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FIRST HAND HISTORY LESSON



Caitlyn Arbuckle, a fifth grade student at Lamar Elementary, watched the inauguration of President Barack Obama yesterday morning while in class.

Inauguration provides rare opportunity for students

by Rachel Stennett
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 They may not have had a full grasp on what they were watching, but fifth graders at Lamar Elementary witnessed history yesterday (Jan. 20) with desks crowded around a TV and coffee cups in hand while watching the inauguration.
 Some teachers treated students with donuts and coffee, and all three fifth grade classes at Lamar Elementary were treated like adults as they watched the inauguration ceremony. Lamar Principal Jan Cleek explained the reasoning for letting the students partake from afar in the ceremony.
 "It was an historic event," Cleek said. "It was something that they will remember forever and it was important for them to see it."
 Other classes were able to watch the

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Healthcare workers: self injury a hidden problem among our kids

by Rachel Stennett
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 "You have so much pain inside yourself that you try and hurt yourself on the outside because you want help."
 These words that the late Princess Diana spoke when she admitted to her personal struggle with the self-injury. Her statement echoes many other stories from people all over the world, including Pampa. Cutting, a form of self-injury, is a major problem

that hides beneath the surface of society for teenagers and adults, but the problem is nothing new, according to Suzanne Pingel, social worker and Safe and Drug Free Schools coordinator at Pampa High School.
 The problem is showing itself particularly at the junior high and high school levels. "The general population has no idea about the big issues in Pampa," Pampa High School Nurse JJ Slaten explained. Poverty and race were among the issues she rattled off— but she also listed self-mutilation, or cutting, as one of those problems that Pampa citizens have overlooked.
 "Lots of people don't know about this, it's a hidden problem," she explained.
 Self-injury, and cutting in particular, is a way for people to try to grasp control over their lives and express physical pain instead of emotional pain,

Pingel said.
 When talking specifically about cutting at the high school and middle school age levels she said students are using it as a method for emotional pain management. "Cutting is a habit. Kids are used to picking up the knife and cutting to feel release," Pingel said.
 Self-mutilation manifests itself in different forms, but a form that has gained recognition and notoriety within this decade is people making superficial cuts on skin, deep enough to cause a scar but shallow enough to stop bleeding without stitches.
 It's a trend that is becoming recognized, and more frequently abused. "Cutting is just receiving recognition," Pingel explained, "but it has possibly been around for decades... There is a lot we don't know about this because it is a hidden problem."
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Warrant list publication pushed to Thursday




Editor's note: The Pampa News planned to run the list of those who owe fines to the city beginning Jan. 24. Due to the extreme length of the list, we will begin to publish tomorrow, Thursday, January 22 and continue to publish segments through the weekend. If you have paid your fine since January 10, your name may still appear, due to the time spent on preparing the list for print. We apologize in advance for any inconvenience.
 Beginning Saturday, March 3, over 120 agencies will combine forces to search for those with warrants. If you have a warrant, you will be arrested in your home, at work, or wherever you may be found. Act immediately to avoid your arrest.
 As of the end of December are residents owed the city of Pampa almost \$1 million in fines.
 In order to null the warrant with Pampa Municipal Court and Pampa Police Department and Gray County, appear in person at the Municipal Court in Pampa Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. or mail payment to Pampa Municipal Court, P.O. Box 2499, Pampa TX 79066. If sending payment, no personal checks or accepted. Pay in person, mail with cash or money order. Call 806-669-5785 to pay by Discover, MasterCard or Visa. The court has reported those with warrants to DPS for non-renewal of your driver's license.
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Enthusiastic crowds welcome Bush to Texas

WACO, Texas (AP) — After an enthusiastic welcome from thousands of cheering Texans in two cities, George W. Bush was spending his first night out of office at his Crawford ranch.
 Before flying in a helicopter to his 1,600-acre ranch, the former president told about 3,000 well-wishers gathered at a Waco airfield Tuesday night that he was glad to be back in Texas.
 "It is a great day because we got to come home once and for all," Bush, with former first lady Laura Bush at his side, said as the crowd cheered.
 The supporters, bundled up against 40-degree temperatures, had waited on the tarmac more than an hour. Many waved red, white and blue cardboard "W"s and small American flags. Dozens of children sat on their parents' shoulders to get a glimpse of Bush, who shook some hands and talked to some in the crowd after he spoke.
 Bush said he was grateful for his friends in Texas and for the opportunity to serve as president the last eight years.
 "I come home with my head held high," he said, adding that when he got to his Crawford ranch he would look in the mirror and "be proud of what I see."
 After leaving Washington, D.C., earlier Tuesday,
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Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		
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Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 69. Wind chill values between 25 and 35 early. West wind 5 to 15 mph becoming south-south-east.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 33. Calm wind becoming south around 5 mph.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 55. Northeast wind between 5 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 23. East-northeast wind around 10 mph.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 42. East wind around 10 mph.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 21. East-southeast wind between 10 and 15 mph.

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Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls between 7 a.m. Tuesday and 7 a.m. today.

Tuesday, Jan. 20
 9:49 a.m. -- One unit and two personnel responded to the 1100 block of Highway 60 on a has leak.

12:29 p.m. -- One unit and two personnel responded to the 1100 block of Sierra on a dumpster fire.

2:16 p.m. -- One unit and three personnel responded to the 1900 block of Lea on a public service call.

Police: Woman shoots office worker with arrow

HOUSTON (AP) — Authorities say a 30-year-old woman entered a Houston office and fired an arrow into a worker's chest, and that police later shot and wounded her.

Police say Julie Parker entered the Texas Components Corp. office Monday afternoon armed with a bow, arrows and toy gun, and fired an arrow into 55-year-old Armando Silva's chest.

Houston police spokesman John Cannon says two office workers then drew their own weapons and confronted Parker.

Police say officers shot Parker several times after she turned on them with the bow.

Investigators have not determined a motive.

Parker was hospitalized in critical condition Tuesday. She is charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Silva was in hospitalized in good condition.

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For the Record

Obituaries

Services tomorrow

Melinda June Holland, 52

Miami, Texas — Melinda June Holland, 52, went to be with her Lord and Savior on January 18, 2009 in Amarillo.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, January 22, 2009, at the First Christian Church in Miami, with Pastor Dennis Williams of the First Baptist Church of Miami, Pastor Mindy McLanahan of the United Methodist Church of Miami, and Mr. George Lundberg, minister of the Church of Christ of Miami, officiating. Cremation arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Holland was born on July 5, 1956 in Pampa. She was reared in Miami, graduating from Miami High School. She enrolled in West Texas State University where she met her future husband. She married Billy Holland in August of 1976 in Miami. Melinda graduated from West Texas State in 1978 with a B.S. degree in education. She worked as a teacher for the Stinnett ISD among others. She was an active member of the First Christian Church in Miami where she served as a Sunday School teacher and children's choir director. Melinda participated in the Miami Cow Calling

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Survivors include her husband: Billy Holland of the home; 1 son: Nathan Holland of Borger; 1 daughter: Rachael Holland of Miami; 2 brothers: Jim McCuiston and wife Brenda of Miami, and Jerry McCuiston and wife Michelle of Austin; 3 nephews; 7 nieces. Melinda was preceded in death by her parents: Melvin and June McCuiston.

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AMBULANCE

Guardian EMS reported the following calls between 7 a.m. Tuesday and 7 a.m. today.

Tuesday, Jan. 20
 8:48 a.m. -- A mobile ICU responded to the 1600 block of Russell and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

10:42 a.m. -- A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to North West Texas Hospital.

5:22 p.m. -- A mobile ICU responded to the 1600 block of Zimmers and transported a patient to PRMC.

Wednesday, Jan. 21
 2:22 a.m. -- A mobile ICU responded to the 2100 block of Duncan and transported a patient to PRMC.

6:00 a.m. -- A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of South Nelson and transported a patient to PRMC.

SHERIFF

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests.

Tuesday, Jan. 20

Rodney Dale Smith, 40, of Indianoma, Okla., was arrested by GSCO for an open container violation and failure to appear.

Rose Mary Soto, 40, of Atoka, Okla., was arrested by GSCO for bond surrenders aggravated assault to a public servant, and forgery/altercation of prescription.

Abel Salazar, of Pampa was arrested by the Pampa Police Department for bond surrender for resisting arrest, criminal mischief, evading arrest, endangerment of a child, assault of a public servant, failure to appear, bail jumping, and evading arrest.

Donna Lynn Minyard, 57, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO, failure to maintain financial responsibility, failure to appear, and no valid driver's license, and sent to jail for driving while intoxicated.

Lucias Paul Tollison, 27, of Pampa was arrested by the GCSO and sent for 75 days for driving while intoxicated.

Wednesday, Jan. 21
 Amy Dominique Carter, 40, was arrested by the Pampa Police Department for no driver's license/revoked.

PAMPA PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following calls between 7 a.m. Tuesday and 7 a.m. today.

Tuesday, Jan. 20
 Officers conducted four traffic stops.

Nine calls or stops concerning animals were made.

A gas drive off was reported in the 1000 block at Allsups, 1025 West Wilks, where \$25 in gas was taken.

A sexual assault was reported in the lobby of the PD.

Disorderly conduct was reported at Pampa High School, 111 East Harvester.

One attempt to serve was made.

One alarm was investigated.

Runaways were reported in the lobby of the PD.

Theft was reported in the 1300 block of Soth Hobart, where a stereo, breadmaker, and roaster were reportedly stolen.

Civil matters were reported in the lobby of the PD.

Agency assistance was

rendered in the 1100 block of North Hobart, and the 600 block of North Wynne.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 900 block of East Denver, where windows in a car were reportedly stolen.

An accident was reported in the 2300 block of North Duncan.

Welfare checks were made in the 1200 block of North Hobart, and the 900 block of North Christine.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 1000 block of East Campbell.

A traffic complaint was reported in the 1400 block of North Hobart.

Wednesday, Jan. 21
 Officers conducted three traffic stops. A stop in the intersection of Hobart and Alcock resulted in at least one arrest.

A suspicious person call was received from the intersection of Foster and Houston streets.

Outstanding warrants will be published in the Pampa News beginning tomorrow.

Killer of two at Texas bar set for execution

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) — Condemned inmate Frank Moore insisted he should be spared from a trip to the Texas death chamber Wednesday evening for a double slaying because he said the shootings were in self-defense.

"That's the whole thing — the whole basis of this," Moore said from death row. "It had nothing to do with gangs or drugs. They were trying to rob and kill me."

Moore, 47, was set for lethal injection for gunning down Samuel Boyd, 23, and Patrick Clark, 15, outside a San Antonio bar exactly 15 years ago Wednesday.

Moore would be the second prisoner executed this year in the nation's most active death penalty state. Another inmate was set to die Thursday evening.

Moore's attorneys were in the courts trying to stop the punishment. They obtained affidavits from three people who said they saw the shootings outside the Wheels of Joy club and backed Moore's assertion the gunfire was in self-defense.

Testimony showed Boyd and Clark got into a fight with Moore and his half-brother, that Boyd and Clark then got into a car and tried to run them over. One of Moore's friends tossed him a rifle from the trunk of a nearby car and he opened fire.

"He blew them away," recalled Jim Wheat, one of Moore's prosecutors. "Clearly, he was the guy who felt in control and they crossed the line with him."

"That car and those two kids,

they were turned into Swiss cheese," said Pat Moran, one of Moore's trial lawyers. "That was always the dilemma. Prosecutors kept saying: You've got a lot of self-defense bullet holes to explain. It was just the degree of overkill that was kind of shocking."

Moore already had an extensive criminal record when charged with capital murder. He denied in an interview last week that he'd long been an active member of several violent gangs, as authorities contended.

"I don't know where they got that from," Moore said last week in an interview outside death row.

Court documents showed Moore belonged to the East Terrace Gangsters, who took their name from a San Antonio public housing project, and was a "sergeant-at-arms" for the Black Panthers, responsible for obtaining, hiding and distributing weapons. The court file also said while Moore was locked up, he took an active role in a race riot, attacked a guard, had other incidents of violence and had been a member of the Crips gang since he was 14.

From death row, Moore said he joined the Crips in California but said it was a way of life for teens in his neighborhood.

Moore first went to prison in 1984 with a five-year sentence for attempted murder. He was released on mandatory supervision less than two years later, was returned to prison as a violator within nine months, then was dis-

charged in 1989.

In 1991, he received an eight-year term for cocaine possession but was paroled after just four months. He returned to prison in five months with a 20-year sentence for delivery of cocaine but was paroled after serving just over two years. The double slaying occurred about 10 weeks later.

Moran said Moore ran the club and the two victims wanted to take over.

"They had gone around and talked how they were going to lure Frank outside and do something to him," Moran recalled. "It was going to be a good old-fashioned hostile takeover at the cost of Frank's life."

"There has never been any doubt in my mind if it was self-defense. The problem was Frank was a multiple-convicted felon and Frank couldn't be around firearms. There was no way to put on a defense to explain why those two kids who thought they were getting the drop on Frank

walked into such an effective and efficient execution."

The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals threw out Moore's first conviction in 1998 because jurors weren't allowed to consider lesser charges of voluntary manslaughter and murder. He was retried the following year and convicted and condemned again.

During the punishment phase of his trials, prosecutors showed when Moore was arrested three days after the slayings, he'd just been arrested for an unrelated crime and was found carrying a revolver in his waistband. Less than a month before the killings, he was arrested for selling crack cocaine to an undercover officer.

"I sold drugs," Moore said. "But drug dealing is not a capital case."

On Thursday, Reginald Perkins, 53, was set to follow Moore to the death chamber for the slaying of his stepmother in Fort Worth eight years ago.

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5. All of the photos will be identified in the Feb. 16 issue of The Pampa News.

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WHO'S WHO



Remember to return your completed entry form to The Pampa News. GOOD LUCK!

Cutting

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dents who are using cutting as a physical release from emotional pain.

She works with parents to try to find solutions to the emotional problems that may be causing students to cut, but she also tries to help students look for other forms of release. Journaling, deep breathing and simple acts like placing rubber bands on wrists to snap when a student is tempted to cut are some ways around cutting, the point of which are to distract the mind from the need to cut and still deal with the need to find release.

It may seem extreme, but Pingel said students will use anything and everything to achieve this sense of release.

In her line of work, she has seen the results of students using razor blades, pens, knives, Xacto knives, and any kind of blade to harm themselves. Some people even cut words into their bodies to express their emotions. Still, she said cutting is not a form of suicide, instead it is "making the emotional pain less real and making the physical pain more real."

People will cut themselves almost anywhere on their body to feel the necessary release, including wrists, thighs, arms, ankles and the sides of bodies. This can make it difficult to spot the problem and find help according to Pingel.

The culture of cutting is somewhat hidden. The act carries certain amount of shame and embarrassment—more so than other destructive behaviors like drinking or drugs.

Cutters and self-injurers will discuss the problem with others who are suffering from it. Pingel explained that cutters will share strategies with each other, ways to hide the problem, and ways to make it worse.

Some thrive off sharing the problem, and even do it with each other, taking it to extremes and having "cutting parties," Pingel said.

The spread of knowledge within the culture is making self-injury increasingly popular in younger age brackets. With the increase of Internet use by younger children, information is almost too easily accessed. "Cutting is happening with students as young as elementary school. There are lots of factors involved with age and when and why people start, but it is happening. The information spreads from kid to kid," Nurse JJ Slaten, of PHS said.

Slaten occasionally reviews cuts that have led



Former President George Bush embraces his wife Laura Bush as he addresses attendees at his arrival in Waco, Texas, Tuesday, Jan. 20, 2009. (AP Photo/Tony Gutierrez)

to infection on students. Although she doesn't see a lot of cases, she said that those that may need the most help won't seek attention on their own. "Those people that may be in the most need are probably the most hidden cases of students sheltering themselves," Slaten said.

Sherese Oles, counselor at Pampa Junior High School, explained that one of the most sure ways that parents and friends can help stop the problem is to be direct and truthful. If not, the trend might continue spreading to younger and younger people.

"If you don't stop it when (they're) young, it can transition into other problems and addictions, which then can be transferred to another generation of children. It starts a cycle," Oles said.

Oles sees many students in her work who are cutters. She has learned to look for certain indicators in students, such as wearing long sleeves in the summer and jelly bracelets around wrists. Even more than looking for suspicious behavior or indicators, Oles urges parents to be direct with their children about the problem.

"If you suspect it, ask," Oles said. Although the problem is hidden, being direct is the first step to finding a solution, she said.

Students are not normally cutting themselves during school hours, but she said that parents and teachers both normally have a good hunch about behavior and physical marks on students. When students are sent to her that others suspect of self-injury, or that she herself suspects, she asks them—and they normally show her marks or tell her the truth.

Oles said that one of the difficult concepts for parents to come to terms with is that cutting is not an act of suicide. Parents also blame themselves for the child's self-injury. "The children make the decision," Oles said.

The primary motivation behind self-injury and cutting is control. Both Oles and Pingel said that the action causes people to gain a sense of control of

their lives, and self worth.

In order to stop the growth of the problem that is gaining popularity through word of mouth and web pages, everyone needs to have an open mind about it, including parents. Pingel said that cutting is effecting various age groups, socio-economic groups, and kids with different interests—athletes and academics alike.

As proven with the late Princess Diana's own words, cutting is not a new problem but it is time that the problem is brought to light if people ever want to see an end to it's perpetuating cycle.

"Just because one kid looks perfect, doesn't mean that they don't still have issues," Pingel said. "We can't help teenagers until we realize that that they face many different social issues and we figure different ways to help them handle them."

History

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inauguration if they choose to according to Cleek. Some students were prepped for the inauguration with a video on political leaders in D.C., which they were pointing out during the inauguration.

As President Obama spoke on the theme to summon us all to responsibility, it seemed fit that students be allowed to witness first-hand the events that will be written about in history books to come.

Bush

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Bush arrived in Midland, where he grew up and where thousands held a send-off rally before his first inauguration.

In the hours leading up to his return Tuesday, excerpts of some of Bush's speeches played on a large TV screen, including remarks he made to Congress shortly after the 2001 terrorist attacks.

One little boy waved a sign that read, "President Bush, thank you for keeping me safe" in multicolored lettering. Others read: "Be Bold, Be Bush" and "43 is back."

"The presidency was a joyous experience, but as great as it was, nothing compares with Texas at sunset," Bush told a crowd of about 25,000, many waving cardboard "W's." "Tonight I have the privilege of saying six words that I have been waiting to say for a while: It is good to be home."

Dudley Winn, a cotton farmer on the South Plains of West Texas, drove two hours from Lubbock to greet Bush on his first stop after leaving office.

"It's a special day but it's a sad day," Winn said. "He's done eight years of a job well done. He held our country together with the values we respect. He did the job we asked him to do. He kept our values safe."

Bush spoke about the challenges he had faced, saying that even during some of his most difficult days, he "was always optimistic about the future." He lauded those who helped throughout his presidency and defended decisions he said some thought unwise.

"I never took an opinion poll to tell me what to think," Bush said.

As Bush flew into Midland he wanted to see the gathering from the air. The jet carrying the Bushes and others flew low over downtown so that they could see Centennial Plaza before they landed.

Bush said that while several former presidents told him they had felt bitter-sweet about leaving office, "For me, there's nothing to be bitter about. Today is something sweet."

With Bush at the Midland rally were Karl Rove, former White House Chief of Staff Josh Bolton, Alberto Gonzales, the country's former attorney general and others from his administration.

Jan Rhodes, a school teacher in Midland, was on hand when Bush left Midland eight years ago for his inauguration and was back Tuesday.

"We watched for eight years and we're proud of how he served us and how he represented Midland," she said.

While Bush was born in

New Haven, Conn., he spent his childhood in Midland. He returned there as an adult in the 1970s and met the future first lady, who grew up there.

He called meeting her "more meaningful" in his life than "any meeting in the Oval Office."

"She filled the White House with warmth and my life with joy," Bush said. "History will show that she was a fabulous first lady."

Associated Press writer Betsy Blaney contributed to this report from Midland.



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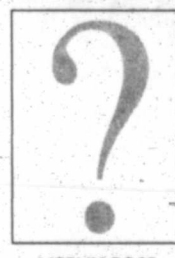
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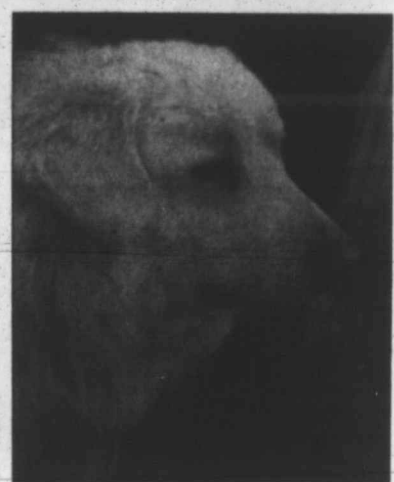
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Harvester teams fall to Randall

Varsity 47, Randall 58

After leading the first half of the game, the Pampa Harvesters ran into problems in the final two quarters, dropping Tuesday night's game to Randall 58-47.

Harvester Alex Torres was the first to score in the game when he dropped in three points, but the Randall Raiders were soon battling back.

Still, at the end of the first quarter of play, Pampa led by five, 19-14. By the half, the Harvesters had expand-

ed their lead to 10 points, 34-24.

But the Harvesters put only five points on the score board in the third period of play and eight in the final quarter while Randall came from behind to add 18 points to their total in the third quarter and 16 in the fourth.

Alex Clendening was the high point man for the Harvesters. Clendening was the only Harvester to score in each quarter of the game. He put two on the

scoreboard with a basket in the first quarter, eight on the board with four baskets in the second quarter, two more points with a single basket in the third quarter and two points from four shots at the free throw line in the fourth quarter.

Torres followed in scoring for the Harvesters with 12 points for the night. Torres opened the game with a three-pointer and then added two more baskets for a total of seven points in the first period. He had another basket for two points in the second quarter along with one point from two free throw attempts in the second quarter. He went scoreless in the third quarter, but sank a basket for two in the final period of play.

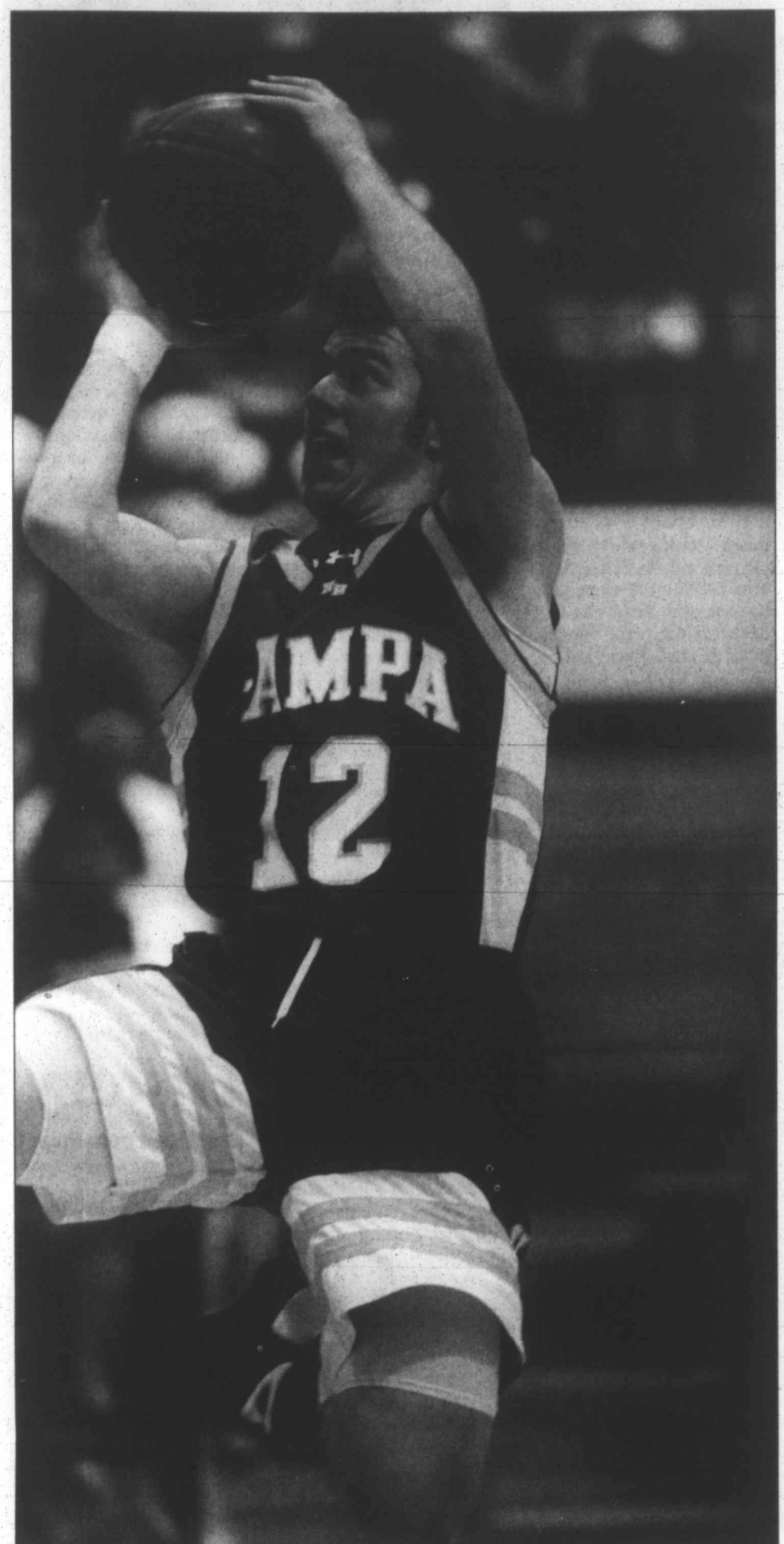
Hayden Skinner had 11 points for the game. He went four for four from the free throw line in the first quarter and sank one basket for a total of six points. He came back in the third quarter to sink a three-pointer and went two for three in the fourth quarter from the foul line.

Blake Sieck and Heath Skinner each had four points for the game.

All of Sieck's points came in the second quarter with two baskets.

Heath Skinner had a basket in the first quarter for two points and another in the fourth quarter for another two points.

Travis Hagerman had two points for the night. He went two for two from the foul line in the first quarter.



Harvester Blake Sieck, 12, goes airborne for two points against the Randall Raiders Tuesday night at Randall. Randall won 58-47.

Varsity girls 30, Randall 51

The Lady Harvesters dropped a hard fought game against the Randall Raiders Tuesday night at Randall High School.

The Lady Raiders prevailed 51-30 on their home court. Each member of the Lady Harvester team put at least one point on the scoreboard Tuesday night.

Shelbie Watson was the leading scorer for the Lady Harvesters with seven points. Watson started the first quarter with a three point shot, followed by a two point basket and two shot for two attempts from the free throw line in the second period.

Taryn Eubank followed with five points for the night. Eubank made all her points in the fourth quarter. She had two baskets for two points each, but hit only one of four shots from the free throw line.

Emilie Troxell, Carlyn Teichmann and Jessica Miner each had four points for the game.

Troxell scored all her points in the final quarter. She

sank one basket and was two for two from the foul line.

Teichmann made a basket in the second quarter and one in the third quarter. She was zero for one from the free throw line.

Miner made her points from the foul line. She was four for 12 for the night.

Sammie Pearson scored three points in the game. Pearson made her points in the first quarter, scoring one basket and one for one from the free throw line.

Ashlee Holland had two points Tuesday night against Randall. She made a basket in the first quarter, but went zero for four in the fourth quarter from the free throw line.

Andi Hutto went one for one from the free throw line in the fourth quarter.

The Lady Harvesters return home Friday to face the Lady Dons of Amarillo Palo Duro in McNeely Field House at 6 p.m.

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EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

• **Harrington Cancer Center's Pampa Support Group** will meet at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, January 27, in the second floor classroom at PRMC. All survivors and supporters are invited. Note: if the weather is bad we will cancel.

• **The Panhandle Piecemakers Quilt Guild** will meet on Thursday, January 22 at 6:30 p.m. at the Pampa Senior Citizens Center, 500 W. Francis. Guests are welcome. A guild workshop will be held on Friday and Saturday, January 23 & 24. For more information, please contact Jane Jacobs, 665-3878.

• **The Red Hat Royalty Chapter of the Red Hat Society** will hold its February gathering at the First United Methodist Church Cory Court on Thursday, February 12 at 6:30 p.m. The Chapter is open to new members who would like to join in the fun. For more information, please contact Jane Jacobs, 665-3878.

• **Pampa High School** will hold an Open House at 6 p.m. Monday, January 26. Stew will be served in the cafeteria, tours of the new science wing will be available, learn about the Family Access program and get a construction update. Teachers will be available to meet with parents.

• **PHS Choir "Evening on Broadway"**, will be performed at 7 p.m. January 28 and 29. The event includes dinner and entertainment. Tickets are \$25 and may be purchased from a choir student or by phone, 806-669-4800 ext 1135. The funds raised are used for the Spring Choir trip, which will be to Orlando this year.

• **Moms in Touch Informational** will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, January 27, at 2310 Chestnut Drive. Moms in Touch International is a world-wide interdenominational

ministry of mothers praying for their children and schools. For more information call Christy Reeves, 669-6311.

• **Gray County Genealogical Society** will hold their monthly meeting at 7 p.m. Monday, January 26, in the Lovett Memorial Library. Meetings are held the fourth Monday of each month, except for December. Visitors are welcome.

• **Members of Crowley, Texas, High School Class of 1989** are organizing a class reunion. For more information, e-mail chs89reunion@gmail.com or contact Nancy Dodgen Dyess (817) 994-0969 or Misty Shewmaker Hollis at (817) 991-8090.

• **"Live On Stage" Community Concerts of Pampa** will present pianist Dale Gonyea at 2:30 p.m. Jan. 25 at M.K. Brown Auditorium in Pampa. Attendance is by membership only. However, tickets for individual performances may be purchased at the door for \$25. For more information, call 665-0343 or contact Ruth Riehart, president, at 665-3362. The final performance planned for the current season will be "Pianafiddle," a combination of familiar tunes by pianist Lynn Wright and violinist/fiddler Adam DeGraff improvising to get toes tapping and hands clapping. Their performance is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. March 6 in M.K. Brown Auditorium.

• **Pampa Book Club** will meet at 10 a.m. the second Wednesday of each month in the Texas Room of Lovett Memorial Library. The 2009 reading schedule is as follows: Feb. 11, "Three Cups of Tea" by Greg Mortenson and Davie Relin; March 11, "Home: A Memoir of My Early Years" by Julie Andrews; and April 8, "The Glass Castle" by Jeannette Walls. The May 13 book for review

will be announced at a later date. Public welcome.

• **The South Plains Agriculture Wind and Wildlife Conference** will begin with registration at 7:30 a.m. Feb. 13 at the American Wind Power Center and Museum in Lubbock. The conference is being conducted by Texas AgriLife Extension Service, Texas Wildlife Association, and Texas Parks and Wildlife. The purpose of the conference is to explore the pros and cons associated with the industry in Texas. For more information, call Ken Cearley, Extension wildlife specialist, at (806) 651-5760.

• **USS Maddox Destroyer Association Reunion** is slated Sept. 9-13 in Phoenix, Ariz. To find out more, call (337) 616-8450 or e-mail cwgilles45@aol.com.

• **Fawn Lake Press** is offering free "Proud to be an American" flag decals to anyone sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to Fawn Lake Press, 54 Fawn Lake Rd., Durango, CO 81301. Active servicemen and women need not send a SASE to receive the free 2 x 3-inch color decals. Fawn Lake will pay their postage.

• **Manhattanville My Soldier** is seeking volunteers to "adopt" a deployed United States Service person. To find out more, visit www.mysoldier.com on-line or write to: Manhattanville College My Soldier Department, 2900 Purchase St., Purchase, NY 10577.

• **T.O.P.S. Club**, a weight loss group, is seeking new members. The club meets from 5:30-6:30 p.m. each Monday at 513 E. Francis. New members welcome.

• **The Panhandle Piecemakers Quilt Guild** meets on the fourth Thursday of each month at the Pampa Senior Citizens Center, 500 W. Francis at 6:30 p.m. Anyone interested in quilts or quilting are invited to attend. For more information, please contact Jane Jacobs, 665-3878.

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Kids testing metal detector find long-lost college class ring

LUFKIN, Texas (AP) — Franklin Weeks figures he lost his college class ring sometime in the 1980s while helping his church put in new playground equipment.

Luke and Sam Lytle can vouch for the 95-year-old Lufkin man's theory. They found the missing Stephen

F. Austin State Teachers College Class of 1937 ring Monday while testing their new metal detector on the Ryan Chapel Church playground in Diboll.

Twelve-year-old Luke says he and his 8-year-old brother initially thought about selling the ring to a gold reclamation shop, but

his conscience dictated a search for its owner.

An Internet search traced the ring to Weeks, who

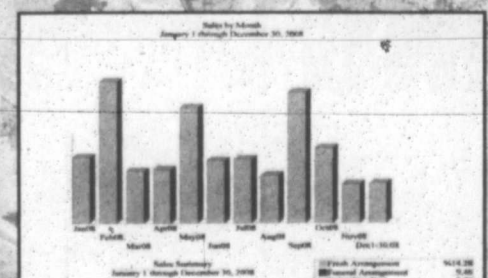
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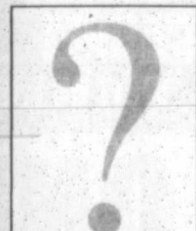
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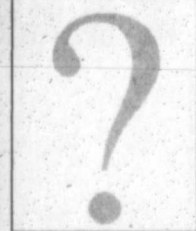
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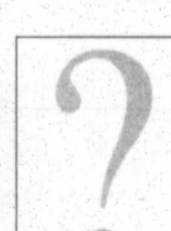
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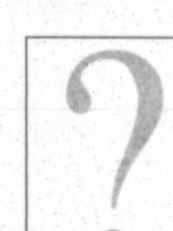
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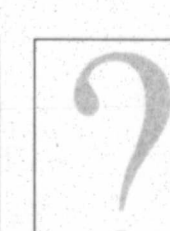


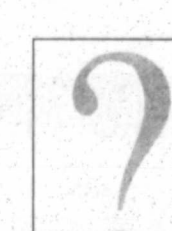
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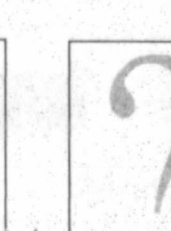
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Critics hit Army's treatment of drug abuse

FORT LEONARD WOOD, Mo. (AP). Spec. Jeremiah Thomson didn't know what was worse: excruciating back pain from a combat explosion in Baghdad or the prescription drug addiction he developed trying to ease the suffering once home.

The Army was quick to prescribe Percocet, Vicodin, Oxycontin and similarly powerful painkillers to Thomson and other injured soldiers at Fort Leonard Wood. Thomson testified in a court-martial hearing. He's now serving a three-year sentence for illegally buying prescription drugs. The sellers included a former commanding officer in

Iraq and selling the pills to eight other soldiers.

As more troops return home with war injuries, the Army is prescribing more pain medication to treat those wounds. But a military system that relies on discipline as well as treatment is drawing fire from some prominent critics, including those inside the system.

"It's a terrible problem," said Barbara McDonald, a civilian social worker and Army drug abuse counselor, describing a recent surge in prescription drug abuse and the Army's handling of the problem.

Legal painkiller use by injured troops has increased nearly 70 percent

since the start of the Iraq war six years ago, according to Army records. Surveys show that more soldiers are struggling with prescription drug addiction and seeking help from Army doctors and counselors.

Thomson is among seven soldiers convicted by court martial in 2008 of illegal drug use or distribution who served in the installation's 5th Engineer Battalion. The unit supports combat troops by building and guarding roads and bridges and repairing vehicles. An additional five await trial on similar charges. A dozen have been kicked out of the Army and two others went AWOL after being implicated in the investigation.

Dr. Les McFarling, who heads the Army's substance abuse treatment program, acknowledges the increased potential for abuse.

"You can put soldiers at risk when you're managing their pain," he said.

But McDonald and other critics call the military's approach a broken system, as likely to punish or denigrate troops as to treat their addictions.

The criminal cases in Missouri, coupled with allegations of misconduct and staffing shortages in the Army Substance Abuse Program levied by McDonald and another whistleblower, caught the attention of Sen. Claire McCaskill, D-Mo. She has asked Secretary of the Army Pete Geren to investigate.

"Clearly, at Fort Leonard Wood and potentially across the military, they have not prioritized this as a health issue," McCaskill said. "The culture has traditionally looked at this as a discipline issue."

Under the Uniform Code of Military Justice, such

punishments can include reductions in rank and pay, imprisonment and discharges from military service for bad conduct.

The Army says those disciplined in the Fort Leonard Wood investigation committed criminal misconduct by selling or illegally possessing drugs, as opposed to those who become dependent on narcotics prescribed for legitimate injuries.

"A soldier who steps forward is someone who should be admired, not as someone with a black mark next to their name," McCaskill said.

In a Dec. 22 response to McCaskill's inquiry, Geren indicated the Army will consider abolishing its policy that a commanding officer be notified when a soldier comes forward voluntarily for ASAP counseling.

Still, officials at Fort Leonard Wood and the Pentagon defend their approach, even as they acknowledge staffing shortages that have left ASAP nationwide nearly 90 counselors short of required employment levels. Staffing levels at the Missouri post are now above the required minimums, the Army says.

McDonald disputes that, saying at least one recently hired counselor for Fort Leonard Wood's ASAP unit lacks required mental health certification. Army officials did not respond to a request for comment on her assertion.

Army statistics provided to The Associated Press show that the number of soldiers enrolled in ASAP at Fort Leonard Wood at the end of 2008 was the highest since the start of the Iraq war six years ago.

McCaskill's office learned of the problems at Fort Leonard Wood from former ASAP counselor John Speckhals, a Vietnam veteran and former Veterans Administration

social worker now stationed in Germany. Speckhals declined an AP request for an interview.

An inquiry by the senator's office said as many as 180 cases referred to the base's ASAP unit were misclassified in what McCaskill suggested in a Nov. 12 letter to Geren were "deliberate clinical findings that soldiers who were dependent on alcohol or drugs were not dependent in order to keep the caseload down for an overwhelmed staff."

"There was an effort to give a cosmetic fix to a problem that was systemic," McCaskill said in an interview.

In his letter to McCaskill, Geren said a review of those cases and 17 others showed some record-keeping errors, but no evidence that cases were deliberately mislabeled.

"Virtually all soldiers were offered some further assistance or referral," Geren wrote.

McDonald, whose son is a soldier, spent 20 years as a civilian substance abuse counselor before joining the Army's fight against drug and alcohol abuse one year ago. She has filed a workplace complaint against her supervisor and faces disciplinary action she says stems from her criticisms. Army officials have not commented.

McDonald claims that some Army doctors and counselors point to drug dependency as a sign of weakness.

Since McDonald's complaints surfaced, she is no longer allowed to see patients.

Lori Mullins of Idaho Falls, Idaho, said her 18-year-old daughter, Destiny, was told McDonald had quit and that McDonald was told Destiny Mullins no longer wanted treatment.

"They told (Destiny) she didn't belong in the military, that she was a shame to the uniform," the elder

Mullins said. "Instead of being protected by the Army, they're blaming her for it."

Destiny Mullins received an honorable discharge in November.

Chuck Ashbrook, who oversees ASAP prevention and education efforts at Leonard Wood, maintained that counselors pay close attention to links between substance abuse, post-traumatic stress disorder and combat injuries.

He said that, thanks to medical advances, soldiers who might have returned from previous conflicts as casualties are instead surviving with injuries that may require stronger pain management.

However, Ashbrook also noted historical increases in drug dependency among soldiers during wartime.

"We've always seen these kind of problems," he said. "This is not unique."

Thomson, a tank mechanic whose father and both grandfathers were enlisted men, said he was diagnosed with an autoimmune disease after being injured from repeated blasts of improvised explosive devices while deployed in Iraq in 2006.

The pain left him bedridden and short of breath, he testified at his trial in April. But nothing prepared him for the withdrawal after his supply of painkillers ran out.

"I had sweats, cold sweats, shakes, vomiting, nausea (and) extreme pain where it was even worse than before I had ever taken the medication," he said.

Asked by a military prosecutor if commanding officers had referred him to the ASAP unit, Thomson said no, even after testing positive for cocaine use while in treatment. He wasn't even aware the unit existed until a friend was sent, he said.

Airline plans to add Charleston to NY route

CHARLESTON, W.Va. (AP) — American Eagle Airlines is planning to start nonstop jet service from Charleston and New York, despite plans by its corporate parent to cut capacity due to the slumping economy.

Flights to and from New York's LaGuardia Airport are scheduled to start April 7, American Eagle, American Airline's regional carrier, said Wednesday.

American Eagle's return to West Virginia after a 20-year absence comes amid tough times for its corpo-

rate parent, Dallas-based AMR Corp.

AMR said Wednesday it lost \$340 million in the fourth quarter amid a downturn in the number of passengers and high jet fuel prices. Revenue was \$5.47 billion, lower than the \$5.52 billion forecast by analysts.

American said it plans to take fewer new planes this year and will cut flying nearly 7 percent this year compared with 2008.

American and other U.S. carriers have cut flights, which should help them

weather an expected downturn in travel, and they will return to profitability on fuel prices that have declined compared with early 2008.

American Eagle, however, expects to make money on the Charleston to LaGuardia flights, spokeswoman Andrea Huguely said.

"West Virginia has been looking for a long time to have direct air service to LaGuardia," she said. "We ran the numbers and we project that the flight will do very, very well."

American Eagle last offered service in West Virginia in the late 1980s, Huguely said. American Airlines departed the state in the 1970s.

The new service will use a 37-seat regional jet that departs Charleston at 6:45 a.m. and arrive at New York's LaGuardia Airport by 8:25 a.m. Monday through Saturday. A flight will leave New York at 6:55 p.m. and arrive in Charleston at 8:55 p.m. Sunday through Friday.

Sen. Jay Rockefeller said in a statement the service will help West Virginia business and bring more tourists to the state.

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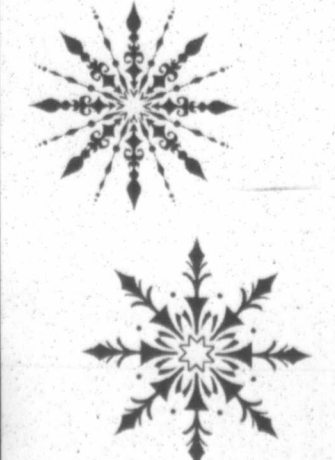
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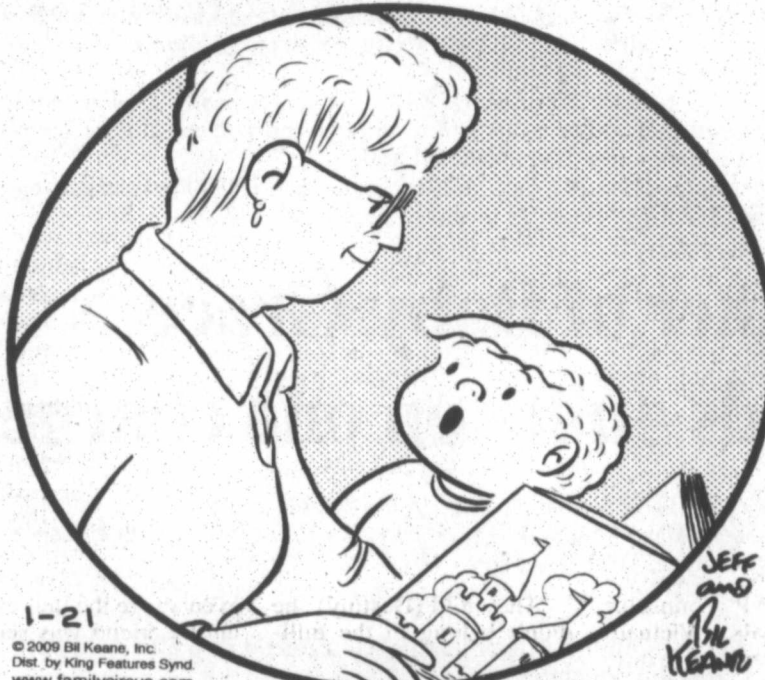


Flo & Friends



THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



"Could you read that story again, Grandma? Only with a different ending?"

Daily Crossword Puzzle

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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- 38 Use a needle
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Darn! My kids are cursing

By ANGIE WAGNER
For The Associated Press

LAS VEGAS (AP) — The other day my 3-year-old couldn't get a lid off a marker, so she made her frustration known in the form of a curse word.

After the initial shock, I told her that word was inappropriate and never to use it again. But she has.

My 5-year-old was rhyming words in her car seat one day and came to a curse word that rhymes with bit.

She immediately knew it was wrong, and smiled because of it. I just hope it doesn't come out at her Christian kindergarten. She might be expelled.

She also brought home a nice, truncated phrase from school, "What the...?" I outlawed it, but

she didn't understand why since there was no bad word in it. It was intent, I explained.

I admit to letting a swear word fly when I stub my toe or lose a file on my computer. But, gee, I thought I was saying them under my breath. And I certainly didn't think I said them that often.

My husband is a different story. He drops a certain curse word a lot. He says he doesn't, but I think he doesn't know that he does.

Now apparently my 3-year-old could be making her swear words of choice part of her vocabulary. I am embarrassed. What if she pops it out in public?

I struggle with what is the best way to handle these little potty mouths. Do I ignore it? Do I make

a big deal out of it, and then they know how bad the words are and they will say them more?

Psychologist Sal Severe, author of "How to Behave So Your Children Will, Too!" said first parents have to make sure they are not using the curse words. Eliminate the exposure.

That's hard for many parents, especially when a football game is on in some houses.

But children learn that when people are frustrated, they cuss.

Severe said to let the child know the word is not appropriate and to give a warning or two not to use it. If it is used again, he suggested a time-out or another mild consequence to let the child know you are disappointed in them. "You don't want to over-

react. Most kids learn that these cuss words have power," he said.

Young children also realize that using curse words get a quick reaction from a parent.

What parents want to teach their children is that they can be frustrated, but to use another word to show it.

Parents can tell older children that they are going to hear cuss words at school, in the grocery store, at the park,

but it doesn't mean it is OK for them to use the words.

Karla Renfrow, a mother of two in Flower Mound, Texas, said her 3-year-old daughter uses several different cuss words, but admits that it comes from her and her husband.

Renfrow said she has ignored the behavior a few times, but mostly tries to explain that those words aren't nice and shouldn't

be used.

In our house, I'm trying to give my 5-year-old substitute words to use when she is frustrated. She prefers "fiddlesticks", and the "What the...?" phrase has disappeared for now. The 3-year-old seems to have forgotten about the naughty words and hasn't popped out any in at least a week.

I just hope no one cuts me off in traffic.

Beebe residents remember this day a decade ago

By WARREN WATKINS

The Daily Citizen

BEEBE, Ark. (AP) — The events that occurred 10 years ago are still sharp in Gladys Lightfoot's memory.

"I was sitting in my chair and when I heard it coming I ran down into the hall," recalls Lightfoot, 71.

What was coming was a killer tornado that struck Beebe about 7:30 p.m. Jan. 21, 1999. Before the tornado lifted back up into the sky, two people were dead. A third person died in the clean-up effort.

Lightfoot's sister, Flo Marie Taylor, 65, who was physically disabled, had said "Good night" and gone to bed earlier in their home in this south White County community.

An observer five miles west of town later reported that she saw three funnel clouds merge to make the huge tornado. Aerial photographs seemed to indicate two closely related paths of destruction.

"I had taken care of her for 27 years," Lightfoot said through tears on Friday. "It either blew her out of bed or she fell out of the bed. She died on the way to the hospital with a ruptured spleen."

A granite monument in Daniel Park on Main Street bears Taylor's name, along with the two other victims, Kirk M. McAfee and Michael Anthony.

Bob Hall, pastor of First Baptist Church, was in the parsonage at 205 College St. with his wife, Margaret, and their two children when the tornado sirens went off that evening.

"Margaret said, 'Get in the bathroom now!'" Hall said. "I had a lady in a wheelchair here and I couldn't get her down the hall so I just picked her up. It happened so quick. The sound was like everybody says, like a railroad train."

The twister did \$25,000 damage to the parsonage, blowing out the windows, tearing off siding and doing water damage. Across the street, the church's sanctuary was destroyed.

As the sirens went off, Mike Robertson, now mayor, shut down his furniture store and went to help some elderly people and his family into tornado shelters. A volunteer firefighter, Robertson later helped clean up debris after the tornado hit.

"I remember hearing a police officer on

the radio saying, 'We've been hit, we've been hit,'" Robertson said. "Another officer replied, 'I can't get down there to you. I can't find a way. It looks like a war zone.'"

The devastation was huge, Robertson said, from the freeway toward McRae across town, destroying homes, apartment complexes, schools and churches.

"It was unbelievable," Robertson said. Recovering from the tornado tested the entire town, even as volunteers and workers from all over the state converged on the scene.

Then-President Bill Clinton visited the town three days after the disaster.

"We moved all over town for two years," Hall said of his church's ordeal while repairs were under way. Arkansas State University at Beebe offered an auditorium for many Sundays, but when the school had events booked the church had to find other facilities.

"We had a motto we laughed about. We said, 'If you can find us, you can worship with us,'" Hall recalled.

The church now has a 10-year-old facility on 30 acres, Hall said, replacing a building of 1970s vintage that had been erected on a 3-acre site.

"I look at things by virtue of who I am, a Christian and a Bible student," Hall said. "I'm not saying the tornado was sent by God, but God has a way of turning tragedy into triumph."

First Baptist has a legacy of recovering from disaster. Begun in 1872, the church's building was destroyed by fire in 1939, then again in 1969, then by the tornado in 1999.

"I told them that, in 2029, I'm gone!" Hall said jokingly.

Lightfoot dealt with the grief of losing her sister and the terror of seeing her world torn to shreds by the winds. She lived elsewhere until her brother restored her house, but still misses her sister.

"I know it was God's plan for her to be taken that way, since she was crippled and all," Lightfoot said. "She didn't have to go through all the stuff the rest of us went through."

A joint community service to memorialize the events of Jan. 21, 1999, is scheduled for 7 p.m. Wednesday at First Baptist Church, at 101 U.S. 64-West.

Woman escapes subway train in Washington

WASHINGTON (AP) — A 68-year-old woman who fell onto subway tracks in Washington on Tuesday narrowly escaped an oncoming train by squeezing into a small space underneath a platform, authorities said.

As a train was fast approaching, the woman was trying to get a lift onto the platform, but there wasn't enough time. So Houston police officer Eliot Swainson, who was in town to help out with the record crowds during the inauguration, told the woman to squeeze into the space under the Metrorail platform.

"The train was coming through, it was loud, windy and cold," said Swainson, a 15-year veteran of the Houston Transit Authority Police. "I was just trying to get the situation resolved as quick as possible."

After the train whizzed by the Gallery Place Metro Station, Swainson safely pulled the woman up onto the platform.

The woman, who was not identified by authorities, was traveling with a group of people when she turned to look for a friend and took a slight step backward. She lost her balance and fell onto the tracks, Swainson said.

The woman dislocated her shoulder, Swainson said, but he wasn't sure whether she did so during the fall or when she was trying to get on the platform. She was taken to a hospital.

Metro closed the Gallery Place and another station for nearly an hour while authorities investigated. Other trains had to turn around and the closure forced people to walk farther to reach the National Mall.

The transit agency said as of 6 p.m. Tuesday, more than 930,000 passengers had used Metrorail, breaking Monday's record of nearly 887,000.

Mother of Baby Grace pleads guilty on one charge

HOUSTON (AP) — A woman accused in the beating death of her 2-year-old daughter, dubbed "Baby Grace," has pleaded guilty to tampering with evidence but innocent of capital murder charges.

Kimberly Dawn Trenor, 20, and her husband, Royce Clyde Zeigler II, 25, are accused of beating Riley Ann Sawyers to death July 25, 2007 in their home in the Houston suburb of Spring. Trenor told police the child died after a disciplinary session veered out of control.

Trenor said the couple hid the body in a shed for two months before dumping it in Galveston Bay where a fisherman later found the body inside a box. The then-anonymous girl was dubbed "Baby Grace."

Trenor and Zeigler were each charged with capital murder and tampering with physical evidence.

Trenor was arraigned Tuesday before Galveston County District Judge David Garner. On Wednesday, lawyers were to begin winnowing down a pool of 1,200 potential jurors.

Trenor's murder trial is scheduled to begin next week, once a final jury is selected. That jury will decide whether she is guilty of capital murder and sentence her on the charge of tampering with evidence. She faces two to 20 years in prison for tampering, and life in prison if convicted of capital murder.

Trenor and Zeigler remain in the Galveston County Jail in lieu of \$850,000 bail each. Zeigler is being tried separately and his trial date has not been set.

Cash Five Texas results

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Cash 5 drawing Tuesday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 12 - 20 - 21 - 22 - 23.
Number matching five of five: 1. Prize: \$23,344
Matching four of five: 154. Prize: \$68
Matching three of five: 2,570. Prize: \$9
Matching two of five: 24,280. Prize: \$2
Next Cash 5 drawing: Wednesday night.



Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

* DEAR ABBY: I am a 16-year-old girl, and I'm pretty popular in my high school. I'm blessed to have several close friends, and we always have a great time together. My grades are good, and I get along well with my mom, dad and little brother. So what's the problem, you're probably wondering.

I had an argument with my girlfriend "Amber" recently. It was over a "guy issue." I won't go into details because we did end up working it out, but Amber said something during the blowup that has me worried. She said that sometimes my anger gets out of control and concerns her. Two other girls who were with us at the time agreed with her. That floored me.

Abby, this is the first time I've heard about this. I mean, Mom sometimes calls me "Tammy Temper" -- and has accused me of "throwing fits." But my friends never called me on it. In the fight with Amber, she said my fists were clenched and she was afraid I might

hit her. (I didn't think so.)

I don't want to scare people. I value my friends. I look forward to going to college and making new friends and having new experiences. I don't want to have a reputation as a hothead. Can you help me? -- "TAMMY TEMPER" IN HARRISBURG, PA.

DEAR "TAMMY": Anger is a normal human emotion. Everyone experiences anger at one time or another. When primitive humans encountered a threat, they would react instinctively with either fear or anger, which gave them a jolt of adrenaline enabling them to fight or escape. It was a survival mechanism.

Infants show frustration by beating their heads against the side of their cribs, screaming or holding their breath until they turn red. Young children throw tantrums, yelling, kicking or hitting. But as we grow older, we learn to recognize what is upsetting us BEFORE we react, and learn to handle the emo-

tion in acceptable ways.

My booklet "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It" contains techniques for handling anger effectively and constructively. It can be ordered by sending your name and mailing address, plus a check or money order for \$6 (U.S. funds) to Dear Abby -- Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. Shipping and handling are included in this price.

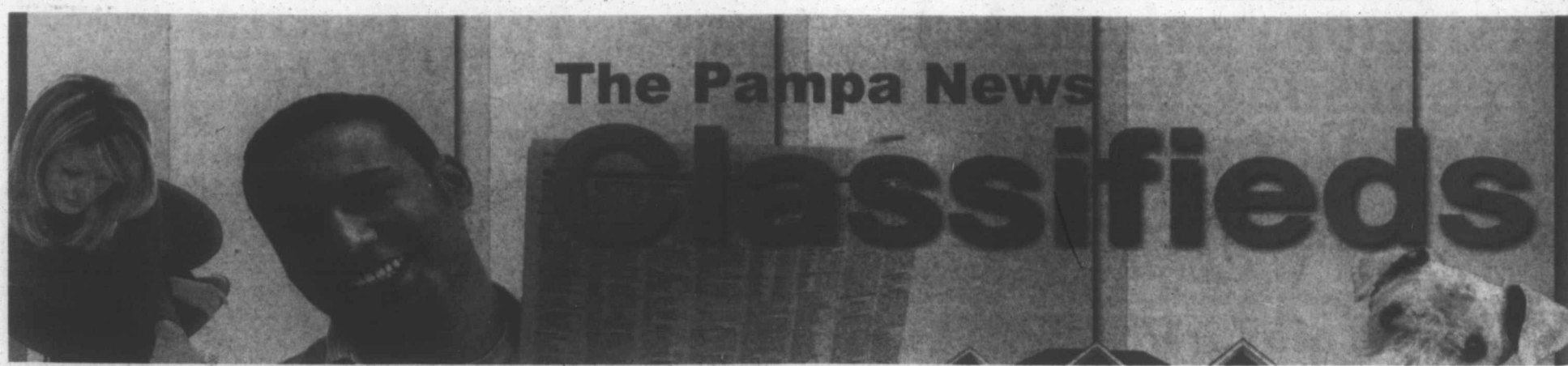
Anger is an important subject. While many people have been taught from early childhood to suppress it, it is also important to learn how to express it appropriately. Admitting our anger verbally is one way. It's like releasing steam from a pressure cooker, which is both appropriate and healthy. Mature adults express emotions without "throwing fits" or making bullying gestures. Because your mother calls you "Tammy Temper" and your friends are voicing concern, the time has come for you to take control.

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, Jan. 22, 2009: You are full of energy and excitement this year. You might be focused on your goals, but inevitably, what you desire comes in from out of left field. Groups of people and friendship mean a great deal to you. As a result, you will create much more of what you want through networking. If you are single, a relationship evolves through a friend. But recognize that you might not really know this person. And you might not get to know this person for a long time. Take your time before committing. You could discover this person is very different from what you thought. If you are attached, spend more time away together. Romance blooms. CAPRICORN reads you cold.

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) ***** Keep looking for the unusual solution or different approach. If you are constantly committed to finding a workable alternative, you will have much to smile about. Others could be tired and difficult. Don't linger around these people for too long, or else you might start feeling like them! Tonight: A must appearance.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ***** Work with one other person, and you'll get results beyond your wildest imagination. How you deal with a situation and the choices you make could change radically. Consider the so-far unbelievable. You will love the results. Tonight: Say yes.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ***** Defer to others, knowing full well what you want. You could be pushed by others and have an extreme reaction. The unexpected occurs. Know that anything is possible. A friend can heal a problem with ease. Tonight: Follow another's lead.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ***** Easy works, and you have a lot to smile about. If you really want to think through a situation, take your time. You don't have to give an answer immediately. Listen to feedback from an associate. A partner has a strong sense of direction. Tonight: Where your friends are.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ***** Your warm style draws many people in your direction. Your perspective could change if you stay open. An associate might push you hard; go along with his or her suggestion. Working as a team proves to be the right direction. Tonight: Get more rest than usual.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ***** Stay anchored and understand your limits and needs. You could be overwhelmed by everything that you hear. You have the strength needed, if you so decide. Know what is important. Follow those priorities. Your imagination plays a role. Tonight: At home.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ***** Speak your mind, but give yourself the space to change your mind — because in all likelihood, you will. Consider different alternatives with care. Tap into your imagination, and you could be delighted by the choices. Tonight: Share with a friend.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ***** Be careful with spending. You easily could go overboard. Recognize your limits so that you won't be singing the blues in the near future. Open up to possibilities with an eye to improving communication in a key relationship. Tonight: Let your hair down.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ***** Your grin goes far, but you still must act on an idea. Bosses drop a lot on your plate, and you might have very little choice as to what to do. Use care with a thought or an instinct. A touch of cynicism pays off. Tonight: Pay bills first.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ***** Know when to do less and listen more. Sometimes you could feel overwhelmed. Today, make it OK to feel like that. Gather information. What you feel is a good hunch might have larger implications than you originally thought. Tonight: You feel better as the night gets older.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ***** Zero in on a friendship. A meeting could prove to be more important than you originally thought. Share a dream or a very wild thought. Your instincts could cause an unanticipated surprise. Money could be a wild card. Tonight: Make it an early night.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ***** Others demand a lot, but on the other hand, you are able to handle all your responsibilities. The unexpected plays a big role in

Testimony scheduled Wednesday in curriculum debate

AUSTIN (AP) — The debate over teaching evolution in public schools will take center stage Wednesday during a State Board of Education hearing on proposed revisions to Texas' science curriculum.

The board is in the process of deciding what language will guide Texas science teachers in the classroom for the next 10 years. The evolution portion has drawn attention from both sides of the debate.

The current curriculum requires students be taught the "strengths and weaknesses" of all scientific theories, wording that some say has been used to undermine the theory of evolution.

But a six-member panel has recommended the curriculum be changed to say students should be able to "analyze and evaluate strengths and limitations" of scientific theory. Religious freedom activists and scientists are protesting the change.

The panel, which will testify before the board, is split on whether to approve the final draft, according to a report in the Fort Worth Star-Telegram. Two of

the reviewers are Discovery Institute members; the third is a chemistry professor at Baylor University.

The reviewers who support evolution, all Texas scientists and biology teachers, don't want any such phrase included in the curriculum, said Kathy Miller, a spokeswoman for the Texas Freedom Network, an Austin-based nonprofit group that opposes religious influence on public education.

The 21st Century Science Coalition, formed by Texas scientists and educators who say politics and ideology should not influence science education, criticizes what it sees as attempts to water down or censor scientific information. An online petition was signed by almost 1,400 scientists and teachers.

Federal courts have ruled against forcing the teaching of creationism and intelligent design.

The State Board of Education is expected to vote on the proposal in March.

Standards adopted by the board will remain in place for the next decade.

TEXAS TWISTERS CLUB VOLLEYBALL



Texas Twisters are off to a good start for the season. They went to their first tournament, Advanced Volleyball Qualifier in amarillo on Jan. 3. They made it to the gold bracket and finished third place out of eight teams. Bottom left: Ashlyn Pronto, Taylor Giles, Kylee Metts, and Alexa O'brien. Top Left: Kelly Silva, Brittney Green, Taylor Smith, Madison Joyce, and Coach Kellie Metts

Contractor makes 'unreal' find in Texas state park

GALVESTON, Texas (AP) — A contractor clearing hurricane debris discovered treasure, including a pair of diamond rings and an 1863 Confederate \$50 bill, in a green steel U.S. Army ammunition canister buried on the beach at Galveston Island State Park.

Michael Pate, with Atlanta-based Byrd Disaster Relief, has worked in Galveston since Hurricane Ike made landfall on Sept. 13. On Jan. 7, Pate, 43, was working on a Bobcat tractor equipped with a grappling arm snatching storm debris from the sand.

"I was on the beach side about 100 to 150 feet from the water. I was raking the sand and saw this snake come out of the pile ... It went right down beside this box," said Pate in an online story Tuesday for The Galveston County Daily News.

It is unclear whether someone buried the box, which Pate said was good for storage, or if the storm demolished a house and sank it in the sand.

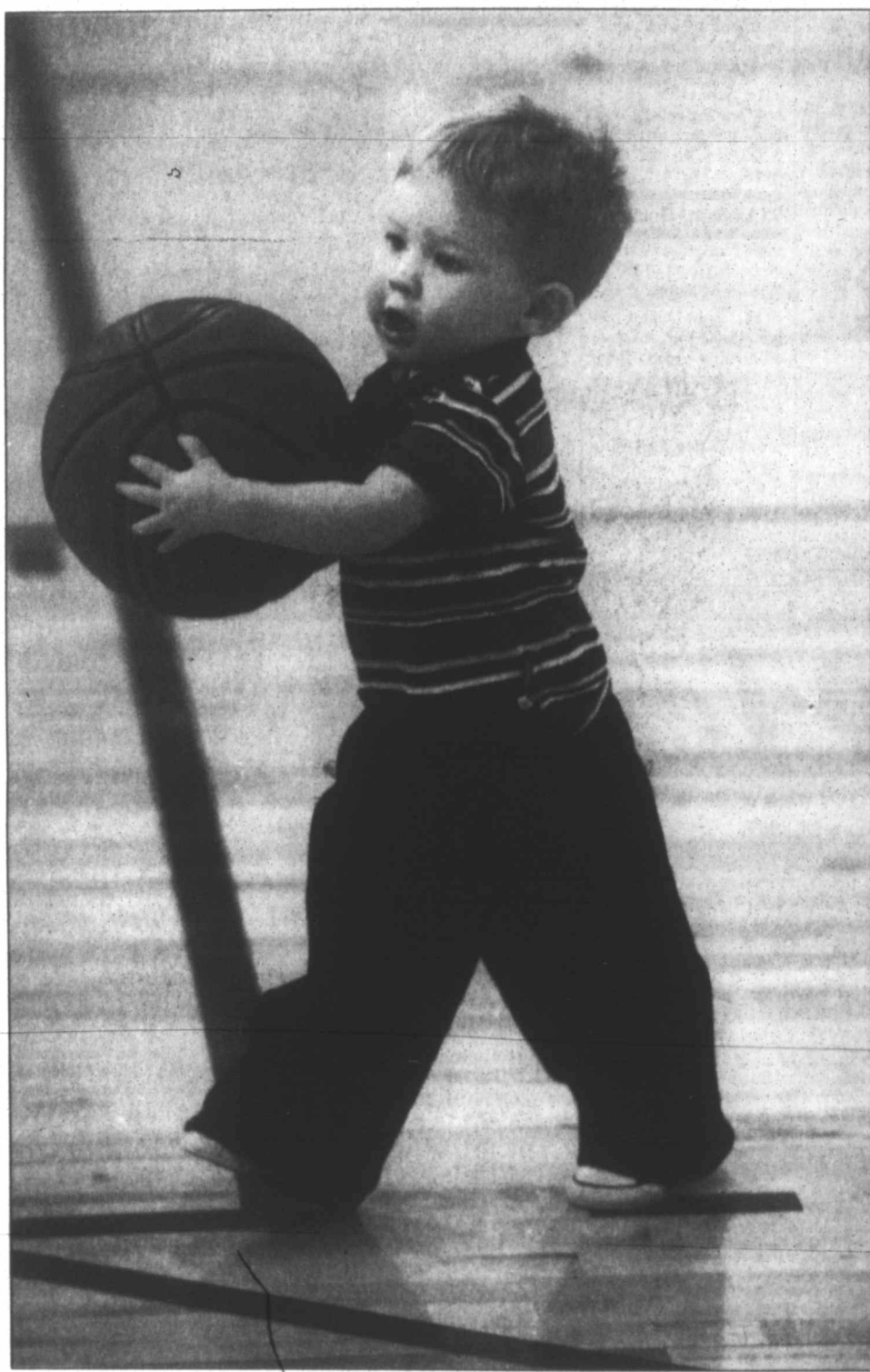
The ammo can's rubber seal preserved perfectly the other treasures inside, including: dog tags; military medals, possibly from the Vietnam War or World War II; silver certificates with serial numbers in

consecutive order; silver bracelets; watches; an Art Donovan football card; and a mint condition glass, Model A Ford radiator cap.

"It was heavy, and I said, 'This thing is full of sand,'" Pate said. "I shook the sand off and opened it up. It was unreal!"

Pate, who said his

upbringing kept him from taking the items, indicated he wants to find the owner of the property. Several clues that may help him on that quest were also in the box: family photographs, a driver's license and a Social Security card.



Jake Miller, 18-months-old, practices his ball handling skills during half time at the Pampa-Canyon Randall freshman basketball game Monday night.

Southlake joins cities with ban

SOUTHLAKE, Texas (AP) — The Fort Worth suburb of Southlake has become the latest to ban drivers from using hand-held cellphones while driving through active school zones, according to city officials.

The City Council voted unanimously for the ban Tuesday but motorists driving through Southlake school zones will still be allowed to use cellphones with hands-free devices.

The ban will be enforced as soon as signs are posted in school zones notifying drivers about the ordinance, city spokeswoman Pilar Schank said in an online story Wednesday for the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

"We'll put together a comprehensive communications campaign so residents know when the ban goes into effect," Schank said.

In 2007, Highland Park became the first Texas city to ban the use of hand-held cellphones in school zones. Several other area cities have followed suit, including

Dallas, Hurst, Watauga, Irving and Flower Mound.

Statewide, Texas bans the use of hand-held cellphones by school bus drivers who are transporting minors and by drivers under 18 for the first six months after they are issued their license.

Council members indicated that they would consider banning hand-held-cellphone use throughout the city if the Legislature doesn't pass some sort of ban this session.

"I'd like us to keep that option available," Councilwoman Pamela Muller said.

Councilwoman Laura Hill, who originally proposed the ordinance, said she will go to Austin to testify in support of a statewide ban.



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