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PISD board to continue Exemplary quest

By **BEN BRISCOE**
Staff Intern
The Pampa Independent School District Board of Educators decided to retain its goal of reach-

ing an Exemplary district rating by the end of the 2006-2007 school year at Thursday night's board training meeting. "Four years ago the

board challenged the district to be Exemplary, but last year we found out this is really a 10-year process. To get to Exemplary, I don't

think it is a lack of effort from the staff. No one works harder than them. I think it is a lack of time," Board Member Lee Porter said.

Under the 10-year timeline, the district would reach the Recognized status by 2007 and the Exemplary status by 2011.

do unrealistic things, we are setting them up to fail. I don't want to set anyone up to fail."

Ultimately it was comments from Gina Miller, a representative

"I love high goals, but I want something we can achieve, too," Board Member Derrel DeLoach said. "I just do not think that this is realistic. I think if we are asking our staff to

for district teachers, that caused the goal to stay the same.

"I don't think it is going to make a bit of difference to the staff to change this goal. They will work just as hard,

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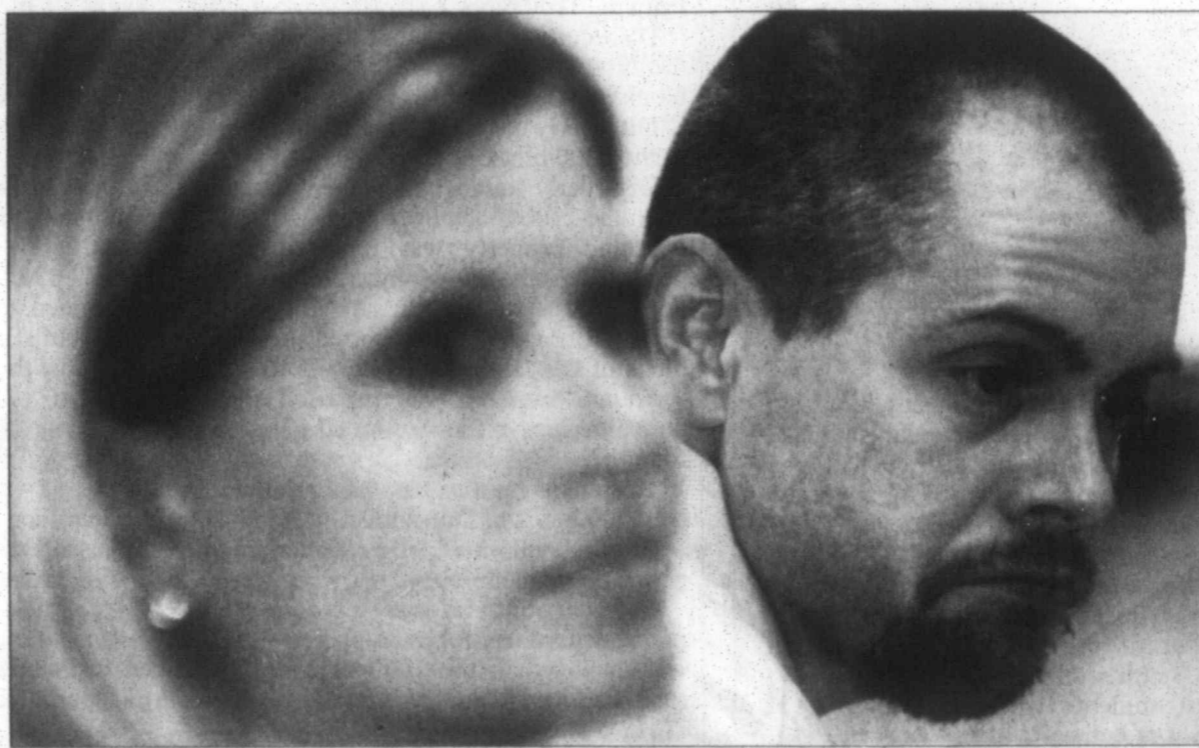
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Board member Derrel DeLoach, right, talks about the possibility of lowering the goal from Exemplary to recognized. Seated to his right is Dana Terry.

Another shuttle flight possible this year?

By **MARCIA DUNN**
Associated Press Writer

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — NASA Chief Michael Griffin said Friday he hasn't given up on launching another space shuttle later this year, despite suspending flights until the space agency can stop foam insulation from snapping off and threatening the spacecraft.

He said he has set up a "tiger team" to try to solve the problem as quickly as possible. "We don't expect this to be a long drawn-out affair," he said by telephone from Washington in a briefing with reporters in Houston.

Like other NASA officials, he said "we made a mistake" in not

'We don't expect this to be a long drawn-out affair.'

— **Michael Griffin**
NASA official

addressing the area of the external fuel tank where a piece of foam broke off shortly after Discovery's launch on Tuesday. That insulation chunk came from a different spot on the huge fuel tank than the foam piece that ultimately brought down Columbia.

"Do I take responsibility? Absolutely," he said. "We'll fix this."

The launch windows later this

year are very limited, however. The first is Sept. 9-24, and the second is a couple of days in November. That is based on the Earth's orbit and the hours of daylight a shuttle could be launched so it could be photographed to watch for problems.

Griffin said he was not willing to give up on this year.

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Congress set to pass energy bill, ending stalemate

WASHINGTON (AP) — After years of stalemate, Congress is set to enact a national energy plan that its supporters say will provide a more diverse mix of fuels, create jobs and spur development of cleaner burning coal and a new generation of nuclear reactors.

The Senate was to take up the legislation Friday, a day after it passed the House by a wide margin.

President Bush, under political pressure to do something about the nation's energy problems in light of soaring oil and gasoline prices, is eager to sign the measure into law.

He had challenged Congress to provide him a bill before lawmakers depart this week on a five-week summer recess.

Even the bill's sponsors acknowledge the mammoth energy blueprint, covering 1,724 pages, will have little if any impact on today's energy prices or wean the nation away from its thirst for oil — some 20 million barrels a day, nearly 60 percent of it imported.

"We won't have any answers if the question is what are you going to do tomorrow morning about gasoline prices," said Sen. Pete Domenici, R-N.M.,

who led the Senate negotiations with the House in crafting the legislation.

But he said the bill would provide financial incentives and federal policies "that we as a nation will benefit from not tomorrow, but for the next five or 10 years."

The bill provides \$14.5 billion in tax breaks and potentially billions more in loan guarantees and other subsidies to encourage oil and gas drilling, improve natural gas and electric transmission lines, build new nuclear power reactors and expand renewable energy sources, especially construction of

wind turbines.

It also expands the federal government's authority over siting liquefied natural gas import terminals and electric transmission lines if they are deemed critical to the national power grid. For the first time utilities would have to meet federal reliability standards for the electricity grid to try to avoid a repeat of the massive 2003 blackout that hit the Midwest and Northeast.

A measure that may have a direct impact on the public include a provision

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Court beat

Conviction nets 99 years, fine

By **MARILYN POWERS**
Staff Writer

A former Canadian man was sentenced Tuesday afternoon to 99 years in prison plus a \$10,000 fine after he was found guilty of aggravated sexual assault.

Benito Rodriguez Sr., 51, was convicted of the first degree felony in 31st District Court in Hemphill County Courthouse.

Testimony began Monday. Judge Steven Emmert heard the case, and 31st District Attorney Lynn Switzer prosecuted Rodriguez.

David Scott of Perryton acted as Rodriguez' defense counsel. The assault occurred on March 9, 2000, Switzer said.

Rodriguez is an Amarillo resident, but lived in Canadian at the time of the assault. Rodriguez was indicted Nov. 17, 2004 on the aggravated sexual assault charge. He is

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'I'm very proud and pleased with the jury and their hard work and dedication.'

— **Lynn Switzer**
31st District attorney

FBI reviewing Tyler police in arrest case

TYLER, Texas (AP) — The FBI said it is reviewing whether the Tyler Police Department used excessive force in the arrest of two men in a drive-by shooting they had nothing to do with.

Jeff Millslagle of the FBI in Tyler said the review of the July 15 arrest of Jose Romero and Ramon Gomez comes at the request of Tyler Police Chief Gary Swindle.

Romero said he was collecting cans by the side of the road when a stranger, Gomez, stopped and offered him a meal and a ride in his pickup. A short time later, police responding to a report that shots were fired in a Tyler neighborhood, tried to pull over the pickup.

But Gomez sped to his home with officers in pursuit.

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Obituaries

Betty Jean Payne Jinks, 77

Betty Jean Payne Jinks, 77, of Pampa, died Friday, July 29, 2005, at Pampa.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Jinks was born July 13, 1923, at Indianapolis, Ind., to Ray and Ethel Shultz Payne. She married Robert Tollie Jinks, Jr., on Oct. 21, 1944, at Oxnard, Okla.

Mrs. Jinks, a longtime resi-

dent of Pampa and Lefors, was a LVN, working in Groom and Pampa hospitals.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a brother, two children, five grandchildren, and a son-in-law.

Survivors include her husband of 60 years of marriage, Robert of Pampa; two daughters, Mary Dee Green and Cathymarie Cloud, both of Pampa; a son, Robert Tollie

Jinks, III, of Pampa; three grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Odyssey Health Care Hospice, 1000 S. Jefferson, Amarillo, TX, 79101; or to Pampa Nursing Center, 1321 W. Kentucky, Pampa, TX 79065.

—Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

Gray County Weather

Today: Mostly sunny, with a high around 92. South wind around 10 mph. Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 66. South wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high around 94. South wind between 10 and 15 mph. Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low near 69. South wind around 15 mph.

Sunday: Mostly sunny and hot, with a high near 97. South wind around 15 mph.

Sunday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 67. South wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Monday: Mostly sunny, with a high around 94. South southwest wind between 5 and 10 mph. Monday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 69. South wind

around 10 mph.

Tuesday: Partly cloudy, with a high around 96. South wind around 10 mph.

Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low near 71.

Wednesday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 95. Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 69.

Thursday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 96.

Stocks

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

Wheat 3.03
Milo 3.48
Corn 4.25
Soybeans 5.93

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

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Board

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and they will work just as long to make the students succeed," she said. "I just don't think it is going to make a difference to the overall delivery of instruction."

In order to reach the Exemplary status, the board kept two of the same methods. Student performance information will be presented to them each year and each subgroup's performance is analyzed annually to evaluate progress to stated performance improvement goals.

The board also decided that junior high school students will be encouraged to take the Pre-SAT, and the district will pay more than \$5,500 a year for all ninth and tenth grade students to take the test.

"The test at these grade levels will help identify students who will be successful in our advanced placement programs," director of curriculum and instruction Evan Smith said. "I think it will lead us to recruit students we might never have thought of before."

Porter summed up the issue by stating his opinions of lofty goals.

"If you are an NFL team," he said, "and you don't have the goal of winning the Super Bowl, then why are you there?"

Court

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"I'm very proud and pleased with the jury and their hard work and dedication. I think they spoke volumes when they pronounced sentence on the defendant, that this kind of conduct would not be tolerated in Hemphill County," Switzer said.

Scott was out of his office today and unavailable for comment.

Switzer will prosecute another aggravated sexual assault case Aug. 22 in Wheeler County, when Buford Meadows is brought to trial.

The next case for the 31st District is Aug. 8 in Canadian, where Leland and Sandy Milburn will be tried for allegedly tampering with a witness.

currently in Hemphill County Jail awaiting transport to a Texas Department of Criminal Justice facility, Switzer said.

Shuttle

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In addition, he told reporters there were not just one, but perhaps four, pieces of foam that were bigger than NASA was willing to allow break from the fuel tank during launch.

It was a large piece of foam that doomed Columbia on its launch in 2003 by hitting the shuttle's wing.

Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents today.

Thursday, July 28

Five traffic stops were made. Traffic complaints were received from the intersection of Harvester and Sumner streets and the intersection of 22nd and Lynn streets.

A hit and run accident was reported in the 1900 block of North Hobart.

Driving while intoxicated was reported in the 1000 block of North Hobart.

A vehicle/foot pursuit was reported at the intersection of Louisiana and Duncan streets.

Animal complaints were received from the 1900 block of North Hobart and the 1900 block of Coffee.

Welfare checks were made in the 500 block of Magnolia and the 1200 block of East Browning.

Law enforcement assistance was rendered in the 2200 block of North Zimmers.

Two business alarms were reported.

Suspicious vehicle calls were received from the intersection of Carter and Faulkner streets, and the intersection of Browning and Somerville streets.

A suspicious person call was received from the 1400 block of Charles.

Violation of a city ordinance was reported in the 800 block of North Somerville.

A silent/abusive 911 call was received from the 1100 block of North Starkweather.

Disorderly conduct/noise was reported in the 2200 block of North Hobart and the 600 block of Magnolia.

Disorderly conduct/fighting was reported in the 1300 block of Coffee.

Disorderly conduct/language was reported in the 2100 block of North Sumner.

Found property was reported in the police department lobby. Clothing was found.

Found property was reported in the 400 block of East 18th. A bicycle was found.

Found property was reported in the police department lobby. A cell phone was found.

Telephone harassment was reported in the 2100 block of Duncan.

Criminal mischief was reported in the police department lobby.

Criminal mischief was reported in the police department lobby. A pickup window was damaged in the 1000 block of Huff road. Estimated damage is \$400.

Theft was reported in the 300 block of North Dwight. A bicycle was taken.

Theft was reported in the 1100 block of Mary Ellen. A bicycle valued at over \$50 was taken.

Identity theft was reported in the police department lobby.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 1000 block of Charles. A purse was taken from an unlocked vehicle.

Burglary was reported at the intersection of 21st and Sumner streets.

Assault by threat was reported in the 1300 block of East Kingsmill and the 700 block of Roberta.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1800 block of North Banks.

Sheriff

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests today.

Thursday, July 28

Clarence Reed Hendon, 46, 309 S. Gray, was arrested to begin serving a sentence.

Jamie Theresa Jackson, 29, 1125 Neel Road, was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia and bond surrenders for possession of a controlled substance and delivery of a controlled substance.

Scott Patrick Tarvin, 33, 2201 Zimmers, was arrested on a Potter County charge of forgery of a financial instrument.

Michael Don Mitchell, 37, 1105 N. Somerville, was arrested on bond surrenders for possession of under two ounces of marijuana and possession of a controlled substance.

Friday, July 29

Gregory Randall Edmonson, 25, 511 Roberta, was arrested for no driver's license.

Fire

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

Thursday July 28

2:40 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assistance call in the 1300 block of North Russell.

3:32 p.m. — One unit and two firefighters responded to a grass fire 1/4 mile west of National Oil Well. Call was canceled en route.

5:19 p.m. — Two units and six firefighters responded to a smoke scare in the 1100 block of East Kingsmill. Problem was attributed to a barbecue grill.

Ambulance

Guardian EMS ambulance reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Thursday July 28

10:34 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center to transport a patient to BSA in Amarillo.

11:40 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 800 block of West 25th and transported a patient to PRMC.

1:32 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to PRMC and transported a patient to the 2600 block of Fir.

2:39 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1300 block of Russell and transported a patient to PRMC.

2:58 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to a residence in Gray County and transported a patient to PRMC.

3:55 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1200 block of Coffee and transported a patient to PRMC.

Energy

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to expand daylight-saving time by one month, adding three weeks in the spring and a week in the fall, taking it beyond Halloween. The change would go into effect in 2007.

Consumers also will see tax credits for the purchase of hybrid-electric cars and get tax breaks for making energy conservation improvements in their homes.

Farmers will sell more corn, as the legislation calls for the doubling of ethanol use as an additive in gasoline to 7.5 billion gallons by 2012. Refiners no longer will have to include an oxy-

genate in gasoline to reduce air pollution. Refiners say they can meet the air quality rules with conventional gas and will have more flexibility in supplying the fuel to head off shortages.

But critics of the legislation said the bill also eases environmental rules for refiners and for oil and gas exploration. And they're concerned about what's not in the legislation.

"The bill is a series of missed opportunities," said Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Ore., who was the only Senate Democrat to oppose the compromise legislation in the House-Senate conference that crafted the final version this week.

Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., said it falls far short of what is needed by not addressing climate change and includ-

ing nothing that would increase the fuel economy of automobiles, the biggest guzzlers of oil. Just this week, Kerry said, a report was made public from the Environmental Protection Agency showing a decline in automobile fuel economy.

Lawmakers avoided a certain fight in the Senate by leaving out one of Bush's top energy goals: opening the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in Alaska to oil drilling. House Republicans promised to pursue that issue separately this fall.

House Republicans also abandoned a provision that would have given the makers of the gasoline additive MTBE protection against lawsuits stemming from the chemical's contamination of drinking water supplies in at least 36 states.

Vioxx trial: Merck lawyers appeal ruling to allow coronor testimony

ANGLETON, Texas (AP) — Merck & Co. lawyers asked a Texas appeals court Friday to block testimony from a pathologist who would testify that the death of the plaintiff's husband was probably brought on by a heart attack.

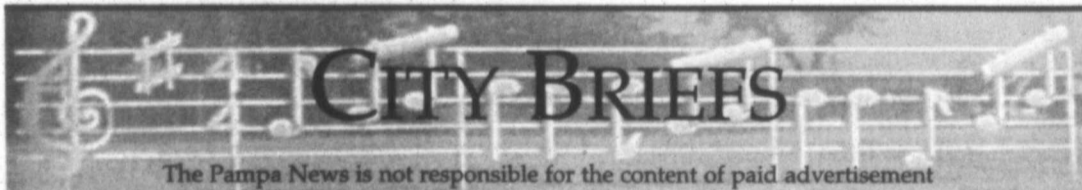
In the nation's first civil trial over the recalled painkiller Vioxx, state District Judge Ben Hardin ruled late Thursday that

jurors could hear testimony from the pathologist, who said he thought a Texas man's 2001 death from arrhythmia was more than likely brought on by a heart attack.

Vioxx was pulled from the market in September after studies showed that it doubled the risk of heart attacks if taken for 18 months of longer. Merck's defense in this case was that Robert Ernst, who had

taken Vioxx for eight months to ease pain in his hands, died of arrhythmia, or irregular heartbeat, and that Vioxx doesn't cause that ailment.

Merck argued that Dr. Maria Araneta shouldn't be allowed to testify because plaintiff's lawyer Mark Lanier didn't identify her by name as a witness before the pretrial deadline, violating court rules on surprise witnesses.



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Chautauqua

Members of Zion Lutheran Church man a lemonade stand each year during the annual Labor Day Chautauqua celebration in Central Park. Zion has participated in Chautauqua since the event's inception in 1982. After Monday, Aug. 1, booth space for Chautauqua will increase from \$20 to \$25. Reservations can be made at Pampa Community Building (Chamber building), 200 N. Ballard, or via mail at the following address: Pampa Fine Arts, P.O. Box 818, Pampa, TX 79066. For more information, call 665-0343. Food booths are limited to non-profit organizations. Participating organizations from Chautauqua 2004 are given first-pick in choosing their space, allowing them to set up in the same space they occupied last year.

FAA endorses Chicago's plan to expand O'Hare

CHICAGO (AP) — The Federal Aviation Administration has endorsed the city's \$15 billion effort to expand O'Hare International Airport and reduce the nation's worst flight delays, but the plan still faces opposition from communities that would be gutted to build new runways and taxiways.

Mayor Richard Daley said construction would begin immediately after the FAA gives final approval for the plan, which is expected by September. The agency endorsed the plan Thursday in its environmental impact statement.

"When we reduce delays at O'Hare,

it will speed up air travel throughout the nation, saving millions of dollars in time and costs of buying fuel," Daley said.

But a 440-acre expansion would require the city to buy and raze more than 500 homes, displacing some 2,600 residents, and would require relocation of nearly 200 businesses and a cemetery with 1,300 tombs dating back to the 1800s.

"You cannot approve a project that can't be paid for and would cause more delays than it solves," said Joe Karaganis, an attorney for Elk Grove Village and Bensenville, suburbs that

have fiercely fought O'Hare expansion for decades.

Jared Leland, an attorney for the owners of the threatened cemetery, said his clients would sue if the FAA decides in favor of the plan.

Congestion at delay-prone O'Hare can quickly cause gridlock throughout the U.S. commercial aviation system. A Transportation Department study released earlier this year ranked O'Hare last in on-time departures and arrivals during 2004, with 30 percent of flights arriving late and 73 percent departing on time.

Farmers struggle with air monitoring

MEXICO, Mo. (AP) — Hog farmer Bill Kessler hopes a voluntary federal program for monitoring livestock emissions will keep his 500-sow operation out of court for a few years.

For \$200, Kessler has essentially bought four years of amnesty from air-pollution penalties while the federal Environmental Protection Agency determines appropriate air quality standards for farm operations.

Technically, it's an upfront penalty. Kessler calls it "an insurance policy."

EPA officials had hoped to enlist thousands of hog, poultry, egg and dairy farmers when they announced the program in January. As of July 20, however, only 832 businesses signed on, said Bob Kaplan, an attorney in the EPA's enforcement office.

The program's success requires a range of participants, from factory farms to contract growers, to be monitored for ammonia, hydrogen sulfide and other potentially harmful airborne emissions.

The four-year program

will help officials determine emissions levels for different types of farms before they crack down on emissions such as ammonia, hydrogen sulfide, volatile organic compounds and dust.

In the meantime, farmers who participate in the program pay a one-time penalty based on the type of farming operation, plus \$2,500 toward monitoring costs.

Even with the promise of four years of legal amnesty, the incentive to participate is difficult to determine, said Morrill Harriman, executive vice president of the Poultry Federation of Arkansas, Missouri and Oklahoma.

"You are signing an agreement that says, 'I am not violating any air quality laws,'" Harriman said.

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Objecting soldier gets 15 months in prison for refusing Iraq duty

FORT STEWART, Ga. (AP) — Before being sentenced to 15 months for refusing to return to Iraq with his Army unit, Sgt. Kevin Benderman told a military judge that he acted with his conscience, not out of a disregard for duty.

"I am not against soldiers," Benderman said at his court-martial Thursday. "Though some might take my actions as being against soldiers, I want everyone to be home and safe and raising their families. I don't want anyone to be hurt in a combat zone."

Benderman was acquitted of desertion but convicted of the lesser charge of missing movement, meaning he skipped his Jan. 8 deployment flight. He could have received five years in prison if convicted of desertion.

Along with his prison sentence, Benderman will receive a dishonorable discharge and have his rank reduced to private.

The 40-year-old Army mechanic was embraced by anti-war advocates when he refused to go on a second combat tour in January, saying the destruction and misery he witnessed during the 2003 Iraq invasion had turned him against war.

Defense attorneys argued that the Army wanted to punish Benderman for seeking a discharge as a conscientious objector and speaking out publicly about his anti-war views. Prosecutors said he had an obligation to deploy while the Army considered his conscientious objector application, which Benderman filed 10 days before his 3rd Infantry Division unit deployed.

Benderman's company commander in the division's 3rd Forward Support Battalion, Capt. Gary

Rowley, said the verdict would send a message to other soldiers who may look for a way out of serving in Iraq.

"If they saw this and found out it works using smoke and mirrors to get by, we'll have other soldiers saying, 'Well, I'm a conscientious objector,'" said Rowley, who returned to Fort Stewart from Iraq to testify at Benderman's court-

martial. "They need to know there are consequences for not doing their duty."

William Cassara, Benderman's civilian defense attorney, argued that Benderman believed he had been excused from deploying so he could work on his objector application.

"I think the sentence was overly harsh," said Cassara, who said the soldier would get an automatic appeal.

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Viewpoints

Three things to love about the Texas Panhandle

I see them on St. Vincent's property — they are on the athletic practice field, some even on front lawns of homes, others ascurrying on Stephen F. Austin property. My peripheral vision picks them up running across the grassy plain to their burrow, or sitting erect on hind quarters similar to their red squirrel cousins — I've watched them dive underground upon seeing the shadow of a raptor.

If they only knew the particular raptor was insectivorous, but God didn't make them raptor selective. They only know one thing when a shadow comes from overhead and that's — dive-dive-dive!

The wonderful creature I stop my car to watch is the

Thirteen Lined Ground Squirrel, who, once warm weather takes over, awakens from its winter slumber to procreate and forage for seeds. Hard to think when I was a youngster exploring the fields and pastures around Pampa that I would force water down their burrows in a vain attempt at catching one.

Boys will be boys. No, I never caught one and it was many years later that I figured the little buggers out — they have a network of tunnels in all elevations and directions underground. No wonder the water failed me!

The raptor creating the shadow that made the ground squirrel head underground was a Mississippi Kite. The Kite makes the

prairie regions of Texas, New Mexico, and Oklahoma its summer home to procreate and raise its young before making the 4,000-mile plus migration back to South America.

What a wonderful example of Mother Nature's bird world! The Kite, when it scopes out, say, a dragonfly from about 1,000-feet up, will dive in what is called a "stoop," catch the dragonfly in mid air, and dispatch the insect for itself or its fledges. There are so many traits of the bird that I've admired since childhood, but one of my favorites is its fiery red

eyes, which signify an adult stage.

Viewed with binocs or spotting scope, the Mississippi Kite is beautiful. Yep, boys are still boys. As a kid, I would look up and around for a

Kite and, when I noticed the bird, I would toss a small rock into the air hoping the Kite would stoop for the rock. My plan worked some of the time, for the Kite would indeed dive to the rock, grasp the stone in its talons, and, upon realization, drop the rock! No, the dropped rock never landed on my head, though a few

neighborhood cars had dented roofs.

Some folks call them "cat birds," because upon seeing a cat, they will divert all attention to the feline, "dive bomb," and peck the cat into hiding. I've seen them chase squirrels on power lines when the vermin came close to a nest or fledgling, and watched the squirrel leap from the line to safety — 20-feet below!

They are not afraid to chase after and attack much larger birds, such as crows and raptors. And, they won't hesitate to dive at and peck a human that ventures close to their nest or young.

Another avian delight to a Panhandle summer is the Western Kingbird, with its powerful fly-catching beak,

gray and black trimmed upper body, and beautiful pastel yellow lower body. I will stop my car again to watch their amazing aerobics while chasing a flying insect — or going after an enemy. No, boys weren't boys with the Western Kingbird. I've loved this wonderful bird since childhood for its color, happy vocals, and its veracity against anything larger.

These three creatures are one of the reasons I love the Panhandle so much. They never left my memory the many years I was away, for they were nothing but joy to me, a diversion from my childhood — friends. And now that I'm back, it's always good to see old friends.

Dennis Palmitier

Columnist



Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, July 29, the 210th day of 2005. There are 155 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 29, 1958, President Eisenhower signed the National Aeronautics and Space Act, which created NASA.

On this date:

In 1588, the English soundly defeated the Spanish Armada in the Battle of Gravelines.

In 1890, artist Vincent van Gogh died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound in Auvers, France.

In 1900, Italian King Humbert I was assassinated by an anarchist; he was succeeded by his son, Victor Emmanuel III.

In 1914, transcontinental telephone service began with the first phone conversation between New York and San Francisco.

In 1948, Britain's King George VI opened the Olympic Games in London.

In 1967, fire swept the USS Forrestal in the Gulf

of Tonkin, killing 134 servicemen.

In 1975, President Ford became the first U.S. president to visit the site of the Nazi concentration camp Auschwitz in Poland as he paid tribute to the victims.

In 1980, a state funeral was held in Cairo, Egypt, for the deposed Shah of Iran, who had died two days earlier at age 60.

In 1981, Britain's Prince Charles married Lady Diana Spencer at St. Paul's Cathedral in London. (The couple divorced in 1996.)

In 1985, the space shuttle Challenger began an eight-day mission that got off to a shaky start — the spacecraft achieved a safe orbit even though one of its main engines shut down prematurely after lift-off.

Ten years ago: President Clinton and Republicans marked the 30th anniversary of Medicare by accusing one another of putting the program's future at risk.

Five years ago: Yasser Arafat set off on a multi-country tour to drum up support for the Palestinians in the Middle East peace process.

One year ago: Sen. John Kerry accepted the Democratic presidential nomination at the party's convention in Boston with a military salute and the declaration: "I'm John Kerry and I'm reporting for duty."

Today's Birthdays: Comedian-Professor Irwin Corey is 91. Actor Lloyd Bochner is 81. Actor Robert Horton is 81. Former Sen. Nancy Kassebaum-Baker (R-Kan.) is 73. Sen. Elizabeth H. Dole (R-N.C.) is 69. ABC News anchorman Peter Jennings is 67. Actor David Warner is 64. Rock musician Neal Doughty (REO Speedwagon) is 59.

'When I rest, I rust.'

— Fritz Thyssen
German industrialist
(1873-1951)



The lobbying for reparations continues

The slavery reparations shakedown lobby is gearing up for attacks on American industry. They've failed in the courts and Congress, so they're going after weakened CEOs. At the NAACP's recent annual convention, Dennis C. Hayes, its interim president, said, "Absolutely, we will be pursuing reparations from companies that have historical ties to slavery and engaging all parties to come to the table." According to Mr. Hayes, "Many of the problems we have now including poverty, disparities in health care and incarceration can be directly tied to slavery."

Part of the reparations lobby's agenda is to pressure cities to enact laws requiring companies that wish to do business with the city to

complete studies to see whether they had ties to slavery. They've been successful in getting such legislation enacted in Philadelphia and Chicago. CEOs at J.P. Morgan Chase Bank and Wachovia Corp. have apologized for their predecessors' ties to slavery and agreed to be shaken down for several million dollars to fund scholarships and black history programs.

Mr. Hayes' reparations vision strains credulity, and is counter-productive to boot. Most black Americans are neither poor nor in prison. So if poverty and incarceration are directly

tied to slavery, Mr. Hayes might explain how so many blacks somehow escaped this "legacy of slavery." For those blacks in poverty or incarcerated, what's Mr. Hayes' message to them? Is it to wait for CEOs to fork

over some reparations change and apologize for slavery? If that's the message, then those blacks who are poor are going to remain so, and those who are lawless will continue to experience high incarceration rates.

I think a better message for avoiding long-term poverty and high incarceration rates is: Graduate from high school. Get married

before you have children and stay married. Work at any kind of job, even one that starts out paying the minimum wage. Finally, do not engage in criminal behavior.

The recent phase of the reparations movement contains an interesting twist. Rev. Wayne Perryman, a conservative Minister of Mount Calvary Christian Center Church of God in Christ in Seattle, Wash., has filed a lawsuit against the Democratic Party. His lawsuit, filed in United States District Court in Seattle, charges "that because of their racist past practices the Democratic Party should be required to pay African Americans Reparations." Rev. Perryman's brief, citing abundant historical evi-

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Walter Williams

Columnist



Passing the buck theme of today's politicians

The underlying theme of most Western politicians can be summed up in the phrase "It's not my fault." This is the motto of the Age of Irresponsibility.

Have you ever wondered how, if all the problems we face are nobody's fault, they became problems in the first place? It's been my personal experience that when I tracked down the source of nearly all of my problems, it was me. I was fortunate to grow up when the most commonly heard phrase was "No excuses."

It's the not-my-fault syndrome that explains why both President Bush and Great Britain's Tony Blair

react so angrily when someone suggests that terrorist attacks are a response to American and British foreign policy. If they are a response, then obviously the attacks are the fault of the policy-makers.

So, to avoid any share of responsibility whatsoever, both Bush and Blair propagate the line that terrorists are complete nut cases acting purely irrationally because of crazy hatred of our wealth and freedom. This is particularly

clever political propaganda since it asserts that we are hated, not for our faults, but for our very virtues.

It's pure hogwash, of course. Anyone who knows anything about the Middle East and terrorism knows that nearly

all of the terrorist leaders are university-educated and come from middle-class to upper-class families. Why would bin Laden, himself a multimillionaire, hate wealth? Why would a man who freely chose a life of

hardship when he could have been a decadent playboy despise freedom? Bin Laden fought for the freedom of Afghanistan. For whose freedom have Bush and Blair ever fought?

Bin Laden is certainly one of terrorism's wordiest leaders, but in all his speeches and messages of which I'm aware, he's never criticized wealth or freedom. He has been quite specific. He wants the U.S. military presence in the Persian Gulf ended. He criticizes our support for Arab dictators and for Israeli abuses of Palestinians. He wants us

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Bombers busted

Police say they have made number of arrests in attacks

LONDON (AP) — Heavily armed police wearing gas masks and reportedly using stun grenades raided two west London apartment blocks Friday, and they said they made a number of arrests in their search for suspects in the failed July 21 transit bombings.

Police would not say who was arrested, but British media reported that at least two of the three men still being sought for the failed bombings had been arrested.

That would bring the number of arrests of men tied to the July 21 attacks to about two dozen. Another suspect was arrested in Birmingham on Wednesday.

Sky News broadcast video of two men in light blue body suits designed to preserve evidence leading away a man in a white bodysuit, shielding his face.

A witness told The Associated Press that a man wearing what appeared to be a bus driver's uniform was led out in handcuffs.

The witness, Osama Ahmed Ali, saw a Somali man whom he recognized as a bus driver. "He was in purple and yellow bus driver uniform," said Ali, 16. "I've been on a bus with him a couple of times."

The police operation was carried out in at least two locations in Notting Hill about a quarter-mile apart.

Armed police also arrested two women at Liverpool Street station, located in the central London, and evacuated the area. The women were pinned to the ground in a raid. One woman is thought to have been in a

line for the Stansted Express, which goes to one of London's airports, when she was pushed to the ground by police.

British Transport Police said the operation was carried out by the Metropolitan Police and the site was being searched.

Both the train station and the subway station were evacuated.

The two women were arrested at 1:54 p.m., British Transport Police said. The police were searching a number of suspect packages in the station.

Earlier police were involved in a standoff with at least one man in an apartment, pointing assault weapons and pistols at the home, a witness said. Police wearing black balaclavas and body armor surrounded the building.

"They're asking him to leave the flat. They've been saying this for 25 minutes to half an hour," a witness identified as Lisa Davis told Sky News.

Police went door to door in the chic neighborhood, famous for its weekend street market, and told people to evacuate.

"I heard six loud bangs, which I found out from a policeman were stun grenades I believe, and then I heard two shots," witness Patrick Ball said. "The noise that I heard was an extremely loud bang."

The area is near west London's Little Wormwood Scrubs park, where police on Saturday found a fifth bomb in a dark backpack.

Two small explosions in the area could be heard on video broadcast by Sky News.

Police are not releasing the exact number of arrests made thus far.

Despite meetings between U.S., North Korea, few signs of progress in nuclear peace talks

BEIJING (AP) — The top U.S. envoy pledged Friday to keep at nuclear talks with North Korea as long as necessary, meeting again with the North's delegate as negotiations stretched into the longest round since the six-nation process began.

All six chief delegates met Friday afternoon and agreed to continue the talks Saturday, said Cho Tae-yong, the No. 2 South Korean delegate. The top delegates will "seriously discuss how to push forward this round of talks," Cho said of the Saturday session.

Despite the apparent impasse at the talks after a record fourth day — the previous rounds never exceeded three days — he said Friday's meetings "were not lower than my expectation."

"It's too early to pack or draw conclu-

sions," said Cho, head of the Foreign Ministry's task force on the North Korea nuclear issue.

U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Christopher Hill held a one-on-one meeting Friday morning with North Korean Vice Foreign Minister Kim Kye Gwan for about 90 minutes, a South Korean official said on condition of anonymity due to the sensitivity of the continuing talks.

No results of the meeting — their fourth direct talks this week — were immediately known. China's state Xinhua News Agency reported that the two would meet again Saturday, citing unnamed sources.

No deadline has been set for the nuclear talks in the Chinese capital to wrap up, unlike other sessions.

Slavery

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dence, charges that the past racist policies and practices that were initiated against blacks by the Democratic Party — were no different than the policies and practices that were initiated by the Nazi Party against the Jews.

Brian DeBose's Washington Times July 12th article "NAACP to Target Private Business," describing events at the NAACP convention, didn't report on whether the NAACP, and black politicians present, intend to support Rev. Perryman's legal actions against the Democratic Party. What are we to make of corporate CEOs, and their boards of directors, who cave in to the reparations shake-down? What are their motivations? One

possibility is that they might fear that a principled stand, telling the reparations hustlers to take a hike, might cost them in terms of bad publicity and sales. The CEOs might guess their stockholders prefer dividends to principle. Another explanation, which makes less sense, is that the CEOs actually feel guilty about their predecessors' ties to slavery more than a century ago. For their guilt, I have a "Certificate of Amnesty and Pardon" at my website that might help them.

There's a reparations agenda question that I would have liked to ask the mayors of Philadelphia and Chicago, who have laws that require companies, seeking to do business with the city, to do studies determining whether they had ties to slavery. Suppose it's the city's monopoly electric company that refuses to comply. Will the mayors tell them to keep their electricity and work in the dark?

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out of the Persian Gulf, and he wants an end to Israel.

Now, acknowledging what he believes is not agreeing with him. You can agree or disagree, but it is both stupid and dishonest to deny that bin Laden believes what bin Laden says. The Bush-Blair ploy is the same as if Franklin Roosevelt and Winston Churchill had said of Adolf Hitler, "Well, he's not really anti-Semitic and he's not really interested in controlling Europe, he just hates us Brits and Yanks because we are such virtuous people." The fact is that Hitler followed the

plan outlined in "Mein Kampf," the book he wrote before he came to power, almost to the letter. He did or tried to do exactly what he said he would do for the reasons he said made those actions necessary.

It's this irresponsibility that sickens me. I long for a leader with the guts to speak the truth. What's wrong with saying to the American people: "The terrorist attacks against us have nothing to do with Islam. They are a response to our policy of supporting Israel and the Arab governments we like, our military presence in the Persian Gulf, and our decision to attack Iraq. I think our objectives are worth the price, but if you disagree, vote against me in the next election."

It's been so long since

honest speech has come out of a politician's mouth, I'd probably faint if I heard any.

It's not just foreign policy. Public education is entirely within the control of politicians, yet they deny any responsibility for its failures. They control Social Security and Medicare and deny any responsibility for the problems in those programs. They vote for the deficits and they write the tax laws, but they deny any responsibility for red ink or impossible-to-understand tax codes.

Insoluble political problems do not exist. The only question we face is, Do we have the brains and guts to preserve our country and its institutions and to demand accountability from our politicians?



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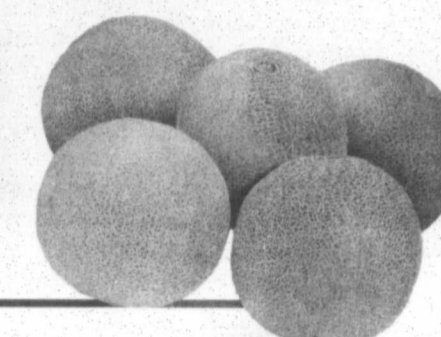
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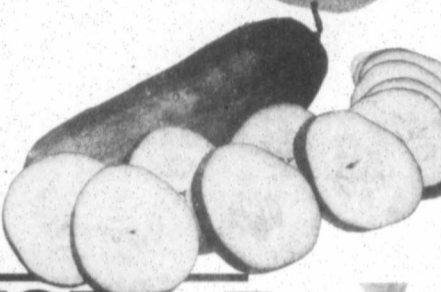
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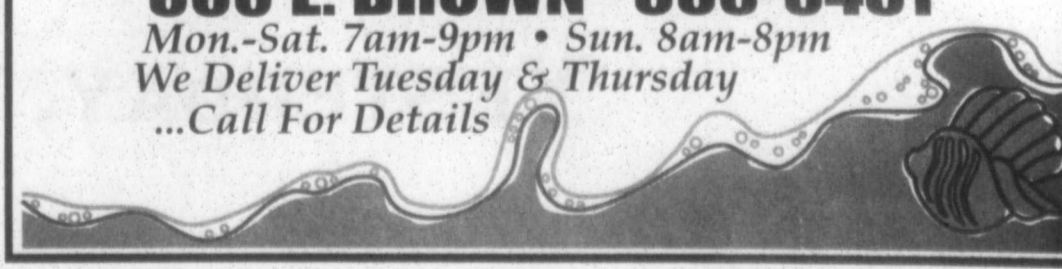
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Religion

'Serengeti trek'



Lauren Sutherland is having so much fun at Vacation Bible School that she looks like she is about to pop with joy. This year Lauren will be one of the "crew leaders" at the Serengeti Trek VBS, Aug. 1-5, hosted by Hi-Land Christian Church and co-sponsored by St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, First Presbyterian Church, and First Christian Church. For more information about the Bible school, call 669-6700.

Vacation Bible school to take 'mysterious' theme

Briarwood Church of Pampa will host a vacation Bible school for children in the fourth through fifth grades starting at 6 p.m., Monday, Aug. 1, at the church. Titled "Kidz Town Mysteries: The Secret Raider Vacation Bible School" participants will gather clues to solve the mystery of The Secret Raider who is trying to destroy a fictitious place called Kidz

Town and turn it into a broccoli factory.

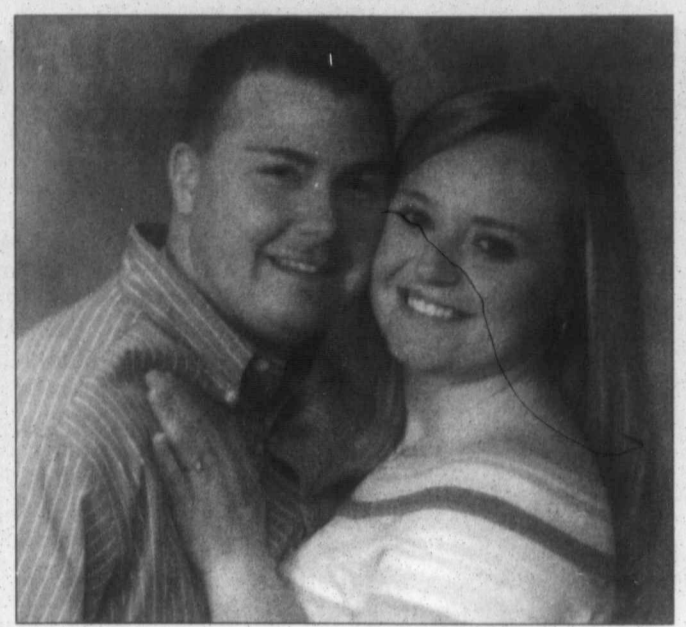
The VBS will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. Aug. 1-5.

The central story on which the Bible school is based, a press release from Briarwood said, is the Parable of the Prodigal Son.

"Lost and Found is the preschool companion program consistent with

the daily theme with lessons keyed toward the preschool age group," the press release said. "Ollie the mouse will help them find clues centering on Jesus' consistent love for us and unconditional acceptance through the Parable of the Prodigal Son."

To register, though pre-registration is not required, or to find out more about the Bible school, call 665-7201.



Michael Laurence, seen here with wife Emily, above, is the new youth minister at Calvary Baptist Church. The couple come from Azle though Emily is originally from Pampa.

Calvary acquires new youth pastor

Calvary Baptist Church, 900 E. 23rd St., has hired a new youth minister. Michael Laurence, and his wife Emily, come from Azle, where they were both teachers and coaches.

Emily is the former Emily Waters of Pampa. Michael was raised in Taylor near Austin. He graduated from the University of Mary-Hardin Baylor in Belton. He has served as part-time youth minister in several Baptist churches.

A new youth praise and worship time called "The Oasis" will begin at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 17. The Oasis, a church press release said, is "based on John 4:14 which tells us that we will thirst no more if we rely on God's water, which is the Holy Spirit."

Sunday morning worship for the younger set, which begins at 9:30 a.m., will be called "The Filling Station," the church release said. The literature to be used is called "Fuel."

"We are hoping that our worship experience on Sunday mornings will give our youth the 'spiritual fuel' they need to combat the flaming arrows that Satan likes to throw our way. We are basing our worship time on Acts 4:32 so that they will be 'fueled' with the Holy Spirit," the press release said.

Home Bible Study groups for both junior high and high school will begin soon. For more information about the youth program at Calvary Baptist, contact Laurence at 665-0842.



SuperKidz and Royal Ranger youth groups from Briarwood Church in Pampa recently traveled to Groom for a special service at the Cross as part of the church's Wednesday Night Summer Adventures. Above: (back row) Jeff McClendon, Collin McClendon, Dylan Parks, Jacob Boyd, Jordan Shook, Brenden Kimbley, Christian Williams; (next row) Alex Bridwell, Zacheus Villarreal, Shaun and Christian Skovbo, Jerry Rhoades, Alec and Brycen McClendon, Victor Villarreal, Jared Shook; (next row) Macey Hendrick, Hallie Williams, Karoley Villarreal, Karan Swan, Amberlyn Hernandez; (front row) Karen Putman, Kaylene Wyant, and Robin Doan.

Church briefs

A Vacation Bible School entitled "Serengeti Trek" is being hosted Aug. 1-5 at Hi-Land Christian Church, 1615 N. Banks.

A local four-church effort involving First Christian Church, First Presbyterian Church, St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, and Hi-Land Christian, the vacation Bible school will be conducted between the hours of 6:30 and 9 p.m. with registration starting at 6 p.m. each evening.

"It is for children," Angi Woelfle, director of the VBS said, "from 4 years of age through those entering the 5th grade. We can't wait for the kids to see and hear this year's 'Serengeti Trek' songs and material from Group

Publishing. They really did an awesome job. The kids will love it and have a fabulous time."

For more information about the upcoming Bible school, call 669-6700.

Pastors Leland and Darlene Lewis and the congregation of First Assembly of God church, 500 S. Cuyler, will host the church's fifth Sunday Singing at 6 p.m. Sunday, July 31.

North Fork Gospel Band will be featured. Other singers will include Chelsea Cain, Scott Guthrie, Don Thrasher, and Johnny and Cindi Platt.

The event is open to the public.

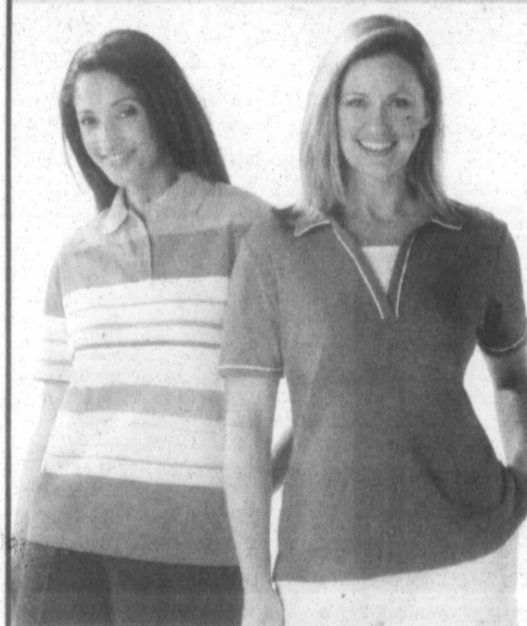
Central Baptist Church, located at Starkweather and Browning streets, will host a night of gospel music at 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 1. The event will be called "Family to Family Tour" and will be presented by the Larry Sinclair Family and the Randy Fair Family, both of Fairfield.

The Sinclair family, a press release from the church said, were in Pampa recently in revival at Central Baptist.

Pastor C.W. Parker and the congregation of the church cordially invite the public to attend this musical evening at no charge. For more information, contact the church at 665-1631.

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Sports Day

Pittman paces Tri-State field, start to finish

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

The 71st annual Tri-State Seniors Golf Tournament concluded at Pampa Country Club yesterday afternoon. The awards banquet was held yesterday evening.

Stan Harris took Super Senior honors this year, holding off John Pettit by two shots en route to a 240 total. Pettit shot a 242. Bob Pigg ended the tournament with a 244 and Pampan Harrold Salmon finished fourth with a 247. Bracket winners were (first flight) Robert Miller (black), John Phillips (green), Dave Davidson (red) and Bill Fontenot (blue). In the second flight it was James Cunningham (black), Titus Owen (green), Harry Frye (red) and Delmar Jones (blue).

Roy Hartman took advantage of the mild weather and well-maintained PCC course and fired a solid 77 to claim a one shot win (241) in the President's Flight. Scott Mack and Gary Don Bowe each ended the tournament with 242, good for a share of second. Glen Adams also fired a final round of 77 to take fourth (243).

The Championship Flight was a wire-to-wire win for Duane Pittman. He opened the tournament with a 72 on Tuesday. He followed that with an impressive 69 on Wednesday, giving him a 13-shot lead over Joe Gonzalez and Grover Wade heading into yesterday's final round. Gonzalez and Wade each fired 81 for the day, while Pittman ended with a 76 for a 54-hole total of 217, 14 better than second place finisher Eddie Rice (231). Gonzalez and Wade tied for third.

Tri-State Golf Championship Pampa Country Club July 28, 2005 Final Results

Championship Flight

Player	Round Scores	Total	Place
Duane Pittman	72-69-76	217	1
Eddie Rice	76-76-79	231	2
Joe Gonzalez	78-76-81	235	3
Grover Wade	77-77-81	235	3
Eddie Verzosa	79-78-79	236	5

Pat George	83-79-74	236	5
Jay Sherrard	79-77-84	240	7
Thomas Murphy	82-78-81	241	8
Merle Terrell	78-82-86	246	9

President's Flight

Roy Hartman	82-82-77	241	1
Scott Mack	79-85-78	242	2
Gary Don Bowe	81-83-78	242	2
Glen Adams	88-78-77	243	4
Bob Brent	83-81-86	250	5
Ray Morgan	82-87-87	256	6
Lewayne Hogan	85-85-87	257	7
Bill Allen	88-84-86	258	8
Cagle Kendrick	90-87-83	260	9
Dee Bailey	91-86-84	261	10
Dewayne Kuntz	91-82-88	261	10
Warren Hall	91-86-85	262	12
Michael Fortin	93-89-84	266	13
James Collinsworth	91-82-96	269	14
Bill Bridges	87-77-138	302	15

Super Senior Flight

Stan Harris	78-76-86	240	1
John Pettit	77-85-80	242	2
Bob Pigg	84-82-78	244	3
Harrold Salmon	87-79-81	247	4
Frank Howell	83-80-85	248	5
Don Riffe	84-84-82	250	6
Eldon Dudley	79-84-87	250	6
Gene Hall	80-82-88	250	6
Tuffy Zellars	84-86-81	251	9
James Stavenhagen	82-90-82	254	10
Vern Johnston	84-86-86	256	11
Kenneth Pierce	85-83-89	257	12
Tom Murphy Jr.	94-90-85	269	13
Edwin Nixon	91-89-91	271	14
Chuck White	91-96-92	279	15
Bill Downing	95-97-91	283	16



Pampa News photo by MICHAEL J. STEVENS

Displaying his command of the game, Harry Frye of Pampa sends a chip shot from the fringe on No. 18 at Pampa Country Club yesterday. The ball rolled to the cup and dropped in, as if heeding Frye's order to, "Get in there."

Funds approved for PHS tennis court resurfacing

By BEN BRISCOE
Staff Intern

\$5,000 of Pampa Independent School District money will go towards resurfacing four of the eight tennis courts after approval of the PISD Board of Educators at last night's training session.

The total estimate for the job by an Amarillo court specialist was \$16,000.

"What approving this would mean, is that we would pay \$5,000 and the booster club will cover the rest of the cost," Superintendent Barry Haenisch said. "Also, under this plan, we only give the money if it can be found in the budget for next year. I don't think that will be a problem though."

The booster club is also looking towards the City of Pampa to cover some of the costs since the courts are the city tennis park.

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The courts will be resurfaced to make the surface more even and easier to play on.

"From what I understand this will help to prevent injuries like sprained ankles too," Terry said.

Board member Lee Porter also feels that, "The work needs to be done, so we should approve it." However, he worries that the courts might need something more than just a resurfacing.

"I think this is the third time it has been resurfaced since I have been on the board," he said. "I don't mind approving this, but I just wonder if there is something wrong with the court itself. At least this will have a five year warranty."

RELENTLESS PURSUIT

Ole Peddlin' Fran to be honored during weekend MS Bike Tour

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

'Ole Peddlin' Fran.' It's how many knew him. It was commonplace to see him around Pampa astride his bicycle, going somewhere, while not really caring where somewhere was. It was part of his persona. Part of what made him one of those very special people who made you better just by meeting him. By having him bump into your life.

He enjoyed riding. Enough so that he has ridden across the Lone Star state not once or twice, but four times. He was also an avid participant and supporter of the MS 150 Bike Tour. An annual event that raises funds for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. Last year, the event netted nearly \$13,000.

On July 25, 2005, 58-year-old 'Ole Peddlin' Fran' was called home to be with the Lord.

And though his passing left many hearts heavy, and a void in an event he cared so much for, it is easy to believe he would want things to continue as planned. As if he were there. And he will be, in spirit.

"His bike and jersey will be loaded on the lead truck for this weekend's ride," said Tony Pereira. Pereira is a member of the Celanese Relentless Pursuit team which will be taking part in the MS 150 Bike Tour. He and Kludt were coworkers at Celanese as well. "We will be riding in Fran's memory." Pereira says the 17-member Relentless Pursuit bike team will be sporting burgundy armbands in honor of Kludt. "We think the 'Ole Aggie' would approve," he said.

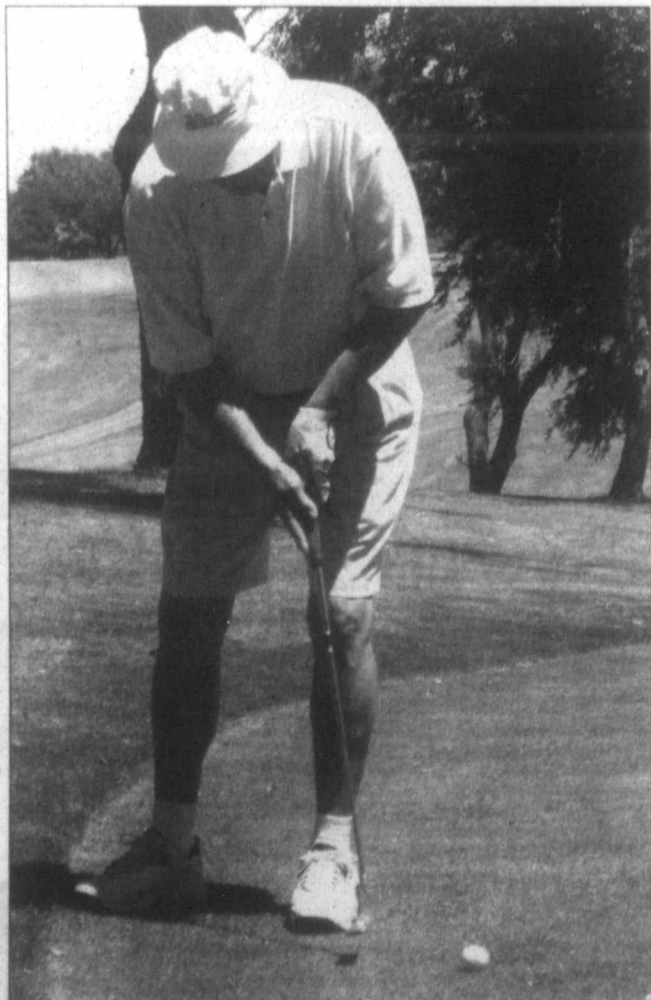
Relentless Pursuit. It is more than just a name. It was a life mantra of sorts for 'Ole Peddlin' Fran.' It was how he approached being a father, husband, grandfather, friend and employee. It was how he lived. It is how we should all live.

Francis Henry Kludt was laid to rest today. But he will be busy this weekend. 'Ole Peddlin' Fran's spirit will be among the plethora of peddlers winding their way from Amarillo, along Highway 60 through Panhandle, White Deer and Pampa, on their way to the finish line in Canadian.

Greet them as they pass through. Admire them for what they are doing. Thank them for giving 'Ole' Peddlin' Fran' one last ride.

Final round

Steve Stevens of Hereford sends a putt toward the pin on No. 18 during yesterday's final round of the 71st annual Tri-State Seniors Golf Tournament at Pampa Country Club. Stevens was among those competing in the Super Senior Flight.



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BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Saturday, July 30, 2005:

This year, you often look to the long-term and what you want for your life. You have unusual determination and can accomplish what you want, even if it means motivating a whole baseball team! Your style and way of communicating draw many to you. Use one of your talents to make money this year. Find outlets for your creativity. If you are single, you will enter a serious relationship, if you want. As always, you meet people with ease. If you are attached, you might not always agree about fundamentals, but you love each other's company. GEMINI makes a great friend.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ You find that what you say does count — finally. You need to be aware that you come off far more seriously than you intend to, especially with a child or loved one. Let others know you care, perhaps by indulging them. You gain sudden insights. Tonight: Dinner with friends.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ You might want to buy a new barbecue or furniture for outside. Invite others over for an evening of fun. Let them bring extra dishes so you don't have to do everything. You get into being the host or hostess with the most. Tonight: Tell your friends how you really feel about them.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ The Moon in your sign adds

extra glitter to your step and actions. Others clearly want to be around you. A parent, older friend or higher-up could stun you with his or her actions. Let your humor and laughter come out. Tonight: What you want could happen.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★ You might want to take some time out for yourself. Balance your budget and return a key call. Don't take another's words personally. You are a bit off-kilter right now. Your family and home make you feel safe. Tonight: Your home is your castle.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Aim for more than you have, especially in an important relationship. You'll find the right words to express your feelings. Prepare for an unexpected response. Give this person time to think all this through. Tonight: You are the party.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Others look to you for advice or to make plans. You might want to indulge someone close, but he or she might act strangely. Use care with spending and just how much you are willing to pitch in to make another's day. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Your mind roams. Why not take off and go where you want to be? Some of you might need to make a phone call or touch base with a loved one at a distance. Flex and adjust your plans. You will have a better time. Tonight: Meet a friend halfway.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Someone close will do whatever it takes to get your attention. You might as well allow this person to make

the plans, and follow them. You might be surprised by a loved one or a child.

Tonight: Just add candlelight.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Let others run the show. You might have a very good time if you let go. Unpredictable matters touch your domestic life. Something you might have suspected or wanted comes out. Tonight: Have a ball.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ Feeling like your plans have to be about partying and visiting every weekend might not be valid. You probably have something you want to do or complete at home. Perhaps some of you would like to head for the golf course.

Tonight: Easy does it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ You cannot help but let the child in you out. Others might be delighted by your newfound energy and laughter. Just don't be childlike when handling your funds. You pull the wild card with money. Tonight: Just romp away.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Entertain at home if you want. Some of you might rather create space to be spontaneous than organize plans. A child or loved one demonstrates his or her affection through actions. Let the day happen. Tonight: Stay close to home.

BORN TODAY

Actor Laurence Fishburne (1948), comedian Tom Green (1971), songwriter Paul Anka (1941)

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One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

7-29 CRYPTOQUOTE

RBQGG M'ZIMZW FO PICPUO

RMM IPRG MQ RMM GPQIU

NMQ PEURBFEJ UMT CPER MR

HM. — LGPE-DPTI OPQRQG

Yesterday's Cryptoquote: IF IT WEREN'T FOR PHILO 'T. FARNSWORTH, INVENTOR OF TELEVISION, WE'D STILL BE EATING FROZEN RADIO DINNERS. — JOHNNY CARSON

69 Misc.

SKID loader, back hoe, & dump truck for rent. Driveway asphalt and top soil for sale. Call 662-8538

NEED Lumber or Cinder Blocks?? Building to be torn down. Call 806-683-5962.

MOWERS, Edgers
 Riding Mowers
 2 Dinette Sets
 Interior Doors
 665-2667

TREADMILL Cadence 450 and Troi Bilt Rototiller Horse, 6 hp. for sale. Call 669-2367.

TRAILER & lots of lumber, (together) \$300. Rototiller \$100 or best offer. Call 662-7828 or 662-7856

TWIN size Race Car Bed \$250.00 Fire Engine Wood Bed \$50.00 2 swivel rockers. \$50.00pr. Call 665-4816

69a Garage Sales

Dream Catcher Flea Market & Gift Shop
 1/2 mile West of Price Rd. on Borger Hwy., Turn left on Western, 1st house on Right! Open weekends only 10-6 pm. Check out our new shipment!!

2 Family 2725 Cherokee Dr. Fri. 4pm-7 Sat. 8-4. Furniture, kids furniture, clothes-all sizes, play station, pc games, toys, girls bike, 19ft. javelin boat \$5700, and lots more!

ESTATE Sale: 1532 N. Zimmers, Friday and Saturday, starts 9 am.-noon.

RAGGEDY Andy & Trash & Treasure. Honoring Tax Free, Aug. 5th & 6th. New Items Wkly. See To Appreciate!!!!

DON'T Miss This One! Fri. night 5p.-8p. and Sat. 8a., 2122 Beech. Really nice household dec. items, dishes, crystal, linens, big pictures, lg. mirrors, some antiques/collectables, vcr, dvd, printers, trunks, 7 chairs, refrig., computer table, carpet cleaner, vacuum, books, mens /womens x-lrg clothes, more!

SUPER O.E.S. Inside a/c Garage Sale, Fri. 9am-7pm & Sat. 8am-12noon. 1381 W. Kentucky.

1504 N. Dwight Fri. 5pm-8pm & Sat. 8am-12pm
 2624 FIR, Fri. & Sat. 8 am.-5 pm. Home Interior & other decor. Lots of misc.

2101 HAMILTON Fri. & Sat. 8:30 am.-??
 LRG. 2 Family Yard Sale. 1817 & 1821 Lea. Fri. & Sat. 8-5. Lots of clothing-some new, costume jewelry, western books, furn., glassware, what-nots.

YARD SALE 2236 N. Dwight, Fri. & Sat. 8 am.-??
INSIDE Sale @ 1220 Williston Fri. 29th & Sat. 30th 8am-3pm.

EXER. equip, kit. appli., baby items, patio set, enger. ctr., qu. sz. bed, name brand clothes birth-3 toddler & adult med., lots misc. Fri. & Sat. 8-2pm. 2611 Dogwood.

SAT. ONLY, 8 am.-?? Multi Family Sale, 1509 N. Dwight. Good stuff!

1717 N. Russell, Sat. 30th. ONLY, 8-3pm. 4 Family. Lots decorations, glass / crystal, jewelry, Mary Kay, dryer, garden cart, lots more.

2708 Rosewood, Sat. 8-2pm. Desk, Barbies, girls & boys clothes. Lots of misc.

SAT. 7:30-?? 2000 Christine. Carpoyt & Backyard Full of kids toys! Different items than last time!

FRI. & Sat. 8-7 425 Hazel Baby clothes & furniture.
 2 Family Garage Sale. Sat. 7:30-?? Lots of goodies, clothing, and nicnaks. 443-N. Hazel

1936 Leil, Sat. 8:30-?? Dreamscapes, Seraphim Angels, Beanie Babies, other collectibles, clothe, etc. No Early Birds!!

80 Pets & Suppl.

BOSTON Terrier puppies, ready Aug. 9th. Accepting deposits to hold, \$150. Fem-\$300, Males-\$250. 665-4487 aft. 6
 6 week old white & gray kitten, litter box trained, gets along well with dogs. Call 662-5337

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77 Livest/Equip.

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69a Garage Sales

FRI & Sat. 8 am.-7 2516 Charles. TV, computer, odds & ends.
LOTS of good school clothes, dressy and casual. Ladies jeans sz. 10 to 18, some baby items. Household items and misc. 704 E. Francis Fri. 8am-6pm. Sat. 8am-? No early birds Please!

SAT. 8-7 Baby clothes, toys, baby accessories, heated power washer, misc. 1401 N. Christy.
 1908 N. Wells
 Sat. 8 am.-??
FRI & Sat. 8am-7 1136 Terry Rd. Foosball table clothes, & household items.

JUST in case you missed it last week- Back Yard Sale. Lots of new items added for this weeks sale. Oster stand mixer w/ accessories, clothes newborn-ladies XL. Sat. 8-1 pm. 1325 E. Kingsmill.

ESTATE SALE, 2237 N. Zimmers, Fri. & Sat., 8-5. Kitchenware, lots of misc.
ESTATE / Gar. sale, everything from dishes to tires. sat. 7-5 pm. 2143 N. Sumner, gar. faces north.

HUGE Sale, Sat. Only 9am-4 pm. 320 S. Gray. Couch, clothes, lots of misc.
 EL Cheapo Sale, Fri., Sat. 9-3 pm. 1120 Sandalwood. TV, furn., computer, clothes, sm.+plus sz.

GARAGE Sale: Sat. 8-2 pm. Lots of misc. 1936 N. Dwight.
 1800 N. Price Rd. Fri. 5-8 & Sat 9-? New children's clothes, baby swing, furniture, and lots of misc.

50% off Sale. Tues. - Saturday. Tax Free Day Friday & Saturday, closed at 2 on Sat. At Nearly New 2216 N. Hobart.
HUGE Garage Sale 437 Jupiter Dr. Sat. 8-?

SAT. 8-2 pm., 1620 N. Christy. Nice Back to School clothes-boys sz. 4-12, jr. 6-8, girls sz 6-8, womens sz 10-14 & sm. mens clothes, bdsm, furni., pictures, etc. Last hour if price isn't right, make offer. All must go!

SAT. 8am-7 1812 N. Sumner. Dinette, end tables, tv stand, baby crib, TV, home stereo, game table, bikes, toys, dishes, bedding, home interiors, clothes- all sizes, + size scrubs, and lots more!

SAT. Only 1515 Hamilton 8-? Beani babies, boys action figures & toys, and lots of misc!

MULTI Family Garage Sale. No Early Birds! 1000 Farley. Sat. only. 8-12

GARAGE SALE 1512 ALCOCK SAT. 9 am. ANGEL COLLECTION

5 Family Garage Sale 1100 Darby, Sat 9 am. till ? Extra nice clothes, baby boys, girls 10-16, mens all sizes, women's career clothes all sizes. Also plus size clothes. Household items. Lots of misc.

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Caprock Apts. 1601 W. Somerville 665-7149 Mon.-Fri. 8:30-5:30 Sat 10-4

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LAKEVIEW Apt. 1 & 2 bdr. unfurn. apt. avail. Ref., dep. req. 669-2981 or 669-4386

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80 Pets & Suppl.

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FREE Kittens, 6 weeks old, 1/2 Siamese. Call 669-1703
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INDOOR cat, spaded, declawed, semi longhaired. X sent home with children. 669-7387

95 Furn. Apts.

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My 44-year-old brother-in-law, "Bryce," still lives at home. He has never dated, nor has he had any kind of adult relationship in his life. He is extremely affectionate toward children, especially males. He buys gifts for the neighborhood kids, and they all think the world of him. My in-laws say Bryce is just a big kid and harmless. I think his behavior is abnormal. Last week, I came home early from work. When I came through the door, I surprised Bryce saying goodbye to my 10-year-old son. Bryce was rubbing his hands up and down my son's arms and saying, "Goodbye, sweetheart. I love you." When he saw me, Bryce immediately stopped. He seemed caught off guard and embarrassed, and left quickly.

My husband was in another part of the house and didn't see or hear his brother and our son by the back door. I expressed my concern to my husband later, after our son had gone to bed. I told him I was uncomfortable about the idea of his brother being alone with our son. My husband dismissed the whole thing, saying Bryce is harmless. My gut tells me otherwise. What should I do? -- WORRIED MOM IN NEW YORK

DEAR WORRIED: Listen to your gut and talk to your child about what is appropriate behavior -- and "touch" -- and what isn't. Sometimes children who have been molested keep it a secret because they feel they are responsible for it and are afraid they'll be punished.

Tell your son that no matter what, he can always come to you and tell you anything because you love him and you're on his side. Let him know that if he has any questions about anything, you will make the time to hear them and answer them honestly. Repeat that message often. It's one way to protect your child, and will reap many dividends.

DEAR ABBY: I have known a certain 14-year-old girl, "Haley," since she was 7. I

help take care of her now and then because her mother is a drug addict and is rarely around. Haley lives at her friend's house, and she is starting to become sexually active. She goes very far, but hasn't gone all the way yet.

Would it be wrong of me to take Haley to a birth control clinic and have the counselors speak with her and get her on birth control? The woman she lives with doesn't seem to care what the girl does and figures she shouldn't have to because it isn't her kid. This young lady needs to be steered in the right direction and I want to help. -- WORRIED IN BRIDGEVIEW, ILL.

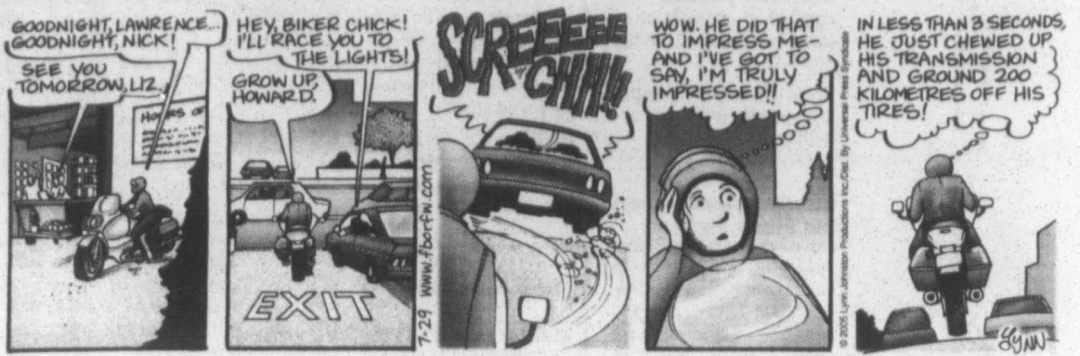
DEAR WORRIED: You are caring and intelligent. With no adult supervision, your young friend is on a collision course with disaster. You are in a position to prevent it from happening. By all means take her to a clinic where she can not only get birth control, but also learn how to prevent a sexually transmitted disease that could damage her health and/or fertility. It would be a tremendous kindness.

DEAR ABBY: I have six sisters. We all share the same mother, but only one sister has the same father as I do. This is my only "real" sister, right? The others are my step-sisters, right? Please answer this. -- NEEDS TO KNOW, ROCHESTER, N.Y.

DEAR NEEDS TO KNOW: The sister who shares the same father with you is your full-blooded sister. The other five are your half-sisters. Stepsisters are related by marriage only.

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Crossword Puzzle

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

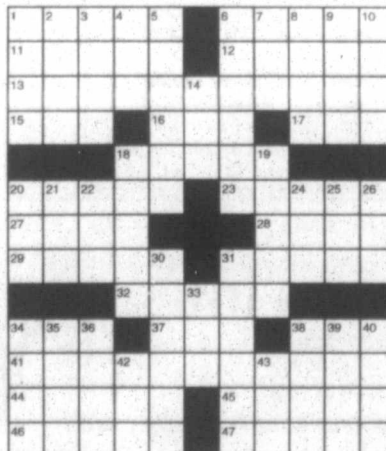
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- 15 Skirt edge
- 16 Auto
- 17 Some answers
- 18 Jazz style
- 20 Company symbols
- 23 Foot parts
- 27 Rodriguez
- 28 New Zealand bird
- 29 Mideast nation
- 31 Friend of Wendy
- 32 Barber's need
- 34 Turf
- 37 Cacophony
- 38 Cotillion attendee
- 41 1983 Kevin Kline movie
- 44 Fossil resin
- 45 Stable resident
- 46 Memory units
- 47 Chose
- 1 School subject
- 2 Dull pain
- 3 Flower feature
- 4 Soaking spot
- 5 Cook's collection
- 6 Computer shortcuts
- 7 The whole amount
- 8 Circus roarer
- 9 Snack in a shell
- 10 Inquires
- 14 Yak it up
- 18 Ring competitor
- 19 Game of hands
- 20 Put down
- 21 Bullfight call
- 22 Ring item
- 24 Illumina-ted
- 25 Ram's mate
- 26 Polite address
- 30 Low points
- 31 Rainwear color
- 33 Make a sharp turn
- 34 Rough guess
- 35 "Dear me!"
- 36 Red ink item
- 38 Grime
- 39 Different
- 40 Fan, as of
- 31 Rainwear color
- 42 Flower visitor
- 43 Jump

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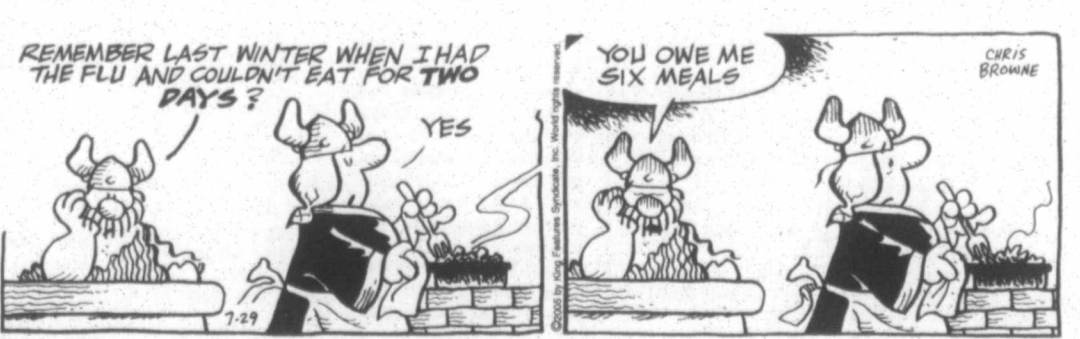
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