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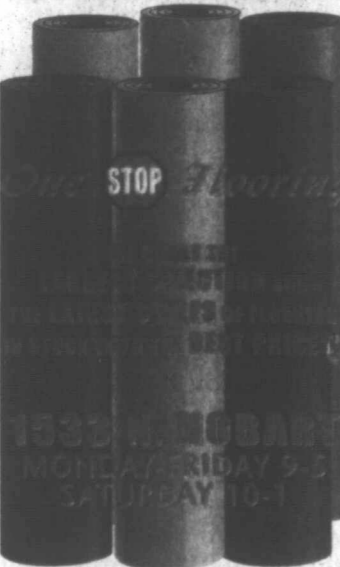
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Robbers hold up McLean hotel

by Marilyn Powers
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An armed robbery Wednesday night in McLean netted two men approximately \$500, according to Gray County Sheriff's Office reports.

Sheriff's deputies were dispatched to the Cactus Inn Motel, located at Pine and Hindman streets in

McLean, at about 11:30 p.m. Wednesday concerning a report of an armed robbery there.

"The clerk claimed that two males walked into the motel office, both wearing black clothing and gauze around their faces," said GCSO Lt. Joe B. Hoard. The white gauze was wrapped around their heads and faces, with only their eyes exposed, he said.

"One held the clerk at gunpoint while the other took the money out of the cash drawer," Hoard said. "They left in a newer-model light tan vehicle."

No further description was available concerning the vehicle, he said. Both men were described as being over 6 feet tall and slender.

The two men headed west on Hindman Street, or Business I-40,

when they left the scene. No injuries were reported in connection with the robbery.

"The case is still open and under investigation. There are no suspects at this time," Hoard said.

Anyone with information on the incident may call the sheriff's office at 669-8022.

County road rollover claims one life

by Marilyn Powers
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One McLean man was killed and two others were taken to the hospital as a result of a one-vehicle rollover accident which occurred at 12:40 a.m. Thursday in Wheeler County.

Frank Saunders, 18, was pronounced dead by Wheeler County Justice of the Peace Rick Walden at the scene of the accident, according to Trooper Daniel Hawthorne, Texas Department of Public Safety public information officer in the Childress DPS office.

The accident occurred at the intersection of County Road CC and the County Line Road in Wheeler County, according to the DPS accident report.

Isbell Wade, 19, was driving his 1997 Chevrolet pickup along County Road CC, with Saunders and another occupant, Larry Lusk, 18, in the vehicle.

"As he approached the intersection of County Road CC and County Line Road, he could not negotiate the turn due to his speed," Hawthorne said.

The pickup slid sideways through a fence and overturned. Wade and Lusk were taken to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo with unspecified injuries.

None of the three occupants of the pickup were wearing seat belts at the time of the accident, Hawthorne said.

Official: Higher costs driving up city rates

by David Bowser
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"This commission hates to raise rates," said Mayor Pro Tem Robert Dixon at Tuesday night's meeting of the Pampa City Commission.

But they did. Dixon said it is not just a problem in Pampa, but cities nationwide are having to deal with higher costs.

"I hope the public understands," Dixon said. With that, the Pampa City Commission voted on first readings that would raise landfill, trash collection, water and sewage fees.

The landfill fees will primarily affect the other cities that use the regional landfill that Pampa maintains, said City Manager Trevlyn Pitner.

There are 16 area communities that use the landfill. Richard Morrison, director of public works, said 11 area cities use the landfill daily.

The base rate for the landfill, Pitner said, would go up from \$29.50 a ton to \$33 a ton. He said that most of the cities that use the landfill are already adjusting their budgets to cover the increase.

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Be positive

Teacher Lindsey Seely had sixth grade students hang positive messages about math recently in the Pampa Junior High School main hallway. From left are: Jacob Brown, Jenna Gee, Derrick Maxwell and Alec Hendricks.

Two speak out at Tuesday meeting

by David Bowser
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Only two people spoke at Tuesday night's public hearing. They were both opposed to an increase in ad valorem taxes.

Monty Trimble and Jim Brashears both objected to increasing total tax revenues during the Pampa City Commission's public hearing Tuesday night at City Hall.

The commission is proposing to cut the tax rate by 2.5 cents, from 69 cents per \$100 valuation to 66.5 cents, but because of increasing values of property in Pampa, property taxes will increase 7.7 percent over last year. Property taxes are a function of the tax rate and the valuation of the property.

The city commission sets the tax rate, but the appraisal district, an independent agency, sets the appraised value of the property.


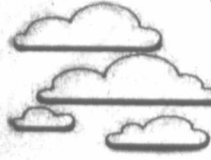
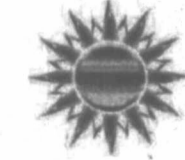
City officials said taxes on the average home, estimated at between \$40,000 and

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NEXT DAY FORECAST

Saturday	Sunday	Monday
		
Mostly sunny	Partly cloudy	Mostly sunny

Saturday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before 1 p.m. Partly cloudy, with a high near 80. South-southeast wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 62. East-southeast wind 10 to 15 mph becoming north.

Sunday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before 1 p.m. Partly cloudy, with a high near 81. North wind 5 to 10 mph becoming southeast.

Sunday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 59. East-southeast wind around 10 mph.

Monday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 74. East wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Monday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 50. East wind between 5 and 10 mph.

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Wheat	6.91
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Corn	9.31
Soybeans	10.61

Jeffs' daughter must keep lawyer

SAN ANGELO, Texas (AP) — A daughter of jailed polygamist sect leader Warren Jeffs will not be allowed to dump her court-appointed lawyer in the child custody case, a judge ruled. Texas District Judge Barbara Walther ruled late Thursday, after hours of rancorous and sometimes petty fighting among the attorneys, that the 17-year-old girl would continue to be represented by Natalie Malonis.

The girl, who has other attorneys in a separate criminal probe, had sought to dump Malonis, saying the attorney had misrepresented her in court and in the media. Malonis sought and won special restrictions prohibiting the girl from contacting her father, who was convicted in Utah as an accomplice to rape and awaits trial on

charges in Arizona and now Texas.

The girl claimed to never have been married, something documents seized from the Fundamental Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints contradict. The documents show her married to a man in his 30s.

Malonis had accused members of the sect and its attorneys of interfering with the girl, poisoning her attorney-client relationship, and said she needed to substitute her judgment for the girl's, as allowed by law, because the girl could otherwise be in jeopardy.

Each of the 440 children swept from the Yearning For Zion Ranch in April were appointed attorneys by the state, as required in custody cases. More than half of those cases have now been dismissed.

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Obituaries

William 'Bill' Dixon III, 81

Born Aug. 13, 1927, William "Bill" Dixon III died on Friday, Aug. 15, 2008, in Baton Rouge, La. A native of Toledo, Ohio, Bill grew up in Pampa, in the Texas Panhandle. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Susanna; daughters, Deborah Dixon Griffin, Baton Rouge, and Elizabeth Dixon Branch and husband David, Charlotte, N.C., and six grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Lisa Frances Dixon at age 18. He leaves two sisters of Pampa,

Texas, Margery Salmon and Dorothy Barrett.

A Boy Scout, Eagle Scout, track and field runner for the Pampa Harvesters, Bill graduated from high school in 1945 and immediately went into the U.S. Navy, where he served in the Pacific until his discharge in 1946. He then enrolled at the University of Texas and graduated in 1950 with a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering.

His entire career was spent with Ethyl Corp., serving as a sales/engineering agent first in Texas and

Louisiana. He then spent several years overseas in Tokyo, Japan and Belgium, where he covered most of Europe and the U.K. He also served in the Philippines and Singapore. Returning with his family to the U.S., he served in New York and Baton Rouge until his retirement in 1987.

Bill was an active retiree, devoting his time as a volunteer to a number of organizations, and he was an active member and officer of Trinity Episcopal Church in Baton Rouge. His greatest

joy came, though, as he watched and helped all his grandchildren grow, thrive and develop into exceptional young people. He was thrilled when his two youngest granddaughters from Kazakhstan became part of the family.

All who knew Bill remember his sense of decency and kindness, his love and patience. He will be missed. A celebration of Bill's life was held at Trinity Episcopal Church on Aug. 30.

Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the period from 7 a.m. Thursday to 7 a.m. today.

Thursday, Sept. 4

Ten traffic stops were made. An abandoned vehicle was reported in the 100 block of South Russell. Traffic complaints were received from the 2300 block of Primrose, the 100 block of East Harvester and the 1500 block of Duncan.

Vehicle accidents were reported at the intersection of Kentucky and Sumner streets, and the intersection of Randy Matson and Hobart streets.

Calls and stops concerning animals occurred in the 500 block of North Sumner, the 200 block of North Nelson, the 100 block of South Wells (twice), the 400 block of East Kentucky, the 400 block of North Perry, the 1000 block of West Wilks, the 300 block of Tignor, the 200 block of North Nelson, the 700 block of North Dwight, the 300 block of Sunset, the 1000 block of Duncan and Recreation Park, 1600 E. Highway 60.

Fourteen attempts to serve papers were made.

A welfare check was made in the 100 block of North Sumner.

A runaway was reported in the 2200 block of North Christy. The runaway was later located in the 1100 block of Garland.

A civil matter was reported in the 500 block of Henry.

A suspicious person call was received from the intersection of Browning and Sloan streets.

Suspicious vehicle calls were received from the 300 block of Anne and the 1200 block of Willow Road.

A silent/abusive 911 call was received from the 500 block of North

Nelson.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 2400 block of Charles. A juvenile was found to be in possession of tobacco in connection with the incident.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 300 block of Jean and the 1600 block of West Browning.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 2200 block of Dogwood.

A sexual assault was reported in the police department lobby.

One open door was checked.

Theft was reported in the 800 block of North Gray. Two gates were taken. Estimated value of loss is \$250.

Theft was reported in the police department lobby. A storm door was taken from an unreported location. Estimated value of loss is \$200.

Burglary was reported in the 900 block of East Albert. A television valued at \$5,000 was taken.

Burglary was reported in the 1900 block of North Christy. A television and an electronic game device were taken. Estimated value of loss is \$400.

Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle was reported in the 400 block of North Wells.

Friday, Sept. 5

Eleven traffic stops were made. A stop in the 700 block of West Francis resulted in an arrest for driving while intoxicated.

Agency assistance was rendered in the 1400 block of Market.

Suspicious person calls were received from the 500 block of Barnes, the 1200 block of North Hobart, the 300 block of South Ballard, the intersection of Neel Road and Crawford Street, the 200 block of East Tuke, the 1400 block of Gwendolen, the 1000 block of South

Gray, the 900 block of Browning, the 900 block of East Kingsmill, the intersection of Buckler and Hobart streets, and the 200 block of North Starkweather.

Sheriff

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

Thursday, Sept. 4

Kevin John Boyd, 31, of Stinnett was arrested in the 1600 block of Alcock by Pampa Police Department for manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance and possession of marijuana.

Friday, Sept. 5

Kenneth Kristopher Smith, 21, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa PD for driving while intoxicated.

Ambulance

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

Thursday, Sept. 4

8:04 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1400 block of North Dwight and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

11:03 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1300 block of North Hobart and transported a patient to PRMC.

11:32 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 3000 block of North Perryton Parkway and transported a patient to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

1:41 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Kentucky and Sumner streets. No transport.

4:17 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred a patient to BSA Hospital in Amarillo.

NASA delays Hubble mission 2 days due to storms

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — NASA has delayed next month's space shuttle launch to the Hubble Space Telescope by two days.

Tropical Storms Fay and

Hanna have held up operations at Kennedy Space Center. So on Friday, NASA announced the postponement. The news came one day after NASA moved the space shuttle Atlantis to the

launch pad.

Atlantis is now scheduled to blast off Oct. 10 on the space agency's last visit to Hubble. The next shuttle mission to the international space station also has been

delayed by two days. Space shuttle Endeavour is now looking at a Nov. 12 liftoff.

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MINISTER'S MUSINGS

Forget the entertainment

Why is it so many churches seem to have gone the way of the world? I get these posters and advertisements in the mail for Christian concerts in the area. As I ponder the appearance of the band, they look just like any other band: long scraggly hair, Good-will clothes and lots of tattoos. Nothing sinful about this, but I guess if they looked like a bunch of clean-cut folks, no one would come hear their music. You've got to have flare and attract people to your product.

Mass than any concert I have attended. The Apostle Paul also speaks about the church and what goes on there. He, like Jesus, exhorts teaching, preaching, Sacraments, discipline, godly living, prayer and the like. Yes, there is joy and gladness of heart, but that does not make the worship service irreverent and worldly. I find lots of joy and praise in the Bible, but it is never really in the context of fun and entertainment. There are joys among serving your neighbor, being in the presence of the Lord, and even suffering for the sake of Christ.

That is what so much of the church has become, even on Sunday morning. Entertainment and looking like Westgate Mall seem to rule the day. You have to market your flashy product, and get the people in. Churches now boast in their marketing plans of their contemporary services which resemble rock concerts, video games and rich delicious coffee shops. There are programs for every age and lots of FUN things to do. It is all about fun and making a person feel good.

Now the marketers of the so called "church growth" entertainment model will say, "We have to attract people to get them in the doors. Then they can hear about Jesus." But Jesus gets lost among all the lights and trappings of the world. And it is not the pagans coming in, it is more likely to be sheep from some other fold who are bored with the guitarist over at their church. Come on, even Willow Creek Church, the trend-setter in seeker services, has come out now and said that their church growth model does not help people!

That is not what Christ came to do in His church. The Gospels really never speak of the church being fun or entertaining or anything that is light in nature. Christ speaks more about carrying your cross, suffering and bearing with one another, and enduring through persecution that is certain to come. Every encounter with God is serious business, not fun and games. Believers are falling on their face in reverence and awe, not high-fiving and jamming out.

I implore Christians who really take seriously the scriptures to step back and look at what goes on at church. Does it look more entertainment based around man-centered marketing or a sacred place where sinners come to hear and receive the forgiveness of sins in preaching and sacraments? Is it novelty or something lasting? Is it just fads and trends or solid substance?

Look, the worship service is really about the faithful gathering around our Lord's gifts of word and sacraments. These are serious and holy things of God. Not trifling trinkets that one sells outside of Wal-Mart. The divine service joins heaven and earth together and the sections of Holy Scripture that speak about heaven, are more like a High

William R. Inge once cautioned, "The church that marries the spirit of this age will become a widow in the next generation." People will always run after the latest thing, so let the church run after Jesus and leave the entertainment to the world.

Good Sams to convene next board meeting

The next board meeting for Good Samaritan Christian Service of Pampa is scheduled at 5 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 25 at Good Sams, 309 N. Ward. The board convenes for one hour once monthly. Churches that financially support the organization are eligible to have representation on the board.

well as bread and sweets from Mrs. Baird's Bread Store; baked goods and eggs from United Supermarket; and additional foodstuffs from a canned food drive conducted by First Baptist Church of Mobeetie.

The service is also in need of volunteers of all ages. For more information, visit www.goodsamaritanpampa.org on the Internet or call 665-0073.

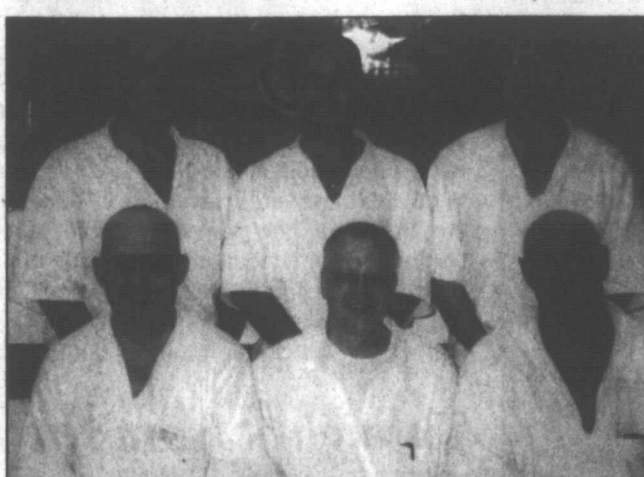
According to the service's August newsletter, the charity saw 442 families and served 1,578 individuals in July. Clothing and food orders totaled 124 and 413, respectively. Partial aid was given for 39 utility payments. Other assistance was provided for gas (8), medical Rx (5) and lodging (2).

Good Sams received strawberries, plums, watermelons and juice from High Plains Food Bank as

◆ Church brief

SPEARMAN — Rushing Wind Emmaus will meet Saturday, Sept. 13 at First United Methodist Church in Spearman. A potluck meal will be served at 6 p.m. followed by a sponsors' training and a praise and worship service. Families and friends are invited. A nursery will be provided. Rushing Wind is sponsoring a women's Walk to Emmaus Sept. 25-28 and the men's walk on Oct. 23-26.

Bible study



Several inmates at the Rufe Jordan Prison Unit outside of Pampa recently participated in a 52-week Bible study conducted by Pampa Prison Ministry over the Book of John. The study involved a workbook, skit, scripture reading, question and answer lesson, and a period of prayer and reflection. Class members are selected by Chaplain Wird Kiper on a first-come-first-serve basis. At the conclusion of the course, a certificate of completion is awarded. Above, back row: Carlos Carrion, Felix Gurrola, Homero Ramirez; (front row) Gerald Priscock, Scott Neal and Carl Votaw.

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Viewpoints

Admiral Nimitz: Legendary Texan remembered

At the peak of his wartime career, Admiral Chester Nimitz served as commander-in-chief of the U.S. Navy's Pacific Fleet and as Fleet Admiral during World War II. The record of this famous Texan was recognized again on the recent anniversary of the formal end of the Pacific war in 1945, when he signed the Japanese surrender papers on behalf of the U.S. government aboard the USS Missouri in Tokyo Bay.

Two and a half million naval personnel were under his command in World War II, many of them from his home state. The history of the Pacific war is filled with accounts of brave Texans in all branches of the military. A dozen won the Medal of

Honor. Dallas native Samuel D. Dealey, a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, commanded the submarine USS Harder and sank five Japanese destroyers in four days. His fearlessness, which eventually accounted for 16 sunken enemy vessels, earned him the Medal of Honor.

Cleto L. Rodriguez from San Marcos and San Antonio, a rifleman in the U.S. Army, became the first Mexican-American GI to win the Medal of Honor in the South Pacific. Army pilots Horace S. Carswell, Jr. of Fort Worth and Col. Neel E. Kearby from Wichita Falls also earned the Medal of Honor for their bravery in the Pacific.

Heroism on Iwo Jima resulted in a Medal of Honor for Texans Jack Lummus and William G. Harrell, U.S. Marines. Harlon Block of Weslaco was one of the Marines immortalized in the iconic photograph when he helped raise the U.S. flag on Iwo Jima.

John Cornyn
U.S. Senator



Another inspiring story is found in the wartime bravery of Doris "Dorie" Miller of Waco. When he joined the Navy, African-Americans filled non-combat positions. He was gathering laundry when his ship was bombed in Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941. After mov-

ing his wounded captain to safety, he began firing an antiaircraft gun at enemy planes. Admiral Nimitz presented the Navy Cross to Dorie Miller.

Valor sometimes comes in groups. Members of the 2nd Battalion, 131st Field Artillery of Texas' 36th Division became known as the "Lost Battalion" when they endured nearly four years as POWs in Southeast Asia, along with survivors of the USS Houston.

The determination and courage of women in WWII expanded opportunities for

future generations to serve in the armed forces. Texan Oveta Culp Hobby served as the first director of the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps. Women in the nurse corps tirelessly treated soldiers wounded at the front lines. Women pilots trained near Sweetwater flew planes stateside, freeing more pilots for overseas duty.

It is fitting that the National Museum of the Pacific War is located in Fredericksburg, hometown of Admiral Nimitz. His life and career are tributes to the Texas spirit of patriotism, dedication to duty and perseverance in the face of daunting odds.

After the enemy attack on Pearl Harbor, Admiral Nimitz was chosen to

reassemble America's Pacific Fleet. Over the next four years, he directed the counterattack that culminated on V-J Day.

The Texas spirit exemplified by Admiral Nimitz springs from cities, small towns, farms and ranches. Texas men and women serving in the military today superbly carry on this proud tradition.

The September anniversary of one of America's greatest victories, the war in the Pacific, marked another opportunity to honor all who have served in the armed forces. Their service and sacrifice provide all the rest of us with the gift of freedom.

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, Sept. 5, the 249th day of 2008. There are 117 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 5, 1972, Arab guerrilla members of Black September attacked the Israeli delegation at the Munich Olympic games; 11 Israelis, five guerrillas and a police officer were killed in the siege.

On this date:

In 1774, the first Continental Congress assembled in Philadelphia.

In 1793, the Reign of Terror began during the French Revolution as the National Convention instituted harsh measures to repress counterrevolutionary activities.

'Ideas are one thing, and what happens is another.'

— John Cage
American composer and author (1912-1992)

In 1836, Sam Houston was elected president of the Republic of Texas.

In 1914, the 1st Battle of the Marne, resulting in a French-British victory over Germany, began during World War I.

In 1958, the novel "Doctor Zhivago" by Russian author Boris Pasternak was published in the United States for the

first time.

In 1975, President Ford escaped an attempt on his life by Lynette "Squeaky" Fromme, a disciple of Charles Manson, in Sacramento, Calif.

In 1977, West German industrialist Hanns-Martin Schleyer was kidnapped in Cologne by the Baader-Meinhof gang. (Schleyer was later killed by his captors.)

In 1977, the U.S. launched the Voyager 1 spacecraft two weeks after launching its twin, Voyager 2.

In 1997, Britain's Queen Elizabeth II broke the royal reticence over Princess Diana's death, delivering a televised address in which she called her former daughter-in-law "a remarkable person."

In 1997, Mother Teresa died in Calcutta, India, at age 87; conductor Sir Georg Solti died in France at age 84.

Ten years ago: Relatives of the 229 people who died in the crash of Swissair Flight 111 sent wreaths into the sea off Nova Scotia. President Clinton appealed to the people of Ireland never to allow "the enemies of peace to break your will" as he wrapped up a three-day visit. The Million Youth March in New York City ended with a clash between police and the crowd.

Five years ago: Israeli commandos killed a Hamas bomb-maker in a firefight and pulverized the West Bank apartment building in which he had been hiding. Hurricane Fabian slammed into Bermuda, killing four people. Singer-actress Gisele MacKenzie died in Burbank, Calif., at age 76.



Southerners really know how to enjoy life

One of my favorite Southern things is what we call a Three-B night — bullets, beer and barbecue.

Of course, the beer and the barbecue follow the shooting of the bullets at the gun range. Alcohol and gunpowder are a dangerous mix. But Three-B is a social activity I highly recommend. Good friends, a little target shooting and then a repast of spicy barbecue and cold beer is a fine, fine way to spend an evening.

God, I love the South so much I can't stand it.

I've been thinking that it wouldn't be a bad idea to get one of those recreational vehicles and then just travel from one bluegrass festival to the next. Traveling around the South is like a never-ending feast. It's jammed full of beauty and interesting folks. And down South there's always a gun range

not too far away — or, for that matter, a gun.

I've no doubt that God created the South for the sole purpose of the good life, and it's too bad that the devil came along and made us all have to waste so much time working.

You do remember, I hope, that when that foolish Eve listened to the snake and the even more foolish Adam listened to Eve, the punishment was that they would have to go to work. And us, too.

In the morning, when you're hauling yourself out of bed to go to work, just remember that it is Eve's fault. She had paradise, but, being the mother of all women, she was, of course, not quite satisfied. It's one of

those traits that is both annoying and charming at the same time.

I knew a fellow once whose wife was like that. He would buy a house and live there for no more than two

years before his wife would be on him to move. Fortunately, he ran some waterfront bars and a

bail-bond business and made a good bit of money. But I swear, I think the poor man must have bought six houses and moved seven times in the same city. A divorce would have been cheaper.

At any rate, true Southerners resist the curse of work as much as they can. I had some kin who just quit whatever job they had when the hunting season opened. I

guess they figured they could always find another job, but a day missed hunting is a day missed forever.

A friend of mine in Louisiana who works on the offshore oil rigs said that the foreman, a fellow from Ohio, came up one morning and said, "You guys could be earning all the overtime you want. We'll let you work 60 or 70 hours. How come you guys only work 32 hours a week?"

"Cause," my friend replied, "we can't get by on 24."

If you've ever been to Cajun Country in Louisiana, you'll understand. Those are people who know how to enjoy life. They are famous eaters.

One of my favorite lines of history is the remark of a Virginia lady about the 10th

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Charley Reese
Columnist

Thoughts from the nation

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion from around the nation:

■ Aug. 26
Daily News, Bowling Green, Ky., on lowering the drinking age:

... College presidents from about 100 of the nation's colleges and universities, including Dartmouth, Duke and Ohio State, are calling on lawmakers to consider lowering the country's drinking age, saying current laws actually encourage dangerous binge drinking on campus. Lawmakers would have to repeal a law that says any state that doesn't abide by the 21-year-old drinking law would have federal highway funds withheld. If this was repealed, states could make a decision to lower

the drinking age to 18 or not.

The movement, called the Amethyst Initiative, began quietly recruiting presidents more than a year ago to provoke national debate about the drinking age.

We can see both sides of the argument.

Why should an 18-year-old be allowed to vote, buy cigarettes, join the military and possibly die for his country, but not be allowed to buy alcoholic beverages, proponents ask?

Another part of the argument is that even though a person isn't of age to buy alcohol, chances are that person will still be able to get it, so why not lower the drinking age? Many students who aren't of legal drinking age still drink, and sometimes to excess. Perhaps low-

ering the drinking age could lower underage consumption. ...

We know that this is a controversial proposal, but it deserves thoughtful discussion among college presidents, citizens and lawmakers.

On the Net:
<http://tinyurl.com/56g8zp>

■ Aug. 23

The Grand Rapids (Mich.) Press, on dollar coins:

The United States Mint has launched a campaign to promote usage of the dollar coin as an alternative to paper bills. Grand Rapids is one of four cities nationwide chosen to push the change.

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Rangel paid no mortgage interest on beach house

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rep. Charles Rangel paid no mortgage interest on a beach resort property for about 15 years, a lawyer for the powerful House committee chairman said Friday.

The New York congressman's lawyer, Lanny Davis, told The Associated Press that Rangel got his no-interest deal for the villa in the Dominican Republic because he was an original buyer in the resort development.

The Democratic chairman of the Ways and Means tax-writing committee has come under scrutiny for his vacation property and apartments he rents in his home district of Harlem.

Davis said Rangel failed to report rental income from the resort property on his taxes, but didn't realize it was necessary because of the way the deal was structured.

Davis said it is unlikely the congressman owes any back taxes under the federal tax code, although he may owe a small amount to New York State, on unreported rental income of about \$75,000.

"It is my understanding that over the 20-year time period there is not likely to be federal tax liability by Mr. Rangel because of offsetting depreciation expenses and tax credits. Therefore, whatever amendments might be necessary do not involve the federal tax code," said Davis.

Republicans call Rangel ethically challenged and have sought to censure the 78-year-old lawmaker. Even

an unintentional tax error is highly embarrassing for Rangel, since he chairs the committee charged with updating the nation's complicated tax code.

News of Rangel's no-interest mortgage comes on the heels of damaging reports that two other powerful figures in Congress, Senators Chris Dodd, D-Conn., and Kent Conrad, D-N.D., got preferential mortgages with lower interest rates through a "VIP" program for friends of former Countrywide CEO Angelo Mozilo. Dodd heads the Senate Banking Committee.

Rangel bought the beach house 20 years ago for about \$80,000, with a down payment of \$28,000. Instead of making payments himself for the property, Rangel used his share of collective rental money generated by the resort to pay down the mortgage, according to his lawyer. But in an arrangement with the developer, Rangel and other early buyers, called "Pioneers," were not charged interest on such debt.

Rental income from the property was used directly to pay the mortgage, so Rangel never made any mortgage payments himself, Davis said. Only once, in 2001, did Rangel receive money directly, when the company mistakenly wired him \$2,000 in rental income rather than applying that, as it had before and after, to the mortgage.

The mortgage debt of slightly more than \$50,000 was paid off fully in 2003, Davis said, and rental income

was also used later to pay for a \$22,000 home improvement project. That second loan did include interest payments totaling about \$1,100, the lawyer said.

The congressman's personal finances have come under scrutiny and spawned a House ethics committee inquiry, leading to a showdown last month on the House floor between Rangel and Republicans.

The ethics committee is examining Rangel's use of four rent-controlled apartments in Harlem, including one that was used for campaign work. This week, the New York Post raised questions about Rangel's beach villa, which it dubbed his "cash cow." The New York Times reported Friday that Rangel failed to report rental income on the property.

Rangel's lawyer said he received no sweetheart deal or favoritism in purchasing or renting out the beach house, because it was essentially a financial investment made in a real estate development project.

Currently, Rangel owes no money on the property and has about a \$700 credit, Davis said.

"He invested \$100,000 over 20 years with a net return of .7 percent as of June 2008," said Davis. "Some cash cow."

Yet by their accounting, Rangel parlayed a \$28,000 down payment into a vacation home worth ten times that or more today — not unheard of over a 20-year period of real estate boom-and-bust cycles, but certainly very fortunate.

Rates

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Pitner said the increased landfill fee does not allow for a new cell that is expected to be opened at the landfill next year. He said that will probably require either a bond issue or certificate of obligation.

The city manager said that Pampa had been losing money on the landfill for the past several years and that money was being made up from the general fund. Raising the fee should alleviate or at least reduce that problem.

Dixon said the total increases for trash collection, water and sewerage services would mean an increase of \$7.83 a year for most residents. He said that may not sound like much,

but to some people he said it would be.

Pitner said there would be an almost three dollar increase for trash collection.

The new residential solid waste collection rate would go from \$14.65 to \$17.58, an increase of \$2.93.

The increase for sewer service would go up about two dollars. It would go from \$10.22 to \$12.26, an increase of \$2.04.

The basic water fee will go up from \$14.30 to \$17.16, or \$2.86 a month.

Essentially, Pitner said, the fees in the three areas will go up 20 percent.

He noted that while tax monies go to fund such things as the fire department, police department and administration, city departments such as water, sewer and trash collection are basically run with fees on a business basis, and for the last few years, they

have often lost money. Those losses have been made up from tax money.

Pitner indicated he wanted to bring those departments into the black and make them reliant on the income from their services.

The proposed fees will still face a second reading before they can go into effect.

In other business, the commission adopting a Rate Review Mechanism Tariff with regard to dealing with the gas utility Atmos Energy.

Pitner said the new mechanism will replace one that has led to continuous litigation. It is a rate setting mechanism devised by a coalition of municipalities of which Pampa is one.

The city manager said he thinks it is more transparent and should allow a more comprehensive review of rates and requested increases.

City

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\$50,000, would increase about \$280 next year.

Mayor Pro Tem Robert Dixon noted that costs everywhere, including for the City of Pampa, were going up.

"We've had a lot of expenditures this year," Dixon said.

He said primarily they had been because of the higher cost of fuel and doing business.

"Every year our taxes go up," Trimble told the commissioners.

He complained that the increased taxes for the Pampa Economic Development Corporation have only resulted in a couple of signs at the entries to Pampa and a new electronic sign by M.K. Brown Auditorium.

The half-cent tax that goes to the Pampa Economic Development Corporation comes from sales taxes, however, not property taxes.

Still, Trimble said he thinks the economic development corporation should help fund infrastructure projects like replacing water mains and improving or building streets.

Commissioner Bill Allison said there are some things that the economic development corporation is allowed to do under their charter, but there are some things that they are not.

Trimble said he hadn't seen the city accomplish anything with the tax money they get.

Dixon said that among other things the city spent \$500,000 this past summer laying down fresh asphalt on city streets.

"If you don't do that kind of maintenance yearly," Dixon said, "you're going to lose the streets. We'll be driving on dirt."

Dixon said such things as the city's water mains are in dire need of repair.

"Those water lines were put in in the 1930s," Dixon said. "I was born in the 1930s. That was 75 years ago." He said things can wear out in that length of time.

Dixon commended city employees for doing a good job with what they've had. He indicated that much of the city's infrastructure had been neglected for years.

Over the years, however, Dixon said there have been programs instituted by the city that have saved taxpayers' money. He noted the switch

to dumpsters in the 1980s.

Before that, he said trash trucks carried large crews to pick up and dump the 55-gallon barrels that collected trash in the alleys. The move to dumpsters eliminated many of the jobs in trash collection and allowed one person, the driver, to do the job of several in a more efficient manner.

Trimble said his home had been appraised every year for the past 10 years and had increased in value on the tax rolls.

"I don't understand why my home is re-evaluated every year," he said.

Brashears echoed Trimble's complaints.

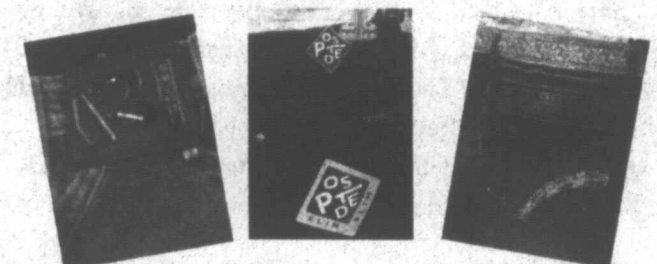
"Mine goes up every other year," Brashears said of his tax bill.

He said his taxes have gone up more than 35 percent in the last five years.

Dixon said that after reviewing the proposed budget for next year, which has been available for public review in the city secretary's office for the last month, he doesn't see any excess.

"The staff has really worked hard on it," Dixon said. "We have a new city manager that has hit the ground running and is doing a good job."

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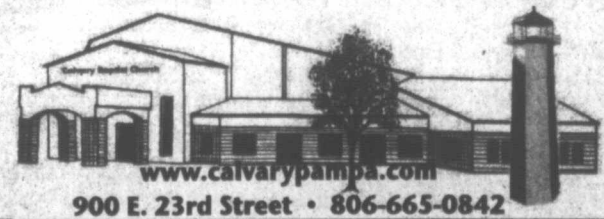
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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My sister-in-law, "Carol," doesn't wash her hands after changing diapers. I find it repulsive, and I can't help but cringe. I have also noticed that her kids don't wash their hands after using the bathroom -- or any other time, for that matter -- unless instructed to do so and closely watched. Even then, they don't use soap. Carol wonders why her family is always sick. If I say anything to her, I'm sure she'll become defensive or dismiss it as the cause of their illness. Is there a polite, yet firm, way to say something? -- **INCREASINGLY GERMOPHOBIC, KENOSHA, WIS.**

DEAR GERMOPHOBIC: The idea that Carol would change a diaper and then prepare meals for the family is, frankly, nauseating. Sometimes there is no polite way to say something, so my advice is to be direct. There is a reason why hospitals constantly impress upon their staff the importance of washing their hands. Years ago, my mother described a poster she saw in the halls of a major hospital. It depicted a silhouette of two outstretched hands, fingers apart. The caption read, "The 10 most frequent causes of disease. Remember to wash your hands." Repeat this to your sister-in-law, and maybe she'll get the message.

DEAR ABBY: I'm the unofficial event planner in my office. I am the one who makes sure people's birthdays are celebrated and comes up with occasional fun events like potlucks. Sometimes I buy everyone pizza (on the company) to keep morale up. I am not management, but I think doing this is important.

Last week my birthday came and went. Abby, not one person remembered! A co-worker from another department got me a card, but no one in my area even mentioned it. I am so bummed.

I remember everyone's birthday and make a big deal out of it with cakes and candles. I'm hurt that they forgot mine.

It makes me want to stop being the party planner and do away with birthday celebrations altogether. Is this childish? Or should I just get over it and keep on keeping on? -- **CRUSHED IN OHIO**

DEAR CRUSHED: You wouldn't be human if being overlooked didn't "smart." However, it's possible that because you have assumed the responsibility of arranging the birthday recognition, that everyone depends on you to let them know when one is coming up. Because this can be awkward when the birthday being celebrated is your own, in the future, why not post a monthly calendar in your office with the various birthdays written in -- including yours? Also, because you were forgotten this year, tell someone besides me! Guilt can work miracles.

DEAR ABBY: My husband has a checking account with his daughter-in-law. I have told him that I don't like it and feel that it is disrespectful, but he refuses to change it. We do not have a joint account. How should I take this? -- **MISTREATED IN MICHIGAN**

DEAR MISTREATED: This is hardly a vote of confidence in your fiscal responsibility. I'm sorry you didn't elaborate further on the financial arrangements in your marriage. I, too, wonder why he would want his daughter-in-law to have access to his money while keeping it out of your reach.

However, because you signed your letter "Mistreated," it appears you have more problems in your relationship than money, and perhaps if you work those out, the money issue will resolve itself.

Crossword Puzzle

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

- 1 Corduroy feature
- 6 Ways to go
- 11 Even a little
- 12 Rainy month
- 13 Up-and-down toys
- 14 Sculptor Henry
- 15 Did laps, maybe
- 17 Went fast
- 18 They may clash
- 20 Nay voter
- 22 U.K. fliers
- 23 Jazz fan
- 26 Texas player
- 28 Paris subway
- 29 Bubbles, e.g.
- 31 Stashed
- 32 Wields
- 33 Dojo doings
- 34 Long for
- 36 Revolved
- 38 Tax cheat's worry
- 40 Poet Breton
- 43 "Good-night" girl
- 44 Entrecôte, e.g.
- 45 T-shirt size
- 46 Squad leader

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- 1 Jamie Fox
- 2 "How was -- know?"
- 3 1990 Tom Cruise film
- 4 Is radiant
- 5 "Lohen-grin" lady
- 6 Bobby Ewing's wife
- 7 Missionary
- 8 2008 Ben Stiller film
- 9 Employ
- 10 Toboggan's kin
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- 21 -- de plume
- 23 Center
- 24 Like the Sahara
- 25 Commotion
- 27 Taking it easy
- 30 Two-way
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- 42 Supplement, with "out"

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Yesterday's answer

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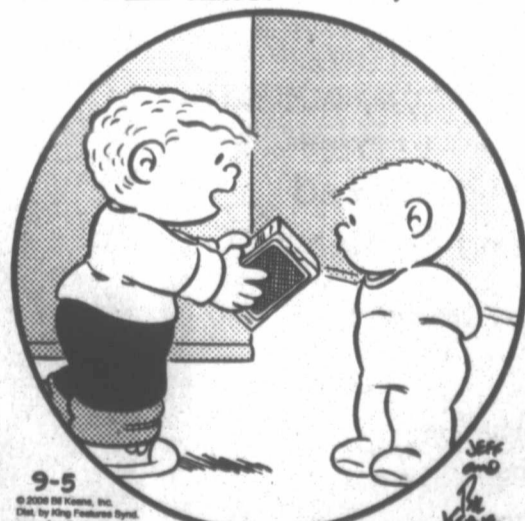


"Since I added corn additive, he goes three hours between fill-ups."

The Family Circus

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane

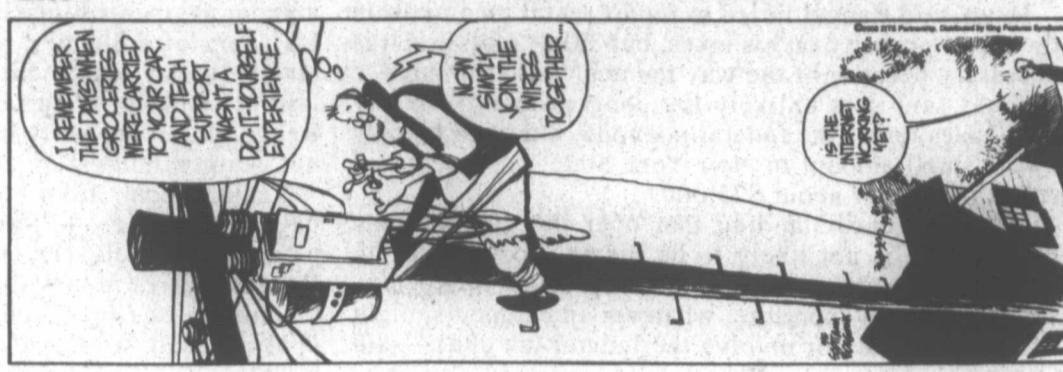


"This is a deck of cards. It has lotsa games in it."

For Better Or Worse



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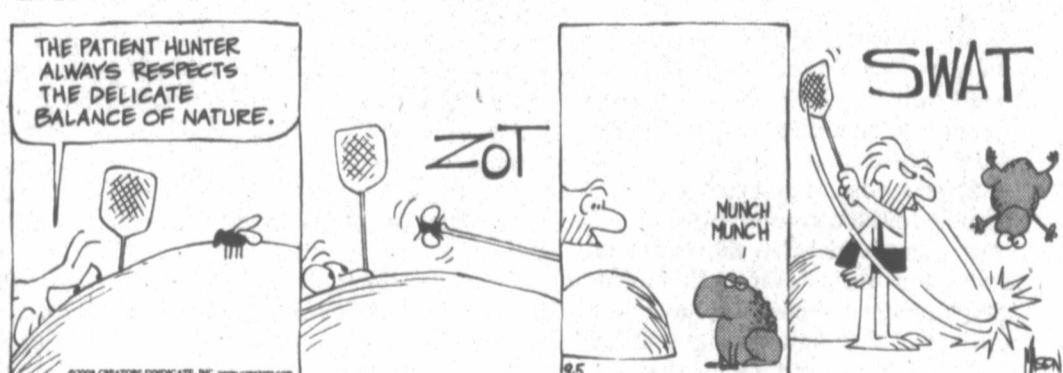
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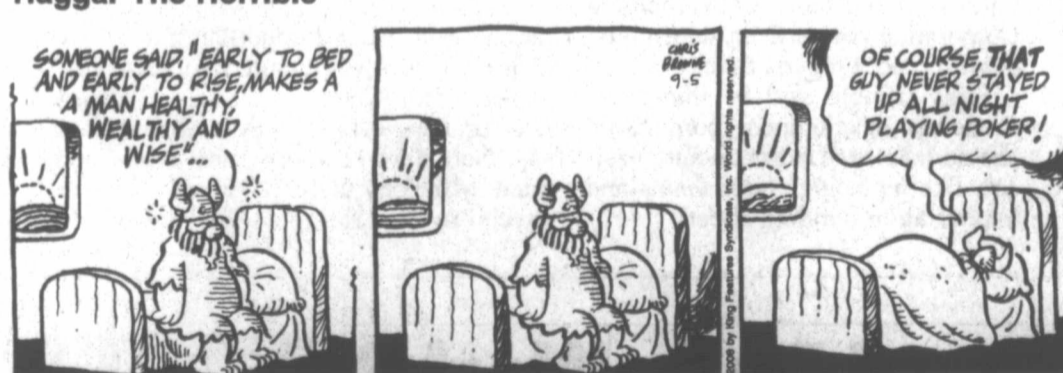
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On Vacation with the Pampa News!

Mission Trip - Tijuana, Mexico



A group of people from the Bible Church of Pampa recently completed a mission trip to Tijuana, Mexico. Among those participating were (front) Bob Banks, (second row, from left) Kendra Boaz, Lyndi Whitson, Landon Karbo, Bob Poage, Delynn Gordzelik, (third row, from left) Jo Karbo, Cassandra Coutts, Irene Maddux, Jordan Mayhew, Logan Karbo, Deborah Ferrell, (back row, from left) Trae Maddux, Brian Gordzelik and Jerry Ferrell.

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US warship to Georgian port partly held by Russia

POTI, Georgia (AP) — The flagship of the U.S. Navy's Mediterranean fleet anchored outside a key Georgian port Friday, defiantly bringing in tons of humanitarian aid to a city still partly occupied by hundreds of Russian troops.

The USS Mount Whitney was the first Navy ship to travel to Poti since Georgia's five-day war with Russia last month. The continued presence of Russian troops here has been a major point of friction between Russia and the West, which insists Russia has failed to honor a deal to pull back to positions held before fighting broke out Aug. 7.

The in-your-face anchorage at Poti came as Vice President Dick Cheney visited nearby Ukraine, another former Soviet republic that feels threatened by Moscow's military aggression.

Cheney pledged in Kiev, the capital, that the United States was committed to Ukraine's security and freedom and said Ukrainians should not be forced to live under Russia's "threat of tyranny, economic blackmail and military invasion."

In a diplomatic counter-punch, Russia received support Friday from six other former Soviet republics who issued a joint statement condemning Georgia for using force to try to retake control of its separatist province of South Ossetia.

The Kremlin has watched the arrival of the USS Mount Whitney and other U.S. warships carrying aid with deep suspicion, but a Russian Foreign Ministry official said

Friday no military action was planned in response to the U.S. naval presence in the Black Sea.

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During the war, Russian forces bombed Poti, which has a large oil shipment facility, attacked the port and sank eight Georgian naval vessels in the harbor. Hundreds of heavily armed soldiers that Russia calls "peacekeepers" are still camped just 4 miles (6 kilometers) from the port.

Still, traffic flowed freely past two Russian checkpoints Friday. Ketino Kebuchava, the owner of a small grocery store in Poti, welcomed the warship's arrival.

"We are a small country and we need help," he said. "We welcome anyone but the

Russians. We want the Russians out of our city and out of our country."

The Mount Whitney will unload aid at Poti's commercial port Saturday, right next door to Poti's badly damaged naval base.

Signs of destruction were all around. The missile boat Dioskuria — the flagship for Georgia's small navy — stood with its hull under water, its badly damaged communications masts protruding from the water. The windows of Georgia's naval headquarters were shattered, the buildings pockmarked by large caliber ammunition.

According to the port's director of security, Vakhtang Chichradze, there was little the Russians didn't steal — hauling away chairs, light switches, radiators as well as five U.S.-made Hummer military vehicles.

"From the military port, they took armchairs, toilets — everything," he said.

Two U.S. ships have already come and gone from Georgia carrying humanitarian aid, but they anchored at Batumi, to the south, a smaller port with no Russian military presence.

Prime Minister Vladimir Putin and other officials have suggested the United States is delivering weapons to Georgia along with humanitarian aid — but U.S. officials have dismissed those accusations and said the aid included blankets and powdered milk.

AXYDLBAAXR is LONGFELLOW

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.

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Research Scientists test method for sanitizing leafy produce

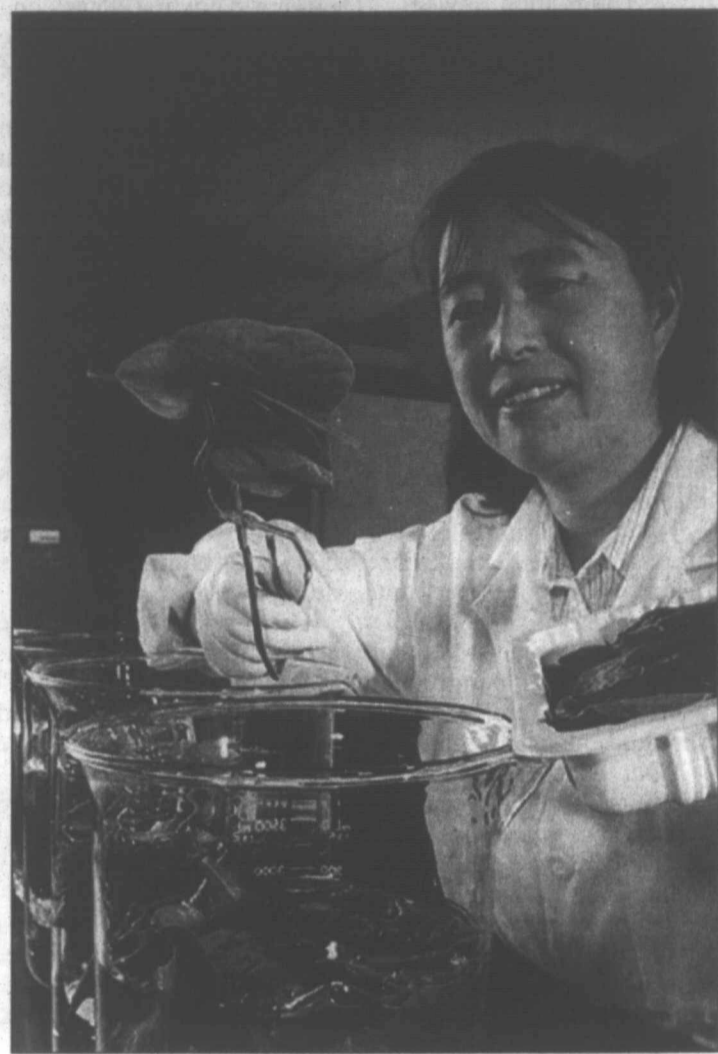
by Rosalie Marion Bliss ARS News

Agricultural Research Service (ARS) scientists are studying new sanitizing methods to enhance the safety of leafy greens — technology that may result in safer salads. That's good news for health-conscious consumers. Today, sales of fresh cut lettuce and leafy greens have reached \$3 billion annually, according to industry experts, and the demand is increasing.

Food technologist Yaguang Luo, with the ARS Produce Quality and Safety Laboratory (PQSL) in Beltsville, Md., first focused on reformulating a new sanitizer that works better than chlorine as a wash-solution ingredient. Chlorine solutions have been used by the food industry to help control microbes on fresh-cut greens, such as lettuce, but chlorine doesn't eliminate all the organisms that can be present.

Luo has been collaborating with colleagues at the University of Illinois to test combining the use of several sanitizers, including the new formulation, with ultrasound as a means to enhance the efficiency of sanitization prior to bagging. They conducted a study to determine the effects of selected sanitizer ingredients, with or without ultrasound, on the reduction of Escherichia coli populations on spinach.

The highest E. coli reduction was 4.5 logs — meaning the bacteria decreased from about 300,000 colony-form-



Courtesy photo by Peggy Greb Food technologist Yaguang Luo is studying various wash waters and sanitizers to enhance the microbial safety of spinach (shown here), lettuce and other leafy greens.

ing units to less than 10. This reduction was achieved through combining the newly formulated wash solution treatment with ultrasound treatment.

The combination of a new sanitizer with ultrasound can potentially be used to enhance the microbial safety

of leafy green produce before the bagging process, according to Luo.

Read more about this research in the July 2008 issue of Agricultural Research magazine.

ARS is a scientific agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Detroit mayor, soon off to jail, talks of comeback

DETROIT (AP) — Only hours after agreeing to resign and serve time in jail as part of plea deal, Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick expressed regret for the scandal that has engulfed the city — and left the door open for a return to public life.

Kilpatrick walked into a City Hall conference room Thursday to thunderous applause and thanked his family, backers and staff members for sticking by him during his rocky 6 1/2-year tenure.

"I truly know who I am. I truly know where I come from. In Detroit I know who I am. And I know because of that, there's another day for me," he said in a 20-minute speech on live television. "I want to tell you, Detroit, that you done set me up for a comeback."

In exchange for pleading guilty to two counts of obstruction of justice, the Democrat will get four months behind bars, pay the city \$1 million in restitution, lose his license to practice law, and cannot run for any elected office for five years.

His resignation will take effect in two weeks and his sentence will be officially

imposed on Oct. 28. Under the city charter, any mayor guilty of a felony is automatically expelled from office.

"I always said I would stand strong for the city of Detroit," the 38-year-old mayor said in his address. "But sometimes standing strong means stepping down."

Coming after nearly eight months of turmoil and demands that Kilpatrick resign, the plea bargain was met with relief from politicians and ordinary Detroit residents alike.

His departure could also remove a major embarrassment for Barack Obama and the Democrats in Michigan, a crucial battleground state in the presidential election.

"This gives us hope. He's not a king," said Monica Smith, 24, of Detroit, a college student. "This is a huge victory for the city of Detroit. He was not a role model. He was a thug. I'm definitely optimistic."

Ken Cockrel Jr., the 42-year-old president of the Detroit City Council, will take over as mayor. He said people need to put aside the anger and bitterness of Kilpatrick's sex scandal.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Saturday, Sept. 6, 2008:

Look at ramifications more often, especially before taking action this year. You could feel overwhelmed often, but centering will help. A talent or a genuine way with others could evolve into a financial plus. You might not want to make this your business, but you will like the rewards and the fulfillment. If you are single, you will want to settle in — a home, a dog, the whole scenario. Is this sensible before you meet "the one"? Evaluate. Meeting new people occurs through travel, seminars and going to movies, art shows, etc. If you are attached, feed your bond by indulging this person more and planning to make one of his or her hopes real. SAGITTARIUS serves as an anchor.

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 wake up feeling renewed and ask yourself if you are the same person as you were yesterday! This weekend, if you relax and let your imagination take over, you could see a friend and or family member far differently. Tonight: Reach for the stars.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ***** A key person in your life finally reaches out for you. After an unusual tense period, this variation is welcome. Do not withhold, lecture or try to go over what was. Enjoy what is, for goodness sake. Tonight: Enjoy the moment. Give up proselytizing.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ***** Let others do their thing, and you do what you want. That is not to say

there will be a disagreement, quite the contrary. Giving space often comes with trusting. Later on, bring friends and family together. Tonight: A party could go on and on.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ***** Time works for you. If you feel a little lazy, take on a project that is not stressful and that perhaps you have been looking forward to. Someone lets you know just how much he or she enjoys your companionship. Tonight: Make it easy.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ***** Express your jovial and fun nature. Roar, purr and carry on. Others love it when you act spontaneously and do what you must. Express your depth and caring. Loosen up and deal with a difficult person. With your energy, this person, too, could become more sunny. Tonight: In the whirlwind of living.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ***** Look to greater flow. Some might be eyeing re-arranging a room or sprucing up their pad. Money spent on home and comfort is money well spent. You will like the end result. A partner also enjoys the process. Tonight: Happy at home.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ***** Your sensitivity with a twist of naughtiness delights many in your daily life. You simply cannot help laughing and enjoying yourself. Indulgence seems to be the natural theme of the next few days. Tonight: Talk is cheap. Action counts.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ***** You could be overly sensitive about an emotional matter. The problem lies in that you might not feel your fragility or upset. You could go off on a spending spree. Others will simply

overindulge. Remember, there is a tomorrow. Tonight: Your treat.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ***** Take a hint from Aries. You seem simply to do the right thing. A friend demonstrates his or her loyalty. Enjoy those who are around you in your daily life. Relax and let others just be. You smile ear to ear. Tonight: Everything comes into place.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ***** Take a glimpse behind the motives and actions of others. You might be surprised by what emerges and the insights you gain from it. A parent, elder friend or boss thinks the world of you and lets you know. Tonight: A must appearance.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ***** Zero in on what you want. Look behind the scenes to gain understanding if someone starts acting very strange. Someone at a distance wants to share and be closer. Why not? You simply need to open the door. Tonight: Where your friends are.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ***** Be aware of how many people count on you to bring the party together or organize an event. The reason they trust you is that you do such a good job. A partner pitches right in. Listen to his or her suggestions. Tonight: A must appearance.

BORN TODAY Ambassador, businessman Joseph Patrick Kennedy (1888), social worker Jane Addams (1860), scientist John Dalton (1766) ***

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"eats everything in its path."

A more contemporary story some folks say is true is one in which two Cajuns, Mr. Hebert (pronounced "Abear") and Mr. Quibideaux, spied a flying saucer land in a swamp. The ramp came down, and a little green man walked out.

"What's that?" inquired Hebert.

"I don't know," said Quibideaux, "but get the rice started."

Well, actually that isn't a true story, but it is a good example of Cajun humor.

I have to remind myself that folks up North have some fantastical ideas about the South due to those Hollywood writers who snort coke and love stereotypes. We are really the most normal people on earth, and as Hodding Carter once said, we will be polite right up to the point we get mad enough to kill you.

—Write to Charley Reese at P.O. Box 2446, Orlando, FL 32802.

Louisiana Regiment, which fought for Marse Robert in the War of Northern Aggression. "The 10th Louisiana," she said,

SAL Bear



Courtesy Photo

Mike Sublett and Mary Nelson participated in Chautauqua, held recently in Central Park, by sharing the story of SAL, the "salvation bear," with children who stopped by. It was SAL's first field trip. Sublett is pastor of Hi-Land Christian Church of Pampa.

Coins

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unwilling to do in the past: phase out the dollar bill. Dollar coins will remain little more than novelties and collector's items, until that happens.

There are good reasons to switch. The General Accounting Office estimates that more than \$500 million a year would be saved by going paperless with dollars. The coins cost more to produce, but last 30 years, compared to 21 months for paper bills. The coins also can be melted down and recycled into new coins. Dollars bills taken out of circulation are destroyed. ...

The United States is one of the few countries with a \$1 bill. Other nations, such as Canada, Japan, Australia and those in the European Union have phased out small denomination bills and replaced them with coins. Canada replaced its dollar bill with a coin in 1987 (the Loonie). It followed that with a \$2 coin (the Toonie). After initial grumbling, Canadians have accepted both. Experiences in other countries indicates that it takes two to three years for the public to adapt to such a switch. ...

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The coins could save billions in printing costs, if embraced by the public. But that won't happen unless the government does what it has been

Gumman's rampage shows pitfalls for mentally ill

SEATTLE (AP) — Isaac Zamora's mother begged him to get help when he was released from jail a month ago. State and federal laws prevented her from doing much more for the man who has now been arrested after a shooting spree in rural northwest Washington that left six people dead and four wounded.

The Tuesday afternoon rampage began close to the home of Zamora's mother, Dennise Zamora, near Alger, about 70 miles north of Seattle. It continued amid a high-speed police pursuit on Interstate 5 and ended in Mount Vernon, about 20 miles south of Alger, when Zamora surrendered at a sheriff's office.

In the wake of the shootings, Dennise Zamora has said she wants people to know that "my son was desperately mentally ill and we've been trying to get him help."

If someone resists help in

Washington, a family member must demonstrate he is a danger to society or himself or is "gravely disabled" before he can be involuntarily admitted to a mental hospital.

Washington's laws offer more options for involuntary commitment than most other states, said Ron Honberg, legal director of the Arlington, Va.-based National Alliance

on Mental Illness. But Washington families still can't petition in court for their adult relatives to get treatment.

The laws were designed to protect the rights of the individual, explains David Weston, chief of mental health services with the mental health division of the Washington Department of Social and Health Services.

Many states, including Washington, also struggle to pay for mental health services.

That might be part of the explanation why Zamora, who was ordered by a judge to seek a mental health evaluation as soon as he was released from jail in August, had not yet seen a counselor. He served six months for cocaine possession.

NJ cops kick in door over bird cries for help

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) — Cries for help inside a Trenton, N.J., home turned out to be for the birds.

Neighbors called police Wednesday morning after hearing a woman's persistent cry of "Help me! Help me!" coming from a house. Officers arrived and when no one answered the door, they kicked it in to make a rescue.

But instead of a damsel in distress, officers found a caged cockatoo with a convincing call.

It wasn't the first time the 10-year-old bird named Luna said something that brought authorities to the home of owner Evelyn DeLeon.

About seven years ago, the bird cried like a baby for hours, leading to reports of a possible abandoned baby and a visit to the home by state child welfare workers. But it was only Luna practicing a newfound sound, DeLeon says.

DeLeon says her bird learns much of her ever-growing vocabulary from watching television, in both English and Spanish.

Notice of Tax Revenue Increase

The City of Pampa conducted public hearings on September 4, 2008 and September 11, 2008 on a proposal to increase the total tax revenues of the City of Pampa from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by 7.70 percent.

The total tax revenue raised last year at last year's tax rate of \$0.690000 for each \$100 of taxable value was \$3,301,985.

The total tax revenue proposed to be raised this year at the proposed tax rate of \$0.665000 for each \$100 of taxable value, excluding tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year, is \$3,481,645.

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The City of Pampa Commissioners of City of Pampa is scheduled to vote on tax rate that will result in that tax increase at a public meeting to be held on September 23, 2008, at City Commission Room, City Hall, 200 W. Foster, P.O. Box 2499, Pampa, Tx 79065 at 4:00pm. B-26

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