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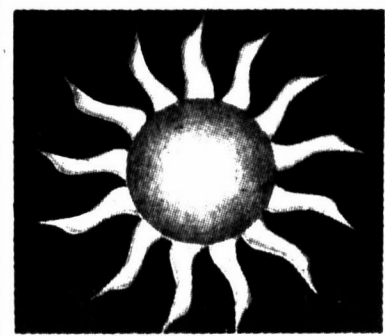
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Lefors schools begin start-of-school events

LEFORS — Start-of-school plans are underway at Lefors Independent School district beginning with athletic physicals and football workouts.

Lefors schools begin at 8 a.m. Monday, Aug. 20. Registration for grades 7-12 is set for Wednesday, Aug. 15 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon and from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m.

Free physicals for all athletes, grades 7-12, will be given at 6 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 2, in the elementary school building.

Physical/medical forms must be completed and signed by a parent before students arrive for their physicals on Thursday.

Forms may be picked up from Coach Wilton at the Field House or at the school.

Lefors High School football team workouts begin at 12:01 a.m. Monday, Aug. 6. This is the second year the football team has kicked off the season with a "Midnight Mania."

High school girls cross-country workouts begin at 8 a.m., Monday, Aug. 6, at the school gym.

School supply lists for grades Pre-K to 6th are available at the school elementary and high school offices and at Wal-Mart in Pampa. Students in grades 7-12 will receive supply information from their individual teachers on the first day of school.

Patricia Lee Seymour, 65, health care worker.

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Citizen group shares effects of hog farms

By NANCY YOUNG
Managing Editor

If the hog industry moves into an area, no other industry can be recruited, said Perryton resident Donny R. Dendy of the ACCORD Agriculture Inc. movement.

Concerned about the effects pig farming will have on the Pampa area, approximately 40 residents crowded into a meeting room adjacent to The Coffee Shop on South Cuyler Monday night to combine efforts and to learn what other area communities have experienced when hog farming located near them.

Environmental concerns were repeatedly voiced during the Monday night meeting by residents seeking additional information about the swine industry.

Odor, tax abatements, health concerns, water pollution, increased number of flies, school



Jeanne Gramstorff

issues and enrollment, increased crime rates were all worries expressed by residents should the hog operation owned by National Pig Development (NPD) move to a location 11 miles east of Pampa.

NPD officials held a public meeting July 10 to tell the Pampa

residents the facility they are planning to locate east of Pampa will be a 3,700 genetic sow research farm. During the July 10 meeting it was revealed there would actually be up to 50,000 pigs at the facility because the 3,700 number didn't include their piglets.

Most people at the Monday night meeting were opposed to any swine facility locating near Pampa.

"When I go off to college, I don't want to smell the town before I see it," said Greg Easley, 17. A senior at Pampa High in the fall, Easley said he knew of none of his peers who plan to return to Pampa upon graduation from college.

"The quality of our town is dependent upon our youth," said the young Easley.

"Pampa has been a great town to grow up in," he said, "but I don't plan to come back to live."

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Donny R. Dendy, ACCORD Agriculture Inc.

Funds for fire departments



(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)

Gray County Justice of the Peace Mary Ann Carpenter of McLean, right, and her husband Johnny discuss items to be auctioned Friday night during a street dance in Shamrock to raise money for the volunteer fire departments of Lefors, McLean and Shamrock.

Two in jail on cocaine charges

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
Staff Writer

Timing is everything, they say.

A Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) trooper on his way to a doctor's appointment in Amarillo displayed perfect timing Monday when he passed a fellow trooper in time to stop and help with a potentially dangerous traffic stop that netted 1.25 pounds of cocaine.

As a result of the incident, two Pennsylvania men remained in Gray County Jail today charged with felony possession of a controlled substance.

Trooper Jerome Ingle of McLean was working alone on I-40 about 7 a.m. Monday when he

clocked a white 2001 Nissan Maxima traveling 93 miles an hour in the eastbound lane.

When Ingle stopped the vehicle, he said he could smell marijuana smoke inside. He became even more suspicious when the two men in the car gave conflicting stories. They also refused to give him permission to search the car, he said.

Ingle called for a DPS canine unit from Groom.

"Without getting into details, one of them was giving me fits," Ingle said. "He tried to sneak up on me."

About that time, an off-duty officer, Trooper Lynn Holland of Shamrock, passed by on his way to a doctor's appointment in

Amarillo. Holland stopped to help and Trooper Doug Acker of Shamrock also responded to the scene, Ingle said.

A drug dog brought by Trooper Tony Rocha of Groom alerted on the inside of the car and the trunk, Ingle said.

When troopers searched the vehicle they found 1.25 pounds of cocaine, Ingle said, packaged in fiberglass clear tape inside the Maxima's trunk where the tire jack is stored.

A field test of the package came back positive for cocaine, but the substance is being sent to the DPS Lab in Amarillo to confirm the field test results, Ingle

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State rests case in sex assault trial

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

The prosecution, after putting their most powerful witness on the stand, rested shortly before noon today in the trial of Oscar Lynn Aylor, 52, of Borger, who is being tried here on four charges of indecency with a child and one charge of sexual assault.

A teenaged girl, who says she was a victim of sexual molestation, took the witness stand Monday afternoon. Under questioning of Special Assistant District Attorney David Scott, she described events that led to the charges against Aylor.

The woman admitted under cross examination this morning that some of the statements she had given investigators were inaccurate.

District Attorney Rick Roach said today that resting their case was a calculated risk, but it was an effort to protect the woman's privacy.

The 18-year-old woman was the first witness to take the stand Monday afternoon as testimony began in the 22nd District Court of Judge Lee Waters.

"At times breaking down in sobs Monday afternoon, she told the five-man, seven-woman jury that Aylor felt of her breasts and her genitals on April 15, 1998. She said that he forced her to perform oral sex on him on June 15, 1998, and she said that he raped her on or about March 7, 1999.

Now a mother of one with another baby on the way, the woman said she was 15 when Aylor fondled her on April 15, 1998, at a house on Duncan.

The woman said she felt uncomfortable when he

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Quite frankly... Do you think you have a guardian angel?



"Yes, definitely. Because one night I was beaten badly on the job and my angel protected me."
— Brenda Angel



"Certainly. I can feel his presence when I'm in danger."
— Alice Jones



"Yes, I believe I do."
— George Davis



"Yes. Because when I get into trouble he helps me."
— Andrew Moon



"Yes, I do. My mother has been my guardian angel."
— Nick Williams

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Texas Editorials

By The Associated Press

A sampling of editorial opinion around Texas:
 Austin American-Statesman on Social Security fix tough, but vital:

Citizens awaiting tax refunds might pause to consider one downside of the federal tax cuts: They'll make fixing Social Security harder.

That's one reality facing the commission deciding how to reconfigure the soon-to-be-stressed federal system. The commission named by President George W. Bush began meeting recently. The task has grown harder — but no less urgent.

The public is adamant about preserving the venerable government insurance plan, which keeps millions of elderly and disabled people out of poverty. As the private pension system shrinks, Social Security gains importance. Sensible adjustment to account for growing numbers of retirees is both critical and possible. Surely, bipartisan compromise can be achieved.

Most students of the program, including commission co-chairman Daniel Patrick Moynihan, say the only way to stabilize the system is to cut benefits for future retirees or raise taxes. Or both. Those are tough alternatives.

What's more, the tax cut eliminated about \$1.35 trillion that might have materialized as "surplus" revenue over the next 10 years. That revenue could have been tapped to create the individual savings accounts President George W. Bush has proposed.

The idea of diverting payroll taxes into private accounts appears to be dying on the vine. Under that option, workers would accept lower future benefits in exchange for lower payroll taxes. The tax savings would be put in private retirement accounts. This "carve out" would require a slashing of benefits by about 40 percent.

"Political rhetoric aside," Wall Street Journal reporter David Wessel recently wrote, "this isn't going to happen."

The commission is eyeing an "add on" plan of individual accounts that could be invested privately. But using a surplus to provide seed money for such a program now looks like yesterday's dream.

At the commission's first meeting last month, Moynihan called private accounts "a marvelous idea" and "a large enterprise, as noble as the one of the 1930s." The former Democratic senator from New York said he hopes it can be carried out, but gave few hints about how.

Bush suggested on the campaign trail last year that he favored diverting payroll taxes, but now is said to be open to an add-on to the system. But in his order creating the commission, he ruled out increasing the payroll taxes earmarked for Social Security.

The commission faces a tough audience. At its first meeting, a coalition of groups representing unions, women, the disabled and others opposed to private accounts promised to "take their report apart paragraph by paragraph."

Relentless criticism of the commission's pro-privatization makeup has been voiced by former Social Security Commissioner Kenneth Apfel, now a professor at the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs in Austin.

Apfel says the commission's one-sided makeup "makes a mockery of our efforts to develop a truly bipartisan approach."

Both sides of this debate are going to have to give ground, Apfel correctly notes. That sort of compromise should start with a pledge by both left and right to hew close to the truth. The left unrealistically downplays the system's problems and asks for gentle tweaks, the right says the sky is falling and demands private accounts.

Most of us will need Social Security, whether for survival or peace of mind. Preserving a system that has worked so well should be the commission's first concern.

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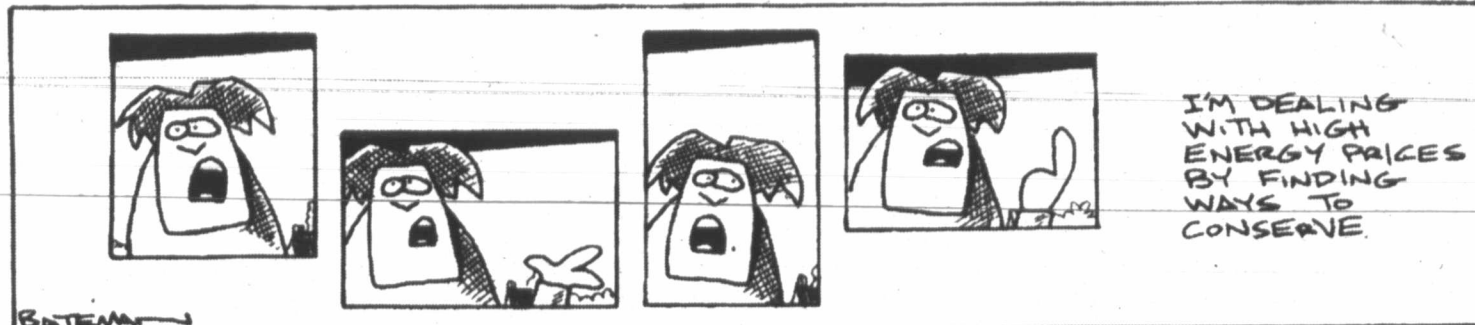
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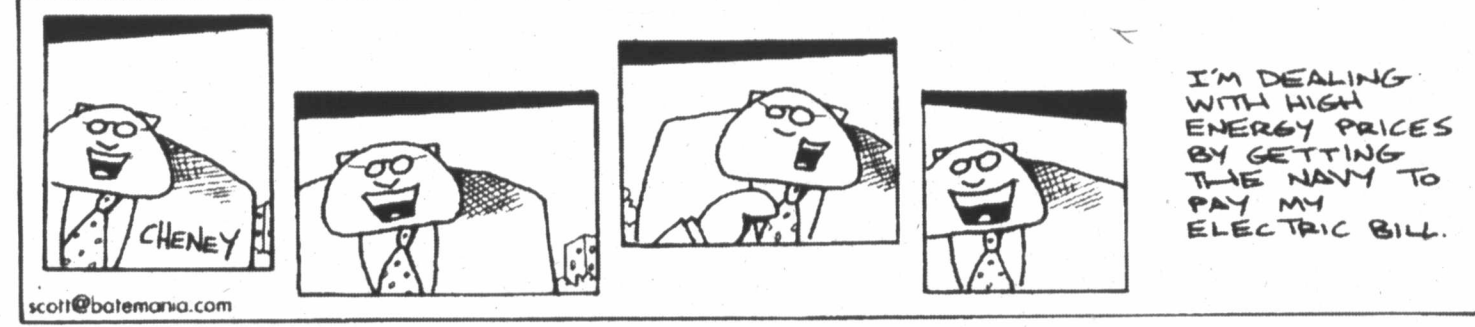
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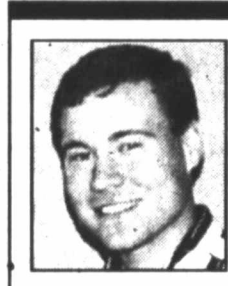


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I'M DEALING WITH HIGH ENERGY PRICES BY GETTING THE NAVY TO PAY MY ELECTRIC BILL.

Capitol city has magical quality



J.B. Horton

Guest columnist

Washington, D.C. — it's the city that's bigger than life. The home of the President. The capitol of the most powerful nation on earth. It houses freely-elected senators and representatives from each state. It's home of the most incredible monuments. It's the city of freedom (which is also the name of the stature that stands 18-feet above the Capitol dome).

It's the home of the tallest free-standing stone structure in the world, the Washington monument. It attracts more tourists than any other city in the world. It's the city of Lincoln. It's the city of George Washington. It's the city that the world looks to for leadership and the city that captivates millions of people on the news and in the movie theaters. The aura of Washington, D.C., makes the city special — it's the magical city.

The boastful nature of Washington attracts a certain element of society that is drawn to power and prestige. It brings egos, attitude, a mixture of philosophy, conflict and a never-ending struggle between 435 representatives arguing over each piece of legislation that 100 different senators must approve before the President decides if he should sign, the beginning argument — we call these signed arguments, law. Talk about a crazy environment!

Behind the scenes in the congressional and senatorial offices, young staffers (average age of 26) help brief the members on different bills and scheduling opportunities. Most of Capitol Hill staffers are over-worked, underpaid, full of energy, full of opinions, carry small to medium size egos (sometimes a little more) and tend to

love their jobs.

Interns often suffer the grunt of these offices because they are, as one of my West Texas A&M University friends who was an intern this past year put it, "the lowest on the totem pole." Interns give some of the egotistical staffers a chance to "flex their muscles," but the magical city usually makes all the grunt work worth while for interns, too.

In my recent experience working in the White House and at the Small Business Administration, I must say I have been very impressed with the people. The egos are not inflated like most people would expect (of course that is because most of the new folks are Texans!) Most people are very down to earth.

I contribute that to the quality of the individual who is at the top — President George W. Bush. Regardless of a person's political affiliation, or if one agrees or disagrees with him on his politics, President Bush is a very decent man. Humble. Generous. Supportive. Outgoing. A very strong Christian.

As a matter of fact, he prays with Attorney

General John Ashcroft every morning they are in town — and they have never promoted it! The President is a good role model for younger people and, he's a good boss. He surrounds himself with good people. That, to me in and of itself, is a sign of a good leader. He adds to the magical city.

Washington is full of bureaucrats, lobbyists, special interest groups, and many scam artists. The media tends to publicize sex scandals and mishaps (and alleged mishaps) of politicians. But on the other hand, Washington is also the center for many national organizations, charities and foundations.

It's the home of immigrants, rich people, poor people, the religious, the anti-religious, and everything in between. If you can imagine any type of person, you can rest assured that Washington has two of them. It is full of arts, museums, music, memorials, and statues of America's greatest heroes. It is a showcase of our country's wealth and heritage. Definitely a diverse and complex city.

After everything negative we see or read about in Washington, it's nice to step back and look at what is positive — it is the magical city. Washington, D.C., a place I enjoy, a magical experience — but it sure does run a distant second to Texas!

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Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, July 31, the 212th day of 2001. There are 153 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 31, 1777, the Marquis de Lafayette, a 19-year-old French nobleman, was made a major-gener-

al in the American Continental Army.

On this date:
 In 1498, during his third voyage to the Western Hemisphere,

Christopher Columbus arrived at the island of Trinidad.

In 1556, St. Ignatius of Loyola,

founder of the Society of Jesus — the Jesuit order of Catholic priests and brothers — died in Rome.

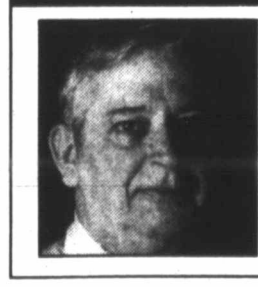
In 1875, the 17th president of the United States, Andrew Johnson, died in Carter Station, Tenn., at age 66.

In 1919, Germany's Weimar Constitution was adopted.

In 1948, President Truman helped dedicate New York International Airport (later John F. Kennedy International Airport) at Idlewild Field.

In 1953, Sen. Robert A. Taft of Ohio, known as "Mr. Republican," died in New York at age 63.

Federal Reserve looks after the banks



Charley Reese

Syndicated columnist

In the late 1960s, you could buy four or five heavy bags of groceries at a supermarket for about \$17. Today, you can carry \$17 worth groceries in a plastic sack hooked around your little finger.

Ever wondered why the change?

It's simple. Our currency has been devalued. When a nation's currency is devalued, businesses and professions can raise prices and fees to compensate for the loss of value. It's the working men and women who get the shaft. Unlike businesses and professionals, the working folks don't control their own income.

Sure, income has risen somewhat to compensate for loss of value, but it is the paycheck that always lags behind devaluation, not prices and fees.

America's money and credit system is deliberately confusing. The people who designed it were logically afraid that if people understood it, they would never put up with it.

Let's start with the money in your pocket. You will notice that it is a Federal Reserve Note. It is redeemable in nothing. It is backed up by nothing. Its exchange value, or purchasing power, is determined by the volume in circulation in comparison with the goods and services available at any given time. What makes the scam possible are those 11 little words tucked away in small type: "This note is legal tender for all debts, public and private."

Without a legal-tender law, people could defend themselves against devaluation by simply switching to gold or silver or even to a more-stable foreign currency, such as the Swiss franc. In the early days of the Republic, there were many different kinds of money in use. You can't afford to do that now because anybody who owes you money can pay you in FRNs, and by law you have to accept them.

In the meantime, to stay with our example, \$50 billion in new money has been put into the system. In addition to that, the Federal Reserve can manipulate the economy. To put more money into the system, always in the form of debt at interest, it lowers interest rates; to take money out of the system, it raises interest rates.

Just as the aviator Charles Lindbergh's father said in Congress in 1913, passage of the Federal Reserve Act meant that, from then on, inflation and deflation would be scientifically created by a central bank to suit its own, and its owners' (other banks, remember), interests.

Now, what do banks fear most? Depression? No. They don't lend money without collateral. A depression just means they collect real wealth in the form of foreclosures. No, what bankers fear most is runaway inflation. If they lend you a thousand bucks, they don't want to get paid back with a thousand bucks that is worth only a nickel.

And you can see the truth of what I'm saying. Regardless of what presidents wanted, the Federal Reserve has never hesitated to cause a recession if it appeared inflation (devaluation) was going to speed up. As long as devaluation is gradual, banks can compensate with higher interest rates. It's rapid, runaway inflation that they fear. The Federal Reserve has never hesitated to wreck the economy and dreams and hopes of the American people to protect the interests of the bankers.

Now, today, we have journalists so ignorant of such matters, they have made Alan Greenspan, chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, a celebrity and a hero when he's never looked out for anyone's interests other than those of bankers.

Ah, well, as another American hero has said, "Stupid is as stupid does."

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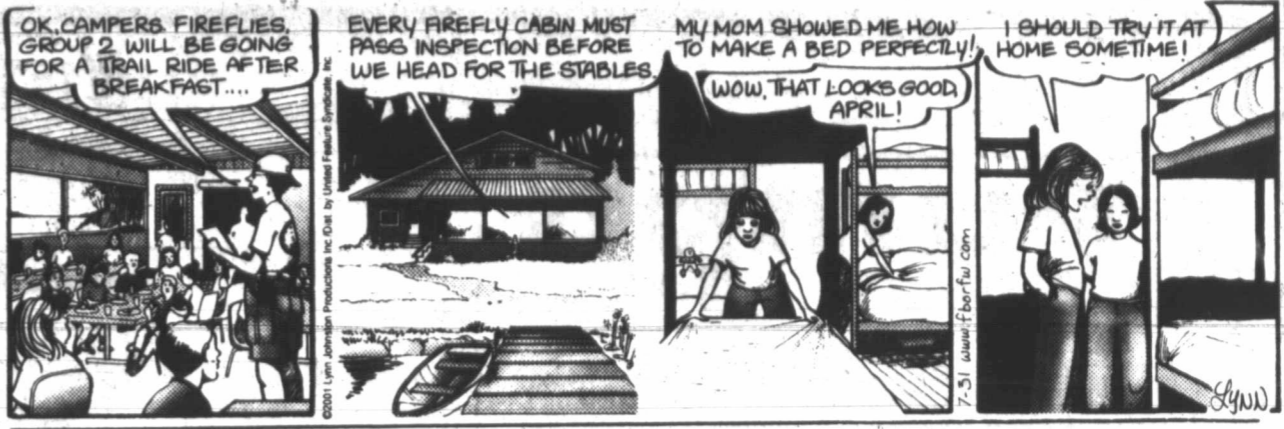
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OK, CAMPERS. FIREFLIES. GROUP 2 WILL BE GOING FOR A TRAIL RIDE AFTER BREAKFAST...

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MY MOM SHOWED ME HOW TO MAKE A BED PERFECTLY!

I SHOULD TRY IT AT HOME SOMETIME!

WOW, THAT LOOKS GOOD APRIL!

Zits



SCARE YOU, UH, SEEMING ANYONE, AMIRA?

NOT REALLY. ARE YOU?

ONLY WHEN I CLOSE MY EYES.

HAPPY REUNION!

Garfield



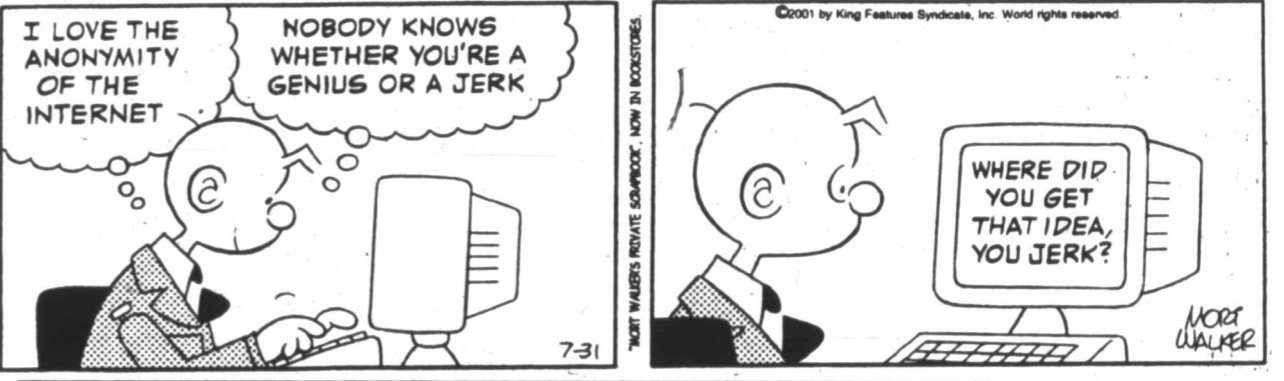
I WONDER WHAT TIME IT IS?

OW! OW! OW!

IT'S THREE.

TOO CLOSE TO THE CLICKOO CLOCK.

Beetle Bailey



I LOVE THE ANONYMITY OF THE INTERNET.

NOBODY KNOWS WHETHER YOU'RE A GENIUS OR A JERK.

WHERE DID YOU GET THAT IDEA, YOU JERK?

Marvin



WHOA!

I'VE GOTTA REMEMBER TO REMOVE THE "BREATHE MORE" STRIP FROM MY NOSE FIRST THING IN THE MORNING.

R.C.



WHAT COULD A DEAD ATHEIST, A DEAD AGNOSTIC AND A DEAD SAINT POSSIBLY HAVE IN COMMON?

THEY ALL KNOW THERE IS A GOD.

Hagar The Horrible



HAGAR, DO YOU REALIZE THERE ARE FARAWAY LANDS OUT THERE YET TO BE DISCOVERED?

IT SURE DOES...

I WONDER HOW THE RESTAURANTS ARE?

IT MAKES YOU THINK, DOESN'T IT?

Peanuts



WHO'S THE STUPID KID WHO KEEPS LOOKING AT US THROUGH THE WINDOW?

IF HE HAS A ROUND HEAD, I MAY KNOW HIM...

Blondie



DO YOU HAVE DINNER HERE AT YOUR CLUB OFTEN?

YES, I ENJOY BEING WHERE PEOPLE KNOW ME.

DITHERS, YOU TWO-FACED BANDIT!

WHAT A LYING CHEAT YOU ARE!

YOU'RE NOTHING BUT POND SCUM, J.C.!

THEY SURE DO KNOW HIM!

Mallard Filmore



AND SO THE DEBATE RAGES ON OVER YOUNG, GIFTED ATHLETES...

IF THEY DON'T JUMP FROM HIGH SCHOOL TO THE PROS, THEY COULD LOSE OUT ON MILLIONS OF DOLLARS FOREVER.

ON THE OTHER HAND, IF THEY DON'T GO TO COLLEGE...

WHERE WILL THEY LEARN TO READ AND WRITE?

Price Tag For Funeral Eulogy Angers Grieving Grandchild

DEAR ABBY: Why do men and women of the clergy expect to be paid for performing wedding and funeral services for members of their churches? My mother informed me today that the preacher at my grandmother's funeral will be paid \$100, and the man who sings will receive the same.

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

only by our perception of our abilities.
A FLORIDA FAMILY
DEAR FLORIDA FAMILY: How true. I hope your letter will inspire others to follow their hearts.

Both of these men had known my grandmother for 20 years. Neither one will be inconvenienced in the least to attend her funeral.

law's funeral myself — but I did. I have no professional background as a public speaker or a minister.

DEAR ABBY: A reader who signed herself "Mom's Daughter, Rockwell, Texas" agreed with your response that when it comes to funeral attire, it's not about what people wear; it's what's in their hearts that counts.

I thought being a church member entitled one to at least a few kind words said about them without the family having to scrape up more money. I would never dream of charging for saying a few words about someone I claim to have known and loved. It would be an honor and a privilege to deliver a eulogy at the funeral.

When I told our daughter, she fully supported my decision and asked to help. We had little time for planning, but on the plane from her home in Washington to Florida, she jotted down ideas for a division of responsibilities, including music.

Her letter made me recall these words from "The Little Prince," by the late Antoine de Saint-Exupery: "It is only with the heart that one can see rightly; what is essential is invisible to the eye."
ARTHUR M. PRINCE, Ph.D., MEMPHIS, TENN.

What do you think?
NO PRICE ON FRIENDSHIP

Our ideas paralleled amazingly in a situation neither of us was personally prepared for. We were apprehensive about what the more conservative family members would think, as well as our emotional ability to perform this function. We were determined to do what would please and comfort our husband and father most.

DEAR ARTHUR: He was right. That's one of the reasons why "The Little Prince" is a little classic.

DEAR NO PRICE: I agree it is both an honor and a privilege to be asked to participate. However, when the clergyperson or musicians render professional services, they should be compensated.

To our great relief, our efforts were fully supported by all who came. To know her cherished granddaughter and other relatives participated in her unique and personal service would have pleased Grandma beyond words.

DEAR ARTHUR: He was right. That's one of the reasons why "The Little Prince" is a little classic.

That said, nowhere is it carved in stone that a clergyperson must officiate. Read on:

Abby, I've learned we are limited

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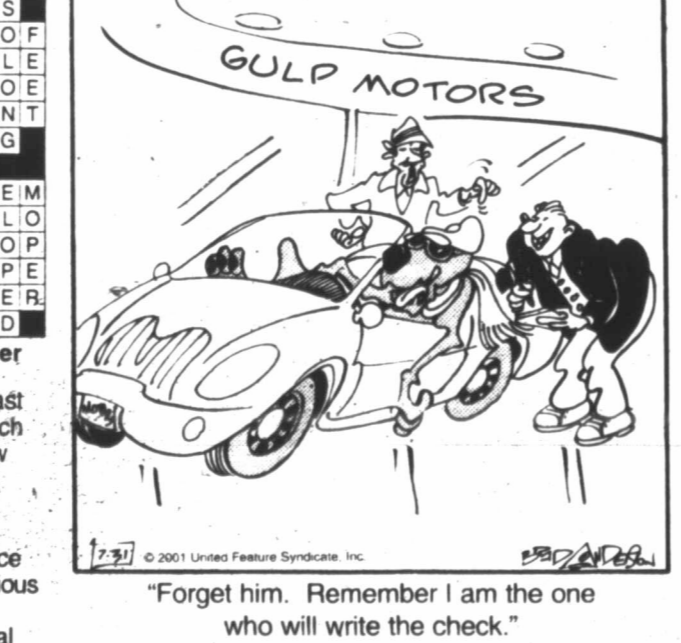
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Crossword Puzzle

By **THOMAS JOSEPH**

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6 Direction	2 Region
11 Concert setting	3 Bargain
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13 Kids' weapons	5 Enthusiastic
15 Actor Mino	6 Some steaks
16 Try for office	7 Scoundrel
17 Used a sofa	8 Potato features
18 Full	9 Actress Dunn
20 Decimal fraction	10 Do some housework
23 Gravely serious	14 Ump's call
27 State	18 Play a guitar
28 Naught	19 Catches some z's
29 Attire	20 Luggage attachment
31 One of Lear's daughters	21 Eden name
32 Silent performers	22 Fishing aid
34 Guitanist's aid	24 Plead
37 Blubber	25 Historic time
38 Workout site	26 Darling of baseball
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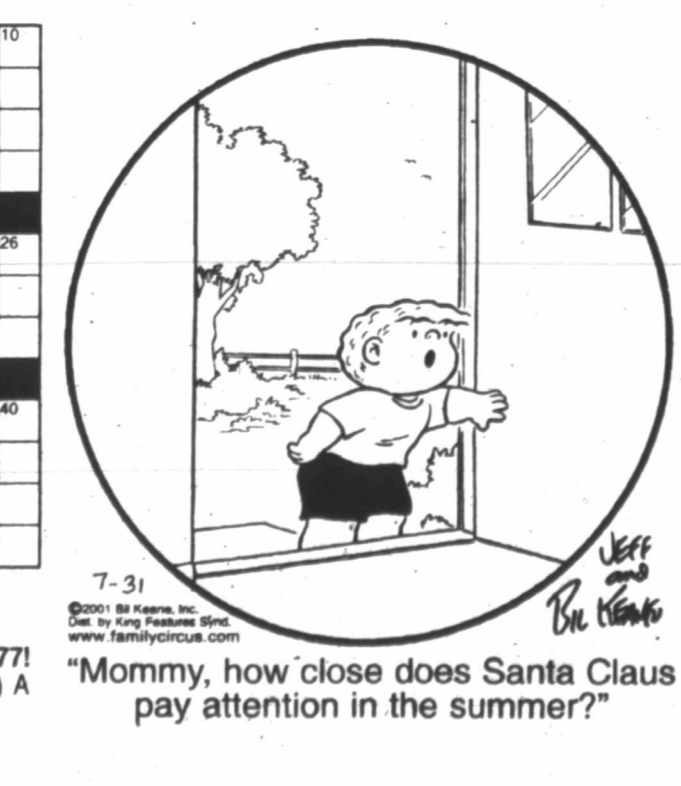
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Notebook

FOOTBALL

PAMPA — Free athletic physicals for Pampa 7th and 9th grade athletes will be held Saturday, Aug. 4, starting at 8 a.m. in the middle school gymnasium. Any athlete new to the Pampa Independent School District is required to take the physical examination.

Harvester Football 2001 Pre-Season Schedule

Aug. 6
Equipment checkout: 8 a.m. seniors; 9 a.m. juniors; 10 a.m. sophomores; 11 a.m. freshmen.

Aug. 7
8:30-10:30: varsity and junior varsity; 9-10:30: freshmen.

Aug. 8
8:30-10:30: varsity and junior varsity; 9-10:30: freshmen.

Aug. 9
8:30-10:30: varsity and junior varsity; 9-10:30: freshmen.

Aug. 10
8:30-10:30: varsity and junior varsity; 9-10:30: freshmen.

Aug. 11
Photo Day: 9 a.m., freshmen; 10 a.m., junior varsity; 11 a.m. varsity.

Aug. 13
8:30-10:30: varsity and junior varsity; 9-10:30: freshmen; 6-8: varsity and junior varsity.

Aug. 14
8:30-10:30: varsity and junior varsity; 9-10:30: freshmen; 6-8: varsity and junior varsity.

Aug. 15
8:30-10:30: varsity and junior varsity; 9-10:30: freshmen; 5-6:30: freshmen; 6-8: varsity and junior varsity.

Aug. 16-18
4-6: all teams

Aug. 20
7:30-9:30: Vahlhalla; 4-6: all teams.

Aug. 21-School starts
4-6: all teams

Aug. 22-23
4-6: all teams

Aug. 24
Friendship scrimmage: 4, freshmen and junior varsity; 6, varsity.

GOLF

PALM DESERT, Calif. (AP) — The best women players joined Tiger Woods and David Duval in prime time Monday and delivered an entertaining show — but hardly the kind of golf anyone expected from the four-some of major championship winners.

Woods and Annika Sorenstam rallied from 2-down with three holes to play and won the "Battle at Bighorn" against Duval and Karrie Webb in 19 holes.

Sorenstam made a 10-foot birdie putt on No. 18 to continue the alternate-shot match, and the pair closed out the victory when Webb hit into a bunker and Duval missed a 12-foot par putt.

In a made-for-TV event that provided women's golf its largest audience ever, the outcome was more cause for relief than celebration.

Both teams shot 4-over 76, although the conditions were brutal with hot, blustery wind and brick-hard greens.

Woods and Sorenstam were each forced to hit a shot left-handed in the alternate-shot format. Duval and Webb squandered a 2-up lead with three holes to play. What looked at times like a husband-wife mixer at the club turned into a grind under the lights.

It finished under the lights, and there was some fear it wouldn't finish until morning.

When it was over, Woods and Sorenstam shared \$1.2 million from the \$1.7 million purse.

As with the previous two Monday Night Golf exhibitions, the only success that really matters will be the TV ratings that will be released later this week.

Woods vs. Duval got a 6.9 rating two years ago in the inaugural event, while Sergio Garcia's 1-up victory over Woods last year garnered a 7.6. Anything close to that will represent the largest audience to see women play golf.

"This is one of the biggest days in LPGA history, if not the biggest day, based on the number of eyeballs that are going to be on our product," LPGA commissioner Ty Votaw said before the match.

Webb and Sorenstam headed for the airport for a charter flight to England for the Women's British Open, their final major of the season. They gave up two days of practice to give the LPGA an audience like never before.

Only time will tell if it pays off.

Cowboys will have plenty of speed this year

WICHITA FALLS, Texas (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys certainly won't have their best team this season. They may, however, have their fastest.

In filling their roster with rookies and castoffs, the Cowboys placed an emphasis on speed and came up with plenty.

"I don't know if we're talented right now, but we're fast," coach Dave Campo said. "The thing that speed gives you is that you don't have to be do everything exactly right every time. That's exciting for us."

Dallas has 25 players who have run the 40-yard dash in less than 4.5 seconds. Eight guys did it in under 4.3, including starting receivers Joey Galloway (4.15, on grass) and Raghbi Ismail (4.24, after knee surgery) and Pro Bowl linebacker Dexter Coakley (4.28).

The most eye-popping figure was the 4.12 by receiver Damon Dunn, which tied the team record. However, Dunn's bid to make the team has been slowed by a knee injury that'll keep him out for about a month.

Fellow speedsters competing for receiving jobs include Bashir Yamini, a former track star at Iowa who was timed at 4.23, and Chris Brazzell, a two-year veteran who came in at 4.28. Brazzell strained a hamstring Sunday, but shouldn't miss much time.

Fast receivers are a must this season because Dallas hopes to throw deep a lot to take advantage of quarterback Tony Banks' strong arm.

"I think it's a perfect fit," Banks said. "It's not necessarily just getting to the long ball, they're also good after they catch it. That's something I look forward to seeing. Get them on the turf and they'll be even faster."

Running back John Avery, a former first-round pick by Miami, has shown incredible speed out of the backfield and on kick returns. He was timed at 4.27.

Rookie quarterback Quincy Carter didn't make the 4.3 club, but he's shown fleet feet and some great moves.

On defense, the top speedster is Dell Bates, who earned his way to training camp by running a 4.2.

The likely trio starting linebackers — Coakley, Darren Hambrick and Dat Nguyen — all run 4.6 or less. Ditto for defensive end Ebenezer Ekuban.

"I think our linebacker corps right now is probably as fast as we've had, and I'd have to say our secondary is pretty fast too," Campo said.

Campo realizes that the only way speed matters is if it gets players into the end zone, or if makes players stop the other team from doing so.

"We're fast, but we've still got to produce," he said. "If you told me you'd like to have a bunch of guys who can run or eight Pro Bowl players, I'd take the Pro Bowl players because experience matters. But speed makes up for some of those deficiencies."

Extra points: Monday's special teams practice focused on the mental aspect of the kicking game as assistant coach Joe Avezzano detailed things that can go wrong and how to react.

"More crazy things happen in the kicking game than anywhere else," coach Dave Campo said. "A lot of times, kids don't know the rules. So we went through every situation we're going to face."

Big Bass winner



(Courtesy photo)

Kenny Hathcoat won the Big Bass award at the Lake Meredith Tournament in May with this 7.24 pound catch. Hathcoat is a member of the Top Of Texas Bassmasters Club of Pampa. The club's next tournament will be Aug. 4-5 at Foss Lake in Texhoma. Club members meet the first Tuesday of each month, starting at 7 p.m. in the SPS building, 101 S.Marie. The public is invited to attend. For more information, call Bill Crook at 669-2764 or e-mail him at marybill@centramedia.net.

Rangers win in 11

BALTIMORE (AP) — The last time they were in town, the Texas Rangers sat around for an entire day without playing a game.

On their return trip, they enjoyed a quick, productive visit.

Alex Rodriguez singled in two runs in the 11th inning as the Rangers beat Baltimore 6-4 Monday night, their seventh straight win against the Orioles.

The game was a makeup of the July 19 postponement caused by a train derailment near Camden Yards. The Rangers arrived Monday afternoon and left immediately afterward for New York, where they start a three-game series Tuesday night.

"It's just part of the schedule," Rodriguez said. "I don't think any of us were happy about it. But if you're going to do it, you might as well get the win."

Jeff Conine had three hits and an RBI for the Orioles, who blew a 4-0 lead in their 20th loss in 25 games. Baltimore went 0-7 against Texas after winning the first two games of the series May 25 and 27.

"They're a lot more fundamentally sound now, a lot more relaxed than they were," Orioles manager Mike Hargrove said.

The Rangers have won seven of eight, a streak that includes five victories over the Orioles.

"I guess it's just the way it breaks down," Rodriguez said. "When we've played them, we're playing some of our best baseball of the season. ... If we'd played them earlier in the year, we'd probably have gone 1-6."

Craig Monroe led off the 11th with a walk off Mike Trombley (3-4), took second on a sacrifice and moved to third on a groundout. After Frank Catalanotto was intentionally walked and Trombley walked Randy Velarde, Rodriguez came back from an 0-2 count before lining a single to left.

Pampa 11-12s ousted in State Tournament

WACO — Pampa's 11-12 year-old girls all-star softball team was eliminated by North Shore 6-4 last weekend in the State Tournament.

In the first inning, Pampa got off to a quick start by scoring two runs.

Leadoff batter Stephanie McVay got a base hit. After two were out, Cassy Tice ripped a triple scoring McVay. Kenzi Nickell followed with a base hit to score Tice.

North Shore answered right back in the bottom of the first with two runs to tie the game. They were able to score another run in the second inning to take the lead.

Both teams were held scoreless in the third inning.

In the top of the fourth, Tice hit a home run over the left field fence at Baylor University field to tie the score at 3-3.

North Shore then scored three runs in the bottom of the fifth. In the sixth, Tice hit a long drive to the right field fence for an inside-the-park

home run. Pampa could not manufacture any more runs.

Nicole Clark pitched the entire game for Pampa. She allowed only four hits while striking out six and walking nine.

Pampa finished the all-star season with a 9-3 record, winning the Area, District and Sectional titles.

Pampa was one of four teams entered in the State Tournament. It was the first season any Pampa 12 and under team had advanced as far as the state tournament.

Team members are Chandon Wilson, Nicole Clark, Erika Silva, Alyssa Kelsey, Stephanie McVay, Halei Skinner, Maggie Hopkins, Britten Rice, Cassy Tice, Kenzi Nickell, Logan Boles and Meredith Coutts. Coaches are Randell Tice, Layne Clark and Mark McVay.

"The coaches and parents would like to thank all the businesses and citizens of Pampa for the tremendous support," McVay said.

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~ Business Review ~

Sprinkler Systems in business 24 years

Sprinkler Systems has been in business for 24 years in the Pampa area, and it's still going strong.

Dwight Fiveash, owner of the company, operated the sprinkler business in addition to his fulltime job for 23 years. He retired from Celanese in Dec., 2000, and is now working fulltime with Sprinkler Systems.

Sprinkler Systems installs lawn sprinkler systems at residential locations as well as commercial. Fiveash and his business have installed over 600 sprinkler systems across the Texas Panhandle.

"I have met a bunch of nice folks across the area," said Fiveash, "and I have really enjoyed getting to know them."

Fiveash said seeing many of his customers twice a year is very good. He explained that after he

installs the sprinkler systems many of his customers ask him to come back and shut down the system in the fall as well as to start them back up in the spring.

"Some of my customers just feel more comfortable with my checking out the system twice a year," he said. "I enjoy seeing them, too."

He also said he does repairs on all systems, not just the ones he installs.

Sprinkler Systems lays systems in many yards and commercial systems locally. They also travel around the Tri-State area. He said they travel from Amarillo to Tucumcari, N.M., and Shamrock to Guymon, Okla. Their systems have also been installed in many towns in between, including Perryton, Dumas, Dalhart and Shamrock.

"We cover the Panhandle," he said. "We just completed automating a system for the Lefors Independent School District, and another at the

"Water management is the key to our water situation," he said

Rose House in Pampa."

"Most systems go in the ground in approximately one or two days," he said. He said he will have a number of employees installing a system so that the customer will not have to be inconvenienced for too long at a time.

"We get them in as fast as

possible, and as efficient as possible," he said. Sometimes he will have as many as 15 employees installing the systems so that yards are torn up for the shortest amount of time.

He said their number one goals are to provide a quality product and to provide excellent service to their customers. "I go by and check out systems I have installed periodically to see if there are any problems," he said. "Most of the time they won't even know I've been there. I just want to know if it's all okay."

Fiveash said usually the water bills won't go down if a sprinkler system is installed, but customers are getting a much more efficient use of their water. He said the water will be where it needs to be as the sprinklers are automatic

and timed.

"They aren't overused and placed in wrong locations," he said. "And people have a much prettier yard with a sprinkler system."

Fiveash said people are very interesting and people see things a lot of different ways.

"The bottom line is that businesses should always give customers what they want," he said, "rather than something they don't want."

He said knowing customers and what they want is the most important thing to a business.

Landscaping services are also available with both professional design and engineering. He said he offers a total package which includes landscaping and grass, also.

"Water is getting more

and more precious. If we don't control the usage ourselves, the government will control it," he said. All systems are based on Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission precipitation rates for their area.

"Water management is the key to our water situation," he said.

Fiveash is licensed by the state, and the business is TNRCC regulated. He said he must abide by city codes and city ordinances. He also works with the local building inspectors on a weekly basis.

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