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Shamrock film preview set Saturday, July 12

SHAMROCK — Shamrock St. Patrick's Association will present a free preview of the film "Growing a Beard" at 7 p.m., Saturday, July 12, at Shamrock High School. "Growing a Beard" won the audience choice award at Big Muddy Film Festival and was a finalist in the South by Southwest Film Festival and Boston Film Festival. For more information, contact Shamrock Chamber of Commerce at (806) 256-2501.

LOTTERY

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday (Wednesday, Saturday) night:
 Winning numbers drawn: 13-15-16-26-37 (numerical order). Bonus Ball: 20.
 Number matching five of five, plus Bonus Ball: 0.
 Winning ticket(s) sold in: NONE.
 Number matching five of five: 3. Prize: \$14,325.
 Number matching four of five, plus Bonus Ball: 17. Prize: \$2,294.
 Number matching four of five: 765. Prize: \$110.
 Number matching three of five, plus Bonus Ball: 744. Prize: \$100.
 Number matching three of five: 29,672. Prize: \$5.
 Number matching two of five, plus Bonus Ball: 9,281. Prize: \$5.
 Number matching one of five, plus Bonus Ball: 43,453. Prize: \$3.
 Estimated jackpot for Saturday night drawing: \$24 million.

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Frustrations flare in work session

By **DAVID BOWSER**
 STAFF WRITER

Frustrations flared before a standing-room-only crowd during the Pampa City Commission budgetary work session Tuesday afternoon.

Commissioner Jeff Andrews wanted to spend 11 months re-engineering the city's budget.

Mayor Lonny Robbins said the commission is not paid to do that.

"I don't get paid enough for the time I put in," Robbins said.

Commissioner Bob Dixon accused Andrews of cutting the small people in the city.

Commissioner Faustina Curry

objected to other commissioners going to Austin earlier this year for a meeting with state legislators at a cost to the city of \$2,300.

"We need to save pennies," she said, a comment for which she drew applause from the crowd in the conference room.

Commissioner Andrews presented the commission with a draft of what he thinks should be done to cut the budget of the general fund, including closing Marcus Sanders Swimming Pool or turning it over to a private contractor, removing a part-time employee in the engineering department, cutting commissioners' travel funds, moving the recreation office to city hall, cutting

funds for city uniforms and cutting funds for the city's annual Christmas party.

Andrews also suggested a one-year delay in replacing street signs and not cutting the grass in the parks as often.

"It may get a little shaggy," Andrews said, "but it's an option."

One step that has already been taken, he noted, was cutting the position of Community Services Director. Community Services Director Bill Hildebrandt resigned Monday morning, an apparent victim of the budget ax.

Andrews also took directors of the city's departments to task for spending money on overtime.

"We have not managed overtime in the city," Andrews said.

Although he admitted that several departments had been undermanned and that overtime was needed to maintain city services under such conditions, he said that when fully staffed, the city should be able to manage overtime.

Police Chief Trevlyn Pitner, in reviewing his proposed budget for fiscal year 2003-2004, said his department had historically under budgeted overtime.

The police department was short five or six officers when Pitner took

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Rumplestiltskin: Fun for the family



Megan O'Neal plays the mischievous dwarf Rumplestiltskin and Debra Sandefur plays his wife, Griselda, in ACT I's last show of this season set for July 11-13 and 18-19. Evelyn Jasso, background, is The Narrator for the children's classic. Evening performances begin at 7 p.m. Sunday's matinee will begin at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$3.50 for students and \$7 for adults.

(Courtesy photo)

Hildebrandt resigns, victim of budget ax

Pampa's Director of Community Services has fallen to the budget ax and will not be replaced, according to city officials.

Bill Hildebrandt said Wednesday that he resigned because he was told that his position as Director of Community Services would not be funded for the next fiscal year.

"There are only so many things that can be funded," Hildebrandt said.

City Manager Mitch Grant said Wednesday that the Community Services position had been in jeopardy for several years because of shrinking budgets.

Grant said he planned to look at some reorganization and find other departments that would handle the community service duties.

"Bill's been with the city for a number of years," Grant said.

The city manager commended Hildebrandt for having served the city well.

"He's brilliant," Grant said. "He's one of those guys that

could do anything."

Hildebrandt, born in 1955 in Bryan, grew up in California and Houston.

"The family I have left," Hildebrandt said today, "is in Houston."

A graduate of Texas A&M University, Hildebrandt joined the city staff as Parks Superintendent in 1986. In 1991, he was named Community Services Director. Hildebrandt's resignation became effective at midnight July 4.

"I did that so I could complete my last fireworks show," he said. "It ran as smoothly as it has ever run. I like fireworks anyway."

Hildebrandt said he would remain in Pampa in the near future and would make himself available to the city and city commission as they continue to wrestle with budgeting problems.

"I'll continue to be around," Hildebrandt said.

He said he planned on pursuing other opportunities in city management or city services.

CRMWA faces higher personnel expenses

By **DAVID BOWSER**
 STAFF WRITER

SANFORD — Without the savings in health insurance costs in this year's budget, Jerry Carlson of Pampa said, there probably wouldn't be any raises for the staff at the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority this year.

Carlson, Pampa's CRMWA representative and head of CRMWA's personnel committee, told the board of directors here Wednesday during their quarterly meeting that without the cost drop in health insurance, it would have been impossible to fund an additional employee, give any raises or complete planned benefit packages.

Buddy Trent of CRMWA's staff found the new health insurance carrier, said Kent Satterwhite, CRMWA's general manager. That saved the water authority \$138,300.

Water authority considers options

SANFORD — The Canadian River Municipal Water Authority is expected to issue a request for proposals for more ground water this month.

CRMWA's board of directors, meeting here Wednesday, authorized negotiations for acquisition of ground water rights in the Roberts County area.

Overall, the total of the water authority's proposed budget is \$36,949 below the current budget, a decrease of about 0.85 percent, but energy costs for pumping water from the Roberts County well field and chemical costs are expected to rise almost 50 percent. The end result is a cost increase of about 23 percent to CRMWA's member cities.

In June, CRMWA made a tentative offer for water rights held by Quixx, a subsidiary of Xcel Energy, the local electric utility, but CRMWA was out bid by Boone Pickens and Mesa Water, Inc.

"Quixx told us what they would accept and that was what we offered," said Kent Satterwhite.

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The proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2003-2004 is a little over \$4.3 million.

Personnel costs are expected to be up by 2.73 percent. The largest additional expense in personnel is the proposal to add an engineer to the staff.

Board member Dr. William "Bill" Hallerberg suggested hiring an engineering technician rather than a

licensed engineer.

Satterwhite said the workload on the staff has increased to the point where one more person is needed.

"There's plenty to do to keep him busy," Satterwhite said.

Legal fees blew the budget last year. "We spent \$390,871 from a \$30,000 budget," Satterwhite said.

The increased legal fees were mostly due to litigation involving Mesa Water's pumping permits.

Satterwhite said it is difficult to predict the expenses associated with such a volatile area of the budget.

In other business, the board voted Wednesday to authorize additional expenditures for their part of a lawsuit over the Arkansas River Shiner, an endangered minnow found in the Canadian River. CRMWA and 16 other groups joined together in a lawsuit to (See **CRMWA**, Page 3)

County tax office now issuing boat permits

Boaters can now get their boat permits from Gray County Tax Office, announced Gaye Whitehead, county tax assessor/collector.

Whitehead said she contacted the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department in Austin to set up the service.

"The service started in June, but the (tax office) deputies feel more comfortable with the system," Whitehead said. She said deputies in her office can now transfer boat and motor titles.

"There was no additional equip-

ment or employees added to furnish this service," Whitehead explained. "All forms and applications are provided, therefore there's no charge to the county. The county collects 10 percent of boat registration and titles, and 5 percent on sales tax collected."

The tax assessor said the McLean sub-office is not yet set up to collect these fees, but she hopes to have the service available there soon.

For more information, contact Gray County Tax Office at 669-8018.

Census shows South, West enjoying population boom

Pampa among top 10 Texas cities that are shrinking

GILBERT, Ariz. (AP) — Searching for an affordable place to open a business and a quiet community to raise his daughter, Darrell Miklos left California a month ago to settle in this affluent suburb.

Gilbert, 20 miles southeast of Phoenix, offered what Miklos felt was a good deal on a house. He also decided to open a new location for his boat manufacturing business in nearby Mesa.

"Arizona is a godsend when compared to California," Miklos said.

Many here in Gilbert would agree. The town had the biggest population jump in the nation between April 2000 and July 2002, according to estimates released this week by the U.S. Census Bureau.

Gilbert has grown by nearly 25 percent in the two-year period, beating out swelling suburbs around Las

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Texas Cities At a Glance

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Statistics from the Census Bureau's city-by-city population estimates for July 1, 2002, released Thursday. The estimates were considered accurate only for cities with populations of 10,000 or greater.

10 FASTEST-GROWING CITIES by percentage change:

City	2001(est.)	2002(est.)	%
Leander	9,646	11,661	20.9
Cedar Park	32,325	37,764	16.8
McKinney	63,198	73,081	15.6
Frisco	41,882	47,652	13.8
Allen	51,303	57,216	11.5
Rockwall	20,103	22,334	11.1
Sachse	11,761	13,015	10.7
Corinth	13,512	11,761	10.5
The Colony	29,371	32,257	9.8
Saginaw	14,053	15,389	9.5

10 FASTEST-SHRINKING CITIES by percentage change:

City	2001(est.)	2002(est.)	%
Sweetwater	11,122	10,937	-1.7
Nederland	17,226	17,035	-1.1
Borger	13,856	13,709	-1.1
Groves	15,569	15,414	-1.0
Port Lavaca	12,045	11,939	-0.9
Orange	18,352	18,198	-0.8
Port Neches	13,450	13,338	-0.8
Plainview	22,080	21,916	-0.7
Addison	14,207	14,117	-0.6
Pampa	17,413	17,312	-0.6

20 LARGEST CITIES, with percentage change:

City	2001(est.)	2002(est.)	%
Houston	1,983,065	2,009,834	1.3
Dallas	1,205,897	1,211,867	0.5
San Antonio	1,170,820	1,194,222	2.0
Austin	672,974	671,873	-0.2
El Paso	570,997	577,415	1.1
Fort Worth	553,341	567,516	.6
Arlington	342,180	349,944	.3
Plano	233,954	238,091	.8
Garland	218,259	219,646	.6
Lubbock	201,879	203,715	.9
Irving	194,350	196,119	.9
Laredo	185,506	191,538	.3
Amarillo	174,763	177,010	.3
Brownsville	145,486	150,425	.4
Pasadena	143,256	145,034	.2
Grand Prairie	132,544	135,303	2.1
Mesquite	127,328	128,776	1.1

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general manager of the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority. "Pickens got information on our offer through Quixx and raised it."

Satterwhite told his board Wednesday that Quixx had vowed they wanted the water to stay in the area.

"Apparently," Satterwhite said, "they were more interested in short term cash flow than in long term benefits to the region."

A call to Xcel Energy, the parent company of Quixx, went unanswered this morning.

Satterwhite said CRMWA is now looking at other

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have the critical habitat redrawn.

With regard to the Roberts County well field, Satterwhite said that 11 of 26 pumps installed in the field were faulty. Those pumps are being replaced this month and next. He said they all should be up and running by the end of August.

The manufacturer of the pumps has gone out of business and CRMWA is suing.

Chad Pernell, director of operations, told the board that they had received seven inches of rain at the lake in the last month and had 12,000 acre feet on inflow into the lake.

Still, he said, the drought conditions of the last several years have left the surrounding ranch land parched and much of the rain has soaked into the ground rather than running into the lake.

The weather bureau's long range forecast, he said, indicates that the impact of the drought is likely to ease along the Canadian River through September.

CRMWA's computer model using historical lake data indicates no need to go to emergency drought measures.

options in the area.

John C. Williams, the former general manager of CRMWA, now a consultant with the water authority, said he expects the water authority to issue a request for proposal for more ground water before the end of July.

While the specifics have yet to be worked out, water officials indicated that they

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over last fall. He also said the dispatch office was down to two people, who were working 12-hour shifts. Pitner's budget calls for seven dispatchers plus a supervisor.

Andrews wanted to hold the dispatch budget to seven without a supervisor.

"It will increase overtime,"

CITIES

Vegas, Los Angeles and San Diego for the title of nation's fastest-growing community. It now has 135,000 residents.

The census found that while some of new residents left larger nearby cities, much of the metropolitan growth was attributed to the continued migration to the South and West.

"Most of the places aren't job centers. They are mostly residential, master-planned, large-scale and very home-owners-association heavy," said Robert Lang, a demographer with the Metropolitan Institute at Virginia Tech.

Older, industrial cities such as St. Louis, Detroit and Pittsburgh continued losing residents.

Cities such as San Francisco that grew during the 1990s lost population as the economy cooled and housing prices remained high, said William Frey, demographer with the Brookings Institution, a Washington think tank.

New York remains the country's largest city with 8.1 million residents, followed by Los Angeles (3.8 million), Chicago (2.9 million), Houston (2 million) and Philadelphia (1.5 million).

In Gilbert, housing developments have replaced many of the dairy farms and wheat fields that dominated the landscape decades ago. Some newcomers get irritated at the development.

"Everybody who moves to Gilbert wants to be last person to move to Gilbert," said Cindy Flowers, a real estate agent in Gilbert for more than 20 years.

Growth comes with the

usual assortment of headaches, most notably overcrowded schools and roads. Access to water is an especially acute problem in the dry Southwest. Gilbert's growth puts pressure on municipal services such as police protection, but its lean government manages those duties without problems

for residents, said Mayor Steve Berman.

"It's like if you have twins three years in a row, it's exciting," Berman said.

Berman attributes the town's growth to good schools, residents earning comfortable incomes and its proximity to other prosperous

suburbs east of Phoenix.

Berman said the town is probably growing too fast, but says Gilbert can do little to stop landowners from building homes there.

"People come here because we are an attractive, well-planned community," Berman said.

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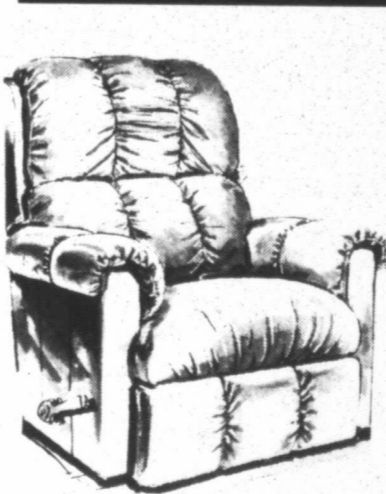


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THOUGHT FOR TODAY

"Statesmen think they make history; but history makes itself and drags the statesmen along." — Will Rogers, American humorist (1879-1935).

TEXAS EDITORIAL

The U.S. can help, but Africa must learn to take care of itself

From the Houston Chronicle:

For years many Americans were inclined to see sub-Saharan Africa as uniform, and uniformly cursed. Those who clung to this view were deservedly criticized for failing to educate themselves about the continent's great diversity of culture and condition.

A half-century after the end of colonialism and more than a decade after the proxy conflicts of the Cold War, Africa should be embarking on a new era of social and economic advancement fueled by peace, democracy and new technology. Sadly, the reverse seems to be taking place. The bright spots and fountains of hope are faintly seen or nonexistent. Living conditions have declined since 1960.

President Bush on Monday will become the third U.S. president (after Jimmy Carter and Bill Clinton) to embark on a tour of sub-Saharan Africa. In five days Bush will visit Senegal, South Africa, Botswana, Nigeria and Uganda.

In a recent speech, Bush declared that Africa, with help and guidance from abroad, could achieve peace, prosperity and health. One lives and hopes, but a mountain of depressing statistics says Bush is wrong.

The administration is still debating whether to send U.S. troops to enforce a cease-fire agreement in Liberia, a West African nation founded by freed American slaves. After 14 years of chronic civil war, the latest fighting there has killed thousands and produced 1 million refugees.

Financed by the smuggling of "blood" diamonds, rebel groups backed by Liberia's corrupt government have kept Sierra Leone terrorized for years. Countless innocent villagers have been killed or had arms and legs cruelly and pointlessly severed by machetes. Ivory Coast, once a bright spot, clings to a fragile peace following a military uprising.

Years of drought interrupted by floods have left 38 million Africans from Ethiopia to Mozambique without food, The Associated Press reported. Aid workers fear the famine will continue for a generation because of the AIDS epidemic that has killed millions of farm workers and orphaned millions of children.

Civil war in Congo has killed 3 million people from the fighting and the disease and starvation left in its wake. A recent news photograph of a child soldier wearing a teddy bear backpack and carrying an AK-47 rifle conveys the horror of Africa's confluence of violence, disease, poverty, tyranny and corruption.

Some African nations, Botswana is one, have established stable democracies, but the AIDS epidemic has not spared them. South Africa, the most developed country, is crime-ridden, and its president, Thabo Mbeki, continues in a state of denial regarding the AIDS epidemic.

Neighboring Zimbabwe, once Africa's breadbasket, must import food now that productive farms have been seized without compensation and given to supporters of President Robert Mugabe. One of the most effective antidotes to official corruption is the free press, but such freedom is rare in Africa.

Recently added to Africa's agonies is the spread of so-called Islamic terrorism by al-Qaida and other groups.

Part of the blame rests with tribal cultures that cannot utilize the benefits of modernity and cannot defend against its destructive power. But primary responsibility must rest with Africa's leaders, whether military dictators or presidents elected for life.

Foreign aid can feed many of those without food and treat some of those infected with disease. However, real peace and progress will elude Africa until its troubled countries and impoverished residents can choose and elevate leaders who reject personal gain from war, tyranny and corruption and use Africa's resources for the common good.

Media's ignorance apparent

People in the major news media have come in for considerable and sometimes bitter criticism. They've been charged with anti-Americanism, leftism, bias and just plain lying, as in the cases of former New York Times reporter Jayson Blair, The Associated Press' Washington reporter Christopher Newton and The New Republic's associate editor Stephen Glass. My assessment is much kinder. Yes, a few are scoundrels with devious hidden agendas, but for the most part they're nice people with little understanding.

Brit Hume, Fox News anchorman - a notable exception - delivered a speech at Hillsdale College last April highlighting grossly erroneous predictions by some of his colleagues. In the days before the Iraq War, NBC's Chris Matthews predicted, "(It) will join the Bay of Pigs, Vietnam, Desert One, Beirut and Somalia in the history of military catastrophes." NBC military analyst Gen. Barry McCaffrey warned that if there were to be a battle for Baghdad, the United States could take "a couple to three thousand casualties."

In the war's early stages, Merissa Marr of Reuters said: "As the dream of a quick clean war and cheering Iraqis evaporated last week, America and its allies have been furiously tweaking their media strategy. But how can they hope to gain the upper hand?"

The history of events has proven these know-it-alls dead wrong. Why aren't these people ashamed to show their



WALTER WILLIAMS
COLUMNIST

faces? But more importantly, why do we even listen to them?

Maybe we aren't. That might explain why alternative news sources such as Fox News, Drudge Report and talk radio are capturing larger and larger audiences.

On NBC's June 15 edition of "Meet the Press," Tim Russert interviewed retired Gen. Wesley Clark, who might be a presidential candidate in 2004. Clark criticized President Bush's tax cuts. That's OK, but Clark demonstrated gross ignorance when he said, "I thought this country was founded on a principle of progressive taxation. ... In other words, it's not only that the more you make, the more you give."

Tim Russert, just as ignorant, passed over the statement.

The fact of the matter is that the Framers of our Constitution so feared the imposition of direct taxes, such as an income tax, that Article I, Section 9 of the Constitution says, "No Capitation, or other direct, Tax shall be laid, unless in Proportion to the Census or Enumeration herein before directed to be taken."

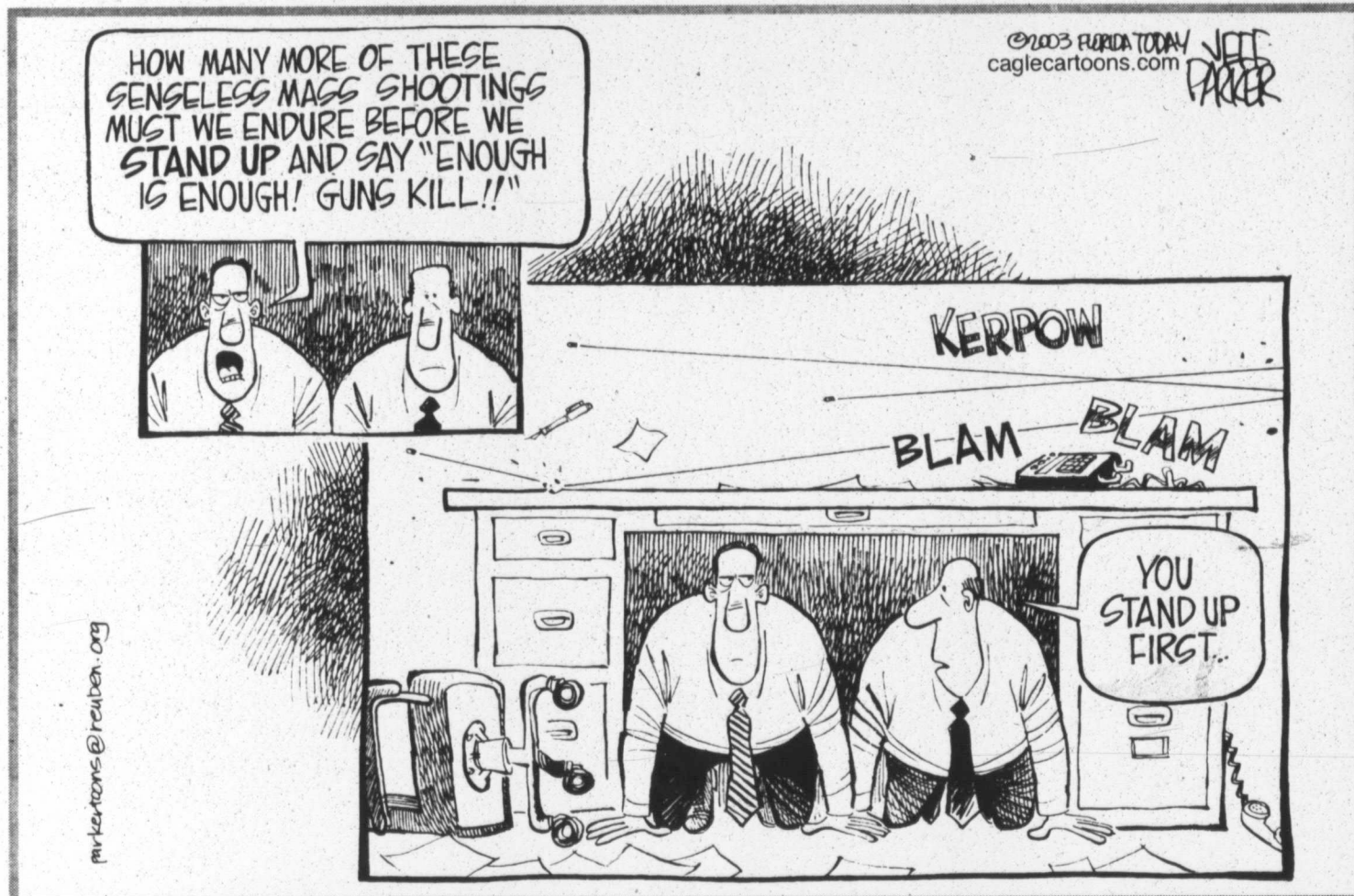
It was not until the Abraham Lincoln administration that an income tax was

imposed on Americans. Its stated purpose was to finance the war, but it took until 1872 for it to be repealed. During the Grover Cleveland administration, Congress enacted the Income Tax Act of 1894. The U.S. Supreme Court ruled it unconstitutional in 1895. It took the Sixteenth Amendment (1913) to make permanent what the Framers feared - today's income tax.

When we had warm winters and oppressively hot and dry summers, one could hardly turn on the television without hearing some politician or reporter whining about global warming and our need to sign the Kyoto agreement.

Winter 2002-2003 saw extreme cold conditions. In the Midwest, the daily temperature was 4 degrees Fahrenheit cooler relative to the 10-year average, the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic roughly 3 degrees cooler. I wonder why reporters aren't tracking down Bill Clinton, Al Gore and the environmental wacko brigade to query them about global warming this winter and spring. Maybe they're appearing on Western television news, since the Pacific Northwest average winter temperatures have been the second-warmest in the last 30 years in the region.

Many media people have been journalism and/or communication majors. Most of these programs have little analytical rigor. Along with departments of education, they are a dumping ground for the most ill-prepared students. That might explain a lot.



Should we forgive the French?

Howard Leach, President Bush's ambassador to France, says the friction between America and its erstwhile ally are "in the past and now part of history."

When an ambassador is so out of synch with the people he's supposed to represent, maybe it's time for him to come home. Leach needs to familiarize himself with the depth and intensity of anti-French feeling in the United States.

The American people are not nearly as eager as their ambassador to make peace after the French seemed to value Saddam Hussein over their traditional ally (us). We are voting with our mouths and our feet against reconciliation with France.

According to Wine Spectator Magazine, sales of French wine in the United States fell by 26.2 percent between April 21 and May 18 of this year. The French global share of wine exports has fallen almost in half since Jan. 1, 2003.

And Americans are staying home, refusing to travel to France. The very depressed Leon Bertrand, the French tourism secretary, reported that American tourism to his nation has dropped by 20



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COLUMNIST

percent - likely quite an understatement of the looming reality of a massive summer boycott.

A May Fox News/Opinion Dynamics survey indicates that half of Americans favor a boycott of French products. The ripples will soon be felt by the perfume, fashion, fabric and other industries on which France depends.

Why did France betray us?

Look at last year's presidential elections: 18 percent backed either the Communist Party, the Trotskyite Socialist Workers Party, or the Communist-allied French Green Party; another 19 percent voted for Jean Marie LePen, the anti-Semite who said that the Holocaust was a "detail of history." So, between the anti-Americanism of the left and the racism of

the right, 40 percent of French voters are nuts.

It doesn't take much to create a majority for total insanity. When Saddam Hussein promised the French two of his top undeveloped oil fields, but said they could have them only when the sanctions and embargo against him were lifted, commercialism joined with the left's communism and the right's anti-Semitism to give Saddam a mandate, French style.

Should the United States, or the American people, forgive and forget? Not on your life! Unless we show the French that we cannot be taken for granted or rebelled against in some adolescent acting out, we will have to put up with their ingratitude time and again.

Americans were uniquely threatened by 9/11, and the terror alerts that haunt us to this day. We seek the support of other countries not just as a diplomatic nicety, but because we need their help to repel the assault on us and our values. Those who help us, we should help. To those who freeze us out, we should return the favor in every way we can.

TODAY IN HISTORY

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Thursday, July 10, the 191st day of 2003. There are 174 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 10, 1940, during World War II, the 114-day Battle of Britain began as Nazi forces began attacking

southern England by air.

On this date:

In 1850, Vice President Millard Fillmore assumed the presidency, following the death of President Taylor.

In 1890, Wyoming became the 44th state.

In 1919, President Wilson personally delivered the Treaty of Versailles to the

Senate, and urged its ratification.

In 1943, during World War II, U.S. and British forces invaded Sicily.

In 1951, armistice talks aimed at ending the Korean conflict began at Kaesong.

In 1962, the Telstar communications satellite was launched from Cape

Canaveral, Florida.

In 1973, the Bahamas became independent after three centuries of British colonial rule.

In 1982, Pope John Paul II named Archbishop Joseph L. Bernardin of Cincinnati to succeed the late Cardinal John Cody as head of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

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SPORTS

Girls 11-12 All-Stars take district title

Pampa Girls 11-12 All-Stars shrugged off a first game loss to Borger to rally and capture the District 1 Championship game.

Pampa played Borger Monday night losing 5-1 in a pitching duel. Carlyn Teichmann pitched for Pampa giving up five runs on two hits, seven walks and six strikeouts in four innings. Lauren Smith pitched the fifth allowing no runs on one hit, no walks and one strikeout.

Leading hitters for Pampa were Brooklyn Barker, 1-2 single; Jessica Miner, 1-2 single; Sam Pearson, 1-3 double; and Kelby Doughty, 1-4 single.

In Tuesday's championship game, Pampa's bats came alive. As visitors, Pampa exploded for 17 runs with two triples, one double and three singles - all in the first inning.

Ashley Facio pitched for Pampa's win. She allowed only three runs on two hits, three walks and two strikeouts in four innings. Pampa never let up and sent three different Borger pitchers to the mound, but none of them could stop Pampa's bats.

Final tally was Pampa, 31, to Borger's, 3.

Leading hitters for Pampa were Kelby Doughty, 2-3, double and single; Sam Pearson, 2-5, triple and single; Carlyn Teichmann, 3-4, three singles; Yesenia Flores, 3-5, a double and two singles; Brooklyn Barker, 1-3, single; Shelby Watson, 1-3, single; Jessica Miner, 1-1, single; and Ashley Facio, 1-3, single.

Pampa racked up a total of 14 hits. The Girls All-Stars will now play El Paso July 14, 15, and 16 in Borger for the Sectional Championship. The winner will go to the State Championship in Waco, July 21-23.



(Courtesy photo)

Pampa Girls 11-12 All Stars pose with their District 1 Championship banner. Kneeling: Lauren Smith, Ashley Facio; first row, Kelby Doughty, Shelby Watson, Carlyn Teichmann, Jessica Miner, Holly Winegeart; second row, Brooklyn Barker, Yesenia Flores, Sammie Pearson, Kamie Doughty; back row, Coach Jimmy Parker, Coach Donnie Winegeart, and Manager David Teichmann. Not pictured, Libby Dyson.

NOTEBOOK

BASKETBALL

EAGLE, Colo. (AP) — One of the investigators in the case involving Kobe Bryant said the NBA star was taken to a hospital hours after he was accused of sexually assaulting a 19-year-old woman at a mountain resort.

Doug Winters, a detective with the Eagle County sheriff's department, refused to say why Bryant was taken to Valley View Hospital in Glenwood Springs early July 2.

Bryant, 24, is accused of attacking the woman at an area hotel on June 30.

SEATTLE (AP) — The Seattle SuperSonics signed first-round draft pick Luke Ridnour to a three-year contract.

Ridnour was the 14th overall choice in last month's NBA draft.

BASEBALL

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Pittsburgh first baseman Randall Simon was booked for misdemeanor battery for hitting one of the Milwaukee Brewers' popular racing sausages with a bat during a game.

Simon was released, said a spokeswoman for the Milwaukee County Sheriff's Department, who asked not to be identified. Simon will meet with the district attorney's office Thursday, and it will be up to prosecutors to determine whether formal charges are filed.

Four people in sausage costumes race between the sixth and seventh innings at Milwaukee Brewers games.

Film of the race showed that when the group went past the Pirates' third-base dugout, Simon took a two-handed chop at the Italian sausage character — portrayed by a 20-year-old South Milwaukee woman — hitting her from behind and causing her to tumble to the ground.

CYCLING

SAINT-DIZIER, France (AP) — Lance Armstrong's team won a time trial at the Tour de France.

Armstrong entered the day in 12th place, and the victory in the 43-mile leg strengthened his position for a record-tying fifth title in cycling's premier race.

The U.S. Postal Service team won the event in 1 hour, 18 minutes, 27 seconds, its first win in the time trial since 1999.

Armstrong's teammate, Victor Hugo Pena, claimed the yellow jersey as overall leader. He is the first Colombian to wear the jersey in the Tour's 100-year history.

OLYMPICS

DENVER (AP) — U.S. Olympic Committee officials have been told they will likely be called before a House subcommittee next week to discuss recommendations made by two groups charged with restructuring the embroiled organization.

USOC spokesman Darryl Seibel said that members of the House Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection Subcommittee have told USOC leaders that the meeting will likely take place sometime in the middle of the week.

Pampa falls to N. Randall in Cal Ripken tourney

By JOHN W. WARNER FOR THE NEWS

Heath Skinner pitched the game of his life, a two-hitter against the North Randall County 11-12 All Stars, and lost, 1-0, on an unearned run in the bottom of the sixth inning as Pampa was eliminated from

the 11-12 Cal Ripken District 1 Tournament here Wednesday.

Shane Wieck led off the bottom of the sixth inning for North Randall. With a single just past a diving shortstop's glove, he went to second and third on passed balls as Heath Skinner struck out the next

batter. The third and fourth hitters in the lineup were intentionally walked to create a force play at home.

On a full count, the next batter fouled off a pitch and then hit to Chris Bengé at shortstop, who threw to the catcher for the force out. Thinking there were three

outs, the catcher threw the ball down in the infield, allowing Wieck to score the only run of the game.

Heath Skinner struck out seven and walked only one, other than the intentional walks. He had allowed only three base runners until the sixth inning, only one of whom had gotten to second base.

Pampa had only two hits off two North Randall pitchers. Hayden Skinner in the fourth inning and Jonathan Anguiano in the fifth inning. Pampa had its chances, but could not get their runners home, leaving runners on second and third in the first and

fifth innings. Dalton Randall, who relieved starter Cody Cross in the fourth inning, was the winning pitcher. He gave up both of Pampa's hits. He struck out four and did not walk a batter in three innings. Cross did not allow a hit in three innings. He struck out six without walking a batter.

North Randall plays Tulia at 6 p.m., today with a second game to follow 30 minutes later if needed for the District 1 championship. Both North Randall and Tulia will be in the West Texas State 11-12 Cal Ripken Tournament to be hosted by North Randall next week.

Astros win third in a row, hand Reds a seventh loss

HOUSTON (AP) — Houston backup catcher Gregg Zaun won't allow rookie Jeremie Robertson to relax on the mound.

"I've made it my personal mission to stay on his back the whole season," said Zaun, who catches all of Robertson's games. "Early in the year, he lost his focus a few times. I accused him of cruising and I told him I wouldn't let him do it again.

"I'm just trying to keep the young man focused."

Robertson (8-3) was certainly focused Wednesday night, becoming the first Houston rookie to win seven straight decisions as the Astros beat Cincinnati 12-2. He hasn't lost since April 25, a span of 13 starts, and leads the team in victories.

"I have to give credit to him," Robertson said of Zaun. "He's calling good games for

me. He really mixes my pitches up."

Robertson gave up one run and four hits in seven innings. He struck out seven and didn't walk a batter.

"He's pretty sneaky," Cincinnati's Adam Dunn said. "He's deceptive. He's got good stuff. He changes speeds and he has a tight slider and that changeup to left-handers is tough to hit."

Robertson said he learned a lot from a May 1 game against Atlanta when he blew an early 4-0 and ended up being sent down to Triple-A New Orleans.

"I learned my lesson from that," Robertson said. "I had a good lead and I lost my focus. I gave up a load of runs and was pulled in the fourth. You kind of let your guard down during those times. You're not focusing like you should. It was a great lesson."

Hidden Hills Seniors Golf Scramble Results

These are the results from the Hidden Hills Seniors 4-Man Scramble at Hidden Hills Golf Course July 9.

1st: Jim Brashears, Charlie Rand, Richard Abbott, Bill Brown - 60

2nd: Oscar Sargent, Jerry South, Jess Mathis, Jim Osborne - 60

3rd: Fred Courtney, Carroll Pettit, Bob Brandon, Jim Reddell - 61

4th: Jerry Davis, Travis Johnston, Jim Jensen, Terry Cox - 61

Kenneth Williams won Closest to the Pin on #15.

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DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

Online Diaries Can Cause Teen Friendships To Suffer

DEAR ABBY: I am a 14-year-old girl about to start my freshman year in high school. Most of my friends (including myself) have Web logs—or "blogs."

Blogs are online diaries where we record all kinds of stuff about ourselves. Of course, we're careful not to give out personal information like where we live, etc. But some of my friends get very offended at what is written about them.

I have several friends who have stopped speaking to each other after reading not-so-nice things about themselves in the blogs. I speak from experience, because I've been repeatedly bashed for my anti-war views, among other things.

In spite of this, the Web log trend continues to be popular. What's your opinion on this?

BLOGGIN' AND LOVIN' IT IN NEW JERSEY

DEAR BLOGGIN': The written word takes on a life of its own and never dies—particularly in cyberspace. That is why it's important that a person carefully consider what he or she is posting before making it public. I cannot urge people strongly enough to remember that on the Internet there is no such thing as an eraser. The messages live on and on for all to see. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: Allow me to give your readers a heads-up regarding a potentially embarrassing—and possibly illegal—situation they may encounter at their places of employment. I am talking about employees using their work computers and networks to conduct personal and private business.

As an information technology ("IT") security specialist, I can attest to the fact that almost everything an employee does on his or her work computer is monitored very closely, due to heightened security.

One of my responsibilities is to monitor e-mail that crosses the networks and investigate Web sites employees visit during the day. Believe me, I've seen it all! A few examples:

(1) Details between couples going through nasty divorces, as well as

torrid love affairs. (The dialogue from even one of those messages could fuel a soap opera storyline for years!)

(2) The personal "measurements" and private "requirements" of individuals seeking a potential mate while checking out dating Web sites. (I will never look at certain employees the same way again.)

(3) The ridiculously overpriced items that people "had to have" on auction Web sites. (I could outbid individuals by a dollar each time they made a bid online and they'd never know.)

(4) How much money employees have in their checking and savings accounts, while conducting their online banking. (On more than one occasion, I knew that someone had bounced a check before he did.)

(5) Employees exploring pornographic Web sites. (You'd be amazed how many times I've had to begin an investigation into an employee because of something like this.)

Abby, IT security specialists are not nosy people. We are employed by the corporate and government worlds to ensure that highly valuable information and equipment is kept safe and secrets are not leaked.

IT SECURITY SPECIALIST ON THE EAST COAST

DEAR SPECIALIST: I'm sure many employees in the corporate world will appreciate your wake-up call. I'll bet it spoils some fascinating conversations you "techies" have been sharing during lunch hour!

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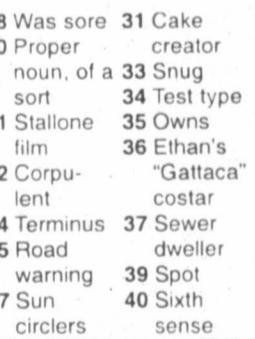
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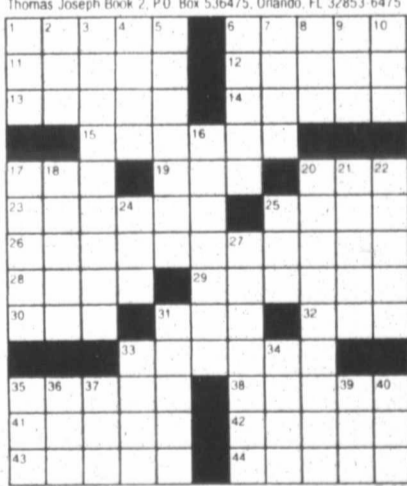
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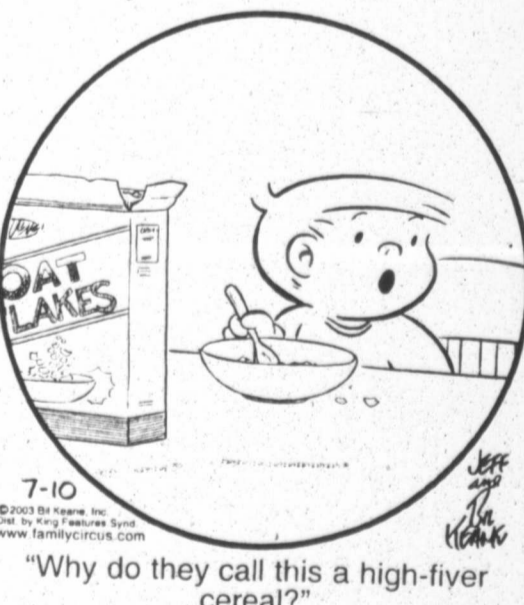
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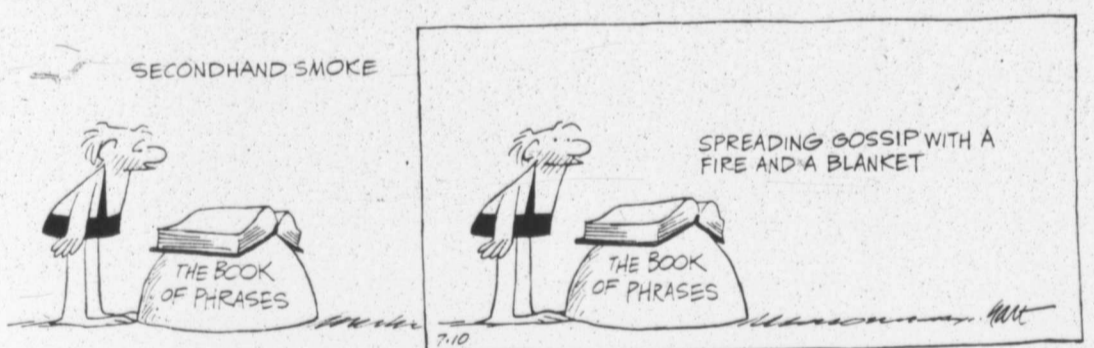
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