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Pampa News photos by Marilyn Powers  
**A toddler was transported by Guardian EMS Ambulance Service at about 10:30 a.m. today after the child put this blue Oldsmobile into gear while the engine was running. The car traveled approximately 50 yards across open ground from a home in the 600 block of North Wynne and landed in a creek bed. Also responding to the scene were Pampa Police Department, Pampa Fire Department and the Precinct 2 constable.**

## Two traffic stops lead to drug arrests

**By Marilyn Powers**  
 The Pampa News

Justice of the Peace Joe Martinez, and Vigil was released on bond on Sunday, according to jail records.

Rollins and Deputy Steven White initiated another traffic stop at the location at about 6:30 p.m. Sunday.

"The deputies had suspicions, and asked for consent to search the vehicle," Hoard said. "They got consent, and found a crystalline substance in the vehicle's console." The substance is believed to be methamphetamine.

Meghan Natasha Schuster, 30, of Miami, the only occupant of the vehicle at the time of the stop, was arrested and booked into Gray County Jail on a charge of possession of less than one gram of a controlled substance. The charge was doubled when, during the booking process, jailers found a substance believed to be less than one gram of cocaine in Schuster's clothing, Hoard said.

Schuster remained in jail as of press time in lieu of \$5,000 bond after Martinez set bond at \$2,500 per charge, according to jail records.

## Mr. (Butler) Folger and the hat full of coins

**By Danny Fain**

(Editor's Note: The following "historical tidbit," as the writer describes it, is by Pampa resident Danny Fain, who recently moved back to his hometown community after being away for many years. He is now a senior consultant with Texamation Consulting Services. Fain's account includes memories of Pampa and Stephen F. Austin Elementary School circa 1957. We thought some of our readers would enjoy - and share in those memories.)

Chances are no one reading this story has ever heard of Butler Folger. There are no streets or big buildings named after him. However, Mr. Folger left lasting memories upon the minds of many young children in Pampa, Texas long ago.

1957 was a great year of optimism in Pampa, Texas and the rest of the United States. The country was twelve years removed from World War II. It would be another twelve years before man would walk on the moon. Dwight David Eisenhower, a highly decorated and beloved general from World War II, was president of the United States. The country was in an economic boom for the first time since experiencing the ravages of the Great Depression three decades earlier. Pampa was growing. The memories of the worst war in the history of the world and the worst economic period of modern times were just that, memories.

Being a six-year-old in Pampa in 1957 was a good thing. Life was simple. Kids would ride around the neighborhood on bikes, go to friends' houses and "goof around," collect bottle caps out of coke machines at gas stations just because they could, play baseball in vacant lots and shoot tin cans with BB guns. On a really nice day, you could hike in the gently rolling hills and gullies outside of town and look for snakes and tarantulas. Most of the time we didn't find any, which was probably for the best.

1957 was a historic year for space exploration. Today, it is commonplace to hear about astronauts spending weeks at a time in space, but the idea of people in space fifty years ago was found only in science fiction books. It would still be several years before a country would send a person into space. Before they did that, they would send a dog or chimpanzee. The big space news of 1957 was when Russia launched a satellite named Sputnik into space. This set off a frenzy of activity within the United States government because our



Pampa News photos by Julie Ann Thompson  
 Above - Allison Watson, Brett Watson, Debra Duffy, Greg Warriner and DJ Elliot participated in Friday's "Relay For Life" and kept their spirits up for the long walk by bringing along guitars. Right - Friday's "Relay For Life" event featured entertainment for all ages, including a small train for young children. Pictured from front to back are: Curstin Haiduk, Claire Crutchfield, Lindsey Hill, Michael Hill, Cynn Crotwell, Xander Aunen, Tucker Imel, Whitney Jones, Wesly Jones, Emily Jones and Cassidy Crutchfield.



## Election judge selection on agenda

The Gray County clerk's office may soon be able to accept credit and debit cards if approval is granted by county commissioners at their 9 a.m. meeting Tuesday in the second-floor courtroom at Gray County Courthouse, 205 N. Russell.

Choosing people to fill positions is the subject of three other items on

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**NEXT DAY FORECAST**

**Tuesday**



**Sunny**

**Wednesday**



**Sunny**

**Thursday**



**Cloudy**

**Tuesday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 93. South-southwest wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

**Tuesday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 69. South wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

**Wednesday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 94. South-southwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

**Wednesday Night:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 67. South-southwest wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

**Thursday:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 87. North-northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

**Thursday Night:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 65. East wind between 5 and 10 mph.

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**HOOD, Carolyn Marie** — 10 a.m., Waldrope-Hatfield-Hawthorne Funeral Home Chapel, Kingsland.

**PEARSON, Connie** — 10 a.m., Southside Baptist Church, Perryton.

**SHELTON, Joy June** Rideout — 2 p.m., Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

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**Obituaries**

**Clyde M. Curry, 98**



**Curry**

Clyde M. Curry, 98, of Pampa, Texas, died June 28, 2008, at Pampa. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Curry was born Feb. 12, 1910, in Hollis, Okla., to G.E. and Allie Myrtle Moreland Curry. In the late 1930s, he moved from Hollis to Texas with his parents and siblings. The family settled west of Kress in a farming community called Center Plains.

He soon met a pretty young lady named Wandell Carruth, and they married on Aug. 17, 1941, in Tulia. He farmed in Swisher and Hale counties,

and when retired from farming, he and Wandell moved to Gallup, N.M., to serve as house parents at the Manuelito Navajo Children's Home there.

Later they lived at Mentmore, N.M., where Mrs. Curry worked as Postmaster. Mr. Curry was a faithful member of the Church of Christ all his adult life and loved to sing, often serving as song leader in various congregations. Even after his 98th birthday, he still

delighted nurses at the hospital and at Pampa Nursing Center by singing to them.

Mr. and Mrs. Curry returned to Texas in 1982, living first in White Deer and then later in Pampa. He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Earl and Newell Curry; and by five sisters, Eula Bird, Lois Moon, Vera Holland, Edith Staniforth and Eunice Curry.

Survivors include his wife of almost 67 years, Wandell

Curry; a daughter, Sharon Ruth Sandlin and husband Rick of Brandon, Fla.; a son, Alton Curry and wife Judy of Pampa; five grandchildren, Amy Wiseman and husband Will, Nathan Blackwell, Jon Blackwell, Alan Curry and Alex Curry; and a great-grandson, Sam Wiseman.

Honorary pallbearers are all the employees of Pampa Nursing Center.

**MEMORIALS:** High Plains Children's Home, P.O. Box 7448, Amarillo, TX 79114.

—Sign the on-line register book at [www.carmichael-whatley.com](http://www.carmichael-whatley.com).

**Carolyn Marie Hood, 69**



**Hood**

Carolyn Marie Hood, age 69, of Kingsland, Texas, passed away June 28, 2008, in Llano, Texas.

She was born May 31, 1939, in Pampa, Texas, to Eugene and Anna Belle (Wallin) Bogue. She had been a resident of Kingsland since 1994, having moved here from Pampa.

Mrs. Hood was a homemaker, a member of the First Christian Church in Pampa, and former member of the Harvester Volleyball Team. She married M.D. Hood on June 1, 1958, in Pampa, and he preceded her in death in

1995. She is also preceded in death by her parents; and a brother, Roy Lee Bogue.

She is survived by three sons, Raymond Hood and his wife Christine of Temple, Daryl Hood and his wife Jackie of Kingsland, and Larry Hood and his wife Stephanie of Aransas Pass. She is also survived by eight grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and current spouse, Ray Cowan

of Kingsland.

Funeral Services will be held Tuesday, July 1, 2008, at 10 a.m. at the Waldrope-Hatfield-Hawthorne Funeral Home Chapel in Kingsland with the Rev. Tommie Beck officiating.

Graveside services will follow at Lakeland Hills Memorial Park in Burnet County. The family will receive friends on Monday, June 30, 2008, from 5-7 p.m.

at the funeral home.

Pallbearers will be Zach Hood, Michael Hood, Robert Rapstine, Bill Cowan, Mike Glover and Joe Patino. Honorary Pallbearers will be Aaron Cowan, Jason Giddens and Dylan Hood.

The family has requested that memorial contributions be made to the American Cancer Society or the Texas Home Health in Marble Falls.

Arrangements are under the direction of Waldrope-Hatfield-Hawthorne Funeral Home in Kingsland, Texas.

**Joy June Rideout Shelton, 74**



**Shelton**

Joy June Rideout Shelton, 74, went to be with the Lord Saturday afternoon, June 28, 2008 at home in Pampa, surrounded by her loving husband, children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, July 1, 2008, in Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel with the Rev. C.W. Parker, pastor of Harvest Fellowship Church, officiating.

Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Joy was born on Dec. 14, 1933, in Bowlegs, Okla., to Ollie and H.A. Rideout, so she soon picked up the nickname "Bowlegs." Her older sister, Bess Rideout Pruitt, and younger brother, George Thomas Rideout, soon added to her "nickname" list with "Cottontop."

On June 22, 1950, Joy married her football player hero, L.C. Shelton, Jr., in Sedan, Kan., and together they moved to many oilfield towns while raising their son, Lonnie Edwin, born in 1951, and their daughter, Dianna Sue Bailey, born in 1953. They were both born in Hobbs, N.M., and their births soon brought about the nicknames "Blue Eyes" and "Squirrel Ears."

In 1977, the family was transferred to Pampa with Cities Service Oil Company, and her husband Junior eventually went to work for Cabot Oil and Gas.

Joy was employed as a bank teller with Citizens Bank & Trust, sharing her smile with everyone that she

helped and giving out lots of suckers.

In 1980, she and her husband started

Liquid Recovery Systems, Inc., where they worked until their retirement in 2000, relinquishing leadership to Lonnie, who still operates the business.

In 1988, Joy added another business to her slate know as "The Ragg Nook." She sold "rags" that helped make her "riches" by beautifying others' homes with rugs, baskets and knickknacks. This business was sold in 2000 upon her retirement.

Joy truly enjoyed "decorating" her many homes, sewing, crocheting and travel, but her love for her kids and grandchildren was probably her most prized possessions.

She was preceded in death by her parents, H.A. and Ollie Rideout Knotts; daughter, Dianna Shelton Bailey; and stepfather, O.O. Knotts.

Her family would like to express their most heartfelt appreciation to the Odyssey Hospice employees, Rev. C.W. Parker, Lydia Rodriguez, Haley Wright, Bob Lindsey and Dr. Mark Drew for all their love and support given to Joy in her

last months. Her husband, Junior, only wishes that every man, past, present and in the future, could be blessed with a wonderful bride like Joy.

Survivors include her husband, L.C. Shelton, Jr., of the home; a son, Lonnie Shelton and wife Marilyn of Pampa; a brother, George Thomas Rideout and wife Pat of Midland; son-in-law, John Bailey of Oklahoma City, Okla.; four granddaughters, Kilyn Shelton James and husband Curtis of Sherman, Audra Shelton Tibboel and husband Kevin of Greenville, Traci Shelton Baize and husband Todd of Telluride, Colo., and Michelle Bailey Miller of Oklahoma City; a grandson, John Aaron Bailey of Oklahoma City; eight great-grandchildren; and many close family members from the Kansas City, Colorado, Oklahoma, Kentucky and Texas areas.

**MEMORIALS:** In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be made to Odyssey Healthcare, 6900 I-40 West, Suite 150, Amarillo, TX 79106 or Common Belief Ministries, P.O. Box 536, Howe, TX 75459.

—Sign the on-line register book at [www.carmichael-whatley.com](http://www.carmichael-whatley.com).

**Connie Kay Pearson, 62**



**Pearson**

Connie Kay Pearson, 62, of Perryton, Texas, was released from all her illness into the hands of our Heavenly Father on June 28, 2008.

Services will be held at Southside Baptist Church of Perryton at 10 a.m. Tuesday, July 1, 2008 with the Rev. Joe Stepp officiating. Burial will follow at Ochiltree Cemetery under the direction of Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home in Perryton.

Mrs. Pearson was born on June 25, 1946, to Bernard and Leona Bryan of Perryton. She was a lifetime resident of Perryton, Texas, where she loved the evening breezes on her patio.

Connie met and fell in love with Tex Pearson at the tender age of 15. They were then married on Oct. 16, 1961, in Kansas. They were blessed to celebrate 39 years together until Tex passed away on March 23, 2001.

Some of her sweetest memories involved her walk with Christ. She ministered to many people in their times of trouble. She regularly attended Southside Baptist where she crocheted hundreds of baby booties for the new babies of Perryton.

Connie worked for the Beehive Daycare Center for 24 years until she retired. She touched and influenced the lives of many young children. Many of these grown children still remember her today as Ms. Connie.

Next to her walk with Christ, her most cherished memories involved her family. Surrounded by two children, six grandchildren, one great-grandchild, one brother, and many friends she danced her way into the Kingdom of God.

Survivors include a son, Rick Pearson and his wife Leah of Pampa; a daughter, Terri Wyatt and her husband Benny, also of Pampa; a brother, John and wife Clarita Bryan of Breckenridge, Texas; six grandchildren, Jeron, Chris, Chance, Samantha, Candace and Ryan; and one very precious great-granddaughter, Jacklin. She also had three furry babies, Peanut, Dutchess and Little Man.

She will be sorely missed! I am free!

**MEMORIALS:** Please make donations to BSA Hospice or Olivia's Angels in memory of Connie Pearson.

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**NO PAPER** will be published for Friday July 4th, so that all employees may have the day off. Thanks, The Pampa News.

**REWARD POODLE** missing 6/28/08 from garage sale at 2531 Mary Ellen. 688-0024

# Folger

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country and Russia were in a public relations race with the rest of the world to show everyone who had better technology and smarter scientists. When Russia sent up Sputnik, this made the United States look bad, or at least some folks high up in our government thought so.

As kids, we just thought that the name "Sputnik" was kind of funny. It made us think of doughnuts because there we had (still have) a doughnut shop in Pampa named "Spudnuts."

By 1960, several satellites had been sent into space. Up until then, the only thing you could see when you laid on your back and gazed at the sky were the stars and the moon. Before we knew it, it was great sport to pick out a tiny moving object going slowly across the sky. If it wasn't blinking and was moving, we knew it was a satellite.

There was no such thing as color television. Black and white TV was still a new invention that families would gather around at night and watch. No one had more than one television. If a family watched a lot of TV, they did it together. There were shows like, "Leave it to Beaver", "Car 54" and "The Honeymooners". There was no blood on TV shows, and even if it had been allowed, it wouldn't have been red. Shock TV and shock radio also had not been invented yet. Elvis Presley's wiggly hips were the only shocking thing on television.

Parents didn't worry about things like their kids getting hooked on drugs back then. They didn't worry about letting their kids out after dark, or letting them roam around town unattended. Pampa was a safe, prosperous, and booming town ... a good place to be in in 1957. That year, the citizens of Pampa built a brand new elementary school on the far north edge of town, Stephen F. Austin Elementary.

A brand new school was no different than an old school to a six-year-old kid who had never even been in one. Kids rarely went to kindergarten in those days. Up until the day a first grader went to his first class, life was waking up in the morning and playing, watching "Howdy Doody" on TV or waiting for other kids to show up outside so they could go do something.

I wasn't thrilled about this going to school thing. I was perfectly content staying at home watching cartoons and doing pretty much nothing. I was really good at these activities and why mess up a good thing? But I was to find that life doesn't let you do just whatever you want. It was "explained" to me that I wanted to go to school.

In its first year, Stephen F. Austin Elementary had six grades - one through six. Kindergarten was not a regular thing yet.

Pampa kids didn't have to go to kindergarten unless they went to the Episcopal school. At Austin Elementary, there were three teachers and classes for each grade back in those days. As a first grader, I didn't know anyone, so I didn't care what class I ended up in or who

the other students were. I ended up in Mrs. Humphrey's class, not knowing there would be kids in there that would become friends I would still know 50 years later. Shoot, there were even two kids in the front row of our first grade picture that ended up getting married 20 years later. That was a surprise, because it was common knowledge to all the boys that age that girls had "cooties."

The principal there was a man named D.V. Biggers. This didn't mean anything to me at the time because I didn't know what a principal was. I figured out pretty quickly, though, that a principal was sort of the boss of the whole school. I suppose I could have been scared of him, but there was something about him that made me comfortable. I found out a lot of

things about him over the years, even spent time with him after I grew up. We became friends. He was a very good man.

I got used to the routine in the first grade quickly. All the teachers were really nice, and we all got to eat a good meal in the school cafeteria in the middle of the day. Now, I know that it is a time-honored tradition that a lot of kids complain about the food in the cafeteria and sometimes do silly things with their food rather than eat it. There are a lot of things an imaginative kid can do with mashed potatoes and gravy. At least that is the way it was back in 1957. I was always hungry, and I really liked the food.

My favorite time of day was when the last bell rang, and we could go home. Today most schools have some sort of horn

go off to announce the end of school, but back then we really had a bell. It was a bell just like the bell inside the talking part of the phone we had at home, except a lot bigger and louder ... loud enough that we would jump in our seats if we weren't expecting it. Phones nowadays don't have that bell, they play music or yell at you or something.

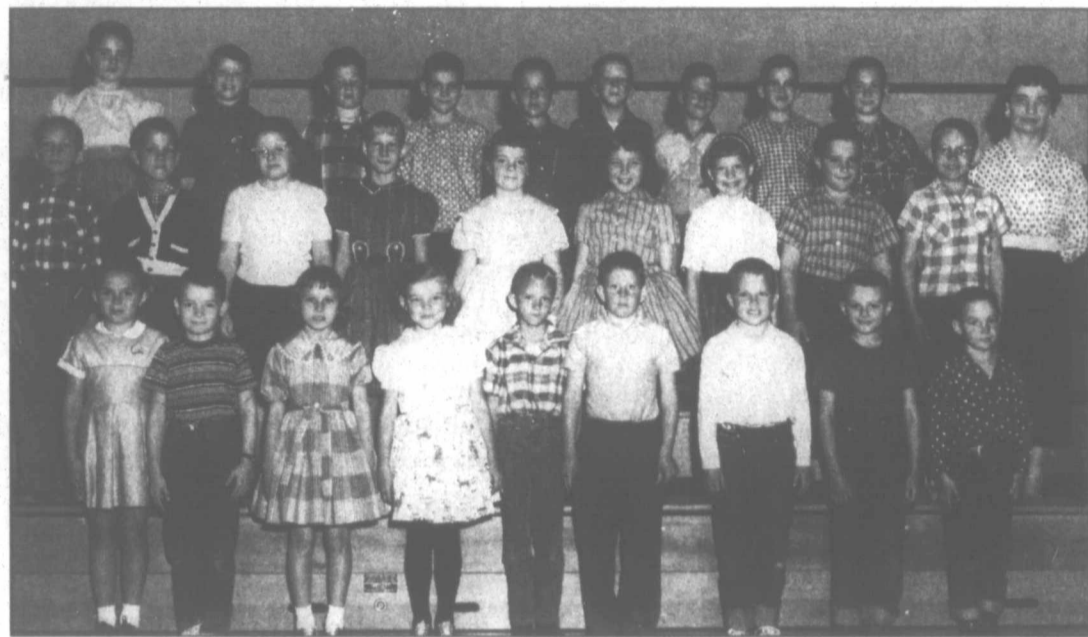
Anyway, that final bell of the day set off a frenzy of activity. Kids would grab their books and stuff and there would be a mad rush for the exits. Usually the building was clear of kids within five minutes, which was probably the best part of the day for the teachers!

Austin Elementary has the same front entrances today as it did in 1957. The north

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Courtesy photo submitted by Danny Fain  
During the 50th anniversary celebration of Austin Elementary, four classmates gathered for a photo in the hall they walked as children. From left are: Tanya Brown Ward, Jean Franklin McComas, Mike McComas, Mrs. Humphrey (their first grade teacher, not 104 years of age) and Danny Fain.



Courtesy photo submitted by Danny Fain

Second grade class of school year 1958 - 1959, Stephen F. Austin Elementary, Pampa. Back row, from left: Jeanne Turner, Ellen McDaniel, Filmore Merrill, Randy Hildebrand, Jay Johnson, Danny Fain, Bob Marx, Gary Parrish, Jim Hollis (deceased), Mrs. Jo Shackelford. Middle row, from left: Unidentified, Robert Lockhart, Suzanne Hollander, Candy Geski, Cheryl Richardson, unidentified, Judy Stephens, Jim Griffin (deceased), Dick Tracy. Front row, from left: Katy Dodd, Terry Tregoe, unidentified, Loretta Poole, unidentified, Douglas Taylor, Doug Carmichael, Dan Coffee and Bruce Rasco.

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# Agenda

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Tuesday's agenda. Commissioners will choose election and alternate judges for the November general election, an appointment to the White Deer Land Museum's board of directors and replacement of an employee in Precinct 3.

Two bids on tax-delinquent property will be presented for commissioners' approval. Susan Oldham has submitted a bid of \$333 for Lots 8-11, Block 13, Thut Heights in Lefors, and Kerri Trolin has bid \$400 for Lot 4, Block 7, Blackwell Unit 2 in Lefors.

A contract with West Texas Regional Public Defender's Office is on Tuesday's agenda, as is setting a cell phone allotment for cell phones used by county employees and paid for by the county.

Other items on the agenda include a report by County Clerk Susan Winborne, recognition of County Treasurer Scott Hahn's continuing education, line item transfers and payment of bills and salaries.

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# Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

**DEAR ABBY:** I am a small-business owner who does the hiring for my company. I hope you will share some suggestions for young people who are now applying for postgraduate jobs. (1) Every contact with a prospective employer is a mini-interview. Present yourself appropriately. I have received many inappropriate e-mails. Example: "Hey, when would this gig start?" Please remember to use a salutation and communicate politely and clearly. (2) Many companies post a great deal of information about job openings on their Web sites. Read the site carefully before calling so I won't waste time answering questions you could have answered on your own. (3) Shortcuts may be cute when text-messaging your friends, but in business they are annoying and unprofessional. Avoid messages such as "Thnx 4 ur help. Talk 2 u later!" (4) Because I must read your resume and application, please proofread it for spelling, grammar and typos. (5) Many Internet sites now offer free e-mail. Set up an account using your name or initial so I don't have to e-mail "hotchick99" with an offer to teach young children. (6) If you have a phone interview, please find a quiet place from which to place the call. It is difficult to understand you above your roommate who is cursing over a video game. (7) Never, ever tell a prospective employer you are waiting to hear about a job you want more, that pays more or gives you more "fun" time. Simply say you are "exploring all your options," and I will understand. By the way, Abby, I am not an old fuddy-duddy. I am a 26-year-old professional who expects more from my peers than I have seen. -- **EXASPERATED RECRUITER IN NEW JERSEY**

**DEAR EXASPERATED RECRUITER:** Your suggestions are excellent. I am sure they will be appreciated not only by first-time job applicants, but also their prospective employers.

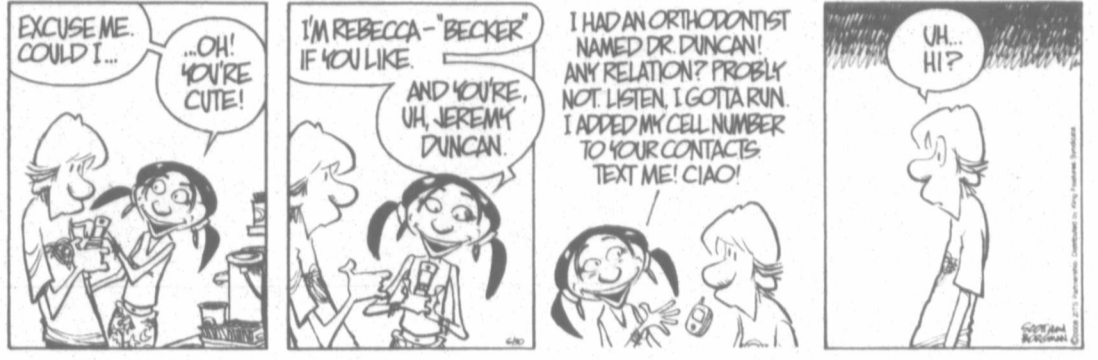
**DEAR ABBY:** I am a 14-year-old girl. I don't get angry often, but when I do my parents disregard it by calling me a "hormonal teenager." They say things like, "She's such a CHARMING 14-year-old" and "There are hormones raging." I find their comments hurtful and degrading. Please don't misunderstand. My parents are usually nice, but when something bothers me they automatically resort to the above comments. I personally believe I am pretty good at handling and expressing my emotions calmly. It just seems that my parents don't consider the credibility of my emotions and blame them on my being a teen. Is it wrong for them to say these things? What should I do when they say them? -- **DISREGARDED IN OREGON**

**DEAR DISREGARDED:** No one of any age wants to feel patronized, and that goes for people from 13 to 93. (And, interestingly, it happens to people from both ends of the spectrum.) If your parents want to exchange comments like the ones you mentioned, it would be better if they did so in private. However, if they are saying things like, "She's such a charming 14-year-old," it may be a clue to the fact that you're acting like anything BUT -- and perhaps you should find a more mature and controlled way of expressing your emotions.

## For Better Or Worse



## Zits



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## Crossword Puzzle

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26 Wrinkly dogs

29 Scoundrel

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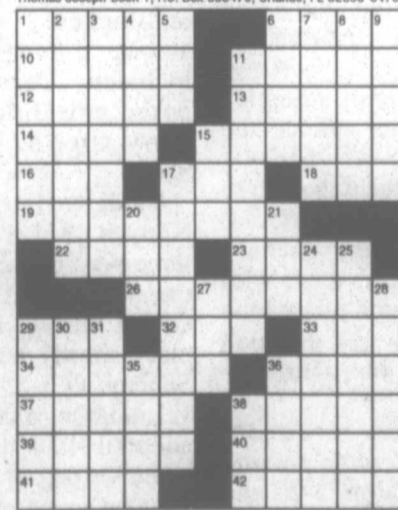
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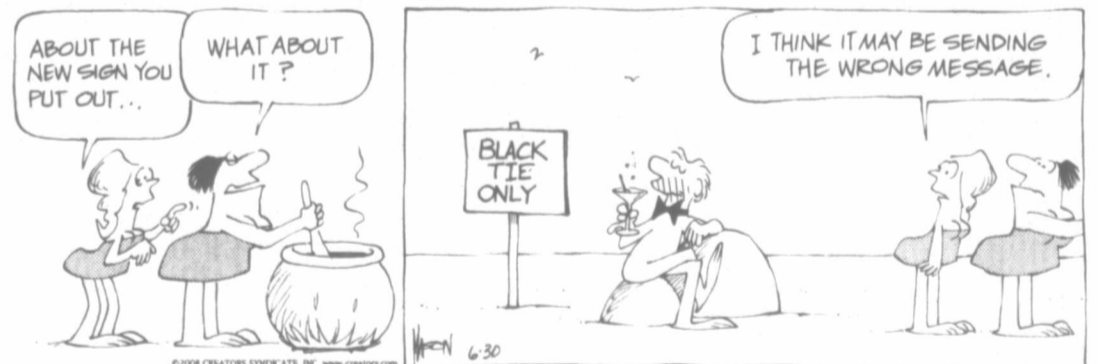
## The Family Circus

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# Sports



Lefors High School cheerleaders Ashley Shephard and Emily Jackson wait on customers at the 'Mr. W' fireworks stand at Highway 60 and Price Road. The cheerleaders are operating the stand to raise funds for uniforms and supplies.

## Nguyen wins \$2 million at World Series of Poker

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Poker professional Scotty Nguyen won nearly \$2 million at the World Series of Poker in Las Vegas on Monday, topping a field of 148 players and emerging from a marathon final table with his fifth gold bracelet.

Nguyen beat out 23-year-old Michael DeMichele in H.O.R.S.E., a rotating-game tournament that cost \$50,000 to enter.

The various games and limited betting structure reward all around play and is said to truly reward the best players over the long haul. Along with the main event, many players consider H.O.R.S.E. the most important tournament in the World Series of Poker.

"Scotty Nguyen's gonna be triple crown, baby!" Nguyen said after posing at the made-for-TV final table with thick stacks of \$100 bills and his newly won bracelet. "That's my dream."

The 45-year-old Nguyen, who won \$1 million at the series' main event in 1998, said he hoped to also win the main event this year and the series' player of the year to complete his dream run.

Nguyen won the final hand Monday at limit Hold 'em, pushing DeMichele all in with an ace and a 10. DeMichele, far behind in chips, called with an ace and a three, and Nguyen's 10 gave him the win when both players paired their aces. DeMichele won \$1.24 million for his second place finish.

"I guess I'll have to live with being that guy," said DeMichele of Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

Nguyen said it felt good to break through and win his first gold bracelet since 2001.

"I'm gonna make Phil Hellmuth squirm," he said, referring to the World Series of Poker record holder with 12 bracelets.

H.O.R.S.E., which stands for five games of poker played in rotation — Hold 'em, Omaha, Razz, Stud and Eight or Better — tests the all-around player more than the No Limit Hold 'em game, which was born in Texas and has become the most popular poker game worldwide.

The event was also played with betting limits, meaning dramatic "all-ins" were eliminated in favor of skills demonstrated over longer sessions of play.

Nguyen started the final table Sunday with the second-highest chip stack among a tough field that included DeMichele and poker pros Erick Lindgren, Barry Greenstein and Huck Seed.

Lindgren, DeMichele and Nguyen were mired in a three-way battle for most of the wee hours, with Matt Glantz busting out in fourth place shortly before 11 p.m. Sunday.

Lindgren wasn't eliminated until 4:30 a.m. Monday, when his pair of eights lost to Nguyen's pair of nines.

"What are you going to do," Lindgren said after finishing third and winning \$781,440.

DeMichele was out about a half-hour later, unable to overcome Nguyen's overpowering chip stack.

"After E-dog's gone, everything's just like a walk through the park," Nguyen said. "Nobody's going to stop me. This is what I want, baby."

## Jankovic ousted in 4th round at Wimbledon

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) — Second-seeded Jelena Jankovic was ousted in straight sets in the fourth round by Tamarine Tanasugarn on Monday, leaving the women's draw without its top three ranked players.

Jankovic's 6-3, 6-2 loss means that none of the top three women reached the quarterfinals — the first time that's happened at a Grand Slam tournament in the Open era. No. 1 Ana Ivanovic and No. 3 Maria Sharapova were upset last week.

Playing with her left knee heavily strapped, Jankovic was never in serious contention against the 60th-ranked Tanasugarn. The 31-year-old Thai, playing in her 12th consecutive Wimbledon, also was treated for a lower back problem during changeovers in the second set.

After converting on match point to reach the quarterfinals of a Grand Slam for the first time, Tanasugarn covered her face with her hands and broke into tears.

Defending champion Venus Williams, meanwhile, beat Russian teenager Alisa Kleybanova 6-3, 6-4, to move closer to another potential final against sister Serena.

Williams, a four-time Wimbledon winner, nearly squandered a 5-1 lead in the second set against the 18-year-old Kleybanova. She lost nine points in a row from her third match point in the eighth game and saved three break points at 5-4 before finally closing it with a backhand volley winner.

Williams, who has not dropped a set in four matches, played out on Court 2 — nicknamed the "Graveyard of Champions" for its long history of upsets.

Two-time champion Serena Williams was up next on the same court against Bethany Mattek, the only other remaining American in the draw. The sisters also were scheduled to play doubles together on Court 2 later Monday.

Venus Williams will next face Tanasugarn, who benefited from a below-par performance from Jankovic. The Serb, who strained her knee during her third-round win last Friday over Caroline Wozniacki, played erratically and committed 19 unforced errors.

Also advancing was Chinese wild-card entry Zheng Zie, who followed up her upset of Ivanovic last week to beat 19-year-old Hungarian Agnes Szavay 6-3, 6-4. Zheng was down 4-1 in the second set and then won five games in a row before securing her first Grand Slam quarterfinal berth.

Venus Williams struggled in the final set against the 42nd-ranked Kleybanova, one of six Russian women to reach the fourth round. Williams' father, Richard Williams, left the court with the score 4-0 and missed the comeback by the Russian that made the match interesting.

Williams was broken for the first time while serving for the match at 5-2, and Kleybanova held at love in the next game. Kleybanova had three chances to break for 5-5 but couldn't capitalize and Williams finally converted on her second match point of the game.

Between them, Venus and Serena have won six of the last eight women's singles titles at Wimbledon. They're in opposite halves of the draw and could meet in the final Saturday.

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# Folger

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entrance, the one by the main office and auditorium, was the one the fourth through sixth graders normally entered in the morning because their classes were down that hall. The south entrance, the one by the cafeteria, was the one the first through third graders usually went through because our classes were along the hall between the cafeteria and the main offices. I always figured they put our classes there because it made us closer to the cafeteria, and since we were smaller than the older students, we would not have to walk as far to eat.

As far as I can remember, the only time we ever had to go down to the other end of the school was when we had music class with Mrs. Sullivan or went to an assembly in the auditorium. We would all line up behind our teachers, and the teacher would walk us to where we were supposed to go. I can remember almost always seeing Mr. Biggers standing in the

same spot in the hall outside the main offices watching us go by. It was always comforting to see him there. It's interesting that 50 years later on the couple of occasions I have revisited Stephen F. Austin Elementary, that I see Ms. Owen standing in the exact same spot. Must be something about that spot.

Most of the kids in 1957 lived on the other side of Duncan Street from the school because there were not as many houses and streets on the backside of the school as there are now. I lived on Chestnut Street, so I simply walked out the back door and headed across the field to home. But I didn't always go directly home. If the weather was pretty, I usually ended up in one of the parks along the way. If there was water in the creek, I usually found it and did something about it. A lot of kids, though, headed toward the south side of the school, crossing Duncan Street down at 19th Street in order to walk home. There is a sidewalk out in front of the school between the north and south exits.

Most of the kids walked home down that sidewalk and

across Duncan. Though I never walked that way, I knew there was a little old white-haired man who guarded the crosswalk. He was there every day, rain, shine, or snow. I didn't pay much attention to him but I knew he was there. Someone told me his name was Mr. Folger. With help from the Internet and doing a little ciphering, we now know he was 74 years old when he began working as a crossing guard at Austin Elementary. Other than knowing his last name and that he was old, that is all most of us knew about him.

At the end of each school year for the six years I went to Stephen F. Austin, there would always be a special day for Mr. Folger. Our parents would make sure that we all had a few extra coins, in addition to the 35 cents we took for lunch, with us that day. Sometime during the afternoon, all the classes would line up single file outside. Mr. Folger would be waiting at the end of that long sidewalk

between the north and south entrances. I don't know if he was paid for being the crossing guard, but even if he was, I know it wasn't very much. Mr. Folger always wore a little fedora hat. He would take it off and hold it with both hands in front of him. We would all walk by him, dropping our extra coins in his upturned hat. As the hat got heavy with coins, we could always see tears welling up in his eyes. By the time the last student walked by, Mr. Folger would be crying softly, and we would all be smiling because we got to do something for him. He never said a word, he just stood there with his moist eyes, thankful that the kids he took care of by guiding them across Duncan Street each day cared about him. It was like this every year, and by the second or third year we did this, we all looked forward with anticipation to the day we could make Mr. Folger happy.

Looking back over the


decades, I know that the lessons I learned in class served me well. The educational foundation given to me enabled me to eventually receive a college degree and have a successful career. But sometimes in life the most important lessons have nothing to do with what you learned in class. The event the staff of Austin Elementary arranged each year for Mr. Folger taught us compassion and the gift of giving to others. Mr. Folger worked for a living to protect the property of others. In his retirement, he worked to protect those of us who crossed Duncan Street. He gave generously of himself, and we knew it. But the greatest gift he gave us were the tears of gratitude as we passed by him on the sidewalk in front of Austin Elementary that one day out of each year.

Pampa has had a rich history of early pioneers, but just as important to us in our "pioneer days" of Austin Elementary was a happy little man who

brightened the day of so many of us crossing the street to and from school. His name was Butler Folger and he lived in a little house in Pampa and would get up early every day to help make us safe.

Butler M. Folger was born in Wetzel, West Virginia on April 15, 1883. He later moved to Cleveland, Ohio. While in Cleveland, he registered for the military draft for World War I. Sometime before 1920, he married a woman named Frances and they moved to Eastland, Texas, east of Abilene. He was a merchant policeman, which was a person who was hired by businesses to protect their property. He and his wife eventually moved to Pampa, Texas, where they resided at 845 South Banks Street for a number of years. Butler Folger died on December 8, 1976 in Pampa at the age of 93.

We will not forget Mr. Folger and his hat full of coins.



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County, and vice versa. In 1914, the Post Office Department complained about the similar town names. Hamilton being long-established, the onus fell on Hamiltonburg to come up with a different name.

# Food

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all world leaders next month to further discuss food issues.

We hope they present their own answers because this conversation affects everything from farms in Texas to dinner tables in Cairo. URL: <http://www.dallasnews.com>

# Reese

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problems to the point of overlooking America's successes. Some groups get mired in thinking of themselves as victims, which is a dead-on formula for failure. Welfare has ruined a lot of people. Cynicism can poison even holy water.

Brother Dave Gardner said, "Success is getting what you want; happiness is wanting what you get."

It is obvious that Russert was both successful and happy. He had everything he wanted,

stroke of some government worker's pen, Hamiltonburg became a place with a much more evocative name. An added bonus: The name gave the impression that the place had plenty of water, helpful for business development.

Maybe the good folks in some of the kissing cousin towns of Texas need to get a petition drive going and come up with something catchier than their same-sounding names.

except time. But there again is another tricky aspect of time.

Marcus Aurelius, a pretty smart Roman emperor, said it doesn't matter if people die old or young because they lose the same thing — the present. We always live our lives in the present. The past exists only as memory, and the future exists only in our imagination.

My dad died the same way Russert did: Suddenly, without a day of sickness. I know that's the way he would have wanted it. Except for missing his family, I suspect Russert is just as glad to have skipped old age and decline, too.

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