities our Founding Fathers lived by.

Thomas Jefferson clearly revealed that when he wrote to his daughter Mary the year before his presidency, "My attachments to the world, and whatever it can offer, are daily wearing off; but you are one of the links which hold to my existence, and can only break off with that."

He espoused the same sentiment eight years later, at the end of his presidency, to the renowned explorer William Clark: "By a law of our nature, we cannot be happy without the endearing connections of a family."

Now there's a worthy reflection of power and a way to improve your life, your home and our country this Father's Day.

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### Chinese unaware of Gu case on eve of murder trial

HEFEI, China (AP) — One of China's most politically charged murder trials starts here Thursday. But talk to the student at the cafe, the taxi driver, the software salesman and the flower seller — none of them has any idea that a courtroom in this grimy industrial city soon will be the center of China's political universe.

As everywhere in the country, the talk in Hefei is more about China's medal success at the Olympics than the drama surrounding Gu Kailai, who is accused of murdering a British businessman, when her husband Bo Xilai ruled the roost as the Communist Party boss of Chongqing metropolis.

Gu's case may have riveted the international community, but it is barely causing a ripple among ordinary Chinese, underscoring how far removed such high-stakes political

maneuvering is from their lives. The lack of awareness points in part to the government's relative success with censorship and limiting media exposure of the case, which has embarrassed the Communist Party ahead of its carefully managed once-a-decade reshuffle of power later this year. Bo was a contender for a top job until his downfall earlier this year.

"I rarely pay attention to such news because politics has very little to do with my own life," said Gong Genwu, a 23-year-old computer software salesman who was strolling back to work after lunch outside a shopping mall across from the Hefei Intermediate People's Court.

Gong said this was the first time he had heard about the trial and even Gu's name. Pressed for an opinion on the scandal as a whole, he added:

"What can I say? If a murder really was committed by someone close to a high official, this shows that they are on a different level than ordinary people. Perhaps some of them lack morals."

As the party boss of Chongqing, Bo was prominent, powerful and popular. Lawyer Gu — even though she didn't have an official role in the party — wielded enormous influence thanks to her husband.

Their life fell apart when an aide to Bo fled briefly to an American consulate in February, apparently with evidence of the Bo family's involvement in the death of Neil Heywood, a British businessman who had dealings with Gu. That resulted in Bo's removal from key posts and an April announcement that Gu and a household aide were chief suspects in the Briton's murder.

### Curiosity sends back flood of new views from Mars

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — NASA's latest adventure to Mars has given the world more than just glimpses of a new alien landscape.

It opened a window into the trip itself, from video footage of the landing to a photo of the rover hanging by a parachute to a shot of discarded spacecraft hardware strewn across the surface. And the best views — of Mars and the journey there — are yet to come.

"Spectacular," mission deputy project scientist Joy Crisp said of the footage. "We've not had that before."

Since parking itself inside an ancient crater Sunday night, the Curiosity rover has delighted scientists with views of its new surroundings, including the 3-mile-high mountain it will drive to. It beamed back the first color picture Tuesday revealing a tan-hued, pebbly landscape and the crater rim off in the distance.

Locale aside, Curiosity is giving scientists an unprecedented sense of what it took to reach its Martian destination. The roving laboratory sent back nearly 300 thumbnails that NASA processed into a low-quality video showing the last 2 1/2 minutes of its white-knuckle dive through the thin Martian atmosphere.

In the video, the protective heat shield pops off and tumbles away. The footage gets jumpy as

Curiosity rides on a parachute. In the last scene, dust billows up just before landing.

NASA twice tried to record a Mars landing. In 1999, the Mars Polar Lander carried similar gear, but it slammed into the south pole after prematurely shutting off its engines. Another effort was aborted in 2008 during the Phoenix lander's mission to the northern plains when mission managers decided not to turn it on for fear it would interfere with the landing.

"It's too emotional for me," said Ken Edgett of the Malin Space Science Systems, which operates the video camera. "It's been a long journey and it's really awesome."

The full high-resolution video will be downloaded when time allows and should give the first peek of a landing on another planet.

Curiosity's journey to Mars spanned eight months and 352 million miles. The rover gently touched down Sunday night after executing an elaborate and untested landing routine. The size of a compact car, it was too heavy to land using air bags. Instead, it relied on a heat shield, parachute, rockets and cables to lower it to the ground.

During its seven-minute plunge through the atmosphere, Curiosity shed the spacecraft parts. On Tuesday, scientists got their first view of the cast-offs.

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## CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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- Big party
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- Set fire to

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## Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I think what "End of My Rope" (May 3) may have failed to say is that she's tired of sacrificing her own life to care for her ill-tempered, terminally ill husband. Harsh as this may seem, it's a fact. I have been caring for my father for eight years. He's suffering from severe dementia and is now an invalid. I, too, provide him round-the-clock care.

My suggestion to "End" would be to talk to a respite facility about giving her a "vacation" from her husband. I do this with my father twice a year. His appreciation for the care I give him increases greatly after being in a "home." He goes for only one week at a time, but it's long enough for me to miss him and for him to realize I'm not so bad after all.

"End" is overwhelmed and angry right now because her husband expects so much from her. This isn't his fault. It is normal for someone with brain cancer. If no one else is stepping up to give her the breaks she so desperately needs, then she must consider her own well-being. She must do what her heart tells her. She has my sympathy and respect for what she has done so far. — BEEN THERE, STILL DOING THAT

**DEAR BEEN THERE:** Thank you for writing. Many readers responded, offering suggestions gained from personal experience. Their comments:

DEAR ABBY: You gave "End of My Rope" helpful information about hospice care for her husband in their home, but more services are available from most hospices. In addition to doctors, nurses, home health aides and volunteers, services are provided by chaplains and social workers who offer essential emotional and spiritual support to dying patients and their families. The hospice that employs me as chaplain also provides bereavement counseling to families by professional grief counselors — at no charge — for a year after the patient's passing. — HONORED TO BE A HOSPICE CHAPLAIN

DEAR ABBY: I suggest "End" call all of her husband's friends and family. Many people offer help in times like this, but they don't know how. Schedule assignments for sitting with her husband, preparing meals, running errands, assisting with getting him in and out of the car on appointment days, or any tasks that need to be done.

Loved ones will appreciate being asked to help in tangible ways. I urge her to take a drive or go out to lunch and leave the caretaking to a trusted friend for an hour or two. Her husband does not realize the enormous burden she carries. When she's at her lowest, I also recommend a simple prayer asking for strength. — LOUISE IN BRADENTON, FLA.

DEAR ABBY: Our dad was ill for a number of years with Alzheimer's. We are a large family of siblings, but most lived away from our hometown. Though we were fortunate to have in-home care, the day-to-day management fell to me and one of my sisters.

As the oldest, I took it upon myself to write a straightforward letter to my siblings regarding Dad's condition and the progression of his illness. Then I assigned consecutive weekends to each one, telling them this was their weekend to come, spend time with Dad and help with his care. I said they were free to trade weekends among themselves, but the expectation was that Dad would have his family with him every weekend until he passed.

It worked pretty well, with most siblings taking the responsibility seriously and as a chance to express their love and gratitude to Dad in his last days. — DANIEL IN VISALIA, CALIF.

DEAR ABBY: Did you know you do not need a physician to refer you to hospice? You can SELF-refer. However, the doctor must certify eligibility so care can begin. — BRONX M.D.

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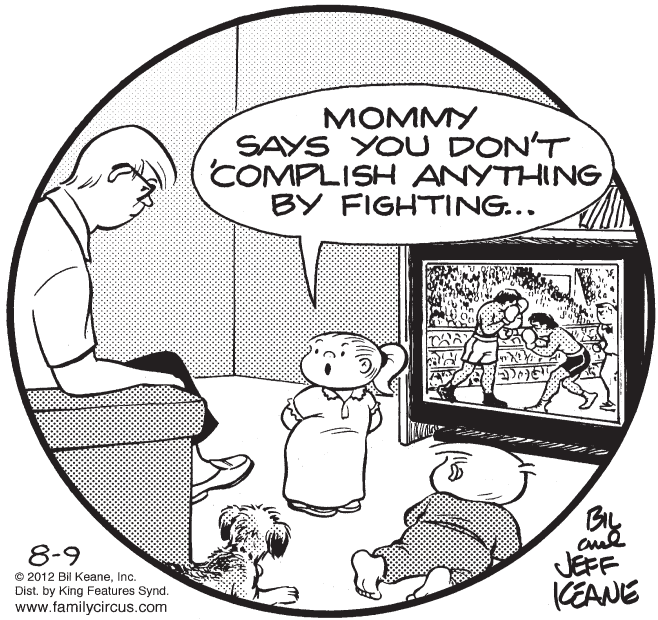
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# comics PAGE

## THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane

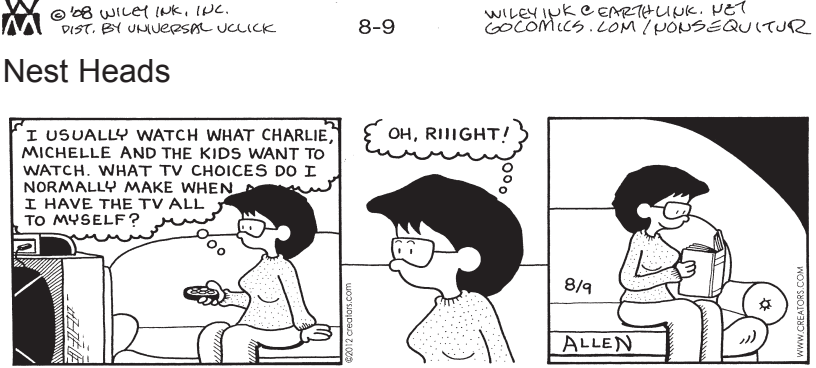


“... you should talk it out.”

## Non Sequitur



## Nest Heads



# daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, Aug. 10, 2012:

This year you open up to a new way of thinking, and others find conversations with you to be exciting. Your creativity bubbles no matter what you do. Friends surround you, and in situations where you are out with them, you meet new people with ease. By networking, you will gain professionally. If you are single, you will have many potential suitors. You are likely to meet the type of person you want to be with. If you are attached, the two of you enjoy your time together. GEMINI counts on you as a friend.

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)  
★★★ Talks in the morning, though somewhat good, will blossom in the afternoon, if you wait. You have a tendency to go to extremes as the day goes on. You might want to put a hunch on the back burner for a while. Return calls before making plans. Tonight: Hang with friends.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20)  
★★★★ You wake up feeling great, but note an energy change later today. Your finances play a big role in what happens. A friend means well but comes up with a somewhat dubious idea that he or she thinks is great. Practice saying “no.” Tonight: Treat time.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20)  
★★★★ Don't even think about your morning. No matter what conversation you are a part of, you might feel as if you are tired or aren't right on top of things. Don't worry. By late afternoon, you'll feel great — just in time for a wild weekend! Tonight: All smiles.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22)  
★★★★ Sit back and understand what is happening with a friend. Avoid getting too much into the ideas surrounding a new theory or a potential trip. Brainstorm with a respected authority about money. You still might need some time before making a decision. Tonight: Assume a low profile.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)  
★★★★ You are in tune with your needs, and it appears others are, too. Focus on the possibilities of working with a partner. You might not be totally straightforward, or you could choose not to reveal the whole story. Do this, and you'll succeed

in confusing the situation. Tonight: Where the crowds are.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)  
★★★★ Take a stand. You could be relating on a one-on-one level. What you hear and what someone is thinking could be quite different. When you are in a conversation, be sure to clarify information. You will note that you both are on different pages. Tonight: Work late.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)  
★★★★ Keep reaching out for more information. You need to gain a broader perspective than what you have. Through detachment, you'll see a solution that could make everyone happy. Prioritize in order to get projects done. Take a walk to relieve stress. Tonight: Read between the lines.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)  
★★★★ One-on-one relating proves to be most satisfying. What you believe to be a short meeting could become quite a fun get-together. You can justify taking so much time, as it is Friday. Schedule some time with a loved one later today. Tonight: Togetherness is the theme.

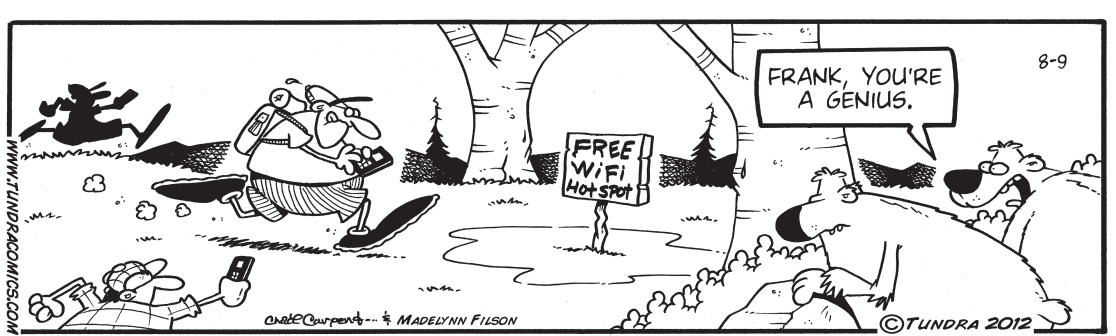
**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)  
★★★★ Listen and decide if you can go along with others' plans or suggestions. You might want to get down to the basics of a situation, but others are not in the mood. Stay centered in what works well for you. Tonight: Assume the role of party animal.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)  
★★★★ You might want to be creative and open to new ideas. Allow more clarity in a discussion about plans. You like to keep the veil of excitement over upcoming events. Understand that this mystery might be most unappealing. Tonight: Out and about.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)  
★★★★ Allow your creativity to flow. You'll come up with unusual ideas that others will admire. You might want to use care with your finances. You easily can make a mistake when counting your charge or signing a bogus agreement. Tonight: Let the fun begin.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20)  
★★★★ Listen to news that is forthcoming. You have a way with a family member or roommate that makes this person more inclined to say “yes” to one of your ideas. You might have difficulty understanding or ascertaining all the details. Tonight: Happily head home.

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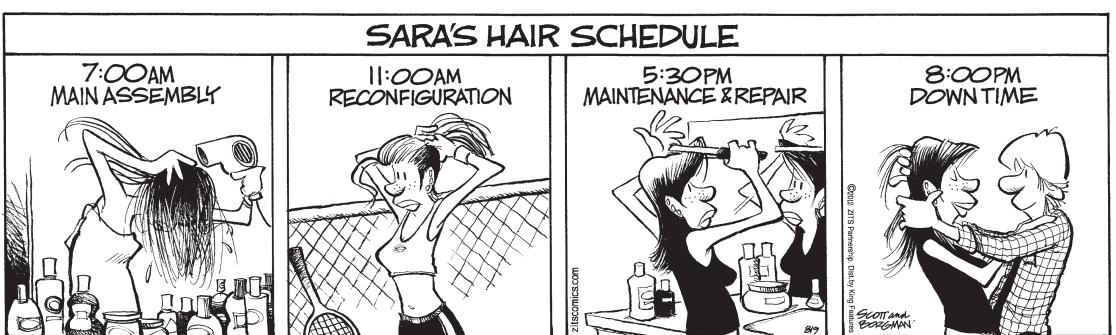
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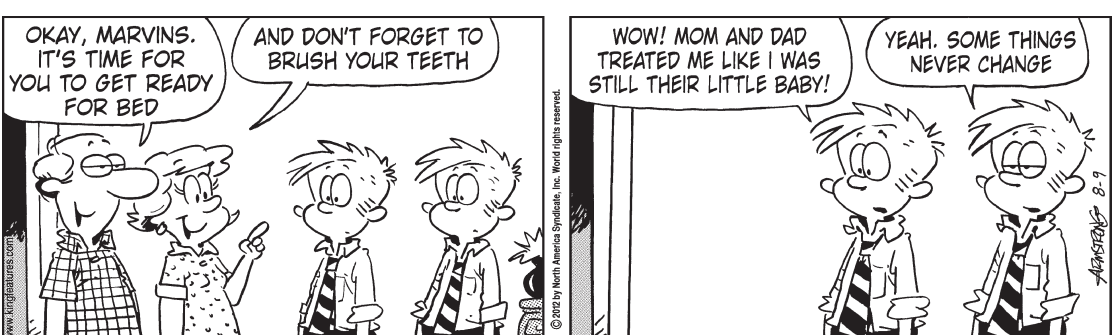
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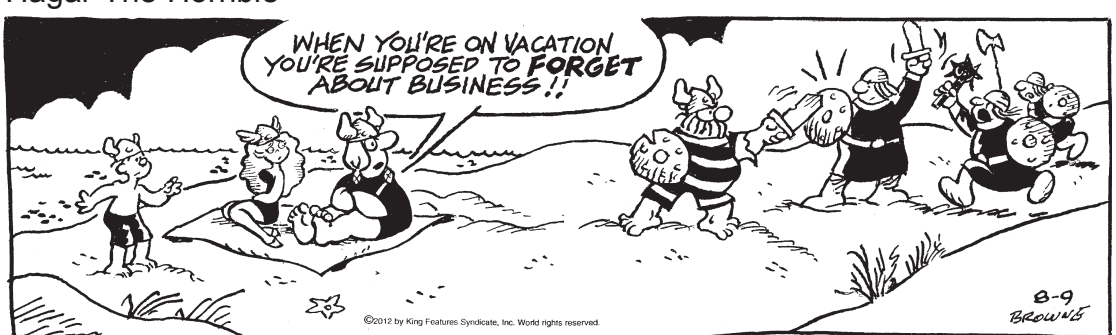
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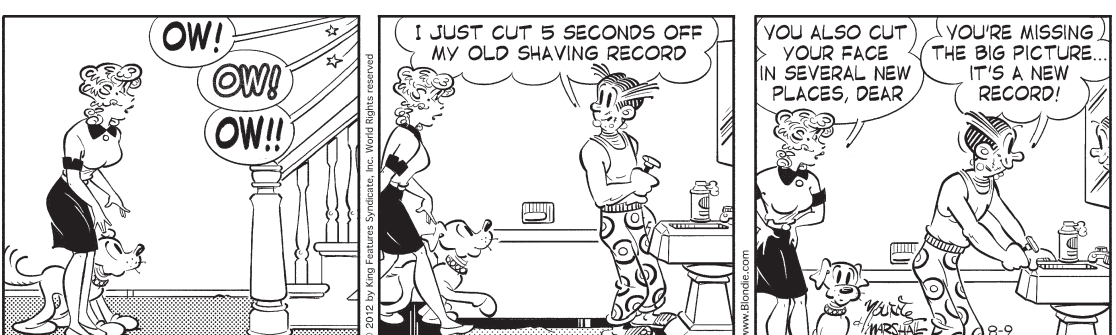
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# Sports

## Conditioning is key to the new season for the Harvesters

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“Attack the day”, seems a fitting motto for the 2012 Harvesters. The Seniors, Juniors, and Sophomores lived up to their motto Monday and Tuesday during the start of practice.

According to Head Football coach Heath Parker the team had the most productive 1st day of any team he’s been associated with and all the players came with great attitudes.

Eighty players showed up for Varsity practise with 19 Seniors to lead the way for this season. At this point Coach Parker pointed out that his team at the moment is almost split equally between juniors and seniors. This blend of classes have already blended into one cohesive unit. The University Interscholastic League (UIL) changed the rules for fall practices for Football this year. In the past teams were able to practise “Two-a Days”.

However, this year only one practise is allowed limiting the time the coaches can actively work with the team on the field.

Coach Parker has turned this into a positive and with the help of the other coaches he plans to field a team that is in superior condition than his opponents.

Besides the Pampa Recreation

Department accepting fall signups

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The City of Pampa Recreation Department has open sign up for Volleyball, Softball, and Kickball.

Registration for these sports are from August 6th thru August 10th, 2012. Rosters and Fees paid must be turned in by the deadline at 5 p.m. or the team will not be scheduled.

All Rosters, Fact sheets, and waiver forms are available for download in document section at the city website, [www.cityofpampa.org](http://www.cityofpampa.org). Schedules may be picked



Staff photo by Gayden Hays

Seniors Taylor Woods Lifting and Chris Howard Spotting both work hard to ensure the Harvesters are in better shape than their opponents. This will be tested in the first scrimmage on August 24th against Childress at Home in Pampa.

Conditioning Coach Parker points out that this has a unique assets, the Harvesters will field a “Bigger and Stronger” team with a solid core of players on both lines.

With this size it will also allow the Harvester to run a Multiple offensive set. Coach Parker and the Harvester offense will run a no huddle, shotgun formation, and wants 80 snaps a game on offence.

His goal this year is to physically wear out the opponents once again going back to the conditioning he and his staff have instituted.

When they have one or two running backs in the backfield, look for



Staff photo by Gayden Hays

Coach Bret Bethke hands the ball to Senior running back Adrian Elam. create a defence that is “High Pressure”.

In the high pressure defensive scheme the defense will be seen sending up to four players after the opponents quarterback. Perfectly fitting the “Attack the Day” motto this years team has adopted. Size, Strength, and conditioning, and a personal drive should be exciting to watch for the 2012 Harvester Football Season.

On the other side of the ball the defense will run a 50 Base defence. Over shifting and slants to unbalance the line will

### Optimists Early signups begin August 13

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The Pampa Optimists Club is gearing up their 2012 fall season with youth sports sign ups. Early Sign up will open up August 13th and run through August 16th. Call the Optimists at 806-665-4361.

According to club member Kevin Davis there will be Early Sign up to help parents during this getting back to school time of the year. The Football sign ups will occur as follows. The 1st through 4th graders will be in the flag football division and it is 70 dollars per child.

The older boys that will be playing full contact football will have to pay a 100 per participant fee. Davis stated that the date wasn’t set in stone but the Fall seasons should begin the first week in September.

Also the Optimists will be accepting sign ups for Volleyball that will also start the first week of September. Followed closely by Basketball in mid-October. The fee for any one interested in playing Volleyball is \$50.

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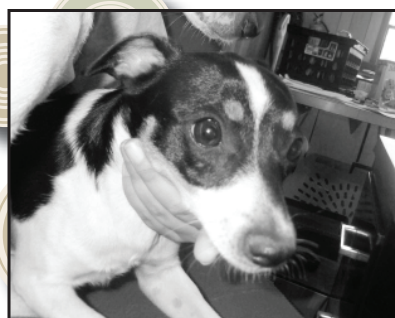
The leagues will begin play the week of August 20th, 2012. There will be Individual and Sponsor plaques for the top two teams in each division.

### Adopt a “forever friend” today!

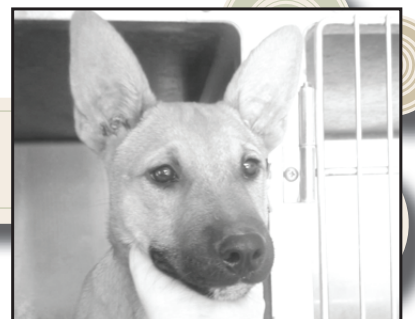
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Female Jack Russell



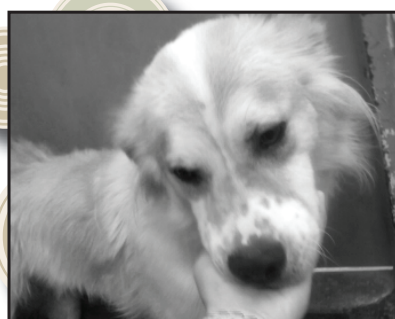
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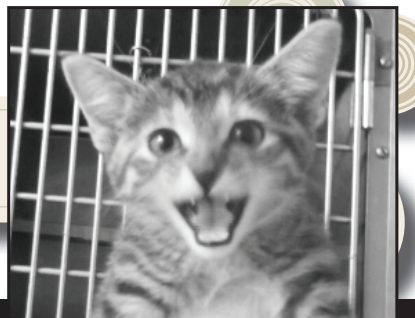
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# Doing Arafat's autopsy

RAMALLAH, West Bank (AP) — Swiss experts have been invited to the West Bank to test Yasser Arafat's remains for possible poisoning, the chief investigator looking into the 2004 death of the Palestinian leader said Wednesday.

The announcement followed weeks of zigzagging on the autopsy issue by officials in the Palestinian Authority, the self-rule government that Arafat established. Their conflicting positions and hesitation triggered speculation they were trying to quietly kill the investigation.

Last month, Switzerland's Institute of Radiation Physics said it had detected elevated levels of radioactive polonium-210 on stains on Arafat's clothing, reviving longstanding rumors in the Arab world that the Palestinian leader was poisoned.

However, the lab said the findings were inconclusive and that only exhuming Arafat's remains could bring possible clarity. Lab officials also said polonium decays quickly and that an autopsy would need to be done within a few months at most. They also said they needed a formal invitation to proceed with testing.

The Arab satellite TV station Al Jazeera first published the findings of the Swiss lab. The station had approached the lab on behalf of Arafat's widow, Suha, who had demanded that her husband's remains be examined and provided the lab with his clothing. She also asked the French government in a lawsuit to investigate her husband's death. No decision has been made on the suit.

# Know your dog nose to toes

## Dog Talk with Uncle Matty



**MATTHEW "UNCLE MATTY" MARGOLIS**  
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You probably know that ticks cause Lyme disease in dogs. But did you know that removing a diseased tick in the early stages of attachment could save your dog a lifetime of pain, decreased mobility and possible damage to the heart, kidneys and nervous system?

You probably know to keep your dog away from chocolate and candy. But did you know that a handful of raisins could induce kidney disease? And would you recognize the symptoms of failing kidneys?

You probably know that a limping dog is an uncomfortable dog. But did you know that a dog with a "skip" to his gait might have a patellar luxation? And did you know that a consequence of patellar luxation is degenerative joint disease that causes chronic pain and lameness?

You probably know that obesity leads to diabetes in dogs and humans. But do you know how diabetes presents in a dog? Would you notice the symptoms of lethargy, decreased appetite, excessive water consumption and increased urination?

You probably know all about the dangers of snakes hidden in tall grass. But what about the danger of some grasses themselves? Foxtail barbs designed to move forward and not backward pose a serious threat of soft tissue damage and infection when left embedded in a dog's nose, ear canal, paw or skin.

A little bit of awareness is all it takes to prevent

most of these scenarios from spinning dangerously out of control. Daily attention to your dog's overall being can save you thousands of dollars — and his life.

I call it the nose-to-toes one-minute morning checkup, and it's the best return on investment you'll ever see.

As the name suggests, start at the nose and work back. Check the nose, eyes, ears and gums. At first, you're looking to get a feel for your dog's norm. Once you know his norm, you'll readily pick up on changes — drippy nose, bad breath, inflamed gums, foul-smelling ears.

From there, palpate head to tail, back to belly for lumps. As a dog ages, lumps become more common. Most of the time, they are nothing more than fatty fluid. Sometimes, though, they're malignant and should be removed. Your vet will know the difference. Draw a map of your dog's body, and keep track of those you've had checked.

Check the niches of his paws for ticks, foxtails or any other foreign body. Check his paw pads to ensure they aren't dry and cracked.

Pay careful attention to your dog's weight. Any unexplained significant weight loss or gain should be reported to his veterinarian. "Significant" varies depending on size. A one-pound loss over the course of a week is not particularly noteworthy in a Great Dane. In a Pomeranian, it's significant.

It's also important to be familiar with your dog's water and food habits, as well as his overall energy level. Changes in any of these behaviors are worthy of your attention. A sad dog is a sick dog, and so a sad dog will likely benefit from a visit with the vet.

In addition to educating yourself about your dog's normal, pick up a resource book of veterinary medicine for laymen. Pocket size will do. Just have something on hand that links symptoms to possible causes, and don't be afraid to hit the vet. An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

Woof!

*Dog trainer Matthew "Uncle Matty" Margolis is co-author of 18 books about dogs, a behaviorist, a popular radio and television guest, and host of the PBS series "WOOF! It's a Dog's Life!"*

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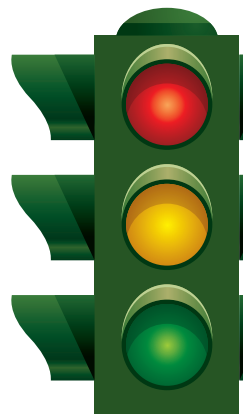
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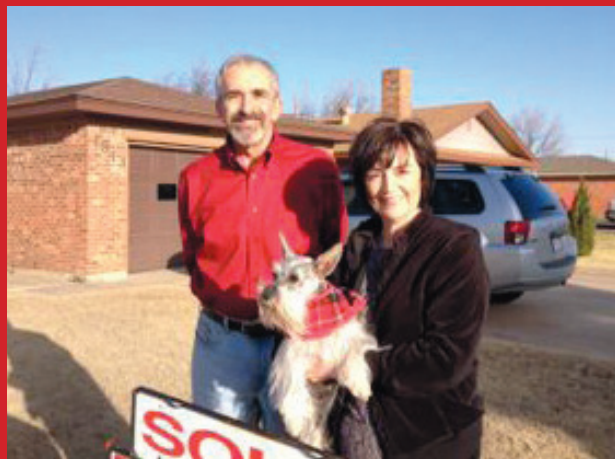
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