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OLUNTEERS BUILDING LIVES



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Surrounded by family, friends and news media, Huey Carr holds his daughter BreeAnna and Robert Lewis holds his mother April Carr and the Carr's youngest son Cody looks on after getting their first look at their new home in Wheeler.

Family receives new home, others helped

BY DAVID BOWSER

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WHEELER - The Carrofamily is settling into their new home today

Huey Carr, 43, his wife April, 35, and their three children, Robert Lewis, 16; BreeAnna Carr, 13; and Cody Carr, 8, Saturday received a new home built last week by volunteers to replace the one destroyed by a wild fire in April.

Shortly before 1 p.m., Saturday, the Wheeler Mustang bus pulled up in front of the house on FM 2473 to shield it from view.

A few minutes later, the white limousine carrying the Carrs arrived to the cheers of family and friends that had gathered here in southwest Wheeler to welcome them home. The bus pulled out of the way and April's and BreeAnna's hands went to their mouths in disbelief.

As the family entered the new home, all April Carr could say was "It's beauti-

ful. It's beautiful." Clint Norton and Winston Allen spearheaded a movement to help Wheeler residents following last April's devastating wildfire. Eventually, the project grew to include more than 100 tradesmen who

worked on the house. Ken Daughtry of Wheeler coordinated the local efforts, Allen said.

Norton lives and works in Amarillo, but he has relatives in Wheeler.

"I live in Panhandle and work in Amarillo," Allen said.

The landscape had changed dramatically in the past two months. The pasture across the road was lush green due to recent rains, although numerous trees still bear blackened trunks from the fire.

The project to build a new home for the Carrs and help other victims of the fire in the community started with a donation drive organized by Norton, and Allen got the Texas Panhandle Builders Association involved.

As Norton started the drive, Allen, who is on the board of directors and the finance committee of the Texas Panhandle Builders Association, went to the association and got some funds to help the victims of the wildfires.

"They approved \$5,000 to help," Allen

"Out of our original \$5,000 budget," Norton said, "we have \$3,000 left."

In addition Allen is the chairman and Clint's the vice-chairman of the association's Remodellers Council.

The Remodellers Council produces a HOME cont. on page 3



staff photo by David Bowser

April Carr and son Robert Lewis take in the living room of their new home. Father Huey Carr wipes away tears as the family arrives back in Wheeler to see their new home. Their old home was destroyed by wildfires in April.



staff photo by Lesli Abbott

Shirley Brogdon, of Miami, participates in the 60th annual National Cow Calling Championship held Saturday, June 6 in Miami.

Cows called home in Miami

BY LESU ABBOTT

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The 60th Annual National Cow Calling Championship was held Saturday, June, 6 in the Roberts

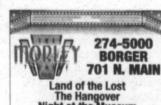
County Park in Miami. "We served over 700 steaks to the public today", said Miami/ Roberts County Fire Chief, Randy Crismas. "We had 23 teams cook rib eye steak this year. This was the second annual steak cook off. Over the years, the attendance had dropped off and we felt like this was a good way to give it a shot in the arm."

Team Baylon Valves, of Canadian won the steak cookoff and donated their \$1000 prize money back to next year's event, their team consisted of Bill Hognut, and Brandon and Delisa

There was something for everyone to do, the children had sack races and a train ride sponsored by the Miami Lions Club, "seems like 300 or so", said driver William Jackson, when asked how many rides he gave.

The Chamber of commerce secretary said, "It's like one big family reunion and class reunion every year". Roberts county museum had extended hours during the day, a team roping was held at the Wilcox arena, and the Fire Department sponsored a Texas Hold 'em poker tournament at the fire station.

The oldest person in attendance was Kent Philpott, 98, who attended the event with his wife of 78 years, Helen. The furtherest COWS cont. on page 3



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For the record

PAMPA FORECAST

Tuesday

Low 64

Wednesday



Low 56

Thursday

Low 62

Tonight: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 63. East southeast wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Tuesday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 90 South wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Tuesday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 64. South southwest wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph. Wednesday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1 p.m. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 84. West southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Wednesday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 56. North northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as

Thursday: Mostly cloudy, with a high near 81. North northeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming east southeast.

Thursday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 62. Southeast wind around 10 mph.

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Obituaries

Virginia Lucille Chandler, 87

Lucille Chandler, 87, died June 6, 2009, in Pampa, Texas

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, June 9, 2009, at Memory Gardens Cemetery, with Pastor Paul Nachtigall of Highland Baptist Church, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Chandler was born September 24, 1921 in Holton, Oklahoma. She married Jess Alonzo Chandler on March 19,

Gavino Armendariz,83,

May 28, 2009 in Houston.

his family at the time of

born on February 19, 1926,

in Marlin Tx. to Matias and

Isidra Armendariz he mar-

ried Ernestina Mirelesin

1946 in Matamoros

Pampa— Carol Fulcher,

77, died June 7, 2009, in

Services are pending

Mrs. Fulcher was born

with Carmichael-Whatley

November 11, 1931 in

Amarillo. She married Bill

Fulcher on June 2, 1949

in Canyon. She had been

a resident of Pampa since

1960. Carol was a member

of Central Baptist Church

where she was active in

Jimenez officiating.

his death.

Mexico.

Pampa, Texas.

Funeral Directors.

preceded her in death on August 26, 2006. She had been a resident of Pampa since 1953. Virginia was employed by Your Laundry and Dry Cleaners for nine years. She enjoyed embroidering and sewing. She was an animal lover and she loved spending time with her family.

Survivors include two daughters; Virginia Kathy Honeycutt and husband Wendill of Pampa, and Kayron Joyce Matthews and husband Wallace of College Station, three sis-

Virginia 1941 in Panhandle. He ters; Lillie Parker and Inez Williams, both of Borger, and Margaret Hawley of Marlow, one brother, Paul Morrow of Pampa, four grandchildren, 10 great-Virginia grandchildren. was preceded in death by her parents, two sisters; Juanita Parker and Mildred Walker, one son, Gus Alonzo Chandler and one daughter, Jessie Jean.

SPECIAL NOTICE: The family will receive friends at 1812 N. Banks in Pampa.

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Gavino Armendariz, 83

He moved to Borger in 1975 then to Pampa in went to be with the lord on 1976 living here for sev-He was surrounded by all eral years and moved to Houston in 1987, but often visited his son and daughter in Pampa.

A memorial service Mr Armendariz was a was held at 3 p.m. Sunday construction worker most July 5 at Saint Vincent De Paul with Deacon Seferino of his life, he loved fishing, and going back and forth to Mr Armendariz was Houston.

Surviors include three sons; Sabas and wife Celia Armendariz of Pampa, Jose Luis Armendariz of Oklahoma City, and Victor Armendariz of Houston, three daughters; San Juanita and husband Eliseo Torres of Schuyler, Neb., Bertha Alicia and husband Jose Almanza of Mission and Guadalupe Armendariz of Pampa, two brothers; Juan Armendariz of Detroit Mich. and Jose Armendariz of Monterrey, Mexico, 23 grandchildren, 35 great grandchildren and four great great grandchil-

Rosary was at 7 p.m. Sunday, May 31, 2009. Funeral services were at at 2:30 p.m. Monday, June 1,

2009 at the Chapel of Del Angel. Inerment was at Forest Park Lawndale in Houston.

He was preceded in death by his parents and three brothers; Matias, Leandro Justo, Reymundo, two sisters; Leonarda and Patricia, a daughter, Eloisa Garza in 1999 and a grandson, Sabas Armendariz Jr. in 1997.

He will be greatly missed by all his family and friends here in Pampa

Carol Fulcher, 77

the youth department. She was a member of the Gideon's International and was a homemaker.

Survivors include her husband, Bill Fulcher of the home, two daughters, Sherry Lynn Seabourn and husband Danny of Pampa, and Lou Ann Seabourn and husband Steve of Amarillo, two grandchildren; Josh Seabourn of Pampa and Molly Seabourn of Big Sky, Mont., a brother, Joe

Stall and wife Jo of Tulsa, Oklahoma, sister-in-law, Mary Russell and husband Willard of Benson, Ariz., numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

MEMORIALS: Central Baptist Church Building Fund, 513 E. Francis, Pampa, Texas 79065.

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



Fulcher

Emergency Services

PAMPA PD

The Pampa Police Department responded to the following calls during the period between 7.am. Friday, June 5 and 7 a.m. Monday, June 8.

Friday A total of 17 calls and or stops concerning animals were made.

Officers conducted 4 traffic stops.

Lost property was reported in the 2800 block of north Charles, a wallet with cash and identification was reported with a value of \$750.

A request for information was made at the Pampa Police Department lobby, in the 1000 block of east Brunow Ave, in the 900 block of Osborn, and in the 400 block of Kingsmill.

Property was recovered in a dumpster in the 1500 block of north Hobart.

A burglary was reported in the 1100 block of Neel Road, damage to a window was reported

Sexual assault was reported in the lobby of

An alarm was reported in the 600 block of north Hobart

A welfare check as made in the 2300 block of Dogwood.

Theft was reported in the 1900 block of north Fir, where yard ornaments

were stolen. An attempt to serve was made in the 2300 block of Beech Lane, and in the 170

block of north Banks. A domestic disturbance with no injuries was reported at the intersection

of Lefors and Browning. A civil matter was reported in the lobby of the PPD, and in the 800 block

of Bradley. Criminal mischief was reported in the 700 block

of Mora. A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 700

block of north Gray, and in the 300 block of east Seventeenth.

Harassment was reported in the 800 block of north Bradley.

A request for agency assist was made in the 2300 block of west Alcock.

Saturday A total of 6 calls and or stops concerning animals were made.

Officers conducted 25 traffic stops.

A suspicious person was reported in the 1900 block of north Hobart, in the 100 block of south Cuyler, in the 2500 block of north Perryton Parkway, and at the intersection of Dwight and Crawford

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 800 block of north Wells, in the 1200 block of north Hobart, in the 1100 block of north Terrace, and in the

400 block of south Pitts. A request for information was made at the intersection of Willow and Rosewood, in the 1800 block of north Zimmers, and in the lobby of the

A automobile accident was reported in the 600 block of Jupiter.

A civil matter was reported in the 1800 block of north Grape.

Criminal trespass was reported in the lobby of

the PPD. A burglary was reported in the 1200 block of Frederic, estimated loss was \$850, and in the 2500 block of north Duncan,

miscellaneous items were taken worth an estimated

An agency assist was made in the 500 block of north Lefors.

A theft was reported in the 800 block of Scott Ave estimated loss was \$460, at the PPD lobby, and in the 300 block of north Hobart.

A harassing telephone call was made in the 400 block of south Graham.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 2500 block of north Rosewood, and in the 1500 block of north

Sumner An alarm was reported in the 900 block of north

Crest. Sunday

A total of 6 calls and or stops concerning animals were made.

Officers conducted 22 traffic stops.

A building check was made in the 400 block of west Foster, and in the 600 block of west Foster.

A suspicious person was reported at the intersection of Faulkner and Alcock, in the 1700 block of north Hobart, and in the 1200 block of north Hobart.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1300 block of north Terrace, and in the lobby of PPD.

An assault was reported in the 1400 block of Charles, in the 2200 block of north Sumner, and in the 1100 block of north

A burglary was reported in the 700 block of north Gray, and in the 800 block of east Francis with an esti-

mated loss of \$1100. An automobile accident was reported in the 1000 block of east Browning, in the 300 block of south Tignor, and in the 1600 block of north Russell.

A threat was reported in the 500 block of north Yeager.

A report of harassment

was made in the lobby of PPD, and in the 100 block

of east Twenty seventh. Theft was reported in the 600 block of east Frederic. Disorderly conduct was

reported in the 300 block of south Miami street, and in the 1000 block of south Neel Road where a window was broken.

An alarm was reported in the 300 block of east Browning.

Monday

No calls and or stops concerning animals were made.

Officers conducted 4 traffic stops.

A suspicious person was reported at the intersection off Tying and Finley.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 500 block of north Sumner.

A prowler was reported in the 1300 block of north Garland.

A suspicious person was reported in the 800 block of north Hobart.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 700 block of Malone.

FIRE

Pampa The Department responded to the following calls between 7 a.m., Friday, June 5 to 7 a.m. Monday, June 8.

Friday No calls. Saturday 10:12 a.m.-One unit and

three personnel responded to the 500 block of Brown for a vehicle fire. 10:26 a.m.- One unit and three units responded to the 2600 block of

odor. Sunday

9:18 a.m.-One unit and three personnel responded to the 1900 block of Fir for an unconscious and unre-

Chestnut to investigate an

sponsive patient. 12:26 A.m.- Two units and six personnel responded to the 100- block of south Banks to investigate

smoke. 6:33 p.m.- Two units and six personnel responded to the 1500 block of Hamilton for a fire alarm.

Guardian EMS responded to the following calls between 7 a.m. Saturday, June 6 and 7 a.m. Monday, June 8.

Saturday

1:22 p.m.-A MICU unit responded to the 1300 block of west Kentucky and, transported one patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

6:01 p.m.- A MICU unit responded to the 220

block of west Kentucky and transported one patient to PRMC.

9:06 p.m.- A MICU unit responded to the 400 block of Ballard and transported one patient to PRMC.

Sunday

6:41 a.m.-A MICU unit responded to the 1300 block of south Barrett and transported one patient to PRMC. 9:15 a.m.- A MICU

unit responded to the 1900 block of Fir, no transportation was needed. 10:23 a.m.- A MICU

unit respond to PRMC and transported a patient to North West Hospital, in Amarillo. 8:44 p.m.- A MICU unit responded to the 900 block

off Varnon, no transporta-

tion was needed.

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ANNUAL MEETING for Downtown **Business** Association Members will be held June 9th, 8:30am, The Coffee Shop. Everyone is asked to attend.

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Home

home improvement show each year in Amarillo.

"We take part of the proceeds from that," Norton said, standing in the Carrs' new home, "and we do projects on a much smaller scale than this, almost on a weekly basis."

A lot of that work revolves around making homes handicapped accessible for those who can't afford to have the work done.

"We started a donation drive at Casey Carpet,' said Norton, who works at the carpet store in Amarillo.

He said donations poured in. They were able to fill a 57-foot semi truckload of material to help rebuild homes damaged in the April fires.

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"They were packed," Norton said. "Front to back. Top to bottom. We couldn't get another sock in there if we wanted to." Norton has uncles, aunts,

Wheeler. "The day of the fires when the evacuations happened," Norton said, "I was on the phone with my aunt quite a bit. I was two minutes away from driving down here, but she told me

cousins and nieces in

Norton said that after the fire he and Allen came to Wheeler and met with local families to see what they could do.

Allen said they met with the Carrs and stood in the burned out house. Building a new home for the family was Norton's idea.

They talked about it as they drove back toward Amarillo on Texas Highway 152. When they got to Pampa, they were on their cell phones.

"By the time we got to Amarillo," Allen said, "we had half the house donat-

The Carr family isn't the only family to benefit from the outpouring of men, materials and donations.

Saturday morning, crews from N and B Homes out of Amarillo were putting a new roof on Brett and Tammy Moore's home a few miles away. Moore and his son were volunteer firefighters who were battling the blaze, trying to save other people's property, when the Moore's roof caught on fire.

"They were both out fighting fires when their house burned just over the hill here," Allen said.

The Carr home was a total loss. The county bullcont. from page 1

dozed what was left of the burned structure, and the builders started construction at 6:30 a.m., Saturday, June 1, as the Carr's watched.

"Then we had the limousine pick them up about 10:30 a.m.," Norton said. "We already had all the exterior walls up and most of the interior walls."

That was all the Carrs had seen until they returned shortly after 1 p.m. Saturday a week later.

"They didn't know they were coming home to a fully furnished house," Norton said.

The new home has appliances, refrigerator and television. It also has a built in tornado safe room.

The limo took them to the Amarillo airport where they were sent to San Antonio for a week's vacation. The limo picked them up when they returned and brought them back to their new 1600 square foot

Crews worked around the clock to finish the house. Norton said.

"It was worth it," Allen said as he made a final inspection of the home before the Carrs arrived.

Enthusiastic turn out seen for city-wide garage sale

Phyllis Beckham (from left) of Pampa and Glenda Shelley of Amarillo joined forces for a yard sale at Beckham's 2619 Seminole residence over the weekend. The beautiful weather and large turnout for the Citywide Yard Sale made their sale a success.

"I'm telling you, we were pretty well wiped out early," Beckham said with a smile. Yard sale enthusiasts were out in force across the community.

"A lot of them were from out of town," Beckham added. "You'd be surprised." Those sentiments were echoed at Cassie Cambern's yard sale at 2206 Chestnut Street. She and relatives Jacqualin Cathey and Chandra Corse joined forces to hold the sale. "Jackie and I live near Mobeetie, pretty far out for a sale," said Corse.



Cows

to stay away."

traveler was Bernie Heare of California. Music was provided all day by Mike Chisom and the Hollow Points band.

After the roar of the cattle hooves stampeding down into Robert's County Park had been corralled, the winners of the contest was announced, by emcee Rusty Early. Results in the Grandma's division was follows: first place, Marsha Tennant of Miami, second place Mary Snyder, Higgins, third place, Barbara Bailey, of Miami.

Grandpa's division: first place, Allen Clark, of Duncan, OK, second place, Jim McQuiston, of Miami, and third place, Robert Clark.

division: Women's first place, Haley Clark-Keeling, of Ft. Worth., second place, Linda Tucker, of Canadian, and third place, Kay Lynne Ezzell, of Crusted Butte CO.

Men's division: first place, Wesley Holland, of Canadian, second place, Lucas McKinley, of Claude, and third place, Jason Whitlow, of Perryton.

Girls divisions: first place, Ashely Murray,

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of Groom, second place, Lauren Hurst, of Miami, and third place, Amber Clark, of Miami.

Boys divisions: first place, Hunter Allemand, of Miami, second place, Nicholas Wooten, of and third Amarillo,

the Miami Chamber of Commerce. Next year's event will be held the first Saturday of June.

place, Ethan Brewster, of Canadian. All winners received cash prizes and certificates according to Barbara Alexander, secretary of

Mylitary spouses seek residency benefits SPRINGFIELD, Va. for his third war deploy-

- Don't expect a rush order if you call Joanna Williamson's jewelry business. She's a military spouse, and it's moving season.

About \$00,000 service members move each year - nearly half during the summer. Moving is a ritual repeated nearly every three years on average for military families.

It's also one that Williamson and other military spouses say could be made easier.

They are asking Congress to let military spouses opt to claim the same state of residence as their wives or husbands, who are allowed by law to keep their original residency as they relocate.

Having that option, the spouses say, would prevent many hassles associated with every move, such as obtaining a new driver's license and reregistering to vote. In some cases, it would eliminate the need for couples to file separate tax returns, and lower the income taxes that some spouses pay.

"It may seem like that's just such a tiny little thing to get your driver's license changed and go change your registration. How is that such a big deal? When you move over and over and over again, it starts to become a really big deal," said Williamson, 38, from her kitchen in a Washington suburb as movers loaded her family's belongings into a truck.

The move to Port Hueneme, Calif., about 60 miles northwest of Los Angeles, north of is the sixth in eight years for Williamson and her husband, Lt. Cmdr. Marcus Williamson, 39, who have two children. Days after they arrive in California, he will go to Afghanistan ment since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. She will enroll the children in a new school, move the family into the new house, then head to get a new driver's

license.

Congress passed the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act in the 1940s to help eliminate the hassles of moving so troops could concentrate instead on fighting. Under the law, service members who owe taxes on their main income pay it in the state of resi-

dency A little more than half of all troops today are married, a higher percentage than in World War II. But being married to a service member can be a professional sacrifice.

Military spouses are less likely to be employed, more likely to be seeking work, and earn less than those married to someone in the civilian work force, according to a 2005 RAND Corp. study. Frequent moves are a major factor in the difference.

A happy military spouse is considered vital to keeping a service member in the military, and government programs in recent years have sought to help spouses train in easily transferrable jobs.

Williamson said she would like to have the same residency as her husband: Gainesville, Fla., where they met and married, where his family lives and where they plan to live after retirement. Instead, her residency has bounced around to Mississippi, Rhode Island, and Georgia over the years, while his remained the same.

"I think at this crucial time ... years into our conflict, it's one of the small ways that we can say that we recognize the sacrifice of the military spouse,"

Williamson said.

Williamson said the law change wouldn't have a financial effect on her business, making jewelry for military wives.

income taxes paid by some military spouses.

Rep. John Carter, R-Texas. have to have residency in the same state as the mili-

passed the Senate Veterans' a committee hearing, R. right to spouses.

But it could affect the

The legislation is spon-

sored by Sens. Richard Burr, R-N.C., and Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., and Under it, the spouse would tary member to take advantage of the law, and doing so would be optional.

The legislation recently Affairs Committee. At Chuck Mason, a lawyer with the Congressional Research Service, testified that based on the proposal's wording, there may be court challenges in the future as to the constitutionality of extending the PISD board meets Tuesday

The new Pampa Junior High School will be the major topic of discussion when the Pampa Independent School District board of trustees meets Tuesday.

The school board will hear their monthly construction update and consider a logo for the new school.

The board will set a date for a public hearing to discuss and adopt the proposed 2009-2010 budget and tax rate.

The board will also appoint members to various district committees and discuss the school board team building training session at the end of last

month.

They will go into executive session to consult with their attorney in connection with a pending lawsuit brought by Rebecca Terrell Chandrashekhar Thanedar in 223rd District Court.

They will also consult with their attorney concerning amendments to the field turf construction contract between the district and Hellas Construction, Inc.

Also in executive session, the board will address the employment of new teachers and discuss the superintendent's evaluation.

The school board will meet at 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, in the Carver Center Administration Office, 321 W. Albert. Time has been set aside at 7 p.m. Tuesday for public comment.



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Edward Jones







Today in History

Today is Monday, June 8, the 159th day of 2009. There are 206 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On June 8, A.D. 632, the prophet Muhammad died in Medina.

On this date:

In 1845, Andrew Jackson, seventh president of the United States, died in Nashville, Tenn.

In 1861, Tennessee seceded from the Union.

In 1864, Abraham Lincoln was nominated for another term as president during the National Union (Republican) Party's convention in Baltimore.

In 1905, President Theodore Roosevelt offered to act as a mediator in the Russo-Japanese War.

In 1915, Secretary of State William Jennings Bryan resigned in a disagreement with President Woodrow Wilson over U.S. handling of the sinking of the Lusitania

"I do believe one ought to face facts. If you don't they get behind you and may become terrors, nightmares, giants, horrors. As long as one faces them one is top dog."

> Katherine Mansfield, New Zealand author

In 1948, "Texaco Star Theater" made its debut on NBC-TV with Milton Berle guest-hosting the first program. (Berle was later named the show's permanent host.)

In 1966, a merger was announced between the National American Football Leagues, to take effect in 1970.

In 1967, 34 U.S. servicemen

killed when Israeli forces raided the Liberty, a Navy ship stationed in the Mediterranean. (Israel called the attack a tragic mistake.)

In 1978, a jury in Clark County, Nev., ruled the so-called "Mormon will," purportedly written by the late billionaire Howard Hughes, was a forgery In 1998, the National Rifle Association elected

Charlton Heston its president. Ten years ago: The United States, Russia and six leading democracies authorized a text calling for a peacekeeping force in Kosovo. President Bill

Clinton announced new restrictions aimed at making

it tougher for teens to sneak into R-rated movies. Today's Birthdays: Former First Lady Barbara Bush is 84. Actor-comedian Jerry Stiller is 82. Comedian Joan Rivers is 76. Actress Millicent Martin is 75. Actor James Darren is 73. Actor Bernie Casey is 70. Singer Nancy Sinatra is 69. Singer Chuck Negron (Three Dog Night) is 67. Musician Boz Scaggs is 65. Actor Don Grady is 65. Rock musician Mick Box (Uriah Heep) is 62. Author Sara Paretsky is 62. Actress Sonia Braga is 59. Actress Kathy Baker is 59. Country musician Tony Rice is 58. Actor Griffin Dunne is 54. "Dilbert" creator Scott Adams is 52. Actor-director Keenen Ivory Wayans is 51. Singer Mick Hucknall (Simply Red) is 49. Musician Nick Rhodes (Duran Duran) is 47. R&B singer Doris Pearson (Five Star) is 43. Actress Julianna Margulies is 42. Actor Dan Futterman is 42. Actor David Sutcliffe is 40. R&B singer Nicci Gilbert is 39. Actress Kelli Williams is 39. Actor Mark Feuerstein is 38. Indianapolis Colts center Jeff Saturday is 34. Contemporary Christian musician Mike Scheuchzer (MercyMe) is 34. Rapper Kanye West is 32. Blues-rock musician Derek Trucks (The Derek Trucks Band) is 30. Folk-bluegrass singer-



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A sampling of editorial opinion from across Texas

Fort Worth Star-Telegram on domestic terrorism:

One man shoots another man dead at church because of a vehement disagreement with the victim over an issue with deep political, ideological and moral implications.

That's just wrong. But it's more than that. When one American takes the life of another in the nation's heartland over an issue with deep political, ideological and moral implications, that's domes-

tic terrorism. And regardless of any one's perspective on abortion, such violence is unacceptable as a tool for changing the way society or any individuals treat that difficult and divisive issue.

As a legal matter, Scott P. Roeder, 51, who is facing a charge of first-degree murder, is presumed innocent until and unless the government proves him guilty of killing Dr. George Tiller.

News reports have depicted Roeder as someone who stopped paying his taxes; who was in league with fringe groups that resisted federal authority; and who equated Tiller with a Nazi concentration camp doctor. Holding extreme beliefs isn't a crime in this country but acting on them with violence, or inciting others to do so, most certainly is.

Tiller had gained fame and notoriety for running a clinic where he performed abortions on women whose pregnancies were in the second and third trimesters, the time at which a fetus usually can survive outside the womb.

Tiller was ushering May 31 at his Lutheran church in Wichita, Kan., when he was gunned down by an assailant who then drove

Whether a late-term abortion is a tragically necessary option or a murder itself is a question that arouses passions, and reasonable people can disagree about the morality of Tiller's practice.

But killing an unarmed man in a sacred place, without warning or clear and overwhelming justification, isn't right. It isn't acceptable in the United States and never should be. Otherwise, none of us are safe.

Austin American-Statesman the on Texas Constitution:

The Legislature left town last week without approving measures needed to keep five state agencies in business. Not to worry, the leaders said, guaranteeing that they can do the magic needed to keep the agencies functioning.

OK, fine. So let's assign them a more challenging

How about a long-overtural flaws in state government.

The primary flaw is the state's primary document. The 1876 Texas Constitution has amendments. It's been amended about 17 times more often than the U.S. Constitution.

That ought to be unconstitutional. And it results from a document packed with provisions that should be in law, not in a constitution. It should not take a statewide vote to do away with hide inspectors in some counties.

Not many folks think the Texas Constitution is defensible. Even fewer see much chance of doing any-

thing about it.

Ask a man who tried. In 1998, then-Sen. Bill Ratliff, R-Mt. Pleasant, working with then-Rep. Rob Junell, D-San Angelo, came up with a proposed 19,000-word Constitution to replace the 90,000-word version. It went nowhere. Ratliff says it's still an overhaul that "needs badly to be done.

In addition to specialinterest opposition ("enemies accumulate," noted), Ratliff said constitutional overhaul runs into misguided public opposi-

"Deep down, a lot of people feel the more provisions there are in the Constitution, the less the Legislature can screw up," Ratliff said.

You're underestimating your legislators.

would "People

amazed at how many times what we are doing is figuring out ways to wire around the Constitution," Ratliff said.

> Also ripe for an overdue overhaul is the Texas tax system deemed "rickety" by Senate Finance Chairman Steve Ogden, R-Bryan, in the session's closing days.

This past week, Ogden expanded on his analysis. "Very rickety and it's getting worse," he said.

"As long as I've been in due review of major struc- the Legislature somebody has been down there trying to carve out an exception for some narrow personal interest," Ogden said. "The exceptions are about to overwhelm the system."

Tax abatements beget tax abatements to the point that Ogden believes 'nobody knows" the impact of providing tax incentives.

"We're just guessing," he said.

Raise your hand if you feel good about hearing the Senate's chief budget-writer talk about "guessing."

Another Ogden observation: "The economy has changed from an agrarian economy to a servicebased economy. But we don't tax services so the sales tax is pretty ineffi-

If we did, Ogden said, the 6.25 percent state sales tax rate could be lowered a couple of points.

You wouldn't want to erase all exemptions, but it is something that should be reviewed.

Ditto for property tax. "Every session, any number of legislators have got their own special exceptions. It can range anywhere from disabled veterans to homesteads to huge tax breaks for giant corporations. It's all over

The Constitution and the tax system seem like fine topics for the 2010 crop of state political candidates.

the map," Ogden said.

"They'll talk about it," Ogden said, "and what we will do as politicians is describe the problem. But

we won't be able to offer any solution. That's kind of the history. It's because, frankly, the public is not demanding one." Ogden has a depressing

theory on why: The potential fixes scare you more than the problems. "I think the public is

pretty distrustful of the government, and every time we talk about simplification or overhaul they say, 'Uh oh. I'm going to get the shaft somehow,' Ogden said. "Right now, the public has very little trust in their government to do the right thing

And that is far more dangerous than any problems caused by an arcane Constitution and a rickety tax structure.

Antonio San Express-News TxDOT issues:

One of the many procedural fatalities of the final days of the 81st Legislature was a transportation measure that would have given voters the option to fund road construction and other mobility improvements with local taxes.

For the San Antonio area, local option legislation championed by Rep. Mike Villarreal, D-San Antonio, was essential. While the entire state is far behind schedule in infrastructure improvements and expansion, the problem is most acute in fast-growing metropolitan areas. The San Antonio region faces a projected transportation shortfall of \$19 billion over the next two decades.

If the state can't or won't fund construction of the roads needed in Bexar County, voters deserve the option of approving local funding mechanisms that will. No one wants to pay more taxes or fees. But residents are entitled to determine whether those are any less preferable than the gridlock that is the result of insufficient roadway construction.

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OPTIMIST BASEBALL Rotary wins over Claude 8-4

After suffering their first defeat of the season last week Rotary Club bounced back and defeated Claude by a score of 8-4. Thomas Haley earned the win, by pitching the first inning and then coming back to pitch the fourth, fifth and

Haley allowed 3 runs on 1 hit. He struck out six and walked four batters.

Cade Engle pitched the second inning, giving up 1 run on 2 hits, striking out two and walking none.

Ethan Hunt pitched the third inning, giving up no runs on no hits and striking out 2 and walking 1.

At the plate, Hunt went 2-2 with a walk and 3 runs scored. Engle went 1-2 with 2 runs scored. Haley helped his own cause with an RBI double. Blayne Troxell and Andreas Losoya scored the other runs for Rotary

This is the last week of the regular season for the 11-12. The Optimist Club is a United Way agency.

Informant helps **DEA** nab alleged traffickers

HOUSTON (AP) - What began with a traffic stop in 2005 has resulted in dozens of arrests and convictions of drug traffickers who otherwise blended into local communities, authorities say

The driver of a gold Chevrolet Malibu pulled over for speeding four years ago became a government informant in exchange for leniency on unrelated criminal charges and has helped authorities uncover at least 68 suspects who helped moved cocaine and cash between the United States and Mexico, the Drug Enforcement Administration

The operation that sprang from the informant's information "exposed those members of the Mexican drug cartels operating in out city, camouflaged, unbeknownst to the average citizen," said Zoran Yankovich, head of the DEA's Houston division.

More than \$5 million and 3,000 pounds of cocaine were seized, which resulted in nine federal indictments for crimes ranging from homicide to robbery and kidnapping in the Houston area. The informant's identity remains a

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Some of the narcotics and cash were found in buses operating between the U.S. and Mexico. One bus owner, Elisa Castillo, was sentenced in May to life in prison. The 53-year-old grandmother told the Houston Chronicle in a jailhouse interview that she was tricked by a friend and is

New earth tremor felt in North Texas

CLEBURNE, Texas (AP) - Cleburne residents reported hearing a clap of thunder this morning, but the skies

That's the word from a spokesman for the North Central Texas city after another earth tremor was detected there. The U.S. Geological Survey says the 8:02 a.m. Monday tremor registered a 2.3-magnitude centered in a western neighborhood of Cleburne.

City spokesman Charlie Hodges says that after the sound like a thunder clap, residents reported hearing a low rumble for about two seconds, then nothing. He says no damage nor injuries were reported.

The tremor comes a day after a 2.6-magnitude tremor reported in the Parker community, about 10 miles to the southeast of Cleburne. A 2.8-magnitude quake Tuesday hit Cleburne on Tuesday.

Texas Rangers arrest trooper on assault, deadly conduct charges

Texas Rangers arrested a DPS Driver License trooper Thursday on assault and deadly conduct charges in Potter County. Manuel Moreno, a Driver License trooper in Amarillo, was charged with four counts of assault and one count of deadly conduct, all five of

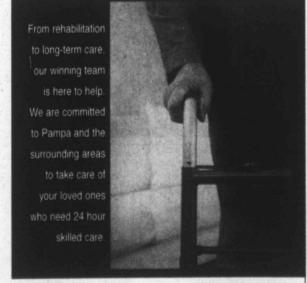
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Moreno was booked into the Randall County Jail on a combined bond of \$12,500, posted bond and released. He has been with DPS for 10 years and has been suspended with pay pending the outcome of an internal investigation.

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This award was from Duke University's Talent Identification Program (TIP) given to outstanding students who met at least one of the following criteria: ACT English 20; ACT Math 20; ACT Reading 21;ACT Science 21 or with three of the four following scores: English 19; Math 19, Reading 20; Science

SAT Math 520; SAT Critical Reading 510; SAT Writing 500 or with two of the three following Math 510; Critical Reading 500,

Writing 490

In the 2009 Talent Search, a total of 24,204 students from Duke's TIP's 16 state region scored well enough to be invited to a State Recognition Ceremony. This represents 36% of the students who actually tested.

In Texas, 5,217 students out of the 20, 829 who applied qualified for the State Recognition Ceremony.

Jesse is the son of Karla Poston and the late Russell Poston. He will be a student in the eighth grade at Pampa Junior High.

Huttos celebrate 50th anniversary



Fifty years ago, on June 4, 1959 David Hutto and Janet Middleton were married in Happy, Texas. The Huttos will celebrate thier anniversary with their children, Tim and Kristi Hutto, Ted and Becci Hutto and Kip Hutto, and grandchildren, Keaton& Katie Hutto, Colton and Kebbi Wedeking, Reece, Ramie, Alex, Andi and Ty Hutto by enjoying a family trip to Branson, MO later this summer.



TWC offers tips for Summer jobs

AUSTIN - During the summer months, thousands of youth gain valuable work experience. Among employment opportunities for youth in Texas are traditional summer jobs in parks and recreation, leisure and hospitality, libraries, and other community organizations.

'Seasonal summer jobs offer young Texans an opportunity to earn income, while gaining valuable work experience." said Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) Chairman Tom Pauken. "Texas workforce centers provide valuable information and can serve as a core resource as teens start their job searches.'

TWC offers the following important tips to teens as they seek summer employment:

·Register for job alerts on www. WorkInTexas.com, TWC's online job-matching Web site.

*Look for work in a field that you find interesting. Volunteer work is excellent way to broaden your résumé and can open doors to landing a job in that field.

 Visit with a parent, teacher or other mentor about typical interview questions that you will have to answer and do a mock interview.

·Smile and be friendly to each person you encounter at that business, even as you are filling out the application and turning it in.

·Once you are scheduled for an interview, learn as much as you can about the business and even consider visiting that place of business at least a day ahead of time.

·After the interview, thank your interviewer and follow up with a thank you note.

TWC reminds employers, workers and parents to familiarize themselves with state and federal laws, as well as safety regulations that address child labor issues.

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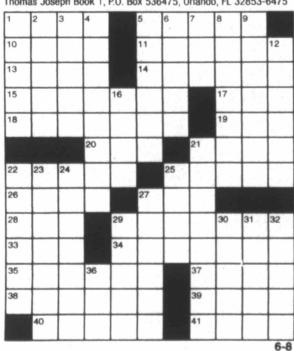
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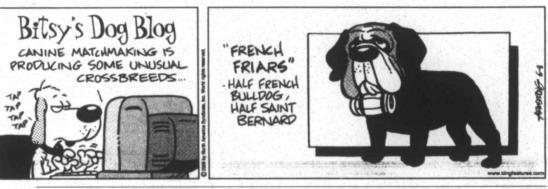
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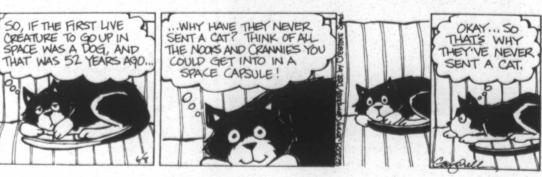
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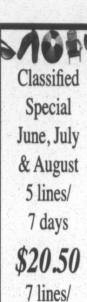


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DAILY HOROSCOPE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, June 9, 2009: This year, the unexpected remains a

theme. Just when you think you have a sure thing, you discover otherwise. How you deal with someone reflects many unanticipated ups and downs. You need to know what works for you. A partnership plays a very strong role in which direction you head. You count on this person, as he or she does you. Your career becomes more significant than in the past, and staying level could be important when facing a decision. If you are single, a relationship becomes more important than in the past. You will do your best to conjure it up. If you are attached, work on relating about changing issues and situations more often. CAPRICORN relates to your key issues.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19) *** Take a stand and go for what you think is important. Your instincts are right-on right now. However, as you discover, there are no shortcuts. Unexpected insights point to the right path. Talk through an idea without worrying about committing to it. Tonight: Could be late. TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

*** * Keep taking the higher ground if you're unsure. Remain upfront and open. A friend surprises you, forcing you to take in the big picture once more. Realize what needs to happen to help a child or loved one. Make it so. Tonight: Seek more information.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) *** Relate on a one-on-one level. Investigate and get past a personal dislike, which could be impeding your

work. A discussion in which you reveal more of yourself draws surprising results. Listen to a trusted friend or partner. Tonight: Dinner for two CANCER (June 21-July 22) **** Defer to others and listen to

suggestions. You might not want to be

clear and direct about your limits. The

unexpected draws new insight. You might discover that a situation is not either-or. There is another path. Tonight: Just don't be alone. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) *** An easy, steady pace works. Problems with a trusted friend or partner

occur when you least expect them. Everyone has limits, you included! Don't even think that what you are hearing is written in stone. Tonight: Off running errands. Stop at the gym or take a walk. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ A serious attitude helps

accomplish much more than you thought possible. Your creativity flows, especially if you don't let the little things get to you. Seek out people with different interests, which will provide a new slant. Tonight: Let mischief reign!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ** Test your theory. Others give you strong feedback, as you evoke powerful responses. A sense of what really might be going on with someone probably is right-on. Do take your time and verify information without causing yourself a problem. Tonight: Togetherness works.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) *** * Your words make a difference. and don't fall on deaf ears. On the other hand, you could be overwhelmed by a decision or action. Listen well when others start to verbalize issues. Only then will there be a real exchange. Tonight: Exchange opinions and ideas. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

*** Indulge a need to go overboard. The unexpected runs through your personal life. How you deal with someone could be important. Your fatigue comes through at the end of the day. Learn how to balance your needs better. Tonight

**** Your smile is so broad that others cannot help but react when they dealing with others. Note that you will find the right path no matter which direc tion you go. Someone might be a bit jeal ous of your great mood! Tonight: A force to be dealt with AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) might help. Tonight: Out and about.

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see you. The unexpected runs high when

**** To know, to share and to understand are gifts you can bring to the table. But right now, you might want to hold back some. Others might have difficulty hearing you. Give those you care about a little less of your opinion. Everyone will benefit. Tonight: Do for

**** Let go of making judgments Trust that others will choose the best course for them. Allow greater give-andtake with those in your daily life. They find you to be unpredictable. Perhaps letting them into your thought process

Songwriter Cole Porter (1891), TV sportscaster Dick Vitale (1939), actor Johnny Depp (1963)

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Owner of Texas firm disputes critics

GOLDTHWAITE, Texas (AP) — The coowner of a Texas business that hired out mentally disabled workers as laborers in turkey processing plants in Iowa says the firm didn't violate labor laws.

Henry's Turkey Service employed and cared for dozens of men who worked at a meatpacking facility in eastern Iowa. Iowa state investigators removed 21 of the workers from a boarded-up house in February and the Iowa Workforce Development imposed \$900,000 in fines against the company's parent, Hill Country Farms, for improper payroll deductions and other alleged labor-law violations.

Kenneth Henry told The Dallas Morning News in his first interview since the controversy began that they legally deducted the cost of the men's care from their paychecks. He said the men needed round-the-clock care.

"These boys cannot take care of themselves," Henry, 68, said. "The constant care is the part that nobody wants to talk about."

Henry also rejected the criticism of those who likened the way the men were treated to slavery.

"They don't have a clue," Henry said. "They don't understand the program. The boys take pride in their work. They don't think they're being exploited."

Using a federal law that encouraged employers to hire people with disabilities, Thurman Johnson was allowed to pay the men less than minimum wage and deduct a "reasonable cost" for room, board and care from their pay. Johnson, who died in early 2008, began working with the mentally disabled men at his ranch in the late 1960s.

The Iowa Workforce Development investigated the company's 2007 and 2008 payroll and charged them three violations per pay period for each of the 30 workers employed during that time at a cost of \$100 per violation. Agency spokes woman Kerry Koonce said last month that was the largest fine issued by the agency solely related to wages.

The Iowa bunkhouse where the men lived had cockroaches, boarded-up windows and exits, and a faulty boiler that forced the men to use space heaters during the winter.

Henry and Jane Anne Johnson began shutting down the business last year after Thurman Johnson died and had been bringing workers back to Texas to live in nursing and retirement homes. Henry said local caretakers let the

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bunkhouse "run down."

Dru Neubauer, one of the caretakers, blamed Henry for the bunkhouse's shabby condition, telling Iowa investigators that he told her to cut maintenance spending and to halve the \$3,000 monthly grocery budget.

Henry said that wasn't true. He said he told the caretakers that the amount spent on food should decline as some of the men were returned to Texas.

The U.S. Justice Department is investigating whether the men's civil rights were violated and the U.S. Labor Department wants to know if the men were underpaid and if they received overtime pay. The U.S. Social Security Administration is also examining company records to see how it handled federal assistance payments to its disabled

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workers.

Payroll records and company documents seized by the investigators will clear his business, Henry said.
"People think that we got rich out of this deal, but we haven't." he said.

Goldthwaite is about 85 miles northwest of Austin.



Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: When I was 15, I was raped by a family friend. I did what I thought was the right thing to do and told my parents. The man was arrested, and DNA tests proved everything. Charges were pressed.

I thought everything was going to be OK, but a few days before the court proceedings were to begin, my rapist killed himself. Now his family harasses my family. They claim he was innocent and I was bent on ruining his life.

Abby, people often ask me if I am "relieved" that he committed suicide. I feel terrible about it, and I don't know how to respond to these comments. -- BLAMING MYSELF OUT WEST

DEAR BLAMING YOURSELF: When someone commits suicide, it is not unusual for the survivors to feel -- among other things -- overwhelming guilt. You did the right thing by telling your parents about the assault. Your family did the right thing in pressing charges. Obviously your rapist was very disturbed, and you are in no way responsible for his death. The police should be notified about the harassment from his family.

When someone asks if you are "relieved" that the rapist is dead, you are not obliged to answer. You can let the question hang in the air, or turn it back

on the person by asking, "How would you feel?" and let him or her ramble on.

I hope you received psychological counseling after you were raped, because it should have helped you to recognize that you are not responsible for anything that has happened. However, because you are blaming yourself, it's time to schedule a few sessions with a therapist.

DEAR ABBY: I am 23 and being married in the fall. I couldn't be more excited. I have started shopping for a wedding dress, and I would like to wear a pure white one on my special day. However, I am not a virgin, and I know the original significance of brides wearing white was to declare their virginity.

Is this still true today, or is it not so important anymore? I don't want to offend anyone. (I think most of the guests we will be inviting know my fiance and I live together, so they can assume that I am not a virgin.) I could always wear an ivory dress, but I would really prefer a white one. What do you think? -- WONDERING IN WASHINGTON

DEAR WONDERING: If your dream dress is white, then that's what you should wear. century, white came to signify joy rather than virginity (though traditionalists may hold to the older symbolism) and is now considered appropriate for all brides, including those marrying again and those who are pregnant at the time of the wedding."

DEAR ABBY: I ride the bus to and from work every day, and I have had it "up to here" with people who conduct loud conversations on their cell phones. I have learned far more than I ever wanted to about medical problems, restraining orders, relationships that are falling apart, etc. I would love to make eye contact and give them "the look," but these folks are too absorbed in what they are saying to even glance in my direc-

What surprises me most is that the average age of a lot of them is in their 40s. I'm in my early 20s, but I know that not only is their behavior rude, but that sharing personal information with a group of strangers is potentially dangerous.

Can you suggest a way to deal with this problem without having to wear earplugs? -- MINNEAPOLIS COMMUTER

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COMMUTER: Yes, get up
and move your seat.

