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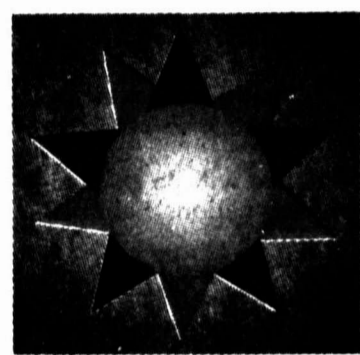
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MS Support Group to meet on June 20

Pampa Area Multiple Sclerosis Support Group will meet for lunch at noon, Wednesday, June 20, at 300 W. Foster. Anyone interested in learning more about MS support in this area is invited to attend the meeting featuring Gail Lindsey, program director for the Amarillo chapter of the National MS Society. An informal lunch of sandwiches and drinks will be served, or participants can bring their own. For those with transportation needs, call Kayla Pursley, 665-8848.

Aquarium sharks die of oxygen overdose

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — Too much oxygen is the likely culprit behind the deaths of 24 sharks and stingrays last month at the Texas State Aquarium. Lab analysis of animal tissue and water samples showed no evidence of a toxic substance in the water, but showed small oxygen bubbles in the blood vessels of many of the animals. The results of the analysis were released Thursday. Thomas Schmid, executive director of the aquarium, told the Corpus Christi Caller-Times a life support system used to filter and circulate the water likely malfunctioned.

- Arthur Buddy Coleman Jr., 57, U.S. Army veteran.
- Homer Wayne Dirickson, 71, Pampa's father.
- Wilma Lee Gilmer, 82, cook.
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No. 11! Another rabid skunk ID'd

By NANCY YOUNG Managing Editor

Another case of rabies has been identified in Pampa bringing the total to 11 rabid skunks found within the city limits this spring.

City animal control officials learned Thursday that a skunk picked up Monday near Hansford Implement on U.S. 60 East has been confirmed as being rabid.

The 11th confirmation since March 23 came one day after a tenth skunk was confirmed to be rabid by the Texas Department of Health (TDH) laboratory in Austin.

Animal Control Director Sandy Burns said the latest skunk was roaming during daylight hours as the other rabid skunks have been found to be doing.

"If a skunk is out in the daylight hours and/or doesn't seem to fear animals," said Burns, "it is cause for extreme concern."

She advises residents to contact the local animal control department if they see a skunk

out during the day. "Skunks are nocturnal animals and do not normally get out during the day," she said.

"Our domestic animals (dogs, cats, ferrets) need to be vaccinated," said Burns. "Skunks are coming into town and they can give this disease to these animals."

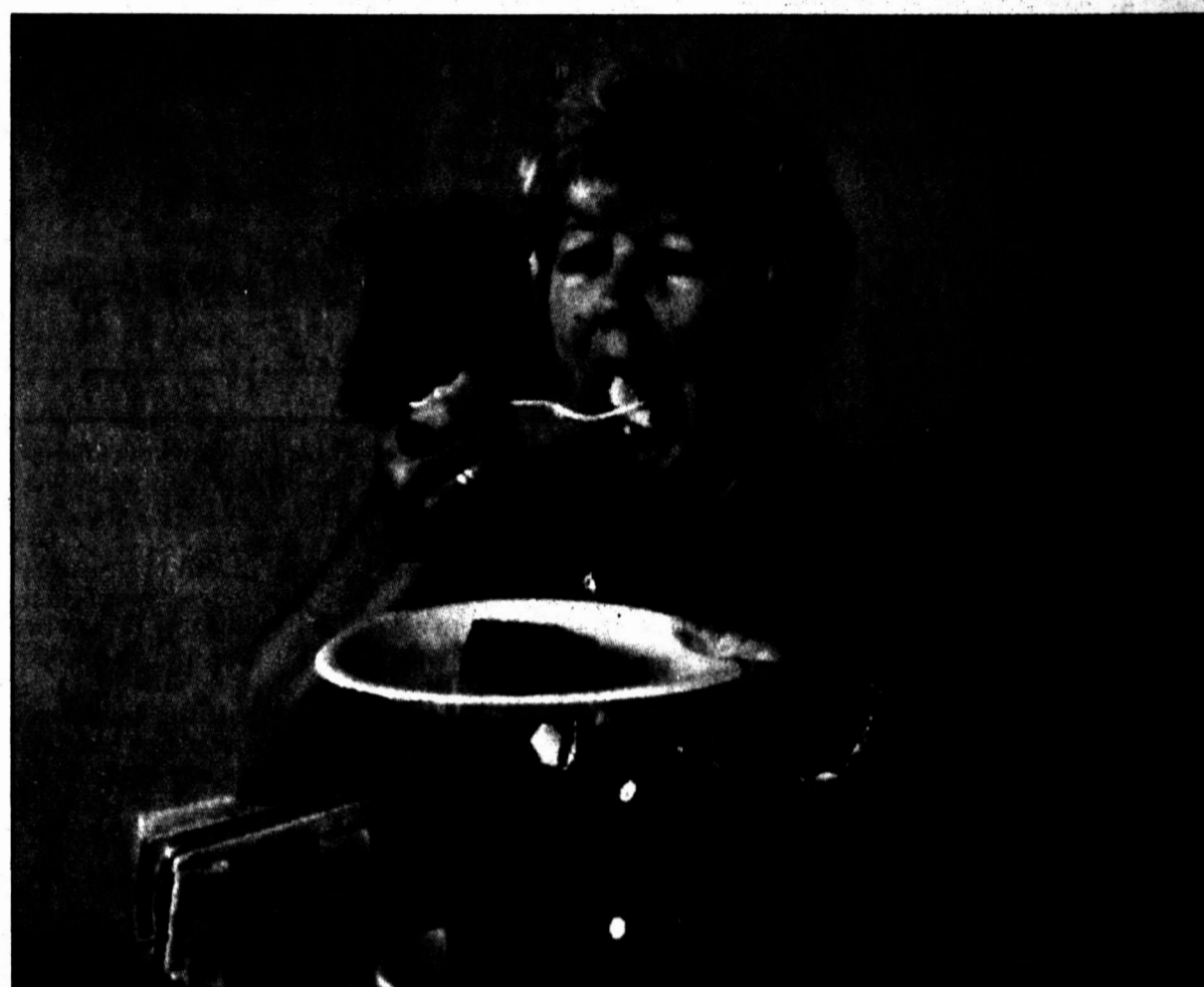
Several family pets have been destroyed because they have come into contact with rabid skunks or have been suspected to have had contact with a rabid skunk in recent weeks. Mostly dogs, many of the family pets have not been vaccinated against the rabies disease.

The state law provides an unvaccinated animal which has been exposed to a rabid animal shall be euthanized.

Large numbers of pet owners responded to the annual rabies inoculation drive by getting their animals vaccinated, but the majority of pets within the Pampa city limits have not been vaccinated, according to authorities.

Local animal control officers (See NO. 11, Page 3)

Let them eat cake



(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)

Judge Mary Ann Carpenter, Gray County Justice of the Peace Pct. 4, takes time today to help celebrate a friend's retirement. Local law enforcement officials joined Texas and Southwest Cattle Raisers Association field inspector Kelly Rushing at the Gray County Sheriff's office today, eating cake and telling stories, as Rushing completed 20 years with the association. On July 1, Rushing will join the Gray County Sheriff's office as chief deputy.

Hall: 'All-clear' may be added to siren tones

By DEE DEE LARAMORE Staff Writer

An 'all-clear' signal may be added to the city's emergency warning system, officials said Thursday.

Pampa Emergency Management Coordinator Ken Hall said he is considering adding the signal to the weekly siren drill conducted at noon Saturdays.

The idea of adding an all-clear signal after sounding the emergency sirens arose during a meeting of the Local

'We could test one (signal) and then test the 'all-clear' right afterwards and help people get accustomed to what the different sounds mean.'

— Ken Hall, coordinator Pampa Emergency Management

Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) Wednesday, Hall said, as committee members reviewed what had been done when a tornado threatened

the area on May 29.

Local officials set off the Pampa emergency sirens as a large tornado, at times a half-mile wide, passed near White Deer.

A committee member suggested that when officials realized that the tornado would not come near Pampa, an all-clear signal could have been sounded.

"We talked about how to teach the public about the different tones so they would know which ones meant there was an emergency and which ones meant everything was okay. We were afraid that another signal might send everyone back underground," Hall said.

"This may be a viable idea," he said, (See SIREN, Page 3)

Judges give OK to old \$46 million lottery ticket

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — Three days after lottery officials said no one had stepped forward to claim a year-old \$46 million Big Game jackpot — the winning ticket arrived in the mail.

New Jersey lottery officials said they received the winning ticket from the June 9, 2000, lottery drawing Tuesday. The letter, sent to the lottery's Trenton headquarters, was postmarked on June 7 — two days before the one-year deadline for claiming the prize.

"It wasn't even (sent via) certified or insured mail," Lottery spokeswoman Annette Jenkins said Thursday. "It's amazing."

The ticket is worth \$23.7 million because the buyer chose the lump-sum payment option.

Lottery officials would not identify the winner, whose name will be announced by acting Gov. Donald T. DiFrancesco at a news conference Friday in Newark.

The ticket for the multistate lottery was sold at the Krauszer's convenience store in Montvale on June 9, 2000 — the day of the drawing. The winning numbers were 6, 7, 25, 34 and 45, and the Big Money Ball number 2.

The winner called the store Friday morning to thank owner Hemang Patel, said the store owner's sister, Dipita Patel. "He called here and said, 'Thank you for the ticket,'" she said.

(See TICKET, Page 3)

Local volunteers on 'standby' to help Houston flood victims

By DEE DEE LARAMORE Staff Writer

Four area volunteers remain in Houston today providing disaster relief to flood victims there and at least two more are prepared to go if needed, American Red Cross officials report.

Jana Gregory, director of the Gray County Red Cross, said Lillian Thomason of Pampa and Toni Slate of Miami are on "standby" to go to Houston.

"We're waiting to see if they'll need to go or not," Gregory said.

Red Cross officials say the agency has sheltered more than 10,000 people in south Texas and Louisiana left homeless by Tropical Storm Allison's deluge last week.

Red Cross volunteers, including those from the Panhandle Project which encompasses all counties in the Texas Panhandle, continue to provide thousands of flood victims, not only with shelter, but also food, comfort and advice on how to cope with this storm and its effects.

Gregory said the Gray County chapter can also help local residents contact loved ones in the affected area.

"Tropical Storm Allison is a wake-up call for everyone because disasters can happen anywhere," she said. "Please remember the American Red Cross always needs volunteers for at home and away. You can volunteer at home or go anywhere in the United States like Houston."

Prospective volunteers receive free training from the local Red Cross, she added. To learn more about volunteer opportunities, contact the Pampa Red Cross office at 669-7121.

"Funds are urgently needed to ensure that the Red Cross can meet the immediate needs of the people affected by this disaster," said Dr. Healy, president of the American Red Cross. "Red Cross expenditures to help people during disasters this year have already exceeded total contributions. We are relying on the public to help us help others."

(See STANDBY, Page 3)

'Cash for Trash' pays dollars for discards

By NANCY YOUNG Managing Editor

Want to make some extra money? Sell that trash!

Pampa's second annual Cash for Trash program is set to begin at 8 a.m. Saturday. The town's residents will get money for acceptable items taken to the landfill.

A one-day moratorium will be honored for appliances containing freon.

"We will have a one-day moratorium in place for the refrigerators, air conditioners and other acceptable items which contain freon on Saturday only," said Jim Benton with the Pampa City Sanitation

Department. "It's the only day of the year we do it because of the state requirements."

Members of the City Commission, the mayor, city manager, and director of public works will be on hand to present a complimentary gift to the first customer through the gate at 8 a.m., June 16.

Items may be sold from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Pampa Landfill, Loop 171, northeast of town.

Only the items on the acceptable list will be purchased by the City of Pampa under the Cash for Trash program, said Benton. No credit will be given for other items.

Automobile tires will not be accepted free. There will be a charge to residents to take tires to the landfill. Gate attendant will quote prices at the Landfill Office.

Proof of residency in Pampa will be required this year, said Rick Stone, superintendent of the Pampa Sanitation Department.

"Last year we had people coming from surrounding towns bringing their trash to the Cash for Trash," he said. "It is limited to Pampa residents."

Stone said residents must present a driver's license, utility bills or similar identification verifying their residence in Pampa.

The goal of the program is to promote a clean city philosophy and practices.

City employees also hope it will get the alleys cleaned up.

"Last year was a big success," Benton said. "We hope to get the alleys cleaned up again this year."

"Local residents" did in one day last year what it would take our city employees six months," said Benton. "We had people going up and down the alleys getting items to sell to make money."

Citizens will receive \$1 to \$5 on each eligible waste item, payable upon disposal at the City Landfill. There will be no (See TRASH, Page 3)



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(Courtesy Photo)
Pampa Kiwanis Club members, from left: Jerry Foote, Bart Haley, Lynn Allison, Shelbie Allison, Ronnie Wood, Bill Kindle, Richard Morris, James Burton, Pat Bagley, Raymond Laycock, and Dick Stowers prepare to place flags at local businesses Thursday in recognition of June 14 as National Flag Day. The club sets out about 200 flags on special holidays six times a year.

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have been issuing citations to pet owners who have not had their pets vaccinated.

"We've been very fortunate we have not had human exposure to the disease," said Burns. "Rabies is fatal to humans, and it is so simple to prevent."

City of Pampa authorities working on city clean-up and structure demolition have recently implemented a practice of including the animal control department in the demolition process due to the recent rabies outbreak.

Animal control officers are checking out the abandoned structures because animals have frequently moved into them.

Burns is advising residents to keep their grass and weeds mowed, and to remove any junk items

in an attempt to keep the wildlife away from homes.

Pampa residents may participate in the second annual Cash for Trash Buy Back program Saturday to get rid of clutter around their homes.

She also urges all parents to instruct their children to stay away from wildlife as well as any animal that might bite.

"Oftentimes the wildlife is cute and unusual, but that's what they are-wild. We have foxes which live in town, but they are wild and should be observed from a distance," she said.

Additional information may be obtained by contacting the animal control officers at 665-5775.

"If we are not in the office, please leave a message and we will call you back," said Burns. "Our message on the answering machine gives the caller directions as to what procedure to follow."

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SIREN

adding that he is considering adding the all-clear signal to the weekly Saturday emergency warning system test at noon.

"We could test one (signal) and then test the 'all-clear' right afterwards and help people get accustomed to what the different sounds mean," he said. "I am going to look into that."

LEPC members reviewed a full-scale training exercise conducted May 1 at Hidden Hills Golf Course, north of Pampa.

A report on the exercise sent to the Federal Emergency Management Agency has been approved, Hall said, and plans are now being made for a table-top training in August or September.

Certificates were also presented to students from the Pampa High School drama department, Enron Transportation and Storage, and

Oneok Oilfield Services for their participation in the exercise.

Officials continue to seek a radio tower to broadcast National Weather Service (NWS) information for the area. Although the new tower for National Public Radio had been offered for this use, NWS engineers said the tower, to be erected 24 miles southwest of Perryton, would be too far away to be effective for this area.

"You have to be within a 45-mile radius of the tower to hear the voice," Hall explained. "We would be in a very bad location. To set off the tones for the weather monitor, you have to be within 30 to 35 miles."

Pampa listeners would "barely" be in range, he said, and people in Lefors and McLean would not benefit at all.

Pampa and Gray County have already received approval for a 75 percent matching grant for the

tower from the National Weather Service, Hall said.

The 25 percent local match can be an in-kind donation of tower space spread out over a period of time, he added.

"We could get into this without any out-of-pocket expenses at all," Kelly Randall, an LEPC member, is researching the NWS "Storm Ready Certification" requirements.

"The National Weather Service recognizes communities meeting their requirements for storm preparedness," Hall said. "We come very close to meeting them already."

Hall said the certification could reduce the city's ISO, insurance service rating, and lower property insurance rates for businesses and homeowners.

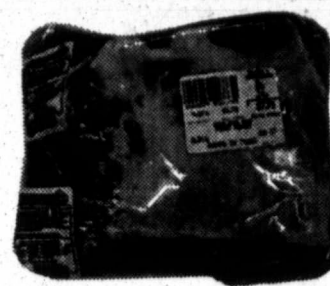
Next LEPC meeting is to be at 1:30 p.m., July 11, at Celanese, west of Pampa, and will include a tour of the chemical plant.

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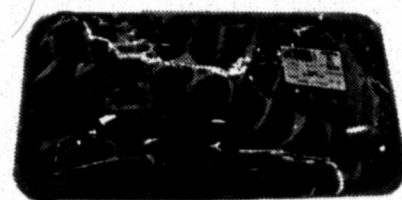
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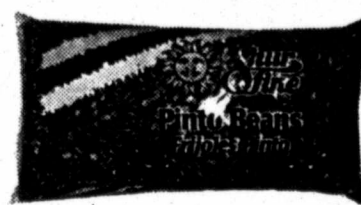
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All American Red Cross disaster assistance is provided free to the victims through voluntary donations of time and money.

Contributions to the Disaster Relief Fund may also be mailed to the Gray County Chapter of the American Red Cross, 108 N. Russell, Pampa, TX 79065 or to the American Red Cross, P.O. Box 37243, Washington, DC, 20013.

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TICKET

"He said, 'You'll see me on TV at about noon.'" She said he did not give his name.

Lottery officials said the winner went to a lottery ticket agent June 7 with a stack of tickets they wanted run through a lottery machine to check for winners.

When one came up positive, the agent suggested that the winner send it to Trenton, as the claim form tells a winner to do for tickets worth \$600 or more.

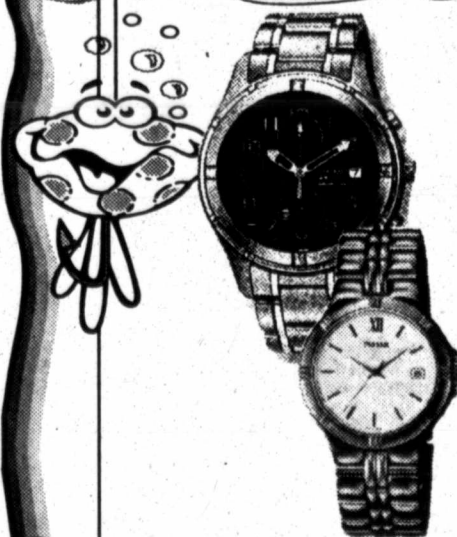
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TRASH

limit placed on the number of visits, or the amount of eligible buy-back items per customer during tomorrow's Cash for Trash.

Commercial waste will not be accepted as eligible buy-back waste items, he said.

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Callers to Psychic Hotlines Are Advised to Hang It Up

DEAR ABBY: I recently moved to Minneapolis from south Florida, where I had worked as a telephone psychic. The money was great. However, I now live in an area where I actually know my neighbors, and I feel very guilty about my previous line of work.

We "psychics" were really just saleswomen. We convinced callers that we knew something about their future. The callers were both men and women, and they really believed what we fed them. I feel doubly bad remembering how when business was slow, we laughed about the "pathetic losers" who were calling us. Some of them, I know, spent most of their daily wages on those phone calls.

I can't do anything to make up for my past sins, but please, Abby, warn callers of psychic hotlines that they are dealing with people with no more knowledge of the future than they themselves have — probably less.

If they need someone to talk to, they should access the Internet. They'll be dealing with people just like us — but it won't be nearly as costly.

PAM THE SINNER, MINNEAPOLIS

DEAR P.T. SINNER: Those who call are not "pathetic losers"; the losers are those who take advantage of unsuspecting people searching for validation or encouragement.

I'm pleased you have turned over a new leaf. There's nothing like being inundated with good, solid Midwestern values to help a sinner see the error of her (or

Dear Abby

Is written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips.

his) ways.

There is plenty you can do to make up for your past sins. I have a terrific idea for you. Use your talent to save lives. Since you're good on the telephone, sign up for training and volunteer for a crisis hotline. The psychic rewards are phenomenal.

DEAR ABBY: I am enclosing a poem that I wrote for my father. With Father's Day approaching, you might like to share it with your readers.

NATHAN HELLMAN, WHITESTONE, N.Y.

DEAR NATHAN: Your poem touched my heart, and I'm sure it will do the same with my readers as well. Read on:

DAD
They tell you to believe
In your teacher
In your doctor
In the president.
But for me
The one I always believed in
Was my dad.

He was always there for me.
With him in my corner,
I was invincible.

Now he's gone.
They tell me about all the good deeds he did.
But for me
His greatness
Isn't captured in words or deed.
It's found in what he meant to me
And how I felt
When he was around.

CONFIDENTIAL TO THE WIFE OF THE ABUSER IN FLORIDA: You have suffered enough. Make your plans and leave. Do not alert him beforehand. If he hasn't shaped up in more than 50 years, he's not likely to change now. I wish you the best of luck. You deserve it.

Dear Abby is written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips.

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WELL, THAT'S IT FOR THIS SESSION. IT'S WHO'S NEXT?

I'LL CHECK.

LOOKS LIKE YOUR NEXT SESSION IS SITTING RIGHT HERE, PASTOR BOBO.

I THINK AT LUNCH WE SHOULD TALK ABOUT HOW YOU'RE SCHEDULING MY APPOINTMENTS, STUART.

I'M AFRAID YOU'RE WORKING THROUGH LUNCH TODAY.

Crossword Puzzle

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS
42 Net
1 Leave receipts?
6 Puts up
11 Finish second
12 First letter
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15 Catchall abbr.
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18 PC key
19 Stopped fasting
20 "The Addams Family" cousin
21 Carnival city
22 Model stickers
24 Read a UPC
25 Australia's area
27 Grime
29 Pack animals
32 Guitarist's aid
33 Nicole's ex
34 Furrow
35 Greek letter
36 Needle hole
37 Mineral suffix
38 Usual values
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7 Outdated
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24 Knight address
26 Like some passwords
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28 Sitar words after
"Honey"
30 Beginning
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41 Rock's Brian

Yesterday's answer

Marmaduke

"Your dog is not very good at jumping rope, is he?"

The Family Circus

It's terrible! Billy can draw something better than this! I say let him do it!

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WHATCHA GOT THERE? MIXING BOWLS, TEA TOWELS — SOME OF THE KITCHEN STUFF WE'RE MISSING.

I ALSO BOUGHT A MATTRESS AND SOME CURTAINS FOR MY ROOM!

IT'S AMAZING WHAT YOU CAN FIND IN THE SECOND-HAND STORES! I EVEN GOT 4 PLACEMATS FOR 3 BUCKS!

THEY'RE FOR RUDY TO PUT HIS ELBOWS ON WHILE HE'S EATING CEREAL OUT OF THE BOX.

PLACEMATS? WHY DO WE NEED PLACEMATS?

Zits

I FINALLY REALIZE WHAT I WANT TO DO WITH MY LIFE! I WANT TO BE A TORNADO CHASER!

GREAT, JEREMY! METEOROLOGY IS FASCINATING!

A TORNADO CHASER? THAT SOUNDS EXCITING!

DO YOU THINK HE'S SERIOUS?

ABSOLUTELY.

IN FACT, IT LOOKS LIKE HE MAY HAVE CHASED ONE THROUGH HERE.

Garfield

I HEAR YOU HAVE A BIRTHDAY COMING UP... HOW OLD?

23

WHAT WOULD THAT BE IN SPIDER WEARS?

DON'T KNOW... NO SPIDER HAS EVER LIVED THAT LONG.

WHOA, HOW IRONIC WAS THAT?

Beetle Bailey

I'M GOING TO TALK TO THE GENERAL.

I THOUGHT HE SAID HE DIDN'T WANT TO SEE YOUR FACE AROUND THERE FOR A WEEK.

SIR...

Marvin

I'M WORRIED. MY MOM IS GOING OUT ON A DATE WITH A GUY THAT WORKS WITH YOUR DAD!

WHAT'S WRONG WITH THAT?

THE LAST TIME UNCLE JEFF ARRANGED FOR TWO PEOPLE TO GET TOGETHER, I GOT STUCK WITH YOU AS A RELATIVE!

B.C.

DO YOU BELIEVE IN GOD?

NOPE.

is that yer final ansah...?

Hagar The Horrible

WHAT'S THIS STUFF?

IT'S A MIXTURE OF LEFTOVERS I CALL "HELGA'S END OF THE MONTH SPECIAL."

I THINK I'LL WAIT FOR 'HELGA'S BEGINNING OF THE MONTH SPECIAL."

Peanuts

MY JEALOUSY HAS OVERCOME MY REASON.

I'M GOING TO SNEAK AWAY AND TAKE A BUS TO CAMP! I REFUSE TO LET CHUCK AND MARCIE HAVE ALL THE FUN...

STRANGE GIRL... COULD VERY WELL BE A SPY... PERHAPS I SHOULD GET WORD TO GENERAL PERSHING...

Blondie

WAIT A MINUTE! YOU DIDN'T PUT ANY KETCHUP ON MY BURGER!

THE KETCHUP IS OVER THERE... YOU PUT ON YOUR OWN KETCHUP.

WELL, YOU DIDN'T PUT ANY RELISH ON IT EITHER!

THE RELISH IS OVER THERE... YOU PUT ON YOUR OWN.

THIS COUNTRY'S IN TROUBLE! NOBODY WANTS TO WORK ANYMORE!

Mallard Filmore

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Democrats want more money for education

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democrats vowed to defend billions of dollars in added spending in the education bill passed by the Senate, saying victory for President Bush's plan would ring hollow without more money for schools.

The bill includes major and expensive new programs, including annual testing, student grant programs and a major national reading program. "This was a reform bill," said Majority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D. "We can't have reform without resources, and that's the next step."

The Senate overwhelmingly passed the bill Thursday, 91-8, settling in motion negotiations with the House about how much federal money schools actually receive this fall.

In a six-week spending spree led by Democrats, the Senate almost doubled the amount of money allotted for K-12 education, from about \$18.4 billion in fiscal year 2001 to \$33 billion in the fiscal year starting Oct. 1. Schools can't count the money yet, since negotiators from both the House and Senate must agree on how much to spend.

Bush wanted to spend about \$19 billion.

Addressing U.S. embassy personnel on his departure from Goteborg, Sweden, Bush said Senate passage of the bill was "a piece of good news."

"It is a piece of legislation that will reform public education in America. It's a meaningful, real reform," he said Friday.

During the brief celebration on the vote, Senate Minority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., said, "The funding levels got out of control."

The House last month passed its version of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, which provides most of the funding for primary and secondary education.

The measure brings several major changes to the federal system, foremost among them the requirement that schools annually test students in math and reading in grades three through eight and once in high school. If scores don't improve, schools would be eligible for higher federal aid. But pupils at schools in which scores don't improve could use some federal money for tutoring or transportation to another public school.

The bill also provides more

money for charter schools and requires school districts to develop report cards that show a school's test scores compared to others locally and statewide. It provides nearly \$5 billion over five years to improve students' reading skills, with a goal of making sure every youngster can read by third grade.

All schools would get more flexibility in their use of federal funds, while a small number of states and school districts could compete for a pilot program giving them even fewer restrictions.

The framework of the measure was fixed during weeks of negotiations involving the White House, Senate Republicans and Democrats led by Sen. Edward Kennedy of Massachusetts.

All sides gained concessions in some areas and gave them in others. The bill contains far more money than many Republicans favor, for example, and lacks the type of expansive flexibility that many GOP senators wanted for school districts around the country. On the other hand, Kennedy agreed to the pilot program known as Straight A's, which removes many federal strings from much of the money, to the discomfort of traditional Democratic allies, teacher unions.

St. Vincent's honor roll

St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School recently announced its honor roll for the final 9-weeks grading period of the 2000-01 school year.

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West Texas A&M to host 49th annual TAIR conference

CANYON — "Read for Fun in '01 and Explore Anew in '02" will be the theme of the 49th annual Texas Association for the Improvement of Reading (TAIR) conference June 19 at West Texas A&M University.

The annual summer reading conference, sponsored by the WTAMU College of Education and Social Sciences and TAIR, will attract students, classroom teachers, administrators, superintendents, counselors and parents. The conference is a wonderful opportunity for anyone interested in educating children, Dr. Hellon Wilbur, professor of education and TAIR college representative, said. "The sessions will introduce new techniques of teaching reading, develop new attitudes regarding the teaching of reading, and will help each participant become more aware of their responsibilities in the teaching of reading."

The conference will begin at 7:30 a.m. with registration in the Virgil Henson Activities Center. The first general session is set to begin at 8:30 a.m. with Frank Charles Winstead of Advocate for Excellence in America's Classrooms. He will speak on "Wayside Teaching in a Place

Called School." Winstead has 31 years of service in public education in Georgia. He served as a teacher at the elementary, junior high and high school levels, and as principal and director of educational media before establishing the consulting service, Advocate for Excellence in America's Classrooms.

At 10:30 a.m. Denise Graham, sponsored by Scott, Foresman & Co., will present "Vocabulary Development: Building on the Basic." Winstead and Graham will each present at the conference's 1 and 3 p.m. sessions.

Those attending the conference will receive six hours of professional development. Participants will have an opportunity to view and study new reading materials presented by various publishers.

Cost of the conference is \$15. Undergraduate students can attend for \$5. Those interested in the conference can register by calling Wilbur at (806) 651-2609 or by mailing registration fees to Hellon Wilbur, WTAMU Division of Education, WTAMU Box 60208, Canyon, TX 79016. Registration will also be available the day of the conference.

Lions Club 2000-01 Sweethearts



(Special photo)

The Pampa Lions Club recently selected Kimberly Grice its Sweetheart for the Year. This year's first runner-up was Celeste Stowers. The second runner-up was Jaclyn Jennings. The local Lions Club has honored outstanding Pampa High School senior girls for most of its 73-year history. The monthly honorees for 2000-01 are: (left-right) Meagan Dyer, Chelsea McCullough, Jessica Morrison, Stowers, Katherine Zemanek, Grice, Kimberly Porter, Jennings, Meredith Hendricks, Mandi West, Kira Chumbley and Lindsay Langford.

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RELIGION

God knows and loves us better than anyone

By Derrell Monday

Central Baptist Church



I read a story about a mother who, after putting her children to bed, changed into some old slacks and a droopy blouse and proceeded to wash her hair. She heard the children getting more and more rambunctious and

her patience slipped away. She threw a towel around her head and stormed into their room putting them back to bed with stern warnings. As she left the room, she heard her three-year-old say with a trembling voice, "Who was that?"

We all have sides of ourselves we seldom, if ever, reveal. It's not just that we are afraid of what others would think if they really "knew" us, but also, that we aren't comfortable with ourselves. Disappointed about something in our lives, real or imagined, we tend to present the image we think others want to see or that we wish we were. Longing to be truly accepted and loved, we cover over what we believe makes us unlovable and try to conform to the image we perceive to be acceptable.

There is wondrous good news for each of us! God knows us better than anyone (including ourselves) and loves us anyway. The Bible tells us that sin distorted our potential and damaged our image. No matter how hard we try we can never do anything about what we have become. That's where the good news comes in. Though we cannot change the reality of who we are, there is One who can. But wait, there is even more good news. He doesn't love us after He has changed us, but before... "But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." (Romans 5:8).

Can you believe it (I hope so because that is the key)? We don't have to put on a mask, measure up to some unreachable expectations, or try to be someone we aren't. God loves us in spite of who we are or what we have done. We can come to Him in the midst of our lostness, anger, confusion, rebellion, hurt, hopelessness, and sinfulness and He will welcome us in His great love. That's what the cross is all about. God, in Christ, took all the wrong in our lives and paid for it that we might come to Him receiving forgiveness and cleansing.

Christ reaches into our emptiness (though we have tried to deny it or fill it with the promises of the world) and loving us, pulls us toward our potential. We no longer have to seek to be conformed to the images of the world, but can be transformed by the power of God's love. We come to Him as we are and He lovingly redeems us, Makes us His children, and begins bringing out of us the potential that had been hidden in our lostness.

All of us have things in our lives we are ashamed of and seek to cover over. God does not excuse or overlook our sinfulness. He is not looking the other way and saying His love means we can do whatever we want and He will accept it. He is pointing us to the cross and showing us how horrendous sin is, but in the same motion putting our eyes upon the Savior, Jesus Christ that we might understand what sin costs. Don't you see? God paid for our sin in Christ and now we can be whole and clean. We don't have to hide who we are any longer. We can be real.

None of us will be perfect in this life, but we have the promise that we can be accepted, understood, and made new if we will come and place our sin at the cross. As God receives us, the old begins passing away and all things begin to become new. That is God's gift to us. I pray you have received it, or if not, you will ... today.

Bible study starting June 26 geared for teens

Teenagers wishing to study and grow in a relationship with Christ are invited to a Bible study designed especially for them beginning Tuesday, June 26, at First Christian Church, 1633 N. Nelson.

Dillon Hill, First Christian's youth ministry intern, will lead the weekly class on Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m. until 8 p.m. in the church sanctuary.

Hill, a Pampa High School graduate and college student, believes that teens wondering what it means to be a follower of Jesus may find answers to their questions in the study. He encourages participants to bring a Bible and a notebook to the meetings.

"All teens who wish to learn more about God and being a disciple of Christ are welcome," Hill said.

For more information, contact Hill at 669-3809 or 669-3225.

Church briefs

LEFORS — First Baptist Church of Lefors will host its annual Vacation Bible School from 6-9 p.m., June 18-22. The Bible school is open to children age 3 through sixth grade. Activities will include a worship rally, Bible studies, crafts, snacks and games. Transportation will be available. For more information, call the church at (806) 835-2222, Judy Livingston at 835-2846 or Lendi Jackson at 835-2890.

AMARILLO — The Church of Christ of Amarillo, 409 N. Carolina, will host a gospel meeting June 17-24. Services will be at 10:30 a.m. and again at 6:30 p.m. Sunday and at 7:30 nightly Monday-Saturday. Christian evangelist Justin Springer of Houston will minister. Springer is head of missionary work in Nigeria. For more information, call (806) 655-9140.

PAMPA — Members of Highland Baptist Church, 1301 N. Banks, invite children, 4-years-old to sixth graders, to join an expedition for the Secret of the Stone Tablets beginning June 18-22. The Vacation Bible School takes place from 6:30 p.m. until 9 p.m., June 18, 19, 20, 21, and 22. Registration opens at 6 p.m. until 6:20 p.m., Monday, June 18. Call the church at 669-6509 for more information or to arrange for transportation.

'Truth Trackers' VBS



(Community Camera photo)

Central Baptist Church of Pampa recently held its "Truth Trackers" Vacation Bible School for area youth. "Truth Trackers" participating in the event collected items such as toothpaste, shampoo and deodorant for missionaries James and Dana Greer based in Tanzania, Africa. Above: Second-, fifth- and sixth-graders Justin Cottrell, Jonathan Maciel, Shon Freelen, Maggie Hopkins, Bobby Sikes, Jamie Pergeson, Kathy Richardson, Brittany Cottrell, Veronica Solorzana, Layce Beesley, Tyler Hucks, Maurilio Lopez, Trevor Collins, Adrienne Hernandez, Ashton Roberts, Valerie Rushing, Breanna Beesley, Morgan Reagan, Deidra Williams, Ryan Goldsmith, Brittany Reagan, Megan Barnett, Danielle Sims, Haley Clark, Bryson Wood, Noah Cotton, Matt Kelley, Alex Smith, Mackenzie Powell, Emily Hart, Lacie Oxley and Reba Bailey.

The ultimate provider

I have been impressed that someone is reading this article, and you haven't quiet realized yet that God is your provider. If that be the case, then this article is just for you.

A number of times in the Old Testament, the name "Jehovah" is joined to other names that reveal some of God's distinct characteristics. Abraham said that the place where God supplied a ram should be called "The-Lord-Will-Provide." This name, which is sometimes rendered "Jehovah-Jireh," indicates that God sees beforehand what our needs are, and He provides for them.

A young newlywed planned to entertain some friends. Lacking some necessary items, she went to a neighbor to borrow them. After giving the items to her, the friend asked, "Is that all you

want?" "Yes, I think so," the young bride answered. Then her neighbor, an experienced hostess, handed her some other items, explaining that she would need them as well. Later the young woman remarked, "I was so thankful I went to someone who knew exactly what I needed and was willing to supply it."

How well that describes God. Through the sacrifice of His Son, He has given us salvation. But that's not all. He also provides power through the Holy Spirit so that we can do His will. "He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?" (Romans 8:32). Jehovah-Jireh. The Lord will provide.

I don't know what you have

Weekly Word
By Pastor Leland Lewis
First Assembly of God

need of today, but I know this ... the famine ... If God can cause oil to flow from a vessel until every forsaken, nor His seed begging pot is full ... Then we serve a God who is able to meet all our needs! The Lord will provide ... again and again and again!

Catholic bishops consider policies

ATLANTA (AP) — The nation's Roman Catholic bishops will likely approve a policy aimed at bringing Catholic theology professors into line with church teaching during a meeting which began Thursday.

The bishops started their three-day session with a presentation on a revised policy for Catholic hospitals. Later, they were expected to discuss the education policy, along with other topics including the crisis in the Middle East.

The education policy has upset many theology professors

who feel like they're being forced to take a loyalty oath to the church.

Tailored to Vatican specifications, the policy will require a Catholic teacher to get the local bishop to sign off on a mandatum recognizing the instructor's formal commitment "to teach authentic Catholic doctrine and to refrain from putting forth as Catholic teaching anything contrary to official teaching."

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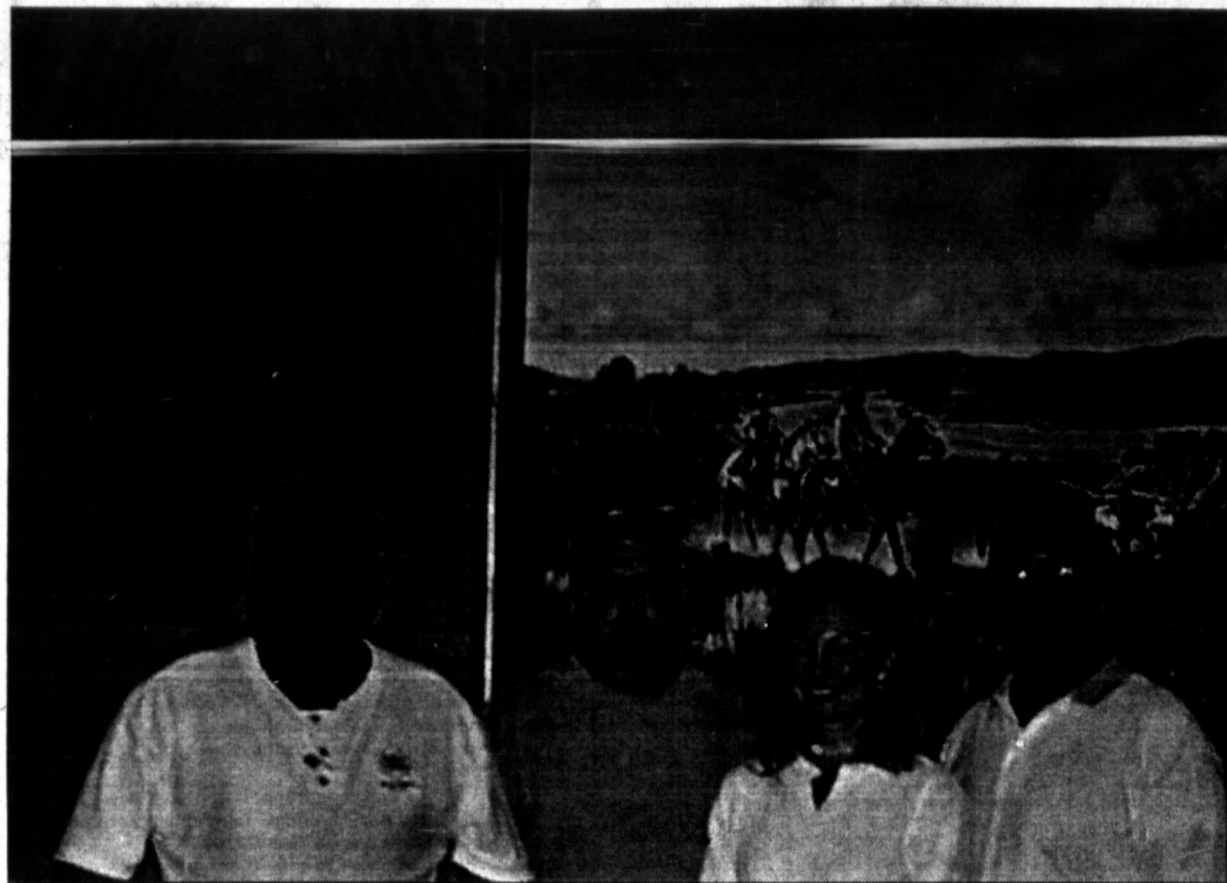
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Christian music singer, song writer and author Janet Paschal, center, was in Pampa recently where she performed in concert at M.K. Brown Civic Auditorium. She was brought to Pampa, with the help of local sponsors, by Harmony Music Outreach. HMO members, from left, with Paschal are Allen Snapp, Paul Searl, Bob Jeffers, Phyllis Jeffers and Jack Sutherland.

Lewis Meers Scholarship



(Special photo)

Becca Jentzen, daughter of Dr. Randal and Leota Jentzen, was recently awarded a scholarship from the CPA firm of Lewis Meers in the amount of \$1,000. "I believe that I could help businesses make sound financial decisions," Becca commented, a concept Lewis Meers supports. She has been named to Who's Who Among American High School Students (four years), National Honor Roll (two years) and National Honor Society (two years). She plans to pursue a degree in business law at the University of Oklahoma at Norman.

Nine years after Ruby Ridge, prosecutor says it's time for court battles to end

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — Nine years after a federal agent shot and killed the wife of white separatist Randy Weaver at Ruby Ridge, an Idaho prosecutor says he's prepared to put the case to rest.

Prosecutor Brett Benson said Thursday that he will move to dismiss an involuntary manslaughter charge against FBI sharpshooter Lon Horiuchi, who shot Vicki Weaver during the 1992 standoff in the doorway of the northern Idaho family's cabin.

The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled last week that Horiuchi could face trial in the shooting.

But Benson, who prosecutes cases for Boundary County, Idaho, said it was unlikely the state could prove the case and that too much time had passed. His predecessor, Denise Woodbury, had filed the charge.

"The Ruby Ridge incident was a tragedy that deeply affected and divided many of the citizens of this county and country," Benson said in a statement from his Bonners Ferry, Idaho, office. "It is our hope that this decision will begin the healing process that is so long overdue."

He did not return a telephone call seeking additional comment.

Special Prosecutor Stephen Yagman, who was appointed by Woodbury to handle the case, criticized Benson's decision and said he hoped a different prosecutor might refile the charge.

"I could not disagree more with this decision than I do," Yagman said. "It sounds to me like the system has suffered a temporary corruption."

The Ruby Ridge standoff prompted a nationwide debate on the use of force by federal agencies, a debate that was furthered the following year by the government siege on the Branch Davidian compound at Waco, Texas.

The 11-day standoff at Ruby Ridge began after government agents tried to arrest Randy

Weaver for failing to appear in court on charges of selling two illegal sawed-off shotguns.

The Weaver cabin had been under surveillance for several months when the violence began in August with the deaths of Deputy U.S. Marshal William Degan and Weaver's 14-year-old son, Samuel.

Horiuchi later shot and killed Weaver's wife and wounded family friend Kevin Harris. Witnesses said the sharpshooter fired as Vicki Weaver held open the cabin door, her 10-month-old baby in her arms.

Horiuchi has said he didn't see Vicki Weaver when he fired at Harris, who was armed and was ducking inside the cabin. He also said he fired to protect a government helicopter overhead.

The case was seen as a test of whether federal agents are immune from state prosecution.

Charges against Horiuchi had been dismissed twice by federal courts, but last week's 6-5 appeals court ruling cleared the way for Idaho prosecutors to pursue charges against him. Those in the dissent called the majority's opinion a "grave disservice" to FBI agents and argued that Horiuchi, who is still an FBI agent, should be immune from prosecution.

Horiuchi's attorney, Adam Hoffinger, was out of the country and not available for comment Thursday.

A person answering the telephone at Randy Weaver's home in Jefferson, Iowa, Friday morning said he was not available to comment Weaver had praised the appeals court's ruling allowing Horiuchi to be prosecuted, calling it "a good day for America and the justice system."

The Ruby Ridge standoff ended with Harris and Weaver surrendering. Both men were acquitted of murder, conspiracy and other federal charges.

Weaver was convicted of failing to appear for trial on the firearms charges and was sentenced to 18 months in prison.

The Justice Department last summer settled the last civil suit stemming from the standoff. The government admitted no wrongdoing, but paid Harris \$380,000 to drop his \$10 million civil damage suit.

In 1995, the government paid Weaver and his three surviving children \$3.1 million for the killings of Weaver's wife and son.

Fire department official fights discipline over drill

HARLINGEN, Texas (AP) — A suspended South Texas fire department official is defending himself against accusations he threatened to take charge of a school's emergency drill after teachers refused to back off from disciplining his daughter.

A teacher has testified that Assistant Fire Chief Jose Luis Garcia was on duty and in uniform when he walked into Gutierrez Middle School and verbally

abused her while requesting that she remove his daughter's cheer-leading squad demerits.

The testimony came Thursday in the second day of Garcia's arbitration hearing.

Fire Marshal Frank Garcia accused Jose Garcia of being "unprofessional" when he threatened to take charge of the school's fire drill.

"It affects professionalism," said the fire marshal, who is no relation to the

suspended officer. "Mr. Garcia has a history of this kind of behavior very confrontational. We are (supposed) to be courteous to the public. That type of behavior is just not acceptable."

Middle School Principal Tony Rodriguez testified that Jose Garcia may have tried to intimidate him when the captain allegedly threatened to take charge of the school's fire drills on Sept. 14, 2000. City officials suspended Garcia in March.

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