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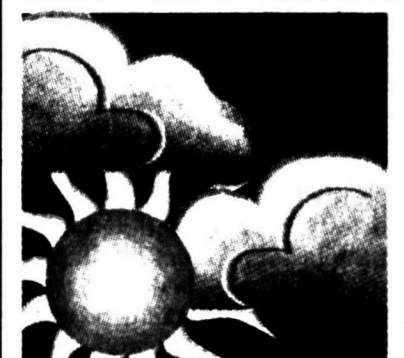
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Lefors school board sets special meeting July 21

LEFORS — Lefors Independent School District's board of education is to meet in special session to discuss personnel matters at 2 p.m., Saturday, July 21. The board will meet in the elementary school library at 160 6th St. An open forum is scheduled, in addition to reading the minutes from the board's meeting on July 17.

Helicopters sent to help fight wildfires near here

AMARILLO (AP) — At least nine brush fires sparked by lightning strikes were fought by Panhandle firefighters, with all but one blaze under control Thursday. No structures had yet been lost in the blazes, said Dick Pendleton, Collingsworth County Sheriff's Department jailer and dispatcher.

One fire east of Wellington scorched more than 14,000 acres by Wednesday evening, while another blaze near Lutie had consumed more than 500 acres.

Pendleton said winds gusting to 25-30 mph combined with low humidity, rough terrain and 100-plus degree temperatures hampered firefighters' efforts.

Carl Lawyer, 69, retired chemical engineer.
William James Marriott, 91, longtime Wheeler County resident.
Ella Phillips, 78, beauty operator.
Gladys L. Wells, 95, homemaker.

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Dr. Louis Haydon

Citizens debate benefits of pig development here

By NANCY YOUNG
Managing Editor

Lagoons, number and type of hog farms, and health requirements were among the many questions and concerns posed to Pampa Economic Development Corporation Director Susan Triplehorn at Tuesday's Chamber of Commerce luncheon.

Triplehorn spoke about the possibility of National Pig Development, owned by Smithfield Inc., building a location 11 miles east of Pampa.

Concerned residents asked Triplehorn about rumors circulating throughout the area regarding the possible new business.

Dr. Louis Haydon, a retired chiropractor, said Smithfield Inc. was fined \$12.6 million in 1997 from violations in North

Carolina.

He predicted a large surge of pig farms over the next 10 years in the Pampa area if it locates in the Pampa area.

"These people—they're big. Their income last year was \$3.8 billion," he said. "They're the biggest in the country."

He said Smithfield left Virginia about 10 years ago saying the requirements were beginning to get too strong for them.

"In North Carolina they now own 276 farms, or sometimes they are known as 'factories,'" said Haydon. "They are not pig farms as a lot of you may know." He added they control an additional 1,200 farms.

"This agreement started a year ago. It is a two year old agreement," he said. "They should be putting the new procedures in the lagoons in North Carolina. It

was agreed to a year ago. What is happening on that, I don't know.

"The way that they do this is, they put in their own pig farms on land they buy. Also, they can set up some of you in pig farms if you want," he said. "They will finance and they will furnish you the pigs. This is the way it works over there and all over the country. They'll furnish the pigs and the feed. They have their own feed mills. This is the way the project works."

He said some businesses would be stimulated. "Now whether it's the kind that you want, that's your decision," he said. "I probably won't be around 10 years from now to smell these things."

"In talking to people in other communities, a lot say that businesses have improved," he said. "But then if you ask

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Survey: Jail meets standards

Gray County Jail passed the state's annual jail inspection with "flying colors" Tuesday, county officials announced.

Gray County Judge Richard Peck Wednesday released the report made by Inspector Dennis Cisneros, stating the local jail had passed "with flying colors."

Cisneros, an inspector with the Texas Commission on Jail Standards (TCJS) spent six and a half hours conducting the annual jail survey Tuesday.

In his final report, Cisneros noted there were no deficiencies or problems with the jail and no reportable incidences such as fires, deaths, suicides, or escapes. He said the jail meets minimum requirements and recommended the facility receive a certificate of compliance.

Jail Administrator David Potter said Cisneros was "very thorough" in the survey, spending a lot of time checking the jail's written records. He also conducted a walk-through survey, talked with staff, and interviewed inmates, Potter said.

Items considered in the survey include proper documentation, facilities management, and safety procedures.

Potter said Cisneros cautioned him about timing hourly checks of inmates to be sure that each person is checked once per hour.

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Kute Klowns



(Courtesy photo)

Mandy Poole, Top O' Texas Rodeo Queen 2000 runner-up, is seen here with winners of the Kid's Clown Contest held recently in memory of the late Wayne Stribling and in conjunction with the Top O' Texas Rodeo. Above: Brandtley Swires, first place; A.C. Paredes, second place; Cade Ferguson, third place; Taylor Ramming, fourth place; and Trenton Gardner, fifth place.

Construction of PHS Harvester Plaza begins

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
Staff Writer

Contractors have begun building a plaza in front of Pampa High School (PHS) to display a 7-foot bronze statue depicting the school mascot.

Unveiling of "Who Is This Harvester?" is scheduled for Oct. 6, according to David Gantz, president of the PHS Class of 1956, which is presenting the artwork to the school.

More than 20 PHS Class of '56 alumni, school, city and contracting company representatives were on hand in 100-degree-plus temperatures recently to officially break ground for the project.

Those attending the groundbreaking included E. Duggan Smith, reunion chairman; Bettie Craig; Greg Easley, PHS student body president; Jared Spearman, Mayor Lomby Robbins; Gantz; Lee Porter, president of the Pampa Independent School District board of education; Daniel Barker, PHS assistant principal; Jannie Lewis; Wanda Pasmore; Melba Brown; Glenda Malone; Robert Craig; Jane Brown; Langford; Wynona Seely; Barbara Smith; Jerome

Humphrey, W.R. "Bebo" Terry of B&B Solvent, Ltd.; Dick Dunham; Ronnie Martin and Joe Gilleland.

During the 1996 reunion, members of the PHS 1956 graduating class decided to erect a 7-foot, 9-inch statue of a "Pampa Harvester," the school mascot, and present it to the school as a gift at the 45th reunion in 2001.

Class members commissioned Don Ray of Channing, one of the country's foremost Western sculptors, to design the statue based on a photograph of a harvest crew displayed at the White Deer Land Museum. The \$60,000 statue is being created at Crucible Foundry owned by Mark Palmerton in Oklahoma City.

Since then, more than \$50,000 has been raised through donations, gifts, and selling plaza blocks, and a limited production of an 18-inch scale model of the Pampa Harvester cast in bronze, as well as 9-inch scale models in acrylic.

In addition, the Class of '56 has copyrighted a specially-designed logo for the project. All proceeds from the sale of hats, shirts and other objects with the

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(Pampa News photo by Dee Dee Laramore)

Members of the Pampa High School Class of '56, city and school officials, and contractor representatives gather in front of the high school to "break ground" for a plaza displaying the Pampa Harvester statue, "Who Is This Harvester?"

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Services tomorrow

MARRIOTT, William James — 10 a.m., Wheeler Cemetery, Wheeler.
PHILLIPS, Ella — 2 p.m., First Baptist Church, Pampa.
WELLS, Gladys L. — 2 p.m., Memorial Park Funeral Home Chapel of Memories, Amarillo.

Obituaries

CARL LAWYER

Carl Lawyer, 69, of Pampa, died Wednesday, June 18, 2001, at Pampa. The body was cremated and will not be available for viewing. Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Willard Kiper, Free Will Baptist minister, and Elizabeth Smith, daughter, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Lawyer was born Dec. 24, 1931, in Valley Center, Kan. He married Jane Marguerite Beuchot on Oct. 7, 1961, in New Orleans, La. He had been a resident of Pampa since 1967.

He was a retired chemical engineer and a member of the Briarwood Full Gospel Church.

Survivors include his wife, Jane Marguerite Lawyer, of the home; two daughters and sons-in-law, Liz and Terry Smith and Cathy and Dean Crockett, all of Pampa; a son and daughter-in-law, Clint and Sally Lawyer, both of Pampa; eight grandchildren, April, Adam and Andy Rodgers, Lyndee and James Lawyer, Ryan and Alex Torres and Carly Crockett; and two brothers, James Donovan Lawyer of Beaver Creek, Ohio, and Leon Clinton Lawyer of Houston. He was preceded in death by his parents.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be to BSA Hospice, 800 N. Sumner, Pampa, TX 79065.

WILLIAM JAMES MARRIOTT

SHAMROCK — William James Marriott, 91, died Tuesday, July 17, 2001. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Friday in Wheeler Cemetery at Wheeler with Joe G. Jernigan, pastor of Calvary Christian Fellowship Church, officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Wright Funeral Directors of Shamrock.

Born March 30, 1910, at Blair, Okla., Mr. Marriott had been a Wheeler County resident most of his life, working several years for Tindall Wholesale.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Delores, in 1937.

Survivors include a son, Garry Marriott of Bryan; a brother, Donald Marriott of Graham; four sisters, Vitula Davis of Amarillo, Gladys Richardson of Mobeetie, Ethel Loftis of Graham and Eralm Pond of Spearman; five grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

The family requests memorials be to Crown of Texas Hospice.

ELLA PHILLIPS

Ella Phillips, 78, of Pampa, died Tuesday, July 17, 2001, at Pampa. Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at the First Baptist Church with the Rev. John Glover, associate pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Phillips was born June 22, 1923, in Coupland, Texas. She married Warner A. Phillips on April 14, 1946, in Fort Worth. He preceded her in death on Nov. 15, 1988.

She had been a resident of Pampa since 1946. She owned and operated the La Bonita Beauty Salon from 1946 until the time of her death. She was a member of the First Baptist Church and taught the pre-school children for 25 years.

Survivors include a son, Gary Phillips of Colleyville; a daughter, D'Ann Botkin of Midland; and four grandchildren, Tarrah Phillips of Dallas, John Phillips of Colleyville and Kaitlan Botkin and McKinley Botkin, both of Midland.

GLADYS L. WELLS

AMARILLO — Gladys L. Wells, 95, of Amarillo, died Wednesday, July 18, 2001. Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday in Memorial Park Funeral Home Chapel of Memories with the Rev. Richard Dickerson, pastor of Temple Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Memorial Park Cemetery.

Mrs. Wells was born Jan. 3, 1906, at Sweetwater, Okla. She married Raymond Wells Sr. on July 26, 1930, at Clovis, N.M.; he died July 1, 1980. She was a homemaker and a member of First Baptist Church in Wheeler.

Survivors include a son, Raymond Wells Jr. of Amarillo; a daughter, Alice Rudd of Hereford; six grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Atchafalaya Grain of Pampa.

Wheat	2.81	KM	5.30	up 0.20
Milo	1.17	Acryl	59.48	up 1.02
Corn	3.54	Limited	17.19	up 0.24
Soybeans	4.45	McDonald's	27.81	up 0.11
		Exxon Mobil	42.73	up 0.61
		New Atmos	22.00	up 0.25
		St. H	28.49	up 0.99
		NOI	18.34	dn 0.01
		OKI	18.30	up 0.09
		Penney's	28.82	up 0.24
		Phillips	53.90	up 0.78
		Pioneer Nat	15.42	dn 0.03
		SI B	50.25	up 0.60
		Tenneco	3.48	up 0.08
		Texaco	64.96	up 0.20
		Ultramar	46.55	up 0.10
		Wal Mart	54.07	up 0.09
		Williams	33.09	up 0.11

The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa.

BP Amoco	46.50	dn 0.10
Calumet	23.42	dn 0.18
Coca Cola	36.20	up 0.30
Coca Cola G	23.00	dn 0.06
Chevron	36.86	up 0.06
Coca Cola	46.65	up 0.43
Columbia HCA	45.65	up 0.10
Enron	49.30	up 0.33
Halliburton	31.04	up 0.03
KMI	53.30	up 1.20
Kerr McGee	59.48	up 1.02
Limited	17.19	up 0.24
McDonald's	27.81	up 0.11
Exxon Mobil	42.73	up 0.61
New Atmos	22.00	up 0.25
St. H	28.49	up 0.99
NOI	18.34	dn 0.01
OKI	18.30	up 0.09
Penney's	28.82	up 0.24
Phillips	53.90	up 0.78
Pioneer Nat	15.42	dn 0.03
SI B	50.25	up 0.60
Tenneco	3.48	up 0.08
Texaco	64.96	up 0.20
Ultramar	46.55	up 0.10
Wal Mart	54.07	up 0.09
Williams	33.09	up 0.11
New York Gold	270.75	
Silver	4.29	
West Texas Crude	25.22	

Police report

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Wednesday, July 18

Burglary of a building was reported in the 700 block of Malone. A BMX mountain bike valued at \$260 was stolen in the break-in.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 300 block of North Banks. A Herring & Richardson single-action shotgun with brown leather case worth \$150 was taken from the vehicle.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 600 block of North Doucette. A cassette player was taken from the dashboard of an unlocked Pontiac Fiero. Loss was estimated at \$150.

Someone took a VCR valued at \$50 in a burglary of a habitation reported in the 1900 block of North Banks.

Telephone harassment was reported in the 600 block of East Browning.

Thursday, July 19

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 600 block of Powell. CDs, jewelry, a tire pump, CD player, and fold-out case was reported stolen from a vehicle between 8 p.m., July 17, and 11 a.m., July 18. Total loss was estimated at \$450.

Sheriff's Office

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Wednesday, July 18

Natasha Scott Robinson, 27, 721 N. Somerville, was arrested by the Texas Department of Public Safety on a theft warrant out of Potter County and a Randall County theft by check warrant. She was released to pay later.

Tonya Brown, 24, 509 Hazel, was arrested for evading arrest and capias pro fines for no insurance and no registration.

Joseph Anthony Moneyhan, 49, Big Springs, was arrested on a violation of probation for delivery of a controlled substance.

Accidents

Pampa Police Department reported the following accidents during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Sunday, July 15

1:45 a.m. — A 1994 Chevrolet pickup driven by Jesus Soliz, 33, 313 Anne, collided with an unoccupied 1997 Chevrolet Z-71 pickup owned by Montana Farnum, RR 1, Box 1505, in a parking lot at Recreation Park, east of Pampa. No citations or injuries were listed on the report. Factors contributing to the collision included "distraction in the vehicle" and driver "had been drinking."

Tuesday, July 17

2:35 p.m. — A 1987 Ford Aerostar van driven by Robyn Lynn Sanders, 31, 1019 S. Nelson, and a 1996 Toyota T-100 pickup driven by Wendell Lee Adams, 41, 1427 Dogwood, collided at U.S. Highway 60 and Texas Highway 70 (Wilks and Hobart streets). No injuries were reported at the scene. Sanders was cited for failure to control speed.

Wednesday, July 18

9:15 a.m. — A 1999 Oldsmobile van driven by Fasong Zhang, 44, 2600 N. Hobart, and a 1998 Lincoln Town Car driven by Betty McCracken, 2620 Evergreen, 72, collided in the 1400 block of North Hobart. No citations were listed. McCracken was taken to Pampa Regional Medical Center by Rural Metro Ambulance with possible injuries.

Ambulance

Rural/Metro reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Wednesday, July 18

9:12 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1400 block of North Hobart. One patient was transported to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

9:50 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the Jordan Unit. One patient was transported to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

3:51 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to eight miles west of Pampa. One patient was transported to PRMC.

10:23 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to NWTH.

Fires

Pampa Fire Department responded to the following fires during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Wednesday, July 18

9:17 a.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a motor vehicle collision in the 1400 block of North Hobart.

12:59 p.m. — One unit and two firefighters responded to a small grass fire in the 800 block of East Frederic caused by an arcing power line.

3:37 p.m. — Two units and six firefighters responded to a structure fire in the 400 block of North West Street. A hot ballast in the bathroom caused a small fire. The fire was out when firefighters arrived.

3:51 p.m. — Two units and five firefighters responded to a one-car rollover on U.S. Highway 60, one mile west of Kingsmill.

Emergency numbers

Ambulance	911
Crime Stoppers	669-2222
Energas	1-888-Energas
Fire	911
Police (emergency)	911

DEBATE

them they say- 'Well, I don't know whether it was worth it.'

"That depends on your opinion, also, whether it would be worth it in the long run," he said. "I don't think there is any way from stopping this from happening to us."

Tripplehorn said spray fields are used in cattle feed lots, dairies, and hog producers.

"They take the effluent and put it out over an irrigation system and spread that effluent out onto the ground water," she said. "At Tuesday night's meeting, the engineer who has designed this facility was there. He is with AgriWaste Technologies, and he tells us there would be very little effluent sprayed on the ground," she said, due to high evaporation rates in area.

"I took one of my 'smell tours' to Perryton yesterday," Tripplehorn said. "They don't spread any effluent at Texas Farms."

She said their lagoons systems they can handle the effluent with evaporation. "So, there will be very little from this facility, if any, assuring the evaporation is in fact 70 inches a year like they are telling us."

To Dr. Haydon's comments about \$12 million in fines to Smithfield, Tripplehorn replied it can happen everywhere.

"I can tell you through my conversations with Smithfield for hog production in North Carolina, there has never been a fine for environmental reasons," she said.

"I was told that there are fines on the books because North Carolina is a zero tolerance state," she said. "If grass is not a certain height, they will be fined. If paperwork is not produced, they will be fined. You may see some of those when you get to hogwatch.com."

Tripplehorn said citizens can access the North Carolina environmental department which maintains a listing of any company with a violation.

"They also have an email capability on the site," she said. She encourages anyone to view the site at www.enr.state.nc.us to look up the information and contact the environmental department.

Gary Willoughby asked if the company was prepared to dig lagoons deep enough to allow for possible flood conditions, referring to a weather report that an area town recently received 12 inches of rain.

"Yes," said Tripplehorn. "They have certain requirements by the TNRC which is called the 24-hour, 25-year rainfall." She said the lagoons must be built on the worst-case scenario.

"We have very few flood plain areas in our county," she said. "The Panhandle Groundwater District has addressed with NPD if it is an issue that they needed to address." She said the water district did extensive research into NPD's plans and writing their recommendations for the project.

She said Premium Standard Farms, a processor in Dumas and Dalhart, is also participating in the North Carolina lagoon project, saying the report will be out soon.

Tripplehorn said neither NPD or Smithfield are moving out of North Carolina, but are expanding their operations into Texas.

Chuck White urged people to realize the TNRC has to approve what is legal and permissible for the hog operations. "If we really have some gripes, it would be at TNRC to make sure what they are doing is to protect everybody's rights to be in business in the Panhandle," he said.

Haydon said Smithfield moved from Virginia to North Carolina was because North Carolina's standards were much lower.

"I hope that our legislators and lobbyists can get together without lowering our standards because it has happened there," he said.

She said the company is now putting in ISO certi-

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fication, an environmental certification for all of their hog farms.

"This is a very stringent-type certification," she said. She said they are the only hog producing farm to have gotten the certification.

"They are working hard to make their place along side the environment as sound as they can make it," she said.

She said NPD would not have contract farming.

"Seaboard, which is located in Ochiltree County, has a lot of individuals contracted to produce hogs," she said. "They typically have an 8,000 or 10,000 pig barn."

"Seaboard does that a lot. Val does it a lot," she said. "Smithfield has about 1,200 similar hog farms in North Carolina."

"That is not what NPD will be doing. They will be genetically tracking the sow to sell for breeding purposes. That is what this facility will be. It will not be massive hog production," she said. "Although I can stand here and tell you all that, and you will say, but they are going to have 40,000 hogs. But if you start with a nucleus of 3,700 sows and each sow has 10 piglets a year, you have close to 40,000," she continued.

"They can't sell sows for breeding stock if they're not raising them or they'd be out of business when the 3,700 were sold. That's why it gets so big." She said the 50,000 figure is based on the TNRC rules.

NPD does not want any other pig farms close to them, she said, stating that when it was revealed Seaboard had applied for a permit to operate an 88,300 operation in Hutchinson County, NPD immediately wanted to know how close it would be to the proposed Gray County operation.

She said if Seaboard did contract with Gray County individuals to raise pigs, NPD couldn't do anything about it. She said the PEDC could discourage any other pig farmers from coming to Gray County, but they could not stop it.

Humans and vehicles are washed down when they go in and out of the facility so that it will be an extremely clean facility, she said. "They can't afford for disease to get in and kill a sow that may be worth \$25,000-\$30,000 as a breeding stock to another producer," said Tripplehorn. "That's why they don't want other hogs around."

Tripplehorn said that NPD will not hold another public forum in Pampa. "If you have questions, you may address them to me and I will be happy to get the answer for you," she said.

She said once the permit is filed with the TNRC, the agency has 75 days to evaluate it for technical soundness. "After 45 days of that, they come in with a 30-day public comment period," she said. "It will be posted in the newspaper at least three times and at library or city hall," she said. The notice will be under the legal notices.

"The TNRC can, if they so choose, come to the community for their public forum and take testimony from citizens. It is at the discretion of the commission," she said. "It rarely happens. Primarily, they are looking for technical information to make that happen."

She said it could happen if the TNRC gets enough public comment during that 30-day notice. After that, she said, the permit will go through channels and take time to get it processed.

"It will either be issued or denied," she said. "It will all be very public and you will read about it in the newspaper."

Websites to Watch

The following are informational websites regarding the hog industry.

- smithfieldfoods.com
- www.hogwatch.org
- www.jus.state.nc.us

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PLAZA

logo will help pay for the statue project, Gantz said.

The plaza is to be composed of pink granite blocks quarried in Texas, with the Harvester statue placed on a granite pyramid 4-feet square at the top and six-feet square at the bottom.

Granite memorial and donor blocks for the plaza are available at three levels — \$50 for a 4x12-inch block; \$200 for an 8x12-inch block plus a 9-inch acrylic statue replica; and \$2,000 for a 12-inch square block plus an 18-inch bronze replica.

Ted Swindle, a 1956 PHS graduate whose writings inspired the sculpture, writes, "This fig-

City Briefs

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MOOSE LODGE Dance, Sat. July 21st, at "Steve Dampier," 8 p.m. Members & Friends.

BECKY WIECK from Etter, will be in Pampa w/ Sweet Corn, Sat's. & Wed's. weekly, weather permitting, starting July 21st thru Aug., MK Brown parking lot, 7:30 a.m.-sell-out. 806-966-5221.

Weather focus

PAMPA — Today, mostly sunny with highs 100 to 105. Southwest to south winds 10 to 20 mph.

Tonight, partly cloudy with lows 70 to 75. South winds 5 to 15 mph. Friday, mostly sunny with highs 99 to 103. South winds 10 to 20 mph. Friday night, partly cloudy with lows 70 to 75.

Saturday through Wednesday, partly cloudy. Lows in the lower to mid 70s. Highs 100 to 105.

STATEWIDE — A heat advisory remained in effect Thursday for North Texas as much of the state escaped any cooling cloud cover or rainfall.

The state's only thunderstorm

activity after midnight was in the vicinity of a surface trough in the Panhandle and spotty showers along the Gulf of Mexico.

Lows overnight were in the 70s and low 80s from the Panhandle to the Gulf coast.

Extremes ranged from 64 degrees at Marfa to 84 at Sabine Pass. Other readings were 74 degrees at Intercontinental Airport in Houston and 82 at Odessa.

Skies were clear except for the Panhandle and far West Texas. Showers in Southeast Texas on Wednesday included almost an inch of rain at Houston Hobby Airport.

Winds Thursday were mostly

southerly and southeasterly at 5 to 15 mph, continuing to induce humid gulf air through Texas and beyond the Red River.

The National Weather Service forecast a slight chance of afternoon and evening thunderstorms across the southern and eastern areas of North and West Texas, as well as along the coast. Most precipitation should occur in the Panhandle, South Plains and southwestern mountains.

Hot temperatures will peak from the mid-90s in the east to near 104 in the west and 105 in the eastern Panhandle.

Lows overnight should range from the 60s and mid-70s to around 80.

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Calendar of events

PAMPA AREA LITERACY COUNCIL

Pampa Area Literacy Council office is open from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday. For more information, call 665-2331.

OPEN DOOR ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Open Door Alcoholics Anonymous at 910 Kentucky (across from Albertson's) meeting schedule — seven days a week — two meetings a day — noon till 1 p.m. and 8-9 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday noon meetings are non-smoking. For more information, call 665-9702.

TRALEE CRISIS CENTER

Women's Support Group for Child Management offers parenting skills to assist parents and children in dealing with anger and behavioral issues resulting from peer pressure, sibling rivalry, family violence and/or sexual abuse from 7-8 p.m. Thursdays. For more information, call Tralee Crisis Center, 669-1131.

LAS PAMPAS WATER GARDEN AND KOI SOCIETY

Las Pampas Water Garden and Koi Society meets at 7 p.m. the second Monday of each month at First Landmark Building in the Pampa Mall. For more information, contact Sharron Andrew at 665-6138 or Loyd Waters 665-6466.

MONTHLY GOSPEL SINGING

First Pentecostal Holiness Church, 1700 Alcock, hosts a Gospel Singing from 2-4 p.m. every second Sunday of the month. Pastor Albert Maggard and the congregation of First Pentecostal cordially invites the public to attend. Singers and musicians from area churches participate in this informal congregational singing and enjoy various special vocal and instrumental presentations.

AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION

American Heart Association meets at 12 noon the second Thursday of each month at Chaney's Restaurant.

PLANNED PARENTHOOD

Planned Parenthood hosts "Dose of Reality" at 6 p.m. the second of Monday of each month in Suite 173A of the Hughes Building. The program is open to teens 13 to 19 years of age.

MACEDONIA BAPTIST CHURCH

Macedonia Baptist Church, 441 Elm, will hold daily prayer services at 7:30 a.m., 12 noon and 6 p.m. for the citizens of Pampa — churches, schools, etc. The prayer services are open to everyone. For more information, call 665-4926.

PAMPA MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE

Pampa Area Ministerial Alliance meets the first Monday of every month. Location changes monthly.

GRAY COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Gray County Genealogical Society meets at 7:30 p.m. the fourth Monday of each month in the Gray County Sheriff's Department classroom. (Enter through the north door of the jail building.) For membership inquiries, contact Harley Madison at 669-6294.

CLARENDON VFW CHARITY BINGO

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7782, Hwy 287 east, Clarendon, will host charity bingo every Saturday beginning Aug. 4. Doors open at 6 p.m. with games starting at 7 p.m. Ten games are played per session. For more information, call 874-VETS. The maximum award is \$750 per game and \$2,500 per session.

BEEF AMBASSADOR CONTEST

Top O' Texas CattleWomen is seeking youth between the ages of 15-19 to compete for the Beef Ambassador Award. For more information, contact Amy Brainard at (806) 323-6397.

PY&C

Pampa Youth and Community Center will begin offering swim lessons June 4. The hour-long lessons will be conducted in two-week sessions, Monday through Friday, throughout the summer and include Levels I, II, III, IV and V. Payment is due upon registration.

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PARADE OF PONDS

Ogallala Water Gardeners will stage its third annual "Parade of Ponds" Water Garden Tour from 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday, July 28 in Amarillo. An additional night tour will be offered from 9:30-11:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for adults. Children accompanied by an adult get in free. Tickets are available at the following locations: Amarillo Botanical Gardens, Bubbles Aquariums, Coulter Gardens Nursery, Fish Pros, Pitter Patter Pets, Panhandle Greenhouses, Rolling Hills Aquatic Gardens and The Pond Place. Much of the proceeds will go to Amarillo Botanical Gardens for a new large, public water garden. For more information, visit www.amaonline.com/owg on the Internet.

QUICK TASP

Clarendon College-Pampa Center will conduct a Quick TASP test at 9 a.m., Wednesday, Aug. 15. Test-takers must bring with them a check or money order made out to National Evaluation Systems in the amount of \$29 plus a \$10 CCPC testing fee and for identification purposes either a driver's license or a Social Security card. Calculators are also allowed. For more information, call CCPC at 665-8801.

OUTWARD BOUND

North Carolina Outward Bound will offer three paddling adventures for teens during the 2001 summer break. In addition to outdoor activity skills, NCOB courses provide instruction for navigation, basic first aid, wilderness safety, camping techniques and environmental stewardship as well as teamwork and leadership. For more information on these courses or other NCOB summer offerings, call 1-877-77-NCOBS, e-mail challenge@ncobs.org or visit <http://www.ncobs.org/summer.html> on the Internet.

CGC GRANT FUND

Consumer Guidance Corp. has established a grant fund to help people in financial difficulty due to high energy costs. The program is funded by private donations from corporations and private citizens who receive a tax exemption because of the organization's 501(c)3 non-profit status granted by IRS. To receive a grant application or for more information, call (202) 595-1035 or visit www.ConsumerGuidance.org on the Internet. To contribute to the fund, send tax deductible donations to: Consumer Guidance, P.O. Box 96051, Washington, DC 20090-6051.

IMMUNIZATION CLINIC

The Texas Department of Health will be offering immunization clinics for vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases including polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps, HIB (haemophilus influenzae Type B) and chickenpox (varicella). Flu vaccines may also be offered at designated clinics. The TDH will charge money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay. The following clinics will be offered: 9:30 a.m.-12 noon and 1-4 p.m., July 18, Harvest House, 736 Cuyler, Pampa; and 12 noon-4 p.m., July 23, City Hall, 6th and Main, Canadian.

HARRINGTON CANCER CENTER

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center has announced the following upcoming breast cancer screening clinics: July 9, First United Methodist Church Educational Building, 201 E. Foster, July 13, Planned Parenthood, 408 W. Kingsmill,

and July 24, Shepard's Crook Nursing Agency, 916 N. Crest, Pampa; July 11 and 25, Hemphill County Hospital, Canadian; July 26, Family Care Clinic, and July 27, Family Care Hospital, Shamrock; July 9, Parkview Hospital, Wheeler. Participants will receive a low-cost self-exam mammogram and a breast health appraisal along with individual instruction by a registered nurse in breast self-examination. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are by appointment only. For more information, call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673.

SCIENCE SPECTRUM

The Science Spectrum and Omnimax Theatre in Lubbock have announced upcoming events throughout the month. Omnimax Theater will offer the following presentations: "Journey into Amazing Caves," featuring spelunkers Nancy Aulenbach and Dr. Hazel Barton; "Island of Sharks," featuring underwater shots of the Cocos and surrounding islands; and "Adventures in the Third Dimension." Science Spectrum will offer Health and Safety Day July 28. For more information, call (806) 745-2525 or (806) 745-MAXX or visit www.sciencespectrum.com on the Internet.

COOP OF WOMEN ARTISTS

Cooperative of Women Artists is seeking participants for its 2001 annual National Multimedia Juried Art Show slated Oct. 5-26 at the Katy and E. Don Walker Education Center, Sam Houston Memorial Museum in Huntsville. The entry deadline is Aug. 10. Cash awards will be given in various categories. For more information, call Golda Rich at (936) 295-5377 or write: CWA Multimedia, 266 Elkins Lake, Huntsville, TX 77340.

HEIFER PROJECT INTERNATIONAL

First Presbyterian Church, 525 N. Gray, is currently accepting aluminum cans for recycling. Proceeds will benefit Heifer Project International, an Arkansas-based service organization which provides livestock (chickens, pigs, sheep, cattle) along with training and support services to families and communities worldwide. For a limited time, donations will be matched 3-1 by a private foundation. HPI is a non-denominational not-for-profit agency. For more information, call the church office at 665-1031. Office hours are 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m.-12 noon, Friday and before 10:45 a.m. Sunday. For more information about HPI, call 1-800-422-0474 or visit <http://www.heifer.org> on the Internet.

USS COLUMBUS REUNION

USS Columbus Veterans Association will host a reunion Sept. 12-15, 2001, at Rapid City, S.D. For more information, contact Alvin S. Lewis, president, 726 E. Covina Blvd., Covina CA 91722-2955; (626) 339-3568; e-mail homeport@lewisengraving.com

BOY SCOUTS

The Golden Spread Council of Boy Scouts of America is open to boys between the ages of 6 and 18 and includes a 27-county area in the Texas Panhandle. The BSA program includes Club Scouts, Boy Scouts and Venturing, a new program for 14- to 20-year-old boys and girls. For more information, call (806) 358-6500.

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Cultural Academic Student Exchange is seeking families of all types — retired couples, couples with children, single parent families and childless couples — to host a high school exchange student. For more information, call 877-846-5848.

PRESCRIPTION DRUG BOOKLET

The Cost Containment Research Institute in Washington, D.C., recently published a 32-page booklet, "Free & Low Cost Prescription Drugs." The revised third edition provides information on how and where to get free and low cost prescription drugs. Consumers can obtain a copy by sending \$5 to cover printing, postage and handling to: Institute Fulfillment Center, Prescription Drug Booklet #: PDF-370, P.O. Box 462, Elmira, NY 14902-0462. The information is also available at www.institute-dc.org.

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Texas Editorials

By The Associated Press

A sampling of editorial opinion around Texas: San Antonio Express-News on college athletics: "Frankenstein has already left the castle and is out there wandering around. We need to take action." — Hodding Carter III, president of the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation

Hodding Carter is absolutely right, but this monster won't be as easy to bring to bear as the venerable creature that wide-eyed, torch-bearing peasants have pursued in screen incarnations over the years.

That big, bumbling monster wasn't worth \$6.2 billion in television money and millions of dollars in corporate sponsorship deals. (Boris Karloff wasn't wearing a Nike "swoosh" on his buttons-busting, second-hand suit.)

Carter's creature on the loose is, of course, big-time college athletics great entertainment for millions of sports fans, despite the morass of hypocrisy, commercialization and academic fraud.

The foundation that Carter heads recently concluded a year-long review of college athletics. It is recommending changes to correct "the widening chasm between higher education's ideals and big-time college sports."

The commission's findings and its sensible recommendations are not surprising. The surprise will come if any of the recommendations are implemented.

The business of big-time college sports is so entrenched in the culture and so many people profit from the status quo that changes will not come easily, if at all.

The commission's recommendations include barring from postseason play any college team that fails to graduate at least half its players.

That rule would send the Texas Longhorns football team, with a 42 percent graduation rate, to the showers. With them would go their Brazos Valley archrivals, the Aggies, whose graduation rate is a measly 38 percent.

The commission also recommended eliminating corporate logos on uniforms.

Today's players are "walking billboards," Carter observed. DeLoss Dodds, athletic director at the University of Texas at Austin, said UT has deals with such companies as Nike and Reebok that are worth \$23 million over the next seven years.

Perhaps the most sensible recommendation was for the National Basketball Association and the National Football League to develop minor leagues.

Athletes more interested in cracking the starting lineup than in cracking books would not have to indulge in the specious charade of "the scholar athlete."

Many universities, usually the smaller ones, have managed to keep athletics in perspective. At places like Trinity and Texas Lutheran universities, the true scholar-athlete plays the game for the fun of it not to entertain the masses or rake in revenue for the institution. Too many other institutions of higher education are at the mercy of the monster.

"If it proves impossible to create a system of intercollegiate athletics that can live honorably within the American college and university, then... the nation's colleges and universities should get out of the business of big-time sports," the commission concluded.

The advice is worth a rousing cheer, even though prospects for radical change are about as likely as the Baylor Bears winning the Big 12 championship this fall.

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Good can come out of bad situations

This past week I received an e-mail which I really liked. A friend of mine thought I would appreciate it and sent it to me. I thought many of you would enjoy it as it describes how good things often come from bad situations. Hope you enjoy it.

Mom's Last Laugh

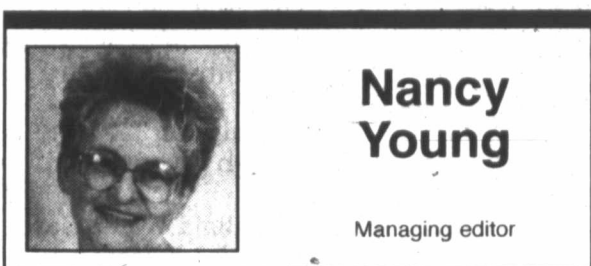
Consumed by my loss, I didn't notice the hardness of the pew where I sat. I was at the funeral of my dearest friend — my mother. She finally had lost her long battle with cancer. The hurt was so intense; I found it hard to breathe at times.

Always supportive, Mother clapped loudest at my school plays, held a box of tissues while listening to my first heartbreak, comforted me at my father's death, encouraged me in college, and prayed for me — my entire life.

When Mother's illness was diagnosed, my sister had a new baby and my brother had recently married his childhood sweetheart, so it fell on me, the 27-year-old middle child without entanglements, to take care of her. I counted it an honor.

"What now, Lord?" I asked sitting in church. My life stretched out before me as an empty abyss. My brother sat stoically with his face toward the cross while clutching his wife's hand. My sister sat slumped against her husband's shoulder, his arms around her as she cradled their child.

All so deeply grieving, no one noticed I sat alone. My place had been with our mother, preparing her meals, helping her walk, taking her to the doctor, seeing to her medication,



Nancy Young
Managing editor

reading the Bible together. Now she was with the Lord. My work was finished, and I was alone.

I heard a door open and slam shut at the back of the church. Quick footsteps hurried along the carpeted floor. An exasperated young man looked around briefly and then sat next to me. He folded his hands and placed them on his lap.

His eyes were brimming with tears. He began to sniffle. "I'm late," he explained, though no explanation was necessary.

After several eulogies, he leaned over and commented, "Why do they keep calling Mary by the name of 'Margaret'?"

Because that was her name, Margaret. Never Mary. No one called her 'Mary,' I whispered. I wondered why this person couldn't have sat on the other side of the church. He interrupted my grieving with his tears and fidgeting.

Who was this stranger anyway?

"No, that isn't correct," he insisted, as several people glanced over at us whispering, "Her name is Mary, Mary Peters."

"That isn't who this is."

"Isn't this the Lutheran church?"

"No, the Lutheran church is across the street." "Oh."

"I believe you're at the wrong funeral, Sir." The solemnness of the occasion mixed with the realization of the man's mistake bubbled up inside me and came out as laughter. I cupped my hands over my face, hoping it would be interpreted as sobs.

The creaking pew gave me away. Sharp looks from other mourners only made the situation seem more hilarious. I peeked at the bewildered, misguided man seated beside me. He was laughing, too, as he glanced around, deciding it was, too late for an uneventful exit.

I imagined Mother laughing.

At the final "Amen," we darted out a door and into the parking lot. "I do believe we'll be the talk of the town," he smiled. He said his name was Rick and since he had missed his aunt's funeral, asked me out for a cup of coffee. That afternoon began a lifelong journey for me with this man who attended the wrong funeral, but was in the right place.

A year after our meeting, we were married at a country church where he was the assistant pastor. This time we both arrived at the same church, right on time.

In my time of sorrow, God gave me laughter. In place of loneliness, God gave love. This past June we celebrated our twenty-second wedding anniversary.

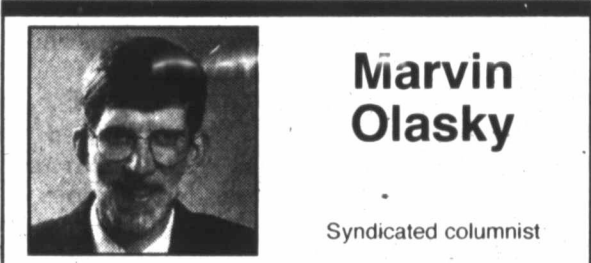
Whenever anyone asks us how we met, Rick tells them, "Her mother and my Aunt Mary introduced us, and it's truly a match made in heaven."

Civil War continues to fascinate us

We are a country of sports fans, but grown men do not dress up in late 19th century baseball uniforms or even early 20th century football uniforms and spend a weekend recreating old contests. That's exactly what thousands of people do at major Civil War battlegrounds every year. Seven score years since that war began, it continues to fascinate Americans, and if you have time this summer, I'd recommend visiting five key battlefields that are all within 200 miles of each other.

The one-day battle at Antietam (September 1862) produced 23,000 casualties and didn't accomplish much. The 30-acre Maryland cornfield through which soldiers charged and countercharged is still a cornfield, and you can walk there or by the farm road that gained a new name at the battle, Bloody Lane. The Burnside bridge is also worth viewing; Union General Ambrose Burnside's hour after hour added to the casualty figures by sending men to capture a heavily-defended bridge across Antietam Creek. Yet that little, narrow, waste-high stream could have been waded at almost any point.

Visit the Fredericksburg battlefield (December 1862) and stand by the stone wall at Marye's Heights. Northern troops had to move across 400 yards of open Virginia terrain, uphill. If they made it through the fire of massed artillery, they ran into the massed fire of Confederate riflemen behind that stone wall. General Burnside



Marvin Olasky
Syndicated columnist

ordered thousands of men to the attack, and about 8,000 were killed or wounded — no one reached the wall. The armies remained in a standoff for two days, while soldiers froze to death in the few acres between the armies.

Drive the Chancellorsville battlefield (April 1863) and follow the tree-shaded route of Stonewall Jackson's flank attack to see the war's purest example of bold tactical brilliance. Northern forces outnumbered the confederates 130,000 to 60,000, but Lee and Jackson split their small force, with Jackson hurrying 30,000 infantrymen on a 12-mile march around Hooker's army. The Confederates came out of the Virginia underbrush screaming the Rebel yell and the rout was on, until darkness fell. Then Jackson fell, shot by his own men in the confusion. He died eight days later, the most prominent of the battle's 29,800 casualties.

The three-day battle at Gettysburg (July 1863) involved 170,000 men, 51,000 of whom became

casualties. Driving and walking this Pennsylvania battlefield explains much: The big rocks of Devil's Den were indeed devilish, and the awesome difficulty of "Pickett's Charge" — across a vast expanse, sloping slightly uphill — makes it seem that Robert E. Lee's hope that day was for God to intervene. (That's what Michael Shaara suggested in his fine novel, "The Killer Angels"; it's well worth reading before a Gettysburg visit.) As Union soldiers slaughtered the charging Confederates, they remembered their disaster half a year earlier and yelled: "Fredericksburg! Fredericksburg!"

By the battle of Cold Harbor (June 1864), Abraham Lincoln and his generals had settled on a war of attrition. "Doing the arithmetic," Lincoln called it, for the North could lose men and replace them, but if Southern forces lost half as many they would likely stay in that depleted condition. Just before they attacked, Northern soldiers wrote their names and home addresses on slips of paper and pinned them to the backs of their coats, so the identity of their corpses the next day could be recognized more readily. When a furious eight-minute assault against the Southern lines ended, an Alabama colonel noted that the Union dead "covered more than five acres of ground about as thickly as they could be laid." One blood-stained diary found in the pocket of a dead soldier had this final entry: "June 3. Cold Harbor. I was killed."

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, July 19, the 200th day of 2001. There are 165 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 19, 1848, a pioneer women's rights convention convened in Seneca Falls, N.Y.

On this date:

In 1870, the Franco-Prussian war began.

In 1941, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill launched his "V for Victory" campaign in Europe.

In 1943, allied air forces raided Rome during World War II.

In 1969, Apollo 11 and its astronauts, Neil Armstrong, Edwin

"Buzz" Aldrin and Michael

Collins, went into orbit around the moon.

In 1975, the Apollo and Soyuz space capsules that were linked in orbit for two days separated.

In 1979, the Nicaraguan capital of Managua fell to Sandinista guerrillas, two days after President Anastasio

Somoza had fled the country.

In 1985, Christa McAuliffe of New Hampshire was chosen to be the first schoolteacher to ride aboard the space shuttle. (McAuliffe and six other crew members died when the "Challenger" exploded shortly after liftoff.)

Oh, for the civic courage of days gone by

The vicinity of the Fourth of July is always a good time to remember American heroes. We've had many, though many would cause the politically correct types to turn up their noses if not gag.

That's OK. The PC'ers are a minority. Nature is just too kind to create that much stupidity in one generation. She sort of parcels it out. Many of today's PC types are the flotsam of the Sick Sixties or their spoiled brats.

I'd love to see how Andrew Jackson would react to these characters. One fierce look from Old Hickory, and I expect they'd scatter like quail. Andy did not suffer fools at all.

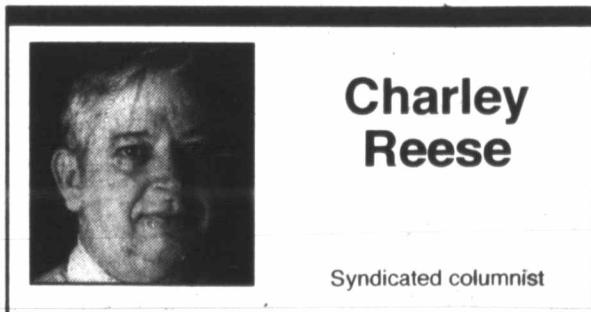
It probably has been a long time since we've had a president who actually killed people with his own hands. Teddy Roosevelt was likely the last one. But when Andy was running for president, his opponents ran full-page ads depicting 14 coffins to denote the people — not counting Indians, of course — Old Hickory had sent to the retirement village in the sky.

In the days when dueling was common, it was often used for political murders. One such scheme was tried to get rid of Jackson. His foes induced the most famous duelist in the country to insult Jackson's wife. They knew Jackson would challenge the guy and they figured their man, who had already killed 26 people in duels, would put Jackson in the ground.

Jackson, however, spent the evening before the duel taking the buttons off his coat and sewing them back on, three inches lower than normal. He knew the man would fire the first shot, and so he did. His 50-caliber ball hit Jackson in the chest — three inches below his heart. The impact staggered Jackson, and, for a moment, it looked as if he would fall.

Then, like a great tree rising from the wind, Jackson straightened up, took careful aim and killed his opponent. Then he collapsed.

When he regained consciousness several hours later, his friend and doctor said, "I don't



Charley Reese
Syndicated columnist

see how you stayed on your feet after that wound."

Jackson looked into his friend's eyes, and I can imagine him smiling as he said, "I'd stayed on my feet long enough to kill that son-of-a-bitch even if he had shot me in the brain."

Before the Battle of New Orleans, Jackson got wind that the Legislature, fearful that New Orleans would be destroyed in the fighting — Jackson, of course, was greatly outnumbered — was thinking about surrendering. He sent an aide with this message: "If you vote to surrender, I will burn your damned city down." Turned out the merchants and politicians were more afraid of Jackson than of the British. Jackson, by the way, slaughtered the British, including their general, with his backwoods marksmen and Louisiana pirates.

There's a museum in Scotland that has a whole section on what, to the British, was a catastrophic loss. Jackson's casualties were minimal.

The great tragedy in Jackson's life was that his beloved wife, Rachel, died before he was inaugurated. American history has a lot of great loves — Jackson and his wife, Jefferson Davis and his wife, Varina, to name a few. These women were strong women who make today's feminist harpies look like baby pigeons.

When Jefferson Davis was being held in

prison, his wife lit into the commanding general of the prison with such verbal ferocity and force that witnesses said he went pale and took two steps backward.

John and Abigail Adams and James and Dolly Madison are also great love stories involving strong men and strong women.

Another of my heroes is Alexander Stephens, who was, among many offices, vice president of the Confederacy. He was a small, sickly man. He never weighed more than 91 pounds, but he had a brilliant brain and fierce spirit.

Confronted by a larger man, who took umbrage at something Stephens had said about him, the two fought with knives. It wasn't long before the larger man had Stephens flat on his back, with the blade of his knife across Stephens' throat.

"Retract!" the man demanded, "or I'll cut your damned throat."

Stephens replied, "Cut it." I believe we'd have to search high and low these days to find a politician who would rather die than retract a statement he believed to be true. But courage and integrity, even unto death, were once so common in America they were hardly noticed.

Courage and integrity are still present, of course, but mainly in the military and law enforcement. Civic courage is what is missing, just as Alexander Solzhenitsyn pointed out in his commencement address at Harvard back in the 1970s.

Civic courage is the kind that says no to bullies and demagogues, that pursues the common good even when the polls say people are against it. Civic courage is the kind that remains loyal to subordinates when cowards want to throw them to the mobs. Civic courage defends principles no matter what the personal costs.

One day that, too, will be common again in America, God willing and the creeks don't rise.

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Pampa native J.B. Horton, center, gives a big thumbs up to the recent Relay for Life fundraiser. Horton, who is with the International division of the Small Business Administration in Washington, D.C., was in town during the RFL. He joined Jason McCoy, American Cancer Society field representative, and Pam Dalton, local ACS president, in the 18-hour festivities to raise money for local cancer patients at Recreation Park.

Cost of getting information from Social Security increasing

DALLAS — Fees for services not related to Social Security programs will be increased to comply with the Office of Management and Budget's directive to charge full costs for all requests that are not related to agency programs.

The fee increase, effective as of July 1, is government wide and is the first increase since 1988. The fees cover the cost of processing requests for records or services by including the full cost of an employee's time, machine time and materials plus overhead.

In the past, Social Security offices have not charged for providing copies of a person's Social Security card application. Prior to this change, the fee schedule was below the amount required for collection. With the increase, the amount now has to be collected.

While an individual has the right to a copy of his/her own Social Security number application, the Social Security Administration discourages such requests. Offices must now ask

why the record is needed. If it is for a non-Social Security program purpose, the individual will be charged a fee.

The fixed rates for these services are:
—Request a copy of an original application for a Social Security card (Form SS-5), Social Security number (SSN) provided—\$27; SSN not provided—\$29.

—Request a computer extract of an SSN application, SSN provided—\$16; SSN not provided—\$18.

—Search for individual's death information, SSN provided—\$16; SSN not provided—\$18.

Some examples of non-Social Security program uses are employer referrals for a copy of the Social Security number record. Employers are encouraged to use the toll-free number for employers, 1-800-772-6270, for verifying up to five names.

A fee will be charged if the Social Security number holder insists upon a copy of the record. Requests for copies of Social Security records for the

Department of Motor Vehicles and driver's license office and for genealogy reasons are non-Social Security program use and a fee will be charged.

State welfare agency requests for Social Security records or statement of benefits are considered to be for Social Security program use if they are for health or income maintenance programs and no fee will be charged. State welfare agencies have automated sources for such verifications directly with Social Security so individuals do not have to request their records from Social Security field offices.

Individuals can use most major credit cards to pay for these services, or they may pay by personal check or money order made payable to the Social Security Administration. Additional information about fees for services may be obtained by visiting the Social Security website at www.ssa.gov or call the toll free telephone number 1-800-772-1213.

WTAMU introduces newest ornament

CANYON — In spite of the 100-plus degree temperatures, the West Texas A&M University Bookstore will celebrate Christmas in July and will use the occasion to introduce the "Buffalo" ornament, the second ornament in the University's Centennial Countdown Series. The come-and-go reception, complete with holiday refreshments, music, decorations and a visit from Santa Claus, will mark the public's first opportunity to see and purchase the 2001 collectible ornament.

The first University buffaloes were purchased in 1922 from Mr. and Mrs. Charles Goodnight and were appropriately named Charles C. (Charlie) and Mary Ann. Both lived on campus, but it was Charlie who captured the spotlight, ran the sidelines at football games and paraded the Homecoming streets.

Thunder I (called Lollipop) ushered in the modern tradition in 1977, and the University has not been without a live mascot since.

The three-dimensional solid-brass Buffalo ornament is finished in 24-karat gold and is elegantly presented in a decorative box bearing the University seal.

An ornament depicting the Old Main building was issued a year ago and kicked off the 11-ornament series. A new ornament will be introduced every year until 2010, the University's 100-year anniversary.

Beginning July 25, the 2001 Buffalo ornament will go on sale for \$12.95. A limited number of 2000 Old Main ornaments are available for \$14.95 each. (Handling and shipping is an additional \$3.95 per order and will require two to three weeks for delivery.)

Collectors and WTAMU friends may mail orders to Bookstore, WTAMU Box 60937, Canyon, TX 79016-0001, call (806) 651-2744, fax (806) 651-2752, visit www.wtbookstore.com or stop by the University Bookstore, located in the Jack B. Kelley Student Center on the WTAMU campus.

Profits from the sale of the ornaments will fund campus beautification projects.

Keeping an Eye on Texas

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"Slamming" is when a consumer's telephone provider — local or long distance — is switched without his knowledge or consent. Texas law requires companies engaging in such practices to pay the cost of switching customers back to their original provider, provide billing records to the original provider and, in some cases, pay fines of up to \$5,000 a day for each slamming violation.

Tips for prevention:

- Request a Primary Interexchange Carrier (PIC) freeze from your phone company to prevent a change in long distance service without a written request.
- Inspect your phone bill each month and report unfamiliar charges to your phone company.
- Contact your phone company to confirm your preferred long distance carrier.



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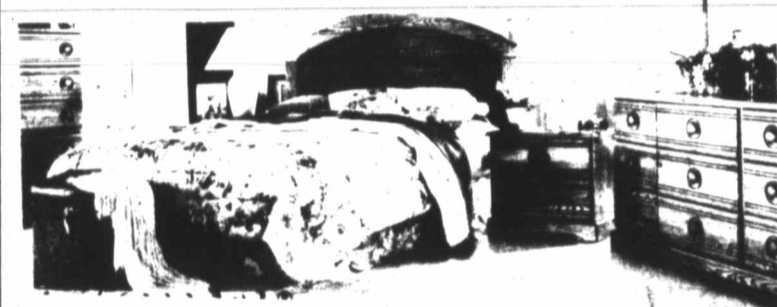
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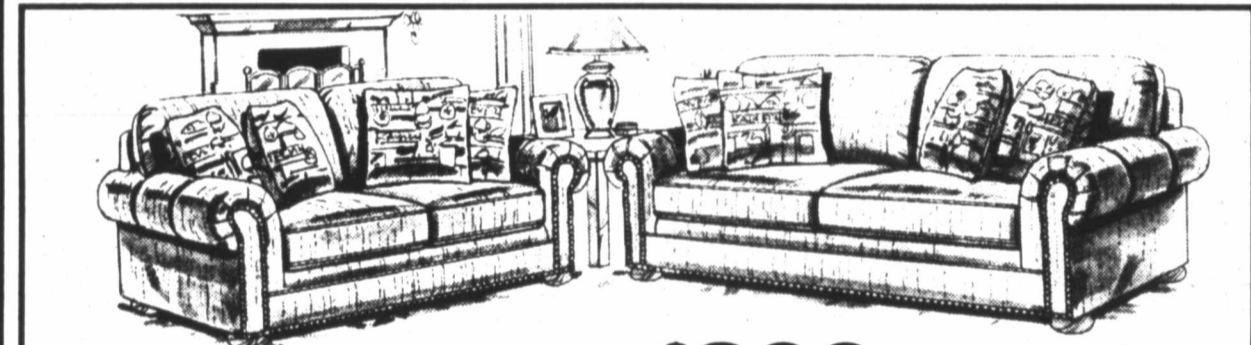
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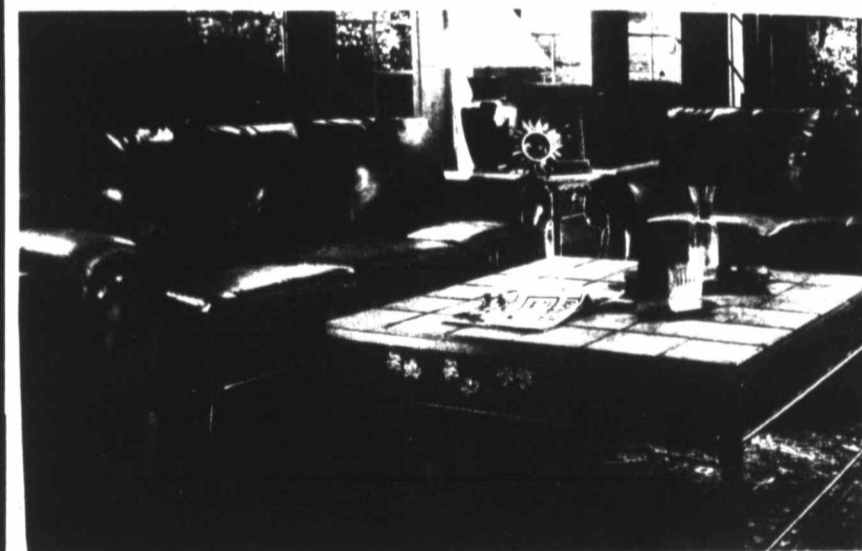
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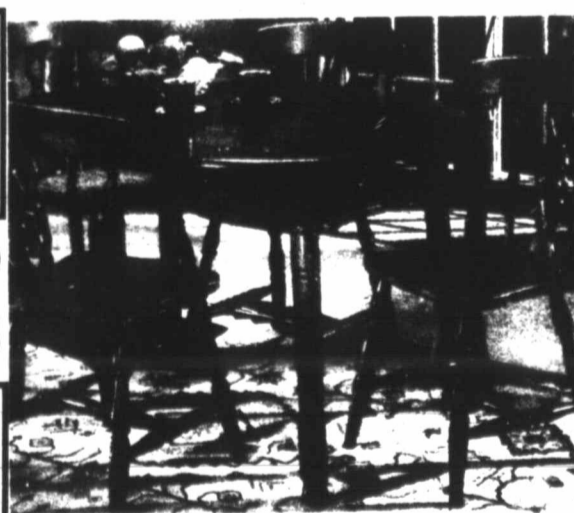
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TDH advocates screening all children for lead poisoning

AUSTIN — Corral any group of 25 preschoolers and at least one child probably will have a level of lead in his or her body high enough to cause concern. That's a general idea about the problem in this state.

But the Texas Department of Health (TDH) wants to have a more comprehensive picture of the extent of lead poisoning in children, for prevention and treatment purposes. So in January TDH began asking all health care providers to give a blood lead test to every child at 12 months and 24 months of age and report all results to TDH.

"In 1998, about 6 percent of Texas children under the age of 15 had a blood lead test, with about 4 percent of those tested showing elevated blood lead levels," said Teresa Willis, administrator of the Texas Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program at TDH. "That means as many as 191,000 children in the state may have elevated blood lead levels."

Poisoning occurs when there is too much lead in the body. Lead is especially bad for children 6 and younger because it is absorbed so easily by their small bodies. Youngsters may eat or breathe in lead from such things as paint, dust, drinking water, soil, toys or eating and drinking utensils. Many people may not realize that lead is around them because they cannot see it, taste it or smell it.

"We want health care providers and parents to understand how important we think this screening is for children," Willis said. "Even small amounts of lead can harm a child's brain, kidneys and stomach. Lead poisoning can slow a child's development, leading to learning disabilities, hyperactivity and impaired hearing."

If caught early, however, these harmful effects can be limited by reducing a child's exposure to lead or by medical treatment.

A 1996 state law mandated the reporting of blood lead test results to the TDH Child Lead Registry, but even that reporting does not provide enough data to spot which children are at risk for lead poisoning or where they live. So TDH, working with an advisory group, put together a two-year plan that includes the screening recommendations.

TDH will give quarterly feedback to health care providers during the two-year period. "At the end of that time, we will have put together a summary of the data and recommend final lead screening guidelines," Willis said.

WTAMU: Political science profs launch study group

CANYON — Three West Texas A&M University professors in the Department of History and Political Science have come up with a means of creating research opportunities for faculty and students that could have a positive impact on Texas communities.

Dr. Edwin Theo Maloy, assistant professor of public administration, and Drs. John David Rausch and Reed Welch, assistant professors of political science, recently launched the Government Administration Study Group (GASG) at WTAMU.

The mission of GASG is to "provide Texas governments with data and advice necessary for informed public policy formulation and implementation ... while furthering the University's educational and research mission." Using graduate and undergraduate students and its own faculty resources and expertise, the group plans to undertake research studies on a contract basis for governmental bodies in Texas.

"We plan to develop the study group to include students, either graduate students looking for thesis ideas or undergraduates interested in learning more about political science and public administration research methods," Rausch said. "We also hope that the Government Administration Study Group helps make us better teachers because the information we uncover will be useful in discussing state and local government in our classes."

GASG has already landed its first project. The Randall County Commissioner's Court unanimously accepted a recent study group proposal to conduct a research program designed to provide understanding of rural fire protection districts in Texas.

Data from screenings also will be used to identify communities where people are at high risk for lead poisoning.

It sometimes is difficult to spot children affected by lead poisoning. "A child may have lead poisoning and not feel sick," Willis said. "Or a child may have general symptoms such as stomachaches, headaches, a poor appetite, trouble sleeping or be cranky, tired or restless."

Among the sources of lead are peeling or chipping paint in homes built before 1978, dust from sanding or removing old paint and wallpaper and soil near a major highway that may be contaminated from years of leaded fuels. Other sources are industries that use lead, old water pipes made of lead or newer fixtures with lead solder, food grown in lead-contaminated soil, food stored in some glazed pottery or in open cans or leaded glass, bullets and fishing sinkers, hobbies that use lead such as stained glass and some folk remedies.

In addition, a pregnant woman can pass lead on to her developing baby.

To protect children from exposure:

—Have children wash their hands and face after playing outside and before eating or sleeping.

—Clean bottle and pacifier nipples each time they fall on the ground.

—Wash infant and toddler toys often. Be cautious. Toys, especially those made in another country, may use lead-based paints or dyes.

—Do not use hot water that may flow through leaded pipes or pipes soldered with lead for cooking or preparing drinks or infant formula.

—Check your home for chipping and peeling paint and paint dust.

—Place duct tape over loose paint or plaster for a temporary covering. Call your local health department or the TDH Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program at 1-800-588-1248 for information on safe ways to remove paint, plaster and wallpaper.

"You can't tell if your child has lead poisoning unless he or she is given a blood test," Willis said. "We are encouraging parents to have their children tested at 12 months and 24 months, especially if they believe their children are at risk for lead poisoning. It takes only 10 minutes but could make a lifetime of difference."

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Bush ally supports stem cells, reflects views under White House study

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate's only physician, who also is a close ally of President Bush, added new momentum to the drive for federally financed medical research with embryonic stem cells.

Sen. Bill Frist, R-Tenn., said Wednesday he opposed abortion but felt compelled to support research that could save lives. The senator — who has often transformed the president's views into Senate proposals — also proposed several limits to the new funding. Namely, he'd limit the number of sets of cultured stem cells to come from a single embryo.

Frist offered a compromise that he said would allow stem cell research to progress "in a manner respectful of both the moral significance of human embryos and the potential of stem cell research to improve health."

Bush, also an abortion opponent, is considering whether to allow federal funds to pay for research on stem cells taken from human embryos.

Stem cells are master cells that can generate body tissue. Scientists believe the cures for many diseases could be unlocked from research using stem cells. Abortion opponents say harvesting the stem cells requires the death of an embryo, which many regard as human life.

A federal health research report released Wednesday said scientists should be free to pursue all avenues of research, including that involving human embryos. Supporters also embraced the 200-plus page report from the National Institutes of Health, though it did not specifically call for federal funding.

Opponents favor research using "adult" stem cells, which are taken from mature organs and then manipulated in the lab.

The federal researchers said embryonic stem cells can develop into all types of cells and tissue, a flexibility that may be lacking in adult stem cells.

"I strongly believe that we have measured the question carefully, and that it is time to move on," said Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, whose Senate panel oversees federal health spending and held the hearing where the report and Frist's opinion were made public. He added he will push for legislation allowing the stem cell funding if Bush doesn't approve it.

"The NIH report is clear on this important point: Embryonic and adult stem cells are different and both present immense research opportunities for potential therapies," Harkin said at the hearing.

Scientists believe they can learn to direct the development of embryonic stem cells to grow mature cells or tissues that could be used to treat disease. Some estimate that stem cells could benefit more than 100 million patients with such disorders as Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease, diabetes and spinal cord injuries.

Most of Frist's points are consistent with the NIH guidelines. He would also ban cloning of embryos for research. House lawmakers plan to take up that issue Thursday.

Some research scientists have rejected certain restrictions, especially the limits on stem cell lines.

There currently are approximately one dozen embryonic stem cell lines. But researchers say it will take experiments with scores, perhaps hundreds, of embryonic stem cell lines for scientists to be confident that basic biological discoveries are universal and not characteristics that are unique to the limited number of cell lines.

Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle said Frist's statement "carries great weight and has a great deal of respect" because of his medical expertise.

A key abortion opponent, Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, also supported federal funding for stem cell research. But he added that he is troubled that some companies would create embryos in order to conduct this research.

"This type of research is indicative of the problems we will continue to encounter if we don't allow federal funding with strict guidelines for embryonic stem cell research," Hatch said.

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American rape suspect indicted in Japan

TOKYO (AP) — A U.S. Air Force sergeant was charged Thursday with raping a woman on Okinawa in an attack that prompted a standoff between Tokyo and Washington over treatment of criminal suspects in Japan. Staff Sgt. Timothy Woodland, 24, faces a minimum of two years in prison if convicted in the June 29 assault on a 20-year-old Japanese woman in a bar parking lot. The case and the U.S. delay in handing the suspect over to Japanese authorities inflamed tensions between Okinawa and the U.S. military, which stations about 26,000 service people on the southern island. No date had been set for Woodland's trial. Prosecutors moved relatively swiftly to charge Woodland after a judge on Wednesday moved up the indictment deadline from next Monday to Thursday.

Island of Tuvalu appeals for shelter from rising tides

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) — The tiny Pacific island nation of Tuvalu has asked New Zealand and Australia to provide shelter for its 11,000 people as rising sea levels threaten to engulf their homes. The Tuvaluan government hopes to resettle its entire population before the nation's nine low-lying coral atolls become uninhabitable — which could be in just 50 years. Tuvaluans say their country is steadily disappearing as the earth warms and the seas rise. Tuvalu has a total land area of just 9 square miles — about one-tenth the size of Washington, D.C. — and its highest point is 16 feet above sea level. Tuvalu is about halfway between Hawaii and Australia. New Zealand has agreed to help, but there have been no guarantees from Australia.

Peru to demand that Japan extradite Fujimori

TOKYO (AP) — Peru plans to ask the Japanese government to extradite former President Alberto Fujimori once criminal charges have been filed against him, Lima's ambassador to Japan said Thursday. The government is building a felony case against Fujimori, who fled to Japan late last year and lives in Tokyo. Fujimori is under investigation in Peru for corruption and for his alleged ties to a paramilitary death squad, and faces charges of dereliction of duty and abandonment of office. Fujimori, 62, has denied any wrongdoing. Japan granted citizenship to Fujimori in December, putting him out of the immediate reach of Peruvian authorities. Japan has no extradition treaty with Peru, and has said it has no intention of sending Fujimori back.

One dead and 27 wounded in protest as Sri Lanka deploys army

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka (AP) — Police used batons, tear gas and rubber bullets to block tens of thousands of people from marching into the capital Thursday to protest the suspension of parliament. The government called out the army to help. At least one protester bled to death from what appeared to be a rubber bullet wound, and 27 suffered injuries from police truncheons and rubber bullets, said doctors at the city's two largest hospitals. The main opposition United National Party had said it would send 100,000 protesters into the streets to cripple the capital in a protest against President Chandrika Kumaratunga's suspension of parliament on July 11. She took the action hours after the opposition gathered enough support for a no-confidence vote.

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Mom Measures Her Reaction To Daughter's Lost Virginity

DEAR ABBY: My 15-year-old daughter left her journal open on her bed and, being nosy, I read the page that was open. She had written that she had lost her virginity to her boyfriend.

We have stressed to her how important it is to save herself for marriage, but it looks like she decided not to. She had a friend who just found out she was pregnant three months ago. I can't believe this didn't make my daughter think a little bit more about it.

Should I confront her about what I read, or let it slide? It's tearing me up inside because she was brought up with better values than this.

We have always been very close and she usually talks to me about everything. Well, at least I thought she did. Any advice?

MISSOURI MOM

DEAR MOM: Your daughter may have left the book open in order to open the door to discussion with you. She probably didn't know how to break the news to you any other way and feared your reaction.

How you deal with this is very important. Do not attack her and do not scold. Talk calmly; tell her you are disappointed and why. Then review why it is important for her to use every precaution if she is going to be sexually active. Use her friend as an example. I suspect your daughter already knows she has gone further than she should have and now regrets it.

DEAR ABBY: The woman I date (I'll call her Earlene) is 62 and owns

Dear Abby

Is written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips.

her own home. She also has a truck that's fully paid for, CDs and an IRA. In other words, she's well-off.

For the last four years we have gone out to eat frequently because she lives alone and so do I. We eat out at least four days a week, breakfast and dinner. In all that time she has picked up the check only five times. Even when I pay, she never leaves a tip. She figures since I'm paying the bill, I should do it.

Earlene is from the old school — that the man is supposed to do all the paying. I have talked to her about it. It goes in one ear and out the other. I don't believe this is fair, and it is straining our relationship because I'm not as well-off as she is.

What ever happened to equal rights for women and men? Please answer soon. This is an emergency.

BUSTED BUDGET,
ANDOVER, OHIO

DEAR B.B.: If you're asking

about the Equal Rights Amendment — it lost by a narrow margin. Even so, dating rules have changed greatly since your ladyfriend was a girl. It's time to tell the meal server, "Separate checks, please." If Earlene doesn't agree, maybe it's time to go your separate ways.

DEAR ABBY: Although I am a recent reader of your column, I enjoy it daily. Would you kindly assist me with somewhat of an office etiquette dilemma?

Ofentimes in my workplace, women will actually brush their teeth using the public restroom sink. Personally, I think it is totally inappropriate for anyone to do such a thing in a public place, especially rinsing. Could you please share the appropriate rule, if any applies, and assist me in scolding such offenders?

GROSSED OUT
IN BEVERLY HILLS

DEAR GROSSED OUT: Sorry. I respect people who are diligent about their oral hygiene. I see nothing wrong with brushing one's teeth in a public restroom, as long as the sink is rinsed thoroughly after the person is finished.

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Wildwood

...AND MOVING ON TO ANNOUNCEMENTS, WE SEE...

I DON'T MIND THE IDEA OF PERSONAL ADS, STU. — JUST NOT IN THE CHURCH BULLETIN, OKAY?

Crossword Puzzle

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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| ACROSS | DOWN |
| 1 Religious group | 1 Burn |
| 5 Ransom demander | 2 Different |
| 11 First name in scat singing | 3 Note-taking aid |
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| 13 Without guarantee | 5 Bin contents |
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| 17 "Felicity" role | 8 Haber-dashery buy |
| 18 Actress Christina | 9 Lyric poem |
| 22 Future oak | 10 Far out, in surf slang |
| 24 Perm place | 16 Traveler's stop |
| 25 Flamboyant wrap | 19 Film set snapper |
| 26 Place of refuge | 20 Heart place |
| 27 Greene of "Bonanza" | 21 Print supplies |
| 30 Uses a sponge | 22 Fit |
| 32 Town leader | 23 Put in the fridge |
| 33 Go out | 28 Force unit |
| 34 Dismissed | 29 Gofer's job |
| 38 Hindu incarnation | 30 Sopping |
| 41 Steak order | 31 Portugal's place |
| 42 Singer Vic | 35 Mine finds |
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Yesterday's answer

Marmaduke

"Were you scratching your hind leg with my fork?"

The Family Circus

7-19

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"Grandma says we don't hear back from Granddad 'cause he's havin' too much fun with those angels."

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OH.

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OK.

I'VE SET THE ALARM FOR 8. I'LL SEE YOU LATER!

SURE. UH-HUH...

BZZZZZ!

UH? WHAH? ...DEANNA, WHERE ARE YOU?

"NOBODY TELLS ME ANYTHING!"

Zits

MOM, DAD. THIS IS PIERCE. HE'S OUR NEW DRUMMER.

NICE TO MEET YOU BOTH. YOU HAVE A LOVELY HOME.

WELL, HE SEEMS VERY PERFORATED. ER... POLITE.

I DIDN'T KNOW HAIR COULD BE DYED IN SANGRIA.

Garfield

I'LL GO GET THE BROOM...

AND SWEEP UP ALL THAT CAT HAIR.

OKAY, BUT FIRST...

I'D JUST LIKE TO STAND HERE AND ADMIRE IT AWHILE

Beetle Bailey

IS THE TV STILL AT THE REPAIR SHOP?

YEAH, AND I SURE MISS IT.

BEEBLE, STAND OVER THERE AND DO SOMETHING INTERESTING

Marvin

BEING HERE WITH YOU WASN'T AS BIG AN ADJUSTMENT AS I THOUGHT.

NO, BECAUSE I LIVE WITH A LITTLE OLD LADY.

...WHO ALWAYS SPEAKS TO ME IN BABY TALK.

B.C.

I LEARNED A VALUABLE LESSON AT THE PRO SHOP YESTERDAY.

ON WHAT?

TIGHTENING MY GRIP.

THAT'S SILLY, EVERYBODY KNOWS YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO LOOSEN YOUR GRIP ON YOUR CLUB...

NOT MY CLUB... MY WALLET.

Hagar The Horrible

WELL, I'M OFF TO ENGLAND !!

IS HAGAR ALWAYS THAT ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT GOING TO WORK?

NO, MOTHER... NOT USUALLY.

Peanuts

WHO WAS ON THE PHONE?

A GIRL WHO SAID SHE WAS AN OLD FRIEND OF YOURS CALLING FROM OUT OF THE BLUE...

I DIDN'T KNOW WHERE THAT WAS SO I HUNG UP..

Blondie

I ASKED COOKIE TO COME IN AND HELP US OUT.

AND HERE SHE COMES.

SHOW US WHAT YOU NEED DONE, MOM.

DID YOU KNOW SHE WAS BRINGING THOSE BOYS?

I WAS COUNTING ON IT!

Mallard Filmore

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...AND BREAKING DOWN ARCHAIC BARRIERS BETWEEN INEPT AND BANALITY.

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SPORTS

Seminole advances in 11-12 tourney

LOCKNEY — The Pampa Optimist All-Stars fought hard, but came out on the short end of a 4-2 score against Seminole in the West Texas Cal Ripken 11-12 State Tournament on Wednesday. Brett Ferrell staked Pampa to a 2-1 lead with a line drive over the right field fence with Shavious Kelley aboard in the bottom of the first inning. Three Seminole pitchers combined to hold Pampa to only four hits in the game and no runs after the first inning.

Seminole drew first blood in the top of the first inning with a single, an error and another single. A fine relay from Kelley in center to Matthew Trusty at shortstop to Colby Greenhouse blocking the plate prevented another run from scoring.

The winners had two hits in the second inning, but an attempt to steal home resulted in a hotbox with Trusty tagging the

runner out to thwart a potential rally.

Greenhouse threw a runner out trying to steal second for the first out in the third inning, but a single and two walks finished starter Colden Fortenberry and brought on Trusty. A double and single followed driving in three runs, a deficit Pampa never made up.

Ferrell doubled in the third, moved up on a passed ball, but was left on. Walks to Aaron Carr and Travis Marsh sandwiched around a single by Mark Stone loaded the bases in the fourth inning, but did not produce any runs.

Colby Copeland opened the fifth inning by reaching base on an error. He moved to second on a wild pitch and to third on a passed ball, but the next three batters struck out. Stone delivered his second hit of the game, a double, in the bottom of the sixth inning, to bring the tying run to

the plate, but the season ended two strikeouts later.

Ferrell with a home run, a double, a run scored and two RBI led Pampa's hitting. Stone, with a double and single, had Pampa's other two hits.

Fortenberry gave up three earned runs and six hits in two and one-third innings. He walked two and struck out two. Blake Nusser pitched two scoreless innings, running his tournament total to eight innings without giving up a run. He permitted one hit while striking out two and walking none.

Trusty pitched one and two-third innings, allowing no runs and two hits. He struck out one and walked none.

Pampa, the defending West Texas State Champions, finished the tournament in fourth place with a 2-2 record. Ron Carr was manager of the team. Coaches were Danny Nusser and John Warner.



(Pampa News photo)

Mindy Bagley competed in the Youth 4D Division at the June barrel races in Pampa.

Pampa wins close one against Graham

PAMPA — The Pampa 11-12 year-old Little League Softball All-Stars defeated Graham 12-11 in a hard-fought comeback victory at Optimist Park Wednesday night in the Sectional Tournament.

The Pampa All-Stars held Graham scoreless in the top half of the first. Graham loaded the bases on two base on balls and a hit batter with no outs. Center fielder Logan Boles caught a fly-ball for the first out of the inning. Pampa's Nicole Clark struck out the next two batters she faced to end the inning.

In Pampa's first at bat, Briteni Rice reached on an error. Rice then took second on a passed ball. Stephanie McVay reached base on a ball hit to the shortstop, but instead of making a play on McVay, the ball was held to keep Rice from advancing to third. Both runners advanced on a passed ball. Rice scored from third on a throwing error by the catcher McVay moved up to third on the play and later scored on a passed ball before the side was retired. Pampa led 2-0 after one inning.

Graham had a big inning in the top half of the second, plating five runs on three hits and four walks, and led 5-2 after one and one-half innings of play.

Pampa added one run in the bottom of the second. Erika Silva

reached after being hit by a pitch, but was forced out on a 4-6 fielder's choice. Alyssa Kelsey reached first on the play and later scored on an RBI single by McVay. Boles also singled in the inning, but was stranded on second. Graham led 5-3 after two complete innings of play.

Graham added three runs in the third on an error and three walks. Graham stretched their lead to 8-3.

Pampa came roaring back in the bottom of the third, plating four runs on two base hits and six walks. Nicole Clark had a leadoff triple. With one out, Clark was put out attempting to steal home for the second out of the inning. Graham pitching began to struggle and Pampa was issued six walks. A pitching change for Graham paid off when the new pitcher struck out the only Pampa batter she faced in the inning to retire the side. Pampa had pulled within one 8-7.

Graham was held scoreless in the fourth. Clark, after issuing a leadoff walk, retired the runner on a 1-6 forceout at second. A 4-3 ground out and a 5-3 ground out ended Graham's at bat.

Kenzi Nickell walked and went to second and third on wild pitches. A throwing error on the Graham catcher allowed her to score and tie the game at 8-8 after four innings.

In the fifth, with runners on first and second, Kelsey made an outstanding catch of a foul fly down the third base line and held the runners for the first out of the inning. Graham scored twice on two base hits and an error. Graham led 10-8.

In Pampa's half of the fifth, Cassidy Tice reached after being hit by a pitch. Aggressive base running allowed her to steal second and third base. Tice scored on a passed ball, taking the Graham pitcher down hard as she slid across home plate. Pampa trailed 10-9 going into the sixth.

A leadoff single and an RBI single with one out accounted for Graham's only run in the sixth. Graham led 11-9.

Pampa scored the three runs necessary for the win on four base on balls and one hit batter. Erika Silva and Kelsey each reached and scored, tying the game at 11-11. McVay was issued a base on balls. Boles was hit by a pitch, and Tice walked to load the bases. With two outs, McVay scored the winning run on a passed ball.

Pampa advances to face El Paso tonight at 6. Graham will take on Ropes-Whiteface, a loser to Azle in the second contest of the night. Azle, a 22-5 winner, received a bye in the second round of play. The tournament winner advances to the State Tournament in Waco.

Barrel races draw Panhandle athletes

PAMPA — The National Barrel Horse Association (Tex. District 02) held a barrel race in June at the Top O' Texas Rodeo Arena.

There were 40 contestants entered in the Open Division and 15 contestants in the Youth Division.

Most of the barrel racers were from the Panhandle area, including Pampa, Canadian, Borger, Amarillo and Dumas.

All are members of the National Barrel Horse Association. These jackpot events are held so members can be eligible to compete at the World Show in Omaha and to receive year-end awards.

The barrel racing year starts in January and ends in December. The district can have up to 18 jackpots to complete the year and present awards.

"We have some ladies in this group that can run and win at just about any rodeo," said Tex. District 02 official Judy

Morris. Tyra Kane of Canyon and a District 02 competitor placed second in barrel racing at this year's PRC A Top O' Texas Rodeo in Pampa.

"Tyra is not the only member we have who is tough. Gina Greenhouse, a hometown gal, 9-year-old Shelby Robinson and Tammie Goldston are just a few others who can hold their own," Morris said.

Another jackpot barrel race is scheduled for Saturday, starting at 8:30 p.m. at the Pampa arena.

"So, if you want to watch some of these girls and their fast horses, come on out. We are having a \$500 Open added jackpot that day, and also on Sunday, we will have another added money barrel race."

Morris added. The barrel races start at 3 p.m. and admission is free. June results are as follows:

Open 1D
Brandy Wright 16.381; Rachel Miller 16.468; Gina Greenhouse 16.611.

Open 4D
Gene Ann Dreyer 18.868; Erick Lewis 18.874; Cassie Lax 20.175.

Open 2D
LuAnn Weldon 16.882; Josey McCullar 17.067; Dionne Sanders 17.112.

Youth 1D
Shelby Robinson 16.817.

Youth 3D
Kelsey Alders 17.921; Cassie Lax 18.249.

Open 3D
Kelly Proffitt 17.459; Margaret Glasscock 17.600; Dirinda Braddock 17.605.

Youth 2D
Callie Ann Nuchols 17.533.

Youth 4D
Dylan Winkle 19.001; Mindy Bagley 20.621.

Hidden Hills to host mixed scramble

PAMPA — Hidden Hills Ladies Golf Association is sponsoring a mixed scramble on Monday, July 23 at the Hidden Hills public course. There will be a shotgun start at

6 p.m. Entry fee is five dollars, plus green fee and cart.

Deadline is July 22. Call David Teichmann at Hidden Hills (669-5966) to enter.

Georgia golfer takes lead at Jr. PGA Championship

WESTFIELD CENTER, Pa. — Taylor Hall of LaGrange, Ga. got up and down from a greenside bunker to birdie the 18th hole for a 3-under-par 68, grabbing a one-stroke first-round lead in the boys division Wednesday at the Westfield Junior PGA Championship.

Daniel Heuston, a senior-to-be at Pampa High School, is entered in the tournament. He shot a first-round 82. He had a 38 on the front 9, but slipped to a 44 on the last 9 holes.

Heuston has been the District 3-4A medalist the past two seasons.

Hall, 15, is the Georgia

Junior Champion. He mixed five birdies and two bogeys on the South Course of Westfield Group Country Club. Kevin Silva of New Bedford, Mass. and Chris Brown of Manchester, Mass. are one stroke back at 69.

Casey Whittenberg of Memphis, Tenn., the nation's No. 1-ranked player according to last week's Golf Week-Sagarin rankings, struggled to a 7-4.

In the girls division, 13-year-old Bee Park of Eustis, Fla. posted an even-par 72 for a one-stroke lead over Sara Brown of Tucson, Ariz.

The Junior PGA Championship is in its 26th year. This year's tournament features 90 players from 38 states. The Championship is for boys and girls 17 and younger. It had been conducted in Florida for 19 of the past 21 years.

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Lawmakers want wide government accounting of weapons after FBI loss

WASHINGTON (AP) — With the FBI having lost hundreds of laptops and firearms, lawmakers demanded a government-wide accounting of other firearms and computers and criticized the nation's largest law enforcement agency for losing track of its valuable equipment.

"If our premier law-enforcement agency, the FBI, is so lax in keeping track of its guns, I shudder to think about what other abuses may exist at other federal agencies," said Rep. John Dingell, D-Mich.

Dingell wants the General Accounting Office, Congress' investigative and auditing arm, to check every federal agency to see if any other weapons are missing. In addition, Sen. Charles Grassley of Iowa, ranking Republican on the Finance Committee, called for the Treasury Department to account

for its guns and secure computers.

"To have laptops missing that could have national security information on them would be atrocious," Grassley said. "For the FBI to have lost firearms and failed to account for them is inexcusable."

The FBI has since tightened security and Attorney General John Ashcroft said he has confidence in the agency.

The Justice Department revealed Tuesday that 449 side arms and submachine guns are missing. One of the missing guns was used in a homicide, officials said. Also, 184 computers are missing.

Each FBI employee has been accountable for the whereabouts of laptop computers assigned to them. Kenneth Senser, the FBI's deputy assistant director in charge of internal security, said

the FBI established an internal group that began in May 2000 to put in place a system to make sure the bureau was keeping track of the computers.

"Who is held accountable?" Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, demanded of Senser.

"At the time, actually, there was no one held accountable, in the sense that the FBI policy was very clear on the control of laptop computers," Senser said.

He said the FBI has improved its security systems and protocols in the last two years and can now identify where every computer with classified information is supposed to be.

Attorney General John Ashcroft said he still believes in the FBI despite its recent contro-

versies. "Every organization has problems," he said. "But how do you respond to the problems? I have to say the FBI has been responding constructively."

Senators have complained for weeks that the FBI has a culture of covering up its mistakes and have offered several bills to reform the agency, including provisions for outside reviews and more power for agency watchdogs such as the inspector general's office.

President Bush has nominated Robert Mueller, a former U.S. attorney known for cleaning up and reforming law enforcement offices, to be the new FBI director.

Mueller will go before the Senate Judiciary Committee on July 30, officials said.

"It has become clearer that sig-

nificant changes are necessary at the FBI if it is to maintain its status as the world's premier law enforcement agency," said Sen. Richard Durbin, D-Ill., who talked to Mueller on Wednesday.

"The FBI isn't starving for resources — its starving for leadership."

The FBI has been under fire for

missteps going back years, including the failure to provide thousands of documents to Timothy McVeigh's lawyers, the Robert Hanssen spy case, the bloody Branch Davidian and Ruby Ridge standoffs and the botched investigation of former Los Alamos nuclear scientist Wen Ho Lee.

FDA offers guidelines for on-line pharmaceutical transactions

By SHERYL BAYLOR
Federal Drug Administration

A dose of common sense can go far to protect you when shopping at pharmaceutical websites.

The number of on-line pharmaceutical sites grows daily and many of these sites bypass the traditional procedures and safeguards for prescribing drugs.

Some sites sell products that are not approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), or if they deal in approved products, may side-step established procedures designed to protect consumers.

"As we close down one illegal site, other illegal sites spring up," says Tom McGinnis, R.Ph., director of Pharmacy Affairs at the FDA. McGinnis added, "The best way for us to protect consumers is to educate them in the do's and don'ts of safe on-line shopping for medical products."

The following are tips from the FDA:

DO: take only medications that have been prescribed by your doctor or other authorized health care provider.

DON'T: buy from sites that offer to prescribe a medication for the first time without a physical exam by your doctor or that sell prescription medicine without a prescription.

DO: buy only from sites that require prescriptions from a physician or other authorized

health care provider and that verify each prescription before dispensing medication.

DO: use sites that provide convenient access to a licensed pharmacist who can answer your questions.

When buying prescription medicines on-line, look for a reputable site. Apply the same standards to that site that you'd use for any other pharmacy.

DO: Check with your state board of pharmacy or with the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP) at www.nabp.net. Some sites display the NABP VIPPS (Verified Internet Pharmacy Practice Sites) seal, an assurance that such sites meet all applicable state and federal regulations.

DO: buy only from U.S.-based sites.

DON'T: buy from sites that include undocumented case histories claiming amazing medical results.

DON'T: buy from sites without posted customer service policies.

DO: report problems. If you suspect a site is not a licensed pharmacy, do not buy from it. Report the site and any complaints to the FDA at www.fda.gov/oc/buyonline/buyonlineform.htm. For more information, go to www.fda.gov or call 1-888-INFOFDA.

Rodeo Teen Queen 2000



Ashley Winton, Miss Top O' Texas Rodeo Teen Queen 2000, visited with Tjaeden Swires, first place winner of the stick horse race, during the rodeo and Kid Pony Show at Pampa recently.

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