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Top O'Texas Rodeo kicks off



**TODAY IN SPORTS** 

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## Crime Stoppers seeking information on vehicle

• One act of vandalism = \$20,000

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Pampa/Gray County Crime Stoppers is seeking information on an act of vandalism that caused an estimated \$20,000 worth of damage to three vehicles.

The incident was discovered on Thursday, July 26 on the 900 block of

Municipal Drive, according to Stormy McCullar, crime prevention officer of the Pampa Police Department. The crime either occurred during the evening of Wednesday, July 25 or the early morning of Thursday, July 26.

A suspect threw rocks and asphalt into two Ford pickups belonging to the

Texas and Southwestern Cattlemen's Association, as well as a Ford SUV belonging to the City of Pampa. The act caused damage to the windows, windshields and bodies of the vehicles.

Gray County Crime Stoppers will pay \$1,500 for information leading to the arrest or conviction of the suspects who committed the crime. They can be reached by phone at 806-669-2222, online at www.pgcstips.com or by texting the tip to 274637.



## Bring it!



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It's full force, action packed, rodeo-nomics in effect as Pampa and Gray County's best and brightest display their talents in the beautiful ballet between man, woman and beast known as the Top O' Texas Rodeo.

## Golden Horseshoe Part 2

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Clue Number Four: "Totally water logged and purified this time. That is me.

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## Hall really remembers those rodeo glory days

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Zip Hall, 69, started riding horses as a four-year-old, and went on to compete in the rodeo during the 50s and late 60s, despite a slightly rocky introduction to riding during early elementary school.

"I was riding with my sister and my cousin, and my sister had saddled my horse," she said. "The saddle turned underneath my horse's belly, and I stayed on the horse, on the saddle, and he went across the cattle guard at the rodeo grounds and across the highway. The guy who was living there at the time ran across the street and stopped the horse."

After that, Hall said she wouldn't let anyone saddle her horse but her father or the family's hired hand, but she was inspired to learn to ride bareback.

"I would get up on the fence, and slide over on the horse," said Hall. "I couldn't lift the saddle. There was no way. So I rode bareback for many years." Hall only used a saddle in the rodeo, where her favorite event was the barrel race, but she also competed in the flag race, won a first place buckle in the horse race, and competed in an event called the "doughnut race."

"They would have a string across the arena, and on that, you would pull doughnuts off of the string," Hall said. "You would ride down there, and the first one to get a bite of the doughnut would turn around and ride back, and that was the first place winner. I always got the doughnut with the shortest string and the smallest horse, so there was no way."

Much of her rodeoing time was spent with her loyal horse, Smokey, which Hall rode with from the early 50s to the early 60s.

"He knew me," she said. "I would have to sneak out to the barn, shake the oat can, and he would walk very slowly, taking his time, because he knew if he got in there and got enclosed, I was going to ride him. I would put the food out, and I would sneak around the barn, get

on the other side and wait until he went inside the corral, and then I would run and shut the gate. Then I had him."

"He was just one of those horses," she added. "He was very intelligent. We gelled. He was just special."

Later on, Hall's daughters, Kelley Lovelace and Whitney Morton, got into rodeoing, too. Lovelace went

Whitney Morton, got into rodeoing, too. Lovelace went on to ride bulls, and was one of the first women to ride them one-handed.

"We had horses and cattle, and they fell into it and wanted to do it," Hall said.

Although she doesn't ride now, Hall treasures her fond memories of growing up in the saddle during the 40s and 50s.

"Whether I was rodeoing or not, I was riding, from 10 o'clock in the morning to 10 o'clock at night," she said. "I don't even remember stopping to eat. My mother always said, 'I'm not going to worry about her unless the horse comes home without her,' and she knew he would."



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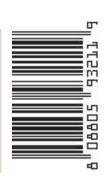
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#### **PAMPA FORECAST**



Sunday

**Monday** 

High 89 Low 68

Low 70

High 95 Low 70

Today: Mostly sunny and hot, with a high near 102. South wind 10 to 15 mph increasing to 15 to 20 mph in the afternoon. Winds could gust as high as 30 mph.

Tonight: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 66. South wind 15 to 20 mph decreasing to 10 to 15 mph after midnight. Winds could gust as high as 30 mph.

Sunday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1pm. Partly sunny, with a high near 93. West wind 10 to 15 mph becoming northeast in the afternoon. Winds could gust as high as 25 mph.

Sunday Night Mostly cloudy, with a low around 65. East northeast wind 10 to 15 mph.

Monday A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny, with a high near 94. East northeast wind 10 to 15 mph.

Monday Night Mostly cloudy, with a low around 68. East wind 10 to 15 mph.

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### **Obituaries**

#### **Robin Fritts**

Robin Fritts, 52, of Pampa, died Thursday, Aug. 9, in Pampa. Services will be 10 a.m. Monday, August 13, 2012, at Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel, with Pastor Paul Nachtigall of Highland Baptist Church, officiating.

Burial will be at Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Fritts was born January 30, 1960 in Yuma, Colorado. She was reared in Colorado and moved to Pampa where she was a graduate of Pampa High School. She married Vance Fritts on January 12, 1988 in Pampa. She worked for Healthstar Home Health Care, Pampa Regional Medical Center, Little Chef's and National Oilwell as a machinist. Robin attended Highland Baptist Church.

Fritts

She was a very giving person, and if you needed something, you could have it, no questions asked. She was known and respected by many. She will be remembered as a special wife, mother, grandmother, aunt and friend. Robin enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren.

Survivors include her husband: Vance Fritts of the home; a son: Trent Magers and wife Amanda of Pampa; a daughter: Wendy Privitt and husband D. J. of Pampa; father: Simion Turner and wife Rosetta of Bassett, Nebraska; mother: Barbara Frei and husband Clarence of Pampa; 2 sisters: Janie McPherson of Elk City, Oklahoma, and Cindy Hinds and husband Gene of Pampa; a brother: Jim Turner of Pampa; a brother-in-law: Darrell Yount of Pampa; 7 grandchildren: Gerrik Roe, Jastyn Privitt, Macen Privitt, Katlyn Magers, Abby Magers, Teagan Magers, and Logan Plindo, all of Pampa. She was preceded in death by an uncle: Tom Meade; a sister: Arla Yount; 2 stepsons: Timothy and Jonathan Fritts; and her grandparents: Alice and Mike Meade and Simion and Betsy Turner.

Memorials should American Cancer Society, c/o Gerry Caylor, 2130 Charles, Pampa, Texas 79065.

Sign the on-line register at www.carmichael-whatley.

com.

#### Rosa Lena

#### **Rogers Turner**

Lena Rogers Rosa Turner, 82, was called to heaven on August 8, 2012 in Pampa. Memorial services will be held at a later date. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Turner was born July 18, 1930 in Wynnewood, Oklahoma to James "Jim" Bud Rogers, Jr., and Mary Addie Lee



Turner

Hixson Rogers. Rosa Lena married Bill, her high school sweetheart, on the evening of December 21, 1947 in years, until Bill was offered the position of Music Min-ris and Maynard; and a step grandson: Henry Dennison.

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ister at Highland Baptist Church in Pampa, where they stayed until his death on May 2, 1992. She continued to worship at Highland Baptist until she was no longer able to attend. Found in her safety deposit box was the first biscuit she ever made for her newlywed husband. Other things found therein she held most precious were the bar of soap from their honeymoon and the baby bracelets her two boys left the hospital wearing.

She is survived by her eldest son: J. D. Turner and wife AnonA Gail, and their son Joe Deric Turner; her second son: Tim J. Turner; one sister: Ona Dean Atkinson and her husband Raymond; five additional grandchildren, three great-grandchildren; Bobby Brewer of the home, and many wonderful nieces and nephews and friends who have been like family. The third of four sisters, she was preceded in death by her parents, and two sisters, Geneva Lankford and Anita Campbell, all of Shawnee, Oklahoma.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Disabled American Veterans at www.dav.org

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#### Marion T. Wilson

Marion T. Wilson, 89, of Pampa, died Aug. 9, 2012 in Amarillo. Services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, August 13, 2012, at Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel with Bishop Catham Beer of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints of Toole, Utah, officiating.

BURIAL: Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.



Wilson

BIOGRAPHY: Mr. Wilson was born January 25, 1923 in Gasoline, Texas, to Otis and Ruth Bradshaw Wilson. He graduated from Quitaque High School in 1940 and farmed until he was inducted into the U.S. Army in 1943. He spent 3 years and 21 days in the service, all with the 782nd Tanker Battalion. He traveled to 29 states, Old Mexico and 7 European countries while in the service. He married Reba Gowin on January 26, 1949 in Pampa. She preceded him in death on November 4, 1996 after 47 years, nine months and 9 days of marriage. He later married Mary Joyce Pinckard on October 4, 2009.

Marion farmed for 10 years after the war. He then worked for Phillips Petroleum in Borger and 27 years at Celanese Corporation in Pampa until he retired on February 1, 1985. He had been a resident of Pampa most of his life until moving to the Ussery Roan Texas State Veterans Home in Amarillo in October of 2010.

Marion enjoyed wood craft, traveling, and western music, and he loved the Jamborees at Silverton and Turkey. He loved the beauty in every state. He enjoyed his Army reunions with the 782nd Tanker Battalion. He will be remembered for his loyalty and faithfulness. He loved his many friends, his church, his country, his home, and life itself. His last words were, "Thank you."

SURVIVORS: wife: Mary Wilson of the home; 3 stepdaughters: Elaine Dennison and husband Harold of Tucson, Arizona, Lynda Hume and husband Bruce of Jefferson, and Kim Beer and husband Steve of Grapevine; 12 step grandchildren, 20 step great-grandchildren; 2 cousins: David Bradshaw and wife Bonnie of Amarillo, Shawnee, Oklahoma. She was a Baptist all her life and a and Tom Bradshaw of Groom; a niece: Linda Fowler and Christian to the end, loved by all who knew her. She was husband Wayne of Plainview, and a nephew. He was prea member of First Baptist Church in Shawnee for many ceded in death by his parents; his siblings: Mildred, Mor-

> In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to a favorite charity.

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#### David Green

David Green passed from this life on Wednesday, August 8, 2012. Family and friends will gather for fellowship on today, August 10 from 6-8 p.m. at Lake Ridge Chapel and Memorial Designers. A service to celebrate his life of 86 years will take place on Saturday, August 11, at 10 a.m. at Lake Ridge Chapel and Memorial Designers, 6025 82nd Street. A tribute of Mr. Green may be found at www.memorialdesigners.net, where you may leave memories and expressions of sympathy for his family.

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David was born on October 27, 1924 in Eldorado, KS to William and Laura Green. He married Edith Taylor on August 22, 1952 in Pampa, Texas and she preceded him in death on January 22, 2009. David served in the US Navy during World II and the Korean

Survivors include his son, Lynn Green; daughter, Debbie Norsworthy and husband, Don; grandchildren, Jeremy Green and wife, Amanda, Emily Green-Brannon and husband, Doug, Dustin Childs and wife, Brooke, William Childs, and Elizabeth Childs; and Gala, who he loved as a daughter.

Mr. Green was preceded in death by his grandson, Daniel Green, who died on October

#### Paula Ponce Garcia

Paula Ponce Garcia, 51, of Pampa, died Aug. 9, 2012. Rosary will be held at 6:00 PM Monday, August 13, 2012, at Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel, with Rev. Arockia Raj, associate pastor of Vincent St. dePaul Catholic Church, officiating. Memorial funeral mass will be held at 10:00 AM Tuesday, August 2012, at St. Vincent dePaul Catholic Church, with



Wilson

Rev. Francisco Perez, pastor, officiating. Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Garcia was born April 6, 1961 in Corpus Christi. She married Alfonso Garcia on September 11, 1980 in Houston. She had been a resident of Pampa since 1980. Paula was a member of St. Vincent dePaul Catholic Church. She enjoyed gardening, and especially enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and friend, and will be missed by all who knew her.

Survivors include her husband: Alfonso Garcia of the home; daughter: Luzann Bailey and husband Mark Edward of Pampa; 2 sons: Alfonso Garcia, III and wife Shelly, and Jose A. Garcia and wife Joahana, all of Pampa; 8 grandchildren: Mia Victoria Garcia, Fabian Orrantia, Taelar Garcia, Arianne Jade Garcia, Lane Edward Bailey, Mariana Isabela Garcia, Alfonso Xavier Garcia, IV and Jarron Paul Bailey; 3 sisters: Hilda DeLeon and Lupe Garza, both of Robstown, and Lucy Garcia of Corpus Christi; 3 brothers: Jose M. Ponce, Jr., of Pampa, Greg Ponce of Kingsville, and Mark Villarreal of Robstown. Paula was preceded in death by her parents; a brother: Manuel Ponce; and a sister: Janie Cervantes.

MEMORIALS: American Cancer Society, c/o Gerry Caylor, 2130 Charles, Pampa, Texas

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#### Wildfires close wildlife refuge

PORT ARTHUR (AP) — An official with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service says multiple wildfires have closed a Texas wildlife refuge on the Gulf coast.

Park Ranger Tami Schutter on Friday says four separate fires have started at the McFaddin National Wildlife Refuge in the past 12 days with two beginning in the

Schutter says a lightning strike sparked the initial wildfire Aug. 8. While firefighters battled to suppress it another wildfire ignited after a series of storms passed through the area the next day.

Officials say about 15 firefighters from the wildlife agency and National Park Service are battling the active wildfires.

The refuge will be closed until further notice because of the potential hazards these fires pose.

#### School board OKs large bond plan

HOUSTON (AP) — Voters will decide in November whether to approve a \$1.9 billion bond package, one of the largest in Texas school history.

The Houston school board endorsed the plan Thursday to rebuild or renovate many of the district's aging schools and upgrade campus technology.

Superintendent Terry Grier Grier has said the measure could transform Houston, remodeling some of the oldest high schools in some of the poorest neighborhoods and rebuilding prestigious magnet schools.

The Houston Chronicle report the trustees' 8-1 vote came after about 60 people spoke, including parents pleading for modern schools and community members complaining that some would be shortchanged.

Melinda Garrett, the district's chief financial officer, says the bond issue would cause the property tax rate to rise by nearly 5 cents with no increase until 2014.







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## Viewpoints

#### Today in History

## Aug 11, 1934: Federal prisoners land on Alcatraz

On this day in 1934, a group of federal prisoners classified as "most dangerous" arrives at Alcatraz Island, a 22-acre rocky outcrop situated 1.5 miles offshore in San Francisco Bay. The convicts--the first civilian prisoners to be housed in the new high-security penitentiary--joined a few dozen military prisoners left over from the island's days as a U.S. military prison.

Alcatraz was an uninhabited seabird haven when it was explored by Spanish Lieutenant Juan Manuel de Ayala in 1775. He named it Isla de los Alcatraces, or "Island of the Pelicans." Fortified by the Spanish, Alcatraz was sold to the United States in 1849. In 1854, it had the distinction of housing the first lighthouse on the coast of California. Beginning in 1859, a U.S. Army detachment was garrisoned there, and from 1868 Alcatraz was used to house military criminals. In addition to recalcitrant U.S. soldiers, prisoners included rebellious Indian scouts, American soldiers fighting in the Philippines who had deserted to the Filipino cause, and Chinese civilians who resisted the U.S. Army during the Boxer Rebellion. In 1907, Alcatraz was designated the Pacific Branch of the United States Military Prison.

In 1934, Alcatraz was fortified into a high-security federal penitentiary designed to hold the most dangerous prisoners in the U.S. penal system, especially those with a penchant for escape attempts. The first shipment of civilian prisoners arrived on August 11, 1934. Later that month, more shiploads arrived, featuring, among other convicts, infamous mobster Al Capone. In September, George "Machine Gun" Kelly, another luminary of organized crime, landed on Alcatraz.

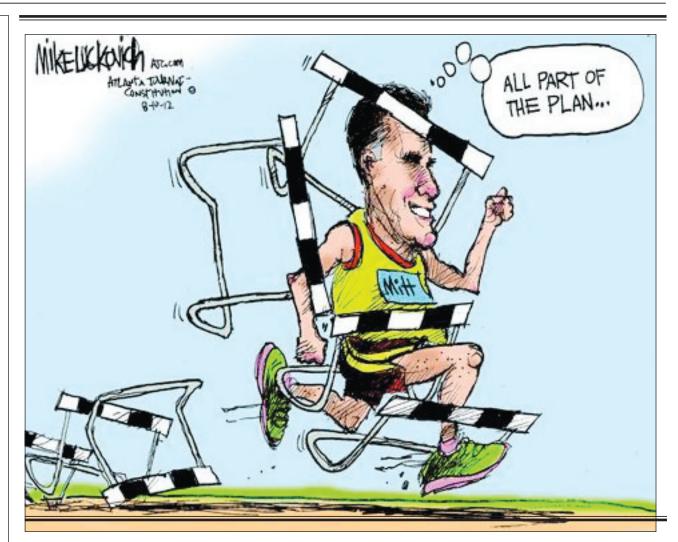
In the 1940s, a famous Alcatraz prisoner was Richard Stroud, the "Birdman of Alcatraz." A convicted murderer, Stroud wrote an important study on birds while being held in solitary confinement in Leavenworth Prison in Kansas. Regarded as extremely dangerous because of his 1916 murder of a guard at Leavenworth, he was transferred to Alcatraz in 1942. Stroud was not allowed to continue his avian research at Alcatraz.

Although some three dozen attempted, no prisoner was known to have successfully escaped "The Rock." However, the bodies of several escapees believed drowned in the treacherous waters of San Francisco Bay were never found.

The story of the 1962 escape of three of these men, Frank Morris and brothers John and Clarence Anglin, inspired the 1979 film Escape from Alcatraz. Another prisoner, John Giles, caught a boat ride to the shore in 1945 dressed in an army uniform he had stolen piece by piece, but he was questioned by a suspicious officer after disembarking and sent back to Alcatraz. Only one man, John Paul Scott, was recorded to have reached the mainland by swimming, but he came ashore exhausted and hypothermic at the foot of the Golden Gate Bridge. Police found him lying unconscious and in a state of shock.

In 1963, U.S. Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy ordered Alcatraz closed, citing the high expense of its maintenance. In its 29-year run, Alcatraz housed more than 1,500 convicts. In March 1964 a group of Sioux Indians briefly occupied the island, citing an 1868 treaty with the Sioux allowing Indians to claim any "unoccupied government land." In November 1969, a group of nearly 100 Indian students and activists began a more prolonged occupation of the island, remaining there until they were forced off by federal marshals in June 1971.

In 1972, Alcatraz was opened to the public as part of the newly created Golden Gate National Recreation Area, which is maintained by the National Park Service. More than one million tourists visit Alcatraz Island and the former prison annually.



## Pat Buchanan: The cost of winning ugly

PAT BUCHANAN Columnist

This week, the friends of Barack Obama introduced into the political battle of 2012 the moral equivalent of poison gas.

In an ad produced by the super PAC Priorities USA, Mitt Romney is charged with moral, if not material, complicity in the cancer death of the wife of a Missouri steelworker.

Speaking straight into the camera, Joe Soptic, 62, charges Romney with coldly shutting down the plant where he worked and cutting off his health insurance. This, says Soptic, left his wife without insurance to pay for her care, until, falling ill, she went to a doctor, who discovered stage 4 cancer, which killed her in 22 days.

Soptic implies a causal connection between Romney's decision to shut the plant and his wife's death. The ad is a premeditated attempt to murder the reputation of Mitt Romney. And from start to finish, it is a deception. The truth.

Mitt Romney gave up leadership of Bain Capital in 1999. The steel plant was closed in 2001. Soptic lost his health insurance, but his wife was still working and had hers. She lost her job and insurance in 2003. Her illness and cancer were discovered in 2006, when Romney was ending his fourth year as governor of Massachusetts.

Was this ad the work of a rogue super PAC over

which the Obama campaign had no control? Did the White House denounce the ad as unethical and malicious and wash its hands of it?

By no means. The White House, through its cynical silence, has been complicit in this moral atrocity as it reaps the benefits of it.

As for Soptic, he has been a collaborator of the Obama campaign itself, featured in a campaign ad and a conference call with reporters last May. What this smells like is a secret handoff from the Obama campaign to the Obama super PAC, which would be a violation of law.

While many journalists have denounced the ad as duplicitous and slanderous, some have hailed it. Unconcerned with its falsity, they love its message. For it mirrors what they themselves think of Mitt.

One wonders: Has the president given any thought to how he is to unite and lead the country should he win, given the character of the campaign he and his team have waged?

For a year now, the daily picture of Barack Obama most of us see is of a president heading for his helicopter for yet another rally to denounce Republicans as Tea Party obstructionists and Mitt Romney as an outsourcer and a tax dodger.

A week ago, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid said that a confidant had informed him that Romney paid no income taxes for 10 years. Harry repeated this accusation on the floor.

Instead of denounc-

ing this sleazy tactic -- a charge with no substance and without an identifiable source -- the Obama chorus echoed Harry: Show us the last 10 years of your tax returns.

Are these not the same

politicians and media who denounced as vicious wackos any who dared to ask to see Obama's birth certificate or the transcript from his college days at Columbia?

Assume, for the sake of argument, that these tactics work, that Obama wins re-election and that he and Harry hold the Senate.

How do they govern?

Mr. Hope and Change, the figure who once inspired millions, died a long time ago. In his stead stands a Chicago pol who barnstorms the country calling Republicans political lap dogs of millionaires and billionaires who refuse to pay their fair share of taxes.

In this campaign, Obama has steadily diminished both himself and the office he holds. Remarkable what a fear of defeat and a loss of power can do to a man.

How -- after you stand cynically silent while your super PAC mongrels accused Romney of throwing the Soptic family out on the street, stripping them of health care and then letting the wife die of cancer -- do you then reach out to your defeated rival?

The presidency is uniquely a place of moral leadership, said Harry Truman, a "bully pulpit," said Theodore Roosevelt.

How, after the long, low and miserable campaign he and his crowd have conducted, does Obama ascend that pulpit again without being laughed at and hooted at until he stands down?

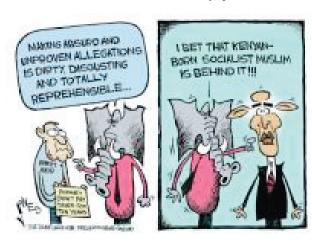
How does he resolve the fiscal crisis looming at year's end?

Obama says he rather would not extend any of the Bush tax cuts than extend all of them. The Republican House will give him all or nothing. Yet if Obama wins and lets all of the tax cuts expire, he will need the cooperation of a Republican House and perhaps a Republican Senate to restore the cuts for those earning less than \$200,000.

Obama will have to have the cooperation of a Republican House and perhaps a Republican Senate for any budget compromise to bring an end to his debilitating string of five straight trillion-dollar deficits.

Having accomplished nothing in the past two years, how would Obama accomplish anything in the next four after such a

campaign?
Patrick J. Buchanan is the author of "Suicide of a Superpower: Will America Survive to 2025?" To find out more about Patrick Buchanan and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at www.creators.com.





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## Air Force relieves commander over widening Lackland sex scandal

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — A widening sex scandal at Lackland Air Force Base has led to the dismissal of the top commander who oversees basic training for every new American airman, officials said Friday.

Col. Glenn Palmer was commander of basic training for the 737th training group at the Texas base, where more than a dozen military instructors in the past year have been investigated or charged with sexually assaulting recruits. Officials familiar with the decision said Palmer has been relieved from those duties, speaking on condition of anonymity because the announcement was not yet public.

The officials said there was no indication Palmer was facing any criminal charges. In all, six instructors have been charged with offenses ranging from rape to adultery.

Investigators say more than three dozen female trainees have been victimized by male instructors at Lackland, where approximately 35,000 airmen graduate each year.

About one in five recruits are female, while most instructors are male. The most serious allegations involved an instructor sentenced to 20 years in prison last month after being convicted of raping one female recruit and sexually assaulting several others.

Before Staff Sgt. Luis Walker was sentenced in a military courtroom at Lackland, one of his alleged victims testified that the abuse left her shaken while deployed in Afghanistan and made her "a little bit more scared of everything."

The Air Force also was set Friday to announce that Col. Eric Axelbank, commander of the entire 37th Training Wing at Lackland, also would be changing command next month. Officials told AP that Axelbank's move was part of a normal change of command and was not related to the sex scandal.

Palmer's dismissal comes just months after the Air Force increased his profile as the allegations mounted. He invited reporters in June to a daylong tour of Lackland, offering a rare glimpse into the base's academy for military training instructors and making his top lieutenants available for questions. It was as intended to show the public that the Air Force had nothing to hide.

Palmer also began delivering a "neighborhood watch" speech to every new busload of recruits, telling them to immediately report sexual assaults or any hint of sexual harassment.

The first allegations began a year ago with those levied against Walker. As more trainees spoke up and the accusations became widespread, Lackland took the unusual step of halting training for an entire day in May

to survey about 5,900 trainees. On a base that graduates a new class of airman every Friday for 50 of the 52 weeks in the year, Palmer called the training shut down so unprecedented that he didn't even know whether it was possible

Palmer isn't the first Lackland commander removed since the scandal unfolded. Axelbank in June relieved Col. Mike Paquette, commander of the 331st Training Squadron, for what a military attorney described as a loss of confidence in Paquette's leadership.

Lackland has about 475 military training instructors, who are the Air Force equivalent of Army drill sergeants and are assigned to turn raw recruits into airman over the course of eight weeks. More than three dozen instructors — including those facing criminal charges — have been removed from Lackland in the past year, but the Air Force says the majority of those dismissals were unrelated to the sex accusations.









#### AWOL soldier gets life

WACO, Texas (AP) Naser Jason Abdo sat alone in court with his hands shackled and a white cloth secured over his mouth and neck. The soldier who went AWOL and plotted to kill other troops outside a Texas Army post remained defiant Friday as he was sentenced to life in prison, not asking for mercy and vowing to never end what he considers his holy war.

"I will continue until the day the dead are called to account for their deeds," Abdo said in a low, gravelly voice through the cloth mask.

A federal judge sentenced Abdo, 22, to two life terms plus additional time. The federal prison system offers no chance of parole. He was convicted of planning what he claimed would have been a massive attack on a Texas restaurant filled with troops from Fort Hood.

Abdo referred to Maj. Nidal Hasan — the Army psychiatrist soon to be tried in a deadly shooting rampage at that Army post — as "my brother." He said he

lived in Hasan's shadow despite "efforts to outdo him."

Abdo became a Muslim at age 17.

Outside court, prosecutor Mark Frazier said Abdo had come close to carrying out the attack. U.S. Attorney Robert Pitman compared the plot to recent mass shootings at a movie theatre near Denver and a Sikh temple in suburban Milwaukee.

"In the wake of the tragic events in Colorado and Wisconsin, this is yet another reminder that there are those among us who would use or plan to use violence to advance their twisted agenda," Pitman said.

Arguing for a life sentence, Frazier had said Abdo still presented a threat. The young Muslim's mouth was covered in court, Frazier said, because he had earlier spat his own blood at agents believing he was infected with HIV. That belief turned out to be

wrong.
"He felt it was his duty
to take lives, even after
incarceration," Frazier
told the court



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## US nuns consider response to Vatican censure

ST. LOUIS (AP) — At a pivotal national meeting, members of the largest group for American nuns have been weighing whether they should accept or challenge a Vatican order to reform.

The national assembly is the first since a Vatican review concluded the Roman Catholic sisters had tolerated dissent about the all-male priesthood, birth control and homosexuality, while remaining nearly silent in the fight against abortion. Officials at the Holy See want a fullscale overhaul of the organization under the authority of U.S. bishops.

The 900 sisters at this week's meeting in St. Louis "are asking God to show us to the next best step we can take," said Sister Mary Waskowiak, director of development for the Mercy International Association in Burlingame, Calif. The executives of the group have called the Vatican report flawed.

The Leadership Conference of Women Religious represents about 80 percent of the 57,000 American sisters. The rebuke from the Holy See, issued in April, prompted an outpouring of support for the sisters nationwide, including parish vigils, protests outside the Vatican embassy in Washington and a resolution

in Congress commending the sisters for their service to the country. A spokeswoman for the nuns group said Thursday they had received more than 1,500 cards from supporters from around the world, some of which were placed on tables at

"Thank you for all you do to support the needy and underserved in our world," read one.

"Have courage! It doesn't have to be this way," read another.

The Vatican orthodoxy watchdog, the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, began its review of the organization in 2008, following years of complaints from theological conservatives that the nuns group had become secular and political while abandoning traditional faith.

After the Second Vatican Council of the 1960s, many religious sisters shed their habits and traditional roles as they sought to more fully engage the modern world. The nuns focused increasingly on Catholic social justice teaching, such as fighting poverty and advocating for civil rights, but insisted they had kept prayer and Christ central to their work.

Vatican investigators praised the nuns'

humanitarian efforts but said the conference had "serious doctrinal problems" and promoted "certain radical feminist themes" that undermine Catholic teaching. Seattle Archbishop Peter Sartain has been appointed along with two other American bishops to oversee rewriting the groups' statutes, reviewing its plans and programs and ensuring the group properly follows Catholic ritual. One part of the Vatican censure focused on the speakers the nuns had selected for their annual meetings. The keynote address this year was from a woman who described herself as a futurist who leads a movement called "conscious evolution."

The sisters face a limited range of options for how they can respond to the assessment from Rome, given that their organization was created by the Vatican. The president of the nuns group, Sister Pat Farrell, is expected to make an announcement Friday as the meeting ends. She has indicated in her public remarks this week that the sisters may not formulate a definitive response.

Sister Mary Rose, a Connecticut nun for 51 years, believes the nuns can resolve their disagreements with church

"I think we probably have differing perspectives. We come from a lived experience that is different," she said. "But I think we have the same goal in mind, which is the following of Jesus Christ. I'm convinced the spirit will lead all of us.'

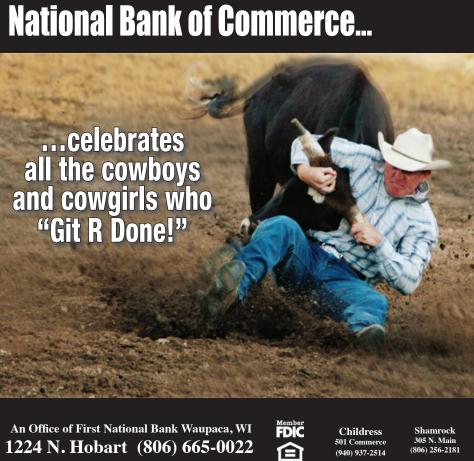












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Obama an edge in the race. years ago. The strategy also gives The Obama campaign high unemployment.

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Republican pollster who provided no evidence. worked on Romney's 2008 On the policy front, more about transparency proposals. and honesty. So Team

WASHINGTON (AP) release, which I don't think - Democrats are grow- they will — they have to ing increasingly confident find a way to demonstrate that a two-pronged tax honesty and transparency, attack on Republican Mitt attributes that people take Romney — one part pol- very seriously in selecting

Cardona, Obama lure pivotal support Democratic strategist, said from middle class voters. the tax criticism has "really Led by Obama, the seeped into the American Democrats are going after psyche" and is affecting the

"They're thinking, this and for refusing to release is not somebody who is more information on the going to fight for me. This taxes he pays on his per- is not somebody who even understands the world Democrats say both pub- I live in," said Cardona, lic and private polls sug- who was a senior adviser to gest the double-barreled Hillary Rodham Clinton's focus on taxes is giving presidential campaign four

the president an avenue to ramped up its criticism of campaign on the economy Romney's refusal to release — the top issue for voters his tax returns Thursday - while steering clear of with a new television talking about the nation's advertisement that — without evidence — raises the Three months before prospect that the GOP chalthe election, national polls lenger paid no taxes some

"Did Romney pay 10 spend the coming weeks percent in taxes? 5 percent? - starting Saturday with Zero? We don't know," a bus tour — trying to the narrator says. The ad change the trajectory of the will run in Virginia, North race. In recent days, he's Carolina, Florida and Ohio gone on the offensive by while Romney is on a bus criticizing Obama on wel- tour through those states

Romney says he has paid after months of taking heat taxes every year. But he's provided little documenta-Republicans reject the tion to back up his asser-

His campaign dismissed could hurt him in the fall. the ad and accused Obama But some party operatives of running "a dirty cam-

Senate Majority Leader ing to release more than Harry Reid, D-Nev., helped two years of his own tax lay the groundwork when he claimed last week that "I do think this has hurt an anonymous source told the governor a little bit," him Romney had not paid said Steve Lombardo, a taxes for 10 years. Reid

presidential campaign. Obama has sought to high-"Ironically, it's really light the contrast between less about 'rich guy' and the two candidates' tax

The president is pushing Romney has to find a way Congress to extend tax cuts if they're not going to only for families making less than \$250,000 a year (individuals making less than \$200,000). He wants to let the cuts expire at the end of the year for families who make more, though they would still be taxed at the lower rate for their first \$250,000 in income.

Romney's tax plan calls for a full extension of the tax cuts, first passed under George W. Bush, plus an additional 20 percent cut across the board. Romney and some economists argue that raising taxes on anyone right now could send the sluggish economy back into a recession.

But Obama, seeking to tap into middle class economic anxiety, has mocked Romney's proposal as "trickle-down tax-cut fairy dust." And this week he called the plan "Romneyhood" or "Robin Hood in reverse.'

Surveys suggest Obama's plans resonate with voters. A Pew Research Center Poll released last month showed 44 percent of one that Obama's tax pro- Whatever the case, posals would make the tax Obama's team doesn't

ing in both the presidential dent will be talking about election and competitive their differing visions congressional races that for tax cuts up until the shows strong voter sup-moment the polls close port for the president's tax on Nov. 6," said Jennifer policies. One Democratic strategist said the internal notion that the wealthy should pay more in taxes and that the nation's deficit must be reduced through a combination of tax increases and spending cuts.

But Republican strategist Charlie Black, an informal adviser to Romney's campaign, disputes the notion that Obama's arguments are gaining ground

Americans believe rais- "The Obama campaign Psaki, a campaign spokesing taxes on the wealthiest outspent us in June and the woman.

would help the economy, first half of July with all not hurt it. Just 22 per- those arguments, and the cent believe the opposite. numbers haven't moved The same poll showed that anywhere, even in the Americans believe two-to- national polls," Black said.

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## Supply and demand

USDA cuts corn outlook as drought takes toll

ST. LOUIS (AP) — The thrilled to death." government slashed its expectations for U.S. corn and soybean production for the second consecutive month Friday, predicting what could be the lowest average corn yield in more than 15 years as the worst drought in decades scorches major farm states.

Nonetheless, Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack, in a statement supplied exclusively to The Associated Press, insisted U.S. farmers and ranchers remain resilient and the country will continue to meet demand as the global leader in farm exports and food aid.

The U.S. Agriculture Department cut its projected U.S. corn production to 10.8 billion bushels, down 17 percent from its forecast last month of nearly 13 billion bushels and 13 percent less than last year. That also would be the lowest production since 2006.

The USDA, in its World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates report, now expects corn growers to average 123.4 bushels per acre, down 24 bushels from last year in what would be the lowest average yield in 17 years.

Soybean production is now forecast at 2.69 billion bushels, a 12 percent decline from last year and well off the 3.05 billion bushels the USDA had expected last month. The expected average yield of 36.1 bushels per acre would be the lowest since

Corn farmers had expected a record year just months ago, when they sowed 96.4 million acres — the most since 1937. The USDA now predicts only 87.4 million acres will be harvested, although it notes the crop still could be the eighthbiggest in U.S. history. That is due in part to hardier corn varieties, which are better able to withstand drought and heat.

"I have to be honest with you, I'm totally stunned we have corn with green stalks and leaves after going through weeks of 105-degree temperature," said Garry Niemeyer, the National Corn Growers Association's president, who has 1,200 acres of corn and 800 acres of soybeans near Auburn, Ill. He added, "Our corn yield normally would be about 190 bushels per acre. This year, if I get 110 I'd be

NJ town considers goats to eat poison ivy

SEASIDE PARK, N.J. (AP) — Officials in a New Jersey shore town might use goats from Maryland to rid an environmentallysensitive area of poison

Seaside Park can't burn the toxic plant or use chemicals because the patch overlooks Barnegat Bay. The town is considering an alternative.

Officials believe it would cost between \$15,000 and \$20,000 to use nature's weed eaters.

Councilman Michael Tierney tells the Asbury Park Press (http://on.app. com/NjtQKL ) the cost includes two handlers who come from Maryland to watch over the 15 to 18

goats. Yurkiewicz Dawn of Stratford Farm in Whiteford, Md., tells the newspaper it might take the entire herd up to three weeks to eat all the poison

ivy. New Jersey environmental officials are worried the goats might also eat rare plants along the bay.

On Thursday, the U.N. food agency drew a direct correlation between price hikes in basic food commodities and the months of parched conditions in farm states. The Rome-based Food and Agriculture Organization said in its monthly price report that its overall food price index climbed 6 percentage points in July, although it was well below the peak reached in February 2011. The FAO's index, considered a global benchmark used to track market volatility and price trends, measures the monthly price changes for a basket of food, including cereals, oils and fats, meat, dairy products and sugar.

Severe drought punishing the U.S.'s midsection has sent corn prices soaring, and expectations of crop damage from dry weather in Russia sent world wheat prices up 19 percent, according to the FAO. Spikes in the prices recent years.

down such concerns Friday.

"Americans shouldn't in food prices due to the drought," Vilsack said as he visited drought-stricken Nebraska. "What is important going forward is that we continue to do farmers, ranchers, small businesses and communities being impacted by this drought."

Rick Whitacre, a professor of agricultural eco-University, said consumers may see modest price increases at grocery stores and pork, as many ranchcosts rise.

"You're going to see conditions deepen. the ripple of this go out for quite a distance," Whitacre said.

likely to hurt poor, foodimporting countries, said a study by British charity of the U.N. report.



of staple foods have led to pressed Congress to pass riots in some countries in a comprehensive, multiyear farm bill "that gives Vilsack tried to tamp farmers and ranchers more certainty in this tough time, while giving USDA tools to help those producers see immediate increases affected by weather-related events beyond their con-

The USDA foreshadowed the new, lower yield projections earlier this week, when it reported all we can to help the half of the nation's corn crop and 39 percent of its soybeans were rated poor or very poor. The nation hasn't seen drought damage this bad since 1988.

Friday's USDA report nomics at Illinois State amplified the troubling picture painted a day earlier when the latest weekly U.S. Drought Monitor map because corn is found in showed drought conditions everything from cosmet- continue to worsen in key ics to cereal, soda, cake farming states in the Great mixes and candy bars. Plains. That update showed He said the biggest price the expanse in extreme or jump is likely to be a 4 to exceptional drought — the 6 percent increase for beef two worst classifications — in Iowa jump from less ers have sold livestock as than 31 percent to nearly pastures dry up and feed 70 percent. Illinois, Kansas and Nebraska also drought

Federal scientists say this July was the hottest on record, smoking out even The U.S. leads the world the sweltering temperatures in exporting corn, soy- set in the Dust Bowl in beans and wheat, and the the 1930s. The National surging prices are most Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration reported Wednesday that the stretch from August 2011 through Oxfam issued on the eve July this year was the warmest 12-month period Vilsack said he has the U.S. has experienced.

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Following the Bareback competion was Steer Wresting and James Winders of Earth, TX took down his steer in 4.3 seconds, beating all other competors by over 3 seconds.

In the Saddle Bronc Riding, one competitor made the final whistle and it was Jeb Loney of Tularosa, NM with a 70 point ride.

A little cute and comic relief followed with the kids entertaining with Mutton busting.

Victor Jones barely edged out Mac Cochran, and Benny Proffitt scoring an impressive 65 points on his Mutton Bustin ride.



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Breakaway Roping contestant Sucessfully enters a fast time allowing her to get in Saturdays Finals..



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Rodeo youngsters race to get their share in the Dollar

lead by Marty Yates of Tyler Mangus/Tad Sheets. Stephenville, TX who seconds on his first run.

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petion the team of Tyler men and women who are Mangus/Kingston Chang able to survive Fridays hold a .08 second lead over events. Roping was the second place team of

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	523 W Foster Av\$105,000	7,598 SF/GCAD
	301 & 305 W Foster Av \$75,000	
	23rd & Crescent Dr\$65,000	
	Chaumont Addition\$35,000	Lots 1 & 2 Block 2
	Dogwood Ln \$22,000	
	Wall St\$15,000	1/2 Block
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	Holly Lot 10\$10,000	
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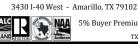
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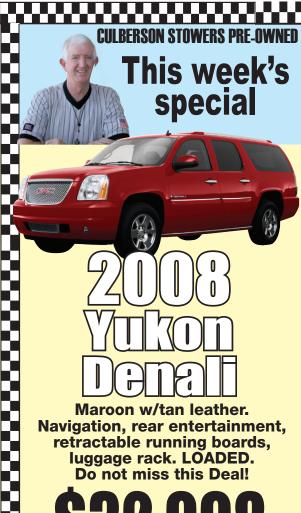
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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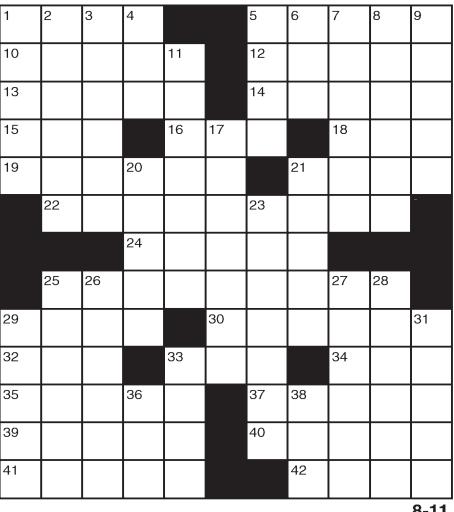
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#### Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips



DEAR ABBY: I have been teaching for 30 years in the same school district. I can't tell you how many times 30- to 45-year-old men have come up to me and said, "You don't remember me, do you?" When they were in elementary school, they were not sporting facial hair and didn't have receding hairlines. Still, I feel bad not being able to make their day by spouting off their first and last

All of my students are special to me. However, although some of these men attended my school, not all of them were in my classroom. I'm flattered they recognize me, but what's the best way to respond in a situation like this?

Also, could you give your readers some suggestions about how to approach former educators so we won't have to rummage frantically through the file cabinets of our brains trying to decide which child from the past this grown-up might be? STRUGGLING TO RECALL IN **ARKANSAS** 

DEAR STRUGGLING: When someone approaches you and says, "You don't remember me, do you?" an appropriate response would be, "Refresh my memory!" Said with a smile, it shouldn't be offensive.

This potentially embarrassing problem can easily be avoided if the former student simply says, "Mrs. Jones, it's so nice to see you. I'm 'John Smith' and you were my teacher in 1991."

DEAR ABBY: We have some neighbors who recently bought a large parrot they keep in a cage in their backyard. This bird squawks so loudly we can hear it inside our home with the windows closed, and we are no longer able to enjoy our own backyard or patio.

Their yard is fenced in, so I haven't met or even seen these neighbors. For the life of me, I cannot understand how someone could subject others to this kind of intrusion. It is so disrespectful. We can only assume the bird is kept outside so they don't have to listen to its loud screeching inside their own home.

The bird squawks loudly about every 10 to 15 seconds and it goes on for hours — usually in the mornings and evenings. My nerves are rattled and I'm not sure how much more of this I can take. I hesitate to call the authorities because I am worried about the consequences. What would you suggest? — FOR THE BIRDS IN FLORIDA

**DEAR F.T.B.: Unfortunately,** some people decide to buy parrots without first researching what's involved in their proper care and maintenance. Parrots are gregarious creatures and must be kept socialized with another parrot or with the humans who care for them. They also require mental stimulation to remain psychologically healthy.

Because their natural habitat is the rainforest, they have loud voices so they can communicate over long distances. Your neighbors obviously didn't take that into consideration when they bought the bird and decided to house it outside.

Inform them politely about the noise problem their bird is creating and ask that they house it inside. If they refuse, inform the Humane Society or the local Society for the **Prevention of Cruelty to Animals** to ensure that the enclosure is being kept clean, and that the bird is being fed a healthy diet and has access to clean water. As a last resort, if necessary, inform local law enforcement that your neighbor's parrot is creating a sound nuisance.

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Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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Yesterday's Answer: GUMDROP, REVENGE, HEROINE

ALL Brick, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car garage, updated, Lets see what else on your wish list? Oh yeh, lots of closet area with nice big backyard, play set and storage building and all on a Corner Lot. THIS IS the one. Take a look today and make this your next home.



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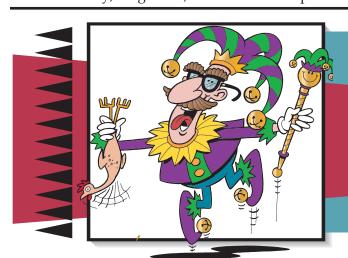




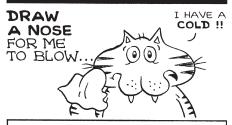


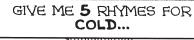
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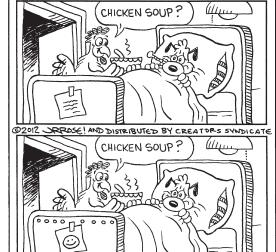




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#### **AUGUST WORD SEARCH**

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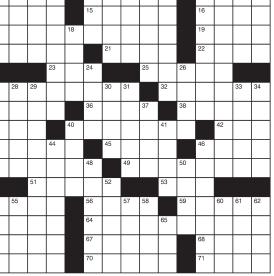
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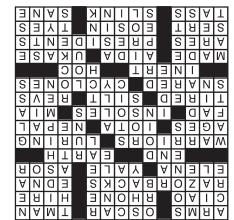
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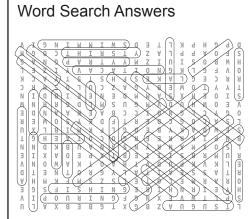
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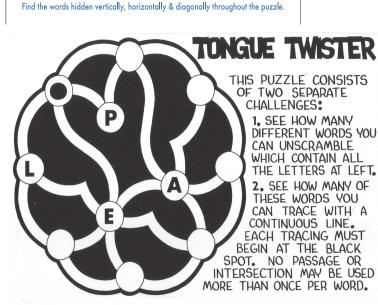
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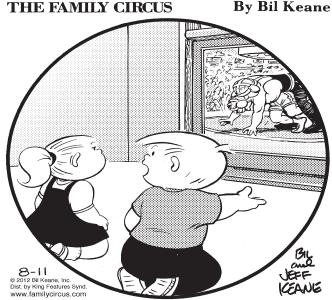
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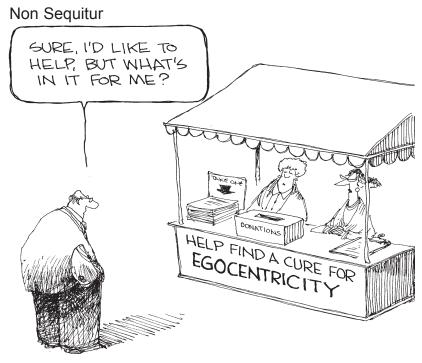
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#### Nest Heads





HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Monday, Aug. 13, 2012:

This year you become more resilient than ever before. You learn to go along with the unexpected, as you see it as exciting rather than a problem. You express your feelings in a vulnerable yet thrilling manner, and you touch many people in your life as a result. At the same time, you grow and transform to a more dynamic, easygoing personality. If you are single, you attract many people. Your job will be to choose the right person. Many of you will enjoy this process. If you are attached, the two of you relate on an even more positive level. Relax more together. A SCORPIO could play a significant role in your emotional life.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so: 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ You have been maintaining a high level of activity and are full of spunk. Some people might be taken aback by your frenetic energy and wish you would slow down. Your vitality is nearly overwhelming. Tonight: Happily head home.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

\*\*\* You could be a little overwhelmed by everything you need to do. You express gentleness when speaking through your expressions and body language. Be willing to revise your thinking and understand what might be going on with a loved one. Tonight: Catch up on a friend's news.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Realize what is happening, and take responsibility for your role. A friend or associate acts in a most unexpected manner. Buy a token of appreciation in order to demonstrate your support for this unpredictable person. Tonight: Pick up tickets to a game or concert. Make it a treat. CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★★ You wake up feeling great. Throw in an impromptu activity, and you won't need your morning coffee. You feel as if you need to contain a situation. You cannot control someone, but you can choose to not be involved. Tonight: All smiles.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

behind the scenes. You could be surprised by forthcoming news. Clearly, a loved one cares. Be willing to have a long-overdue

discussion with this person. Avoid getting involved in an associate's control games. Tonight: Vanish. Do your thing.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

 $\star\star\star\star$  Zero in on what is important. Do not sell yourself short. Others know, and are receptive to, your talents and ideas. Do nothing halfway. Pressure builds to return calls, but make it a priority to attend all of your meetings first. Tonight: Only where the action is.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★ Be aware of your limitations, and understand that you will need to take the lead anyway. You are juggling two very different interests right now. Understand that sometimes this is necessary. Think positively. Tonight: To the wee hours.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Read between the lines. Understand how someone might be too vulnerable to share his or her feelings. You see right through control games, but out of kindness, you'll choose not to mention it. Rising energy levels could drive you. Tonight: Make

sure music is playing wherever you are. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Deal with an associate or loved one directly. You might not be aware of what is happening with this person, but you'll have an idea by the end of the day. Rebelliousness is connected to a need to have control. Try not to play into this type of behavior. Tonight: Opt for togetherness.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Defer to others with an understanding of what you want out of the situation, and be sure to explain those terms. Expect only a positive response. Someone still might be challenging and doesn't realize that you aren't the one to get into a control game with. Tonight: Just don't be alone.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Dive into your day and clear out high-priority items early on. You might be surprised by a friend who pops in on you unexpectedly. Let an associate reveal more of his or her feelings. It might be important to know where this person is coming from. Tonight: Choose a relaxing activity.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Be sensitive to the possibilities that surround a creative endeavor. You ★★★ Please note what is happening might decide to go for a different style or new way of handling this situation. What is important is that you express yourself. Tonight: So what if it is Monday?

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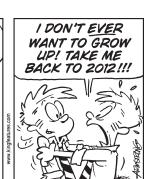




#### Marvin







#### Hagar The Horrible



#### **Peanuts**







#### **Blondie**





#### JS gas prices spike; refinery problems cited in surprise surge

NEW YORK (AP) — A surprise surge in gasoline prices is taking some of the fun out of summer.

The national average for a gallon of gas at the pump has climbed to \$3.67, a rise of 34 cents since July 1. An increase in crude oil prices and problems with refineries and pipelines in the West Coast and Midwest, including a fire in California, are mostly

Analysts don't expect gas prices to get as high as they did in April, when 10 states passed \$4 a gallon and the U.S. average topped out at \$3.94. But this is still unwelcome news in this sluggish economy, since any extra money that goes to fill gas tanks doesn't get spent on movies and dinners out.

The rising prices could

also put pressure on President Barack Obama in the heat of his re-election campaign. When Phil Van Schepen recently went to fill up his drycleaning delivery van in Coon Rapids, Minn., he found a Post-it note a driver before him had placed on the pump faulting Obama for high gasoline prices.

"It's a reminder of his

energy policies overall, which I don't agree with,' said Van Schepen, who buys about 100 gallons a week and finds he is spending about \$40 more than he did in early July. Still, he said the Post-it 'was a bit much" because the president isn't responsible for gasoline prices.

Analysts and economists agree, saying prices for crude oil and wholesale gasoline are set on financial exchanges around the world based on supply and demand and expectations about how those factors may change. The price at the pump in the U.S. fell more than 60 cents per gallon during the spring as the global economy slowed and turmoil in the Middle East seemed to subside.

But crude oil is climbing

again, rising to \$94 a barrel from a low of \$78 in late June. Production outages in South Sudan and the North Sea, Western sanctions that have cut the flow of Iranian oil, Iran's threat to block tankers passing through the vital Strait of Hormuz, and fears that the violence in Syria could escalate into a wider regional conflict have driven up oil prices.



Sunday, Aug. 12, 2012:

what you feel is important. As a result, you generally will succeed. Your fiery mix together well and carry you to a home run. If you are single, you will gain just by extending your horizons and through a friend. If you are attached, the two of you need to spend more time ideas and feelings, and the to the path of success.

Kind of Day You'll Have: upward spiral. 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 22) 1-Difficult

what you want and give others the time to respond. You family together. You might might think they are over- find yourself spending more thinking things, but that's money than anticipated. just their style. A conversation could become very some humor to lighten up less visible by Thursday. the moment. Tonight: Meet friends for dinner.

intensity swirls around you. TAURUS (April 20-May

★★★ Be aware of how much you have to offer. Let er. Lighten up your serious nant role. You do not need your pedestal. Tonight: Take late lunch. Tonight: Relax. to host every family dinner or always bring everyone together. Let others indulge you. Tonight: Make it easy.

Order in. This Week: Express your thoughts, but expect both negative and positive feedback. Use criticism to construct a better plan.

GEMINI (May 21-June

★★★★ You are all smiles, as you are surrounded by many different people. You have many sides to you, and each one attracts a different type of personality. Once energized, you could be hard to stop. Be friendlier. Tonight: Whatever knocks your socks off.

This Week: Take stock of your budget. Know that you might be forced to make an adjustment.

CANCER (June 21-July

★★★★ See what is going on among your friends. Once you do, you'll understand why you need to pull back and take more of a break

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for from others. You can only do in a movie. so much! Fatigue marks your This year you zero in on decisions and plans. Tonight: Start thinking "Monday."

This Week: Beam in more of what you want, though energy and serious attitude expect a price -- either emotional or financial -- to come

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

meeting new people. You that special touch. No mateasily could meet someone ter what you do, you enjoy yourself as long as you have your friends around you. Neighborhood affairs keep with each other. Share your you busy. Someone clearwants your feedback. bond between you will only Tonight: With the people strengthen. GEMINI points you want, where you want.

This Week: The days only The Stars Show the get better as you ride the

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22-Dec. 21)

ARIES (March 21-April responsibility involving an older friend or relative or ★★★★ You need to state perhaps even work. Take Tonight: Take a stand.

This Week: Use Monday

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ Keep reach-This Week: Emotional ing out for someone at a

your friend. Make plans in the near future to get togeth-

builds to an even higher level. Finally, you find the path and pressure eases.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov.

★★★ Relate on a oneon-one level with those you come across, and make plans \*\*\*\* You have with a child or significant other. Listen to your instincts when reviewing a recent expenditure. You might feel that, on some level, you are giving up your power. Tonight: Togetherness is the theme.

This Week: You want to head in a new direction. Be the wise Scorpio, and carefully check out your options.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov.

★★★★ Defer to others,  $\star\star\star\star$  Deal with a and go along for the ride. You might want to do something new or meet new people. Expand your universe, charge. Make time to bring and take on a more serious attitude. Bring friends and family together for a late lunch. Tonight: Surround yourself with people.

serious and complicated. Try and Tuesday to the max. Be and Tuesday point to great issue that emerges. understanding.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★ You have a project distance. You have a lot to on the back burner, but right communicate, and so does now you need to focus on an older friend or family member. Make sure to put in a call to this person and plan others assume a more domi- mood. You need to get off on joining him or her for a

This Week: Defer to oth-This Week: Pressure ers, and understand that people want to participate. Let them.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb.

★★★★★ Your sense of mischief comes out, and others cannot help but want to join. Someone from a distance might be thrilled to hear from you. Make plans to visit this person soon. He or she will appreciate your effort. Tonight: Chat away.

This Week: Get as much done as possible Monday and Tuesday. Others brim with information from Wednesday on.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March

★★★★ You are anchored and happily nested at home. Others might want to have you join them, but you probably will opt for a quiet day with family or a special loved one. Someone you have not been able to get to open up finally reveals his or her thoughts. Tonight: Share more of your own feelings.

This Week: Count on your This Week: Monday creativity to solve nearly any

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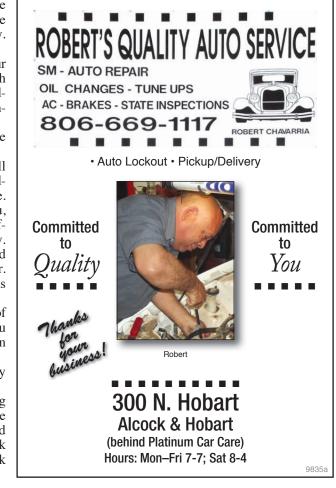
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## In Venezuela, pole dancers turn heads

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — Children pedaled around on tricycles at a playground in Caracas, while joggers ran past on a winding pathway, then slowed down and paused to gape at the unfolding scene on a recent morning.

Next to the concrete playground, a young woman in tight shorts and an athletic top gripped and climbed a vertical pole, holding her muscular legs out from her body and doing the splits while holding herself in place.

Pole dancing may have started out in strip clubs, but since the 1990s, it's become an all-ages exercise and sport phenomenon the world over. Now, it's hit the streets and at least one playground in Venezuela, a country that's made beauty and fitness a cult and minted more Miss Universes than any other except the United States.

The public emergence of pole dancing would seem a natural for this flesh-obsessed country. But its new visibility has stirred controversy and tut-tuts from some who say such behavior should remain out of public sight. Meanwhile, the sport was featured in an exhibition event held in London last month ahead of the Olympics, with some lobbying for its inclusion as an official sport.

Elba Moya, a 76-year-old nurse in Caracas, said she frowns on the idea.

'That's a bad spectacle for children," she said. "That should be for nightspots and the places where it has to

be."

Dancers such as Franleska Garcia, a 28-year-old business manager, said they hope to turn around such attitudes in a country where Catholic-inspired social conservatism remains alive.

'We wanted to lift the taboo," Garcia said. Pole dancing "isn't sensual. What we do is fitness. It's acrobatics.'

Venezuela was a relative latecomer to the sport, which started drawing a following four years ago while also coming into fashion in other Latin American countries such as Chile, Peru and Colombia. Now, some 10 gyms and schools in Venezuela offer classes in pole dancing.

Garcia and eight other women started a "street pole dance" initiative about three months ago, with their performances drawing the attention of the Venezuelan press and the disapproval of some readers, who posted online comments criticizing them for performing in public around children.

During a recent practice, interior decorator Jesus Echevarria paused to watch while keeping an eye on his playing kids. If anything, the roots of the sport and its current incarnation didn't faze him.

"It has an impact on people the first time they see this kind of sport," he said. "But afterward people are amazed.'



Wendell and Barbara Palmer

## Palmers celebrate

Wendell and Barbara Palmer of Pampa, were married August 18, 1962, in Perryton, TX, by the Justice of the

School District, and retired in 2004. Barbara is a homemaker. They are members of the Carpenter's Church of

Lee Palmer and wife Sonya, Austin, Patricia Young of Pampa, and Tom Palmer (USN) and wife Charlotte of Atoka, Tenn. They have five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

The Palmer's are celebrating their anniversary by renewing their vows and having a reception after church, on Sunday August 19, 2012, from 1-2pm, at the Carpenter's Church in Pampa





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#### Mourners gather for Ghanaian president's funeral

ACCRA, Ghana (AP) — World leaders joined thousands of Ghanaians on Friday for the funeral of President John Atta Mills, who came to symbolize Ghana's maturing democracy in a region long plagued by coups and disputed votes.

Atta Mills, 68, came to power in 2009 after winning the closest election in the country's history. The peaceful transition of leadership after that vote was lauded as was the swift and orderly inauguration of the country's vice president last month following Atta Mills' death.

On Friday, visiting dignitaries paid their respects as Atta Mills' body lay in state at the country's State House ahead of the burial service. Ghanaians dressed in red and black lined the streets as a procession brought Atta Mills' flag-draped casket through the capital.

The funeral service took place at Accra's Independence Square, near where Atta Mills had taken the oath of office less than four years ago. More than 20 African heads of state and U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton were in attendance.

Abu Mohammed, a retired teacher, said he had traveled more than 250 miles (400 kilometers) from the northern regional capital of Tamale to pay his respects to the late president this week.

"President Mills is a man that proclaimed himself a father of all, and I have considered him my own father,'

Mohammed said. "He was a peaceful man who did not complain, even though people insulted him every day on radio. He was a man who understood democracy."

The country's vice president, John Mahama, was sworn into office hours after the president's death and is now finishing out his term. In December, Mahama is expected to face the second-place finisher from the 2008 election, Nana Akufo-Addo.

"The late President Mills was humble, honest and peace-loving. It would therefore be expedient on all Ghanaians to immortalize him by forging ahead for the development of Ghana," Mahama said Friday, urging unity.

Ghana is regarded as one of the most robust democracies in West Africa, having held two successive handovers of power following elections.

Atta Mills spent much of his career teaching at the University of Ghana. He earned a doctorate from London's School of Oriental and African Studies before becoming a Fulbright scholar at Stanford University in Palo Alto, California.

He also served as vice president under Jerry Rawlings, a coup leader who was later elected president by popular vote and surprised the world by stepping down after the 2000 election.

#### Footloose! Olympic athletes unleash victory dances

LONDON (AP) — From the track to the ring to the sandpit, this crop of Olympians just can't stop the beat. The London Games have brought an outpouring of crazy, creative victory celebrations.

**FUNKY JIGS** 

Kenyan steeplechase winner Ezekiel Kemboi celebrated his gold medal with a hip-swiveling, arm-shaking peacock dance for 80,000 people in the Olympic

At the ExCel center, U.S. boxing champ Claressa Shields broke into a combination jig-and-fist-bump when she took gold in one of the first-ever Olympic women's boxing contests.

Over at the beach volleyball venue, American Misty May-Treanor — a former "Dancing With the Stars" contestant — broke into a funky jig in the sand as she celebrated winning gold with partner Kerri Walsh

"I just had to get out there and let it out," May-Treanor said.

And the antics aren't confined to land. Australia's Malcolm Page and Matthew Belcher celebrated winning sailing gold Friday by back-flipping off their 470 sailboat, which then capsized.

WALK THIS WAY

Tennis star Serena Williams celebrated Olympic gold with a "Crip Walk" — a fancy-footwork dance that originated with the Los Angeles street gang and later spread around the world.

Her sister Venus, sitting in the stands, looked delighted. Wimbledon, the very proper home of the All-England Lawn Tennis Association, had never seen anything like it, and a few commentators were not amused.

"It was just me," the U.S. medalist said later. "I love to dance.

CARTWHEELS

Williams wasn't the only champ to raise a few eyebrows. The gold-winning U.S. women's soccer team capped its victories with cartwheels, front flips and a team rendition of the "worm" — sometimes even in the middle of a game.

"I wouldn't like it if our team did that," said New Zealand coach Tony Readings. "We try to work on scoring goals. We haven't got time to work on celebrations.'

His team lost to the Americans 2-0.

THE INCREDIBLE HULK

German discus thrower Robert Harting's response to winning gold was not a dance so much as a force of

The 280-pound behemoth roared, ripped his shirt to shreds like the Incredible Hulk, grabbed a German flag, ran a lap of the track over the hurdles — not too shabby, either, for such a big guy — and then tried to wrench one of the burning torches from the Olympic cauldron.

The cauldron remained intact.

His evening went downhill from there. The next morning Harting tweeted: "'Puuh i just got robbed while I did some work to please athletic fans! I lost all my accredition (sic) for Olympic Village! - no entrance."

Maybe he could just bring a photo. The man is hard to miss.

THE LEGEND

But in his celebrations as on the track, Usain Bolt is in a class by himself.

The Jamaican sprinter's trademark lightning bolt arm stretched to the sky as if he's about to shoot an arrow — has taken over Olympic Park. Exuberant visitors were seen replicating the pose thousands of times as they poured out of Olympic Stadium after Bolt won the 200 meters Thursday night for his second gold of these games.

Police officers in Bobby helmets, firefighters — even London Mayor Boris Johnson, who certainly lacks the

sprinter's svelte physique — have all joined in.

Bolt himself shook up his celebration routine after the 200 meters. The self-proclaimed living legend glided across the finish line, placed an index finger to his lips in a silent reproach to those who had doubted him, then dropped to the track and did some push-ups.

The crowd went wild.



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## China: Politician's wife admitted murdering Brit

BEIJING (AP) — The wife of the disgraced former Communist Party boss of Chongqing confessed to murdering a British businessman, apologized for the "tragedy" she caused and was ready to accept her punishment, state media reported Friday. The most detailed accounting of the scandal that has shaken the country's leadership describes Gu Kailai as depressed and fearful that Neil Heywood would harm her family — factors that may bring leniency when she is convicted and sentenced.

The official Xinhua News Agency in an extensive report on the case said Gu and her co-defendant "confessed to intentional murder" at their seven-hour trial the previous day. They were accused of poisoning her business associate Neil Heywood with cyanide last November after having a dispute over economic interests.

Gu's arrest and the ouster of her husband Bo Xilai as Chongqing party chief in March sparked the biggest political turbulence in China since the putdown of the Tiananmen Square protests in 1989. Her tightly orchestrated trial was a step toward resolving the scandal before the party's once-a-decade leadership transition this fall.

The court in Hefei in eastern China's Anhui province said a verdict against Gu and the family aide accused as an accomplice would be delivered later. Their trial was followed Friday by the trial of four senior Chinese police officers accused of helping Gu cover up the crime.

Xinhua said Gu accepted all the facts in the indictment, saying: "The tragedy which was created by me was not only extended to Neil, but also to several families."

Gu said Heywood wrote a letter of self-introduction in about 2005 when her son Bo Guagua was studying in Britain. They then got involved in a failed land project. According to Xinhua, she said Heywood later got into a dispute with her and her son over payment and other issues and that she "believed Heywood had threatened the personal safety of her son and decided to kill Heywood."

It said that according to testimony that prosecutors presented in court, Gu said: "To me, that was more than a threat. It was real action that was taking place. I must fight to my death to stop the craziness of Neil Heywood."

The report did not give say why the murder then took place seven years later when Bo Guagua was a graduate student at Harvard.

#### **Weekly Menus**

#### **Pampa Senior Citizens Center**

MONDAY, August 13

Chicken fried steak or chili rellenos/cheese sauce, mashed potatoes, hominy casserole, Spanish rice, pintos, slaw, tossed salad, Jell-O, butter pecan cake, blueberry creme pie, fruit cup, hot roll, cornbread **TUESDAY**, August 14

Salmon patties or fajita chicken breast/rice, steak fries, Italian green beans, beets, beans, slaw, tossed salad, Jell-O, ugly duckling cake, chocolate sundae cup, fruit cup, hot roll, cornbread

WEDNESDAY, August 15
Roast beef brisket/brown o

Roast beef brisket/brown gravy or cook's choice, mashed potatoes, fried okra, buttered squash, beans, slaw, tossed salad, Jell-O, black forest cake, lemon pie, fruit cup, hot roll, cornbread

THURSDAY, August 16

Chicken strips or sausages & kraut, sour cream potatoes, baby carrots, spinach, beans, slaw, tossed salad, Jell-O, pistachio bundt cake, coconut creme pie, fruit cup, hot roll, cornbread

FRIDAY, August 17

Fried cod/hushpuppies or beef enchiladas, potato wedges, broccoli casserole, beans, slaw, tossed salad, Jell-O, brownies, butterscotch icebox pie, fruit cup, garlic breadstick, hot roll, cornbread

#### Pampa Meals on Wheels

MONDAY, August 13

Corndogs,macaroni/cheese, pork beans,mixed fruit **TUESDAY**, August 14

Mexican casserole, Spanish rice, pinto beans, salad, peaches

WEDNESDAY, August 15
Meatloaf peas/carrots potat

Meatloaf, peas/carrots, potatoes casserole, pudding **THURSDAY**, August 16

Chicken strips, mashed potatoes, green beans, sugarless cake

FRIDAY, August 17

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## Afghan police officer kills 3 US Marines

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — An Afghan police officer shot and killed three U.S. Marines after sharing a meal with them before dawn Friday and then fled into the desolate darkness of southern Afghanistan, the third attack on coalition forces by their Afghan counterparts in a week

Thirty-one coalition service members have now died this year at the hands of Afghan forces or insurgents disguised in Afghan uniforms, according to NATO — a dramatic rise from previous years.

The assaults have cast a shadow of fear and mistrust over U.S. efforts to train Afghan soldiers and police more than 10 years after the U.S.-led invasion to topple the Taliban's hardline Islamist regime for sheltering al-Qaida's leadership. The attacks also raise further doubts about the quality of the Afghan forces taking over in many areas before most international troops leave the country in 2014.

Friday's deadly shooting took place in the volatile Sangin district of Helmand province, said U.S. military spokeswoman Maj. Lori Hodge. Sangin was a Taliban stronghold for years and has one of the highest concentrations of improvised explosive devices, or IEDs, in the country.

A U.S. Defense Department official confirmed that the dead Americans were Marine Special Operations Forces. He spoke on condition of anonymity because the family notification process was not complete.

Sangin's district chief and the Taliban both identified the gunman as Asadullah, a member of the Afghan National Police who was helping the Marines train the



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