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Peet concerned about shifting tax burden

BY DAVID BOWSER dbowser@thepampanews.com

Gray County Judge Richard Peet said he's not against freezing the tax rate for those over 65, but he has reservations about who will make up the difference on the lost tax revenue to the county.

"I'm not totally against it," Peet said, "but for myself if it's going to be imposed, I would much rather it be a decision made by the voters." While the commissioners are

representatives of the people, he said he thinks there are times when the people need to make such deci-

Peet said his greatest concern is that the tax burden will be shifted to the next generation and to businesses in the community.

"Somebody's going to have to take up the slack on the lack of income from that tax," said Gray County Judge Richard Peet. "I'm concerned about that mainly

because I see what our federal government is doing to us, to our children and to our grandchildren."

Commissioner Joe Wheeley said the commission could grant a tax break for those 65 and over. "But my grandson is going to

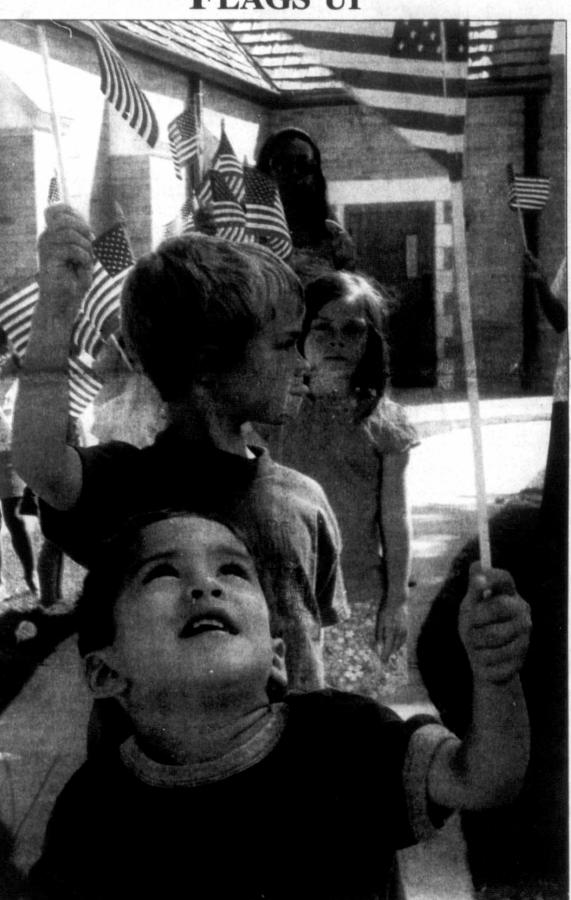
have to make up the difference,' Wheeley said. Although the county commis-

sion has the power to freeze the tax rate for those 65 and over, Peet said he thinks that decision ought

The judge acknowledged that his is over 65 and freezing the tax rate would be an advantage to him personally, but he said those over 65 and veterans have a tax advantage right now.

They can get up to a \$25,000 homestead exemption from the school district, and the county allows up to a \$13,040 tax break on appraised property values TAX cont. on page 3

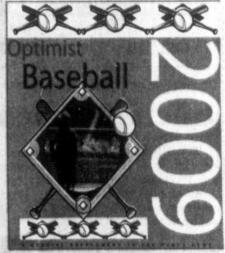
FLAGS UP



staff photo by Betsy Phillips

Students at St Matthew's Day School received instruction in how to fly the American flag Thursday and then held them up high, as instructed, for a parade.

INSIDE TODAY



The first installment of the Pampa Perfect Recipe

Please use caution with fireworks

July 4th is usually one of the busiest days of the year for the Pampa Fire Department.

There are no fireworks allowed within the city limits, including Recreation Park.

Fire personnel encourage everyone to go out and enjoy the professional display in the park.

Salvation Army discusses need for space

BY RANDY PRIBBLE rpribble@thepampanews.com

Pampa is starting to grow and the local Salvation Army unit hopes to keep up with the demand for services.

"Our building is so small that we can only accommodate comfortably about 20 kids," said Capt. Mark Martin, the corps officer at the organization's Pampa Unit. The Army Boy's and Girl's Club hosts, among other things, a tutoring program during the school year and a summer day camp. "And there is a conflict between older and younger kids - the teens don't want to be around the younger kids.'

Last year, some 38 children attended the Salvation Army's Summer Day Camp.

"We found that we were just too small for that many kids," Capt.

Martin said.

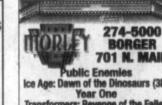
Part of the solution would be a larger facility - either an expansion of the Brown Street facility or the purchase and remodeling of an existing building elsewhere in Pampa.

Officials from the Army's state organization were in town recently to begin discussions about that need and how to address it.

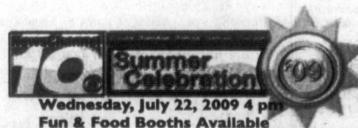
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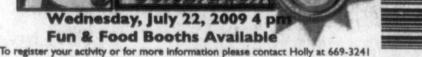
officer from the Texas Division of the Salvation Army, and Kimberly Lueb, a regional resource development director, met with the local unit's board of directors and officers to outline the steps of a successful building campaign.

Such a campaign, they noted, generally requires two years to complete. Although the organization would provide the bulk of the SPACE cont. on page 3











For the record

PAMPA FORECAST

High 92

Low 69

Saturday Sunday Monday

Independence Day: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 92. West southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

High 86

Low 65

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Saturday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy. with a low around 69. South southwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming northeast.

Sunday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 86. Northeast wind around 10 mph.

Sunday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 65. East southeast wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Monday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 86. East southeast wind around 10 mph.

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VACATION WITH THE PAMPA NEWS!



Sue and Ally Garner of Pampa (holding newspaper) recently took a trip to visit Velma Rue (Sue's mom and Ally's "Granny") in Middleport, Ohio.

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Twitter to space en Espanol

NASA has tweeted in space, but now one of its astronauts is breaking a new space Twitter barrier: He'll tweet from space in Spanish and English.

Astronaut Jose Hernandez grew up in a migrant farming family and didn't learn English until he was 12. He is scheduled to fly aboard the space shuttle Discovery in August and tweet bilingually from orbit. It will be his first flight.

His twitter account is astro jose. He has already started tweeting in both languages while training on the ground.

NASA says this is the agency's first Twitter account in Spanish.

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Legislature adjourns

The Texas Legislature has adjourned a two-day special session.

Two of the issues assigned to them by Gov. Rick Perry were adopted before Thursday's adjournment. The third, a measure that would allow the state to continue contracting for privately built toll roads, never made it out of committee.

They passed a bill to keep five important state agencies operating for the next two years and a measure authorizing the state to spend \$2 billion in bonds to build new

Unemployment by the numbers

How bad is the current recession? Here's one measure: the United States now has fewer jobs than it did nine years ago, even though the work force the number of people either work — has grown by 12.5 million people since then.

It's the first time since the Great Depression that a recession has wiped out all the jobs created during the previous business according to Heidi Shierholz, an economist at the Economic Policy Institute, a think tank.

That's a "testament to both the enormity of the current crisis and to the extreme weakness of jobs growth from 2000 to 2007," Shierholz said.

The Labor Department said Thursday that U.S. payrolls shrank by 467,000 in June, more than analysts expected. That pushed the unemployment rate up to 9.5 percent, a 26-year high.

There are now 131.7 million jobs in the United States, the department said. That's fewer than in May 2000, when companies reported 131.9 million

In the most recent business cycle — from the beginning of the last recession in March 2001 until the beginning of the current recession in December 2007 — the economy created about 5.7 million jobs.

But so far, more than 6.5 million jobs have been lost in the current recession. Meanwhile, the total work force grew from 142.4 million in May 2000 to 154.9 people in June 2009, according to Labor Department data.

Here are some other interesting details that can be found in the monthly employment report.

> **MISERY LOVES** COMPANY

14.7 million: People unemployed in June 2009, the most ever in records dating to 1948

12.1 million: People unemployed in December 1982, the record before the current downturn

percent: 9.5 Unemployment rate in June 2009

August 1983: Last time the unemployment rate was this high.

10.8 percent: Unemployment rate in services industries, the December 1982, the highest since World War II

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29 percent: The proporworking or looking for mon of the unemployed who've been out of work six months or longer, a

> length of unemployment in June, also a record 4.38 million: The num-

> ber of people unemployed for 27 weeks or longer

1.32 million: The number unemployed for that long in December 2007, when the recession began

> **GOVERNMENT JOBS** AREN'T SO SAFE

49,000: Jobs cut by federal government, partly due to layoff of temporary census workers

4,000: Jobs cut by state governments 1,000: Jobs added by local governments

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ARE 34,000: Jobs added in

only one of seven broad categories to add jobs

UNDEREMPLOYED

8.9 million: Number of part-time workers who would have preferred fulltime work last month 2.17 million: People

without jobs who wanted 24.5 weeks: The average to work, were available and had looked in the last 12 months, but had not looked in the last month.

percent: 16.5 Unemployment rate if you include involuntary parttime workers and those without jobs who hadn't looked for work in 12 months — the highest in records dating to 1994

JUNE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE BY GROUP

10 percent: Adult men 7.6 percent: Adult women

11.7 percent: Female

heads of households 8.2 percent: Asians

8.6 percent: Whites

12.2 percent: Hispanics 14.7 percent: Blacks

24 percent: Teenagers

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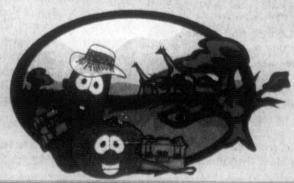
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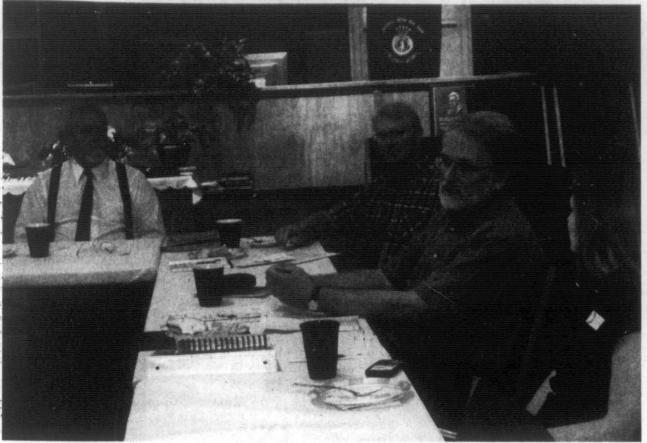
For Friends of Ziriax Nix

First, to the young men and women who were his friends. Thank you, thank you for the love you shared with him. I know his laughter came more often with all of you- I now understand that you all and he were a family unto itself. It was special - I wish I had understood more about that before he died instead of after. I love you all so much for loving him. Thank you, thank you for teaching me more about the gift of love. I saw it in your faces and felt in in your hearts. Thank

Now to the adults- All of you teachers thru every year in school, thank you. Thank you for caring so much and for helping him in things that I couldn't, and for always standing by him. I hope you all know how much that means to me. The police officers who were strong and unbending, yet compassionate enough to gain his respect and my love. You always treated him as we would all want to be treated, especially you, Officer Alaniz. Thank you.

Thank you to all of you who came and stood with us on a horribly hot day to say our last goodbyes to Ziriax. You will all be in my prayers until the day I die. Thank you- Thank you!

> Ziriax's Mom, Suzanne Nix



staff photo by Randy Pribblet

Officials from the Texas Division of The Salvation Army were in town recently to meet with the local Salvation Army board of directors and officers for initial discussions on a new building Boy's and Girl's Club. From left are Capt. Mark Martin, local corps officer; Rev. Jimmye Cole, board member; Paul Curnow, development officer with the state organization; and Kimberly Lueb, a regional resource development director with the state organization. Curnow led the discussion which ranged from the need for a new facility or the possibility of modifying an existing building in the community, to various approaches for soliciting community support for such a project.

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financing, to be truly successful it also requires the community's financial and spiritual support.

"Paul was trying to get us to understand that it must be a community effort," Capt. Martin said. "Right now we are just trying to get everything together.

"We are trying to expand," he added. "Pampa is growing and we want the Salvation Army to grow with it."

In the meantime, he noted, there is always a need for people to sponcont. from page 1

sor children in the various programs offered by the Salvation Army.

For more information or to offer help with the project, contact Capt. Martin at 665-7322.

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for the general fund and about \$10,000 for road and bridge taxes.

The City of Pampa takes about \$15,000 off the appraised value of property for those over 65 and disabled veterans. McLean and Lefors also have tax breaks for the elderly and veterans, Peet said.

The judge pointed out that what is being proposed is not a tax freeze. It is a cap on the tax levy set by

Taxes would continue to go up so long as property values increase.

Peet said that taxes are the result of the appraised values of the property and the tax rate set by the county. He said the county has no control over the appraised values.

"I'm just concerned about what we're doing to the next generation," Peet said. "I recognize that those who are 65 and older have contributed tremendously over the years in taxes and providing services."

Gary Commissioner Willoughby said he has been unable to come up with a majority of the people he's talked with who want the freeze.

"I came up with a lot of people who say, 'We want to pay our fair share," Willoughby said.

He said that many of the people with whom he's talked say they would like mayor, said the city can

to see it on the ballot.

"I can agree with that," Willoughby said. "That way the majority speaks."

Peet said that Donley, Potter and Randall Counties in the Texas Panhandle have frozen the tax rate for their senior citizens, but Gray County Auditor Elaine Morris said that Gray County relies almost solely on property taxes for revenue with which to run the county. Other taxing entities as cities or school districts or even other counties has other revenue streams such as fees for services or income from the state.

"If we take away any portion," she said of the county's portion of property taxes, "it is forcing an increase on other taxpay-

She also said that freezing the tax rate for those over 65 would be forever. It wouldn't be a temporary situation that could be rescinded after three or four years.

"That's not an option," Morris said. "We have the option of increasing taxes or reducing services."

Willoughby said that counties, like Potter County, have a larger tax base because of Bell Helicopter and Tyson. Gray County doesn't have those businesses.

Peet, a former Pampa

make up the difference in lost revenue from property taxes by raising fees.

Jim Brashears, who brought the proposal to the commissioners, said the numbers he came up with show it would cost the county about 0.4 percent of their budget, or about \$75,000 a year.

Brashears said that the freeze would apply to only 1,966 people in the county out of some 17,000 who

He said that even though

the tax rate is frozen, the taxing entities are getting more money because the value of the properties has

"That money keeps growing," Brashears said. He said that those entities that passed the tax rate freeze did so by a voter margin of 88 percent.

"It's a small amount of money," Brashears said. "It's \$75,000 out of the county budget."

Brashears said senior citizens aren't going to stop paying taxes.

"You're giving them a reprieve for maybe 10 years before they die," Brashears said. "That property goes back on the market. It's not frozen forever. You're not doing this forever on a piece of property."

"The important thing," Peet said, "is that people need to understand exactly what they're voting for."

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He said the term 'tax freeze' is misleading. 'We putting a freeze on

the levy," Peet said, 'but your appraisal's going to

That would continue to increase taxes, he said, and the county didn't raise the tax rate. The appraisals went up, and Peet said the county has no control over

Peet said that when he was first elected Gray County Judge 15 years ago the tax rate was 42 cents per \$100 valuation. Today, he said, the tax rate is 44 cents. The increase in taxes is due to increased property values.

The judge said, however, that there was one year that the value of the property in Gray County dropped so low, the tax rate was raised to about 51 cents so the country could survive, but the following year, values went up and the tax rate came back down.

This year, the tax base is down, primarily because of the Celanese plant closing, so tax rates may have to go up to make up for that shortfall.

Peet also said costs are going up. There have been increased health insurance costs and fuel costs over the past year or so.

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Fireworks buyers still have money to burn

MARYSVILLE, Wash. (AP) — Even in a scorched economy, there's still some money to burn.

Operators of the thousands of fireworks stands on Indian reservations and in parking lots throughout the country think patriotism, tradition and a strong need to party on a Saturday night will translate to a billion dollars and more smoldering in America's pockets this Fourth of July.

"I think that the way the economy is, people aren't going to be going places, so they will be buying fireworks," says Mike Dunn, chairman of committee that oversees Boom City, the collection of fireworks stands that springs up each year at the Tulalip Tribes' reservation near Marysville, about 30 miles

north of Seattle.

Hard times or no, some things shouldn't change, said Jack Kletchka, a Boom City customer.

"You've got to celebrate the birth of the country," Kletchka said.

"People want a distraction from what's going on in the world," said Julie Heckman, executive director of the American Pyrotechnics Association. With a three-day weekend with the festivities smack in the middle, and the high cost of travel, "People are staying home, and that bodes very, very well for backyard fireworks sales."

Heckman said the trade group for the fireworks industry is actually forecasting a slight increase in U.S. sales this year \$960 million for 2009.



Pampa Perfect Recipe Collection

BETTY'S Apple Dumplings

- 2 Granny Smith apples
- 2 Cans crescent rolls
- 2 Sticks butter
- 1 1/2 Cups sugar
- 1 Teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/4 Cup flour
- 12-ounce can 7-UP or Sprite

Peel and core apples Cut into 16 slices

Wrap apple slices in wedges of crescent rolls.

Place in 9 X 13 inch pan.

Melt butter in medium sauce pan.

Add sugar, cinnamon and flour until dissolved.

Pour over rolls. Pour 7 UP over.

Bake 35-40 minutes at 350 degrees F.

Betty Stribling

Betty's Cream Pie Filling

- 2 Cups scalding milk
- 3/4 Cup sugar
- 3 Egg yolks
- 3 Table spoons cornstarch
- 1/4 Teaspoon salt
- 1 Teaspoon vanilla

Beat egg yolks untill foamy. Add sugar, salt, vanilla, cornstarch, mix well. Add beaten egg yolks mix well. Add scalding milk and cook over medium heat stirring during cooking to keep from sticking or burning until thick. Can be used for pie filling or banana pudding.



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1 box cherry Jell-o mix 1 can cherry pie filling

1/2 package white marshmallows

1 sm. can crushed pineapples

Mix all ingredients and chill for about one hour. Serve. Refrigerate leftovers in covered con-

Laura Johnson

Kathy's Cantaloupe Pie

I made a cantaloupe pie from a printed recipe many years ago that used a cantaloupe juice. We didn't like it. I decided to try to come up with a version using cantaloupe itself and added egg whites browned on top of it. We loved it and took it to many events and lots of people ask for the recipe. Every summer my son asks me to bake him two or three.

1 stick butter

3/4 c. sugar

4 egg yolks (beaten)

4 egg whites

3 tbs. flour

1/4 tsp. almond extract

1 c. fresh cantaloupe (finely cut) Cream butter and 1/2 c. sugar. Add flour. Add beaten egg yolks and extract. Beat until blended then fold in cantaloupe. Pour into unbaked pie shell. Bake 45 minutes at 325 degrees. Remove from oven slightly cool. Beat egg whites until stiff and add rest of sugar. Spread over baked pie, sealing edges. Bake 350 degrees 12-15 minutes until whites are browned.

Kathy Harrah

Debbie's Strawberry Cream Cake

White Cake Mix lg.cooked vanilla pudding lg pkg. stawberry jello lg. frozen strawberries

container coolwhip Mix cake according to directions. Bake in 13 -9 pan mix jello with 1 c.hot water; add strawberries. pour over warm cake

Cook puddings directed & pour over strawberries. After set, top with cool whip.

Debbie Keller

SUZANNE'S RUM CAKE

No substitutions on any ingredient!!!! CAKE:

1 box any brand yellow cake mix

- 4 ounce package any brand French Vanilla pudding
- 4 eggs
- 1/2 cup Crisco vegetable oil
- 1 cup milk
- 1/4 cup Captain Morgan Spiced Rum 1 cup chopped walnuts dusted with flour
- 1/3 cup butter (use real butter)
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1/4 cup water
- 1/4 cup Captain Morgan Spiced Rum

with Baker's Joy(no substitutions).

Combine all cake ingredients except nuts and beat on medium for 5 minutes. Stir in nuts and pour batter into prepared pan - bake until cake pulls away slightly from edges of pan about 50 minutes.

While cake is baking, make the glaze. In a small saucepan over low heat, melt butter, then stir in sugar, water and rum. Boil for 5 mins stirring constantly. Remove from heat and keep warm. Pour half the glaze over cake immediately after taking cake out of oven. Let cake sit in pan for 25 mins - remove cake from pan and pour rest of glaze over cake.

Suzanne Knott

Donna's microwave chocolate pie

Tip -- Make sure your bowl is safe in the microwave and large enough to allow mixture to boil. I cracked several good fruit bowls before I learned this lesson. If you have the large Pyrex measuring bowl (2 quart size) it works great.

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Spray Bundt pan

Mix these ingredients together in blender:

One 12 oz. can evaporated fat free milk (add enough skim milk to equal 2 1/2 cups liquid) 1/3 flour

1/2 cup sugar

1/8 tsp. salt

3 egg yolks (if you are watching cholesterol, throw 2 yolks away) It tastes just as good.

Using a large microwave- safe glass bowl, Microwave 3 minutes, stir, Microwave 2 minutes, stir, Microwave 1 minute, and stir. Continue cooking in 1-minute intervals (if needed) until thick pielike consistency. Different wattage ovens may take

Remove from Microwave and stir in 1/2-cup semisweet chocolate chips and 1-tsp. vanilla. Stir until chips melt and pour into baked pie crust.

For coconut pie, omit chips and add 1/2-cup coconut.

Meringue:

Beat 3 egg whites, 1/4-tsp. cream of tartar, 1/4-tsp. salt, & 1-tsp. cornstarch until mixture turns white. Add 6-T. sugar, one at a time, (while beating) until mixture will stand in peaks. (If you don't have cream of tartar, substitute cornstarch--it works just as well) Use wire whip attachment in electric mixture if you have it. Start with low speed on mixture until ingredients are combined and then use highest speed. Add 1 tsp. vanilla toward the end of mixing time.

Pile meringue on top of pie. Spread to cover filling completely. Bake 18 minutes at 375 in your favorite pre-baked pie shell. Turn off oven and leave pie in for five more minutes. Remove from oven.

Donna Sumpter

Bush to visit small Okla. town for 4th of July

WOODWARD, Okla. has been turning out U.S. (AP) — When the middle-of-nowhere town of Woodward invited George W. Bush to its Fourth of July celebration, no one really expected the former president to accept. But he

Now this community of 12,000 is scurrying to get ready for what some locals are calling the biggest thing ever to happen to Woodward, a place where cattle outnumber people.

"To actually come to a small community like this, that shows his character," said Kelle Robinson, co-owner of the Sweet Surprises store, which flag cookies. "He's not too good for the common people."

Bush's paid speakengagement at Woodward's Let Freedom Ring 2009 celebration will be his first Fourth of July since he left the Oval Office, and the latest in a series of small, under-theradar events that he has dropped in on as ex-president.

Most of the rooms at the half-dozen or so hotels around town are booked. Woodward's police force, which numbers around 30 officers, including reserves, canceled vaca-

conversations.

tions and days off, and sheriff's deputies from the surrounding areas are being called in.

The event's promoter, 28-year-old Landon Laubhan, sent the invitation in April. "I was just inviting him as a person deeply in love with America sending an invitation to another person deeply in love with America," he said.

At first, "I thought, President Bush, July 4, no way is he even available," Laubhan said. "I almost asked for an off day in October or November, because I felt it would even be a stupid question to ask for the Fourth."

The answer came back about two weeks later absolutely, Bush would be

"You want to talk about a lot of mixed emotions at one time, there was extreme excitement and it was a scared feeling as well," said Laubhan, who has mainly staged bull riding events over the past few years. "You take a step back and say, 'Oh, what did I get myself into?""

Bush is scheduled to speak Saturday night for about 40 minutes at the two-day event, which will also feature country music acts such as Tanya Tucker and Asleep at the Wheel.

Laubhan declined to say how much Bush is getting paid.

About 9,200 tickets have been sold, which would be the biggest crowd for Bush since he left office in January.

Over the past five months, Bush has made about a half-dozen public appearances. He seems to especially enjoy rubbing elbows with regular folk. He paid a visit to a Dallas hardware store in February. Three days later, he dropped in on a political science class at Southern Methodist University.

Asked why Bush accepted Woodward's invitation, his spokesman in Dallas, Rob Saliterman, said only: "President Bush believes there is no place better than Woodward, Oklahoma, to celebrate the Fourth of July and looks forward to being part of this event."

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

ABBY: I have been involved with "Barbie" for about six months. She's everything I ever wanted in a mate. We have a similar sense of humor, and our goals and ambitions are almost identical. Our values match, too -- except for one: My sense of propriety seems to be a stumbling block.

Abby, Barbie wears sheer tops and no bra. She doesn't usually wear any undergarments, either, even when she's in a fairly short skirt.

I grew up Southern Baptist, raised around women who feel that kind of attire is unacceptable and trashy. While the female body is, to me, one of the most beautiful things on Earth, I was brought up to believe that leaving something to the imagination is more desirable than showing everything. Barbie says I've got hangups, and I don't necessarily disagree. How can I deal with this? -- TRYING TO LOOSEN UP IN NORTH CAROLINA

TRYING: DEAR While you didn't mention it specifically, it appears you live far from your family and no longer attend church regularly -- because you do not seem to be taking into account what kind of impression Barbie is going to make when she is exposed to them.

Barbie may be a lovely woman, but she needs to understand that there are other ways to attract attention than the way she's going about it, and if you are seriously considering a future with her, you will try harder to get that message across. If she cares about you, she will compromise. That's how you "deal with it."

DEAR ABBY: Millions of baby boomers are caring for, or offering moral support to, parents or other seniors. It is sometimes hard to find the time and motivation to go and visit, and challenging to hold

May I offer a suggestion to them? This is what I did for my sweet father-inlaw when he was in his late 80s and newly widowed. Rather than visit him at his home, I would pick him up and take him for rides. I made it a "sentimental journey," driving him around to his former homes, places of employment, schools the kids of conversation. attended, churches where

marriages were held. He loved it. It not only gave him a chance to see old landmarks, but also how things were changing in the towns. It led to some wonderful discussions. I know for sure that longterm memories outlive short-term ones. -- JERI IN GARDEN GROVE,

suggestion is an excellent one, and you are sweet to share it with my readers. Your statement about longterm memory is true -- and another effective way to stimulate it is through music. A gift older relatives might enjoy would be discs or tapes of popular music from the '40s and '50s. That, too, should lead to some interesting topics

DEAR ABBY: When inviting someone to a famous restaurant for a birthday celebration, is it appropriate to mention its dress code? One family member took it as an insult and that I was implying she doesn't know how to dress appropriately. (She always looks lovely when she goes out.) Because of DEAR JERI: Your it, she refused to attend

the party, and it has caused an uncomfortable rift in the family. -- NO OFFENSE INTENDED IN **MISSOURI**

DEAR NO OFFENSE INTENDED: Sometimes it isn't what you say, but the way it is phrased that can offend someone. From my perspective, warning a guest in advance that a restaurant has a strict dress code is doing the person a favor. While few establishments have one anymore, this could prevent confusion or embarrassment when the group arrives.

However, because your relative felt insulted, in the interest of family harmony, extend an apology. If she doesn't accept it, the problem then becomes hers.





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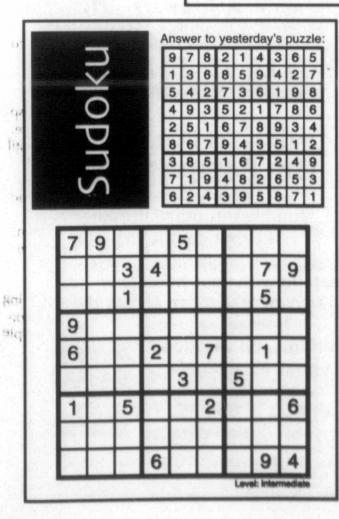
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Pampa Perfect Recipe Collection

LANETTE'S Apple **Crisp**

9 Apples sliced 3/4 c flour 1tsp. cinnamon

1/2 c. brown sugar

1/2 c. white sugar

1/2 c. water

Put apples in buttered pan (9x9") sprinkle cinnamon add water in a bowel work together the sauce and flour butter pat mixture on top of apples. Bake in 375 degree oven for about 45 minutes



1 slightly greased baking dish (I use spray Crisco or Pam)

1 21-ounce can apple pie filling (or peach –

6 8-inch flour tortillas - or use the larger ones and cut them in two

1 tsp cinnamon

Syrup 1/3 cup oleo cup packed brown sugar

cup water

cup regular sugar

Spoon filling down center of tortilla (if you warm the tortillas a few seconds in the microwave, they will fold better.) Sprinkle with cinnamon, roll up, and put into pan. Bring ingredients for syrup to boil. Reduce heat,

simmer, stirring constantly 3 minutes. Pour over enchiladas while hot.

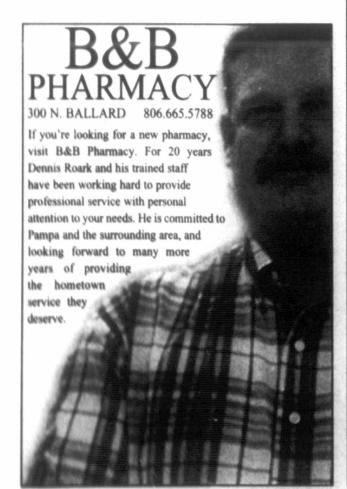
Either let stand in hot syrup (covered) for 30 minutes, or bake 20 minutes at 350 degrees. I have found that it is just as good not to bake them. In fact, I can't tell the difference.

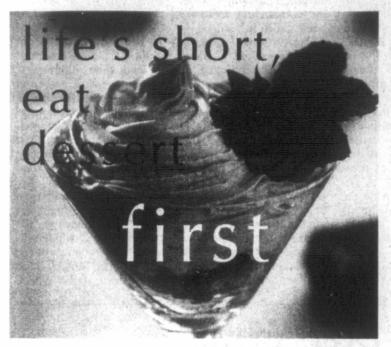
I also used more cinnamon than that - I sprinkled some on top of the rolled tortillas and added a little to the syrup before I cooked it; also added a little vanilla.

Wonderful plain or with cool whip or ice cream on top of them.

One can of pie filling will make about an 8 X 8 pan of these – if you want to use a larger, oblong pan, you will need to double the recipe.

Pat Stubbs





n next week's issues of The Pampa News, we will continue to bring you recipes from the Pampa Perfect Recipe Collection. Winners will be announced in next weekend's issue. Monday we'll begin with main dishes!

Enjoy these recipes from your friends and neighbors!

Donna's super cinnamon rolls

(Use dough hooks in your mixer if you have them but they are not required)

Using electric mixer, mix together:

1/2 cup oil

1/2 cup sugar

1/2 tsp. salt

pour 1/2 cup boiling water over mixture and mix till sugar is dissolved.

Dissolve 1 pkg. Yeast in 1-cup lukewarm water. Add 2 well-beaten eggs to yeast:

Then add to other mixture. Add 4 1/2 cups flour and mix well. Sift a little flour over

top of dough to keep from drying out. Cover with cloth and refrigerate two hours or overnight. Roll out on floured surface (i use a cotton cloth) into a large rectangle. Melt 6 t margarine and spread over dough. Sprinkle 1/2 cup sugar that has been mixed with 2 tsp. Cinnamon over margarine. Roll dough up like a jelly roll and slice into approximately one-inch slices. Place on greased 11 x 16 pan. Cover and let rise one hour. Bake

for 30 minutes. I preheat the oven at 375 and turn



down to 350 when I put the rolls in the oven. Cool at least 10 minutes and glaze with mixture of 1 cup powdered sugar, small amount of milk, & 1 tsp vanilla. Add 1/2 cup chopped nuts to glaze if desired.

Serve and earn many compliments. They are best right out of the oven but will microwave nicely for later.

Donna Sumpter

LANETTE'S 1 c. brown Suga 1 c. white sugar **O**ATMEAL Cookies

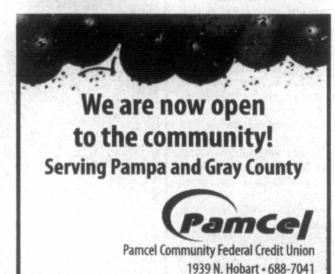
- 1 c. shortening
- 1 c. brown Sugar
- 2 eggs 1 tso. vanilla
- 1 1/2 c. flour
- 1 tsp baking soda
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 c. raisins

Mix in the same order as listed peanuts or coconut may be added. Drop from spoon on to pan. Bake in the oven 400 degrees 12 4-14-15-43-5













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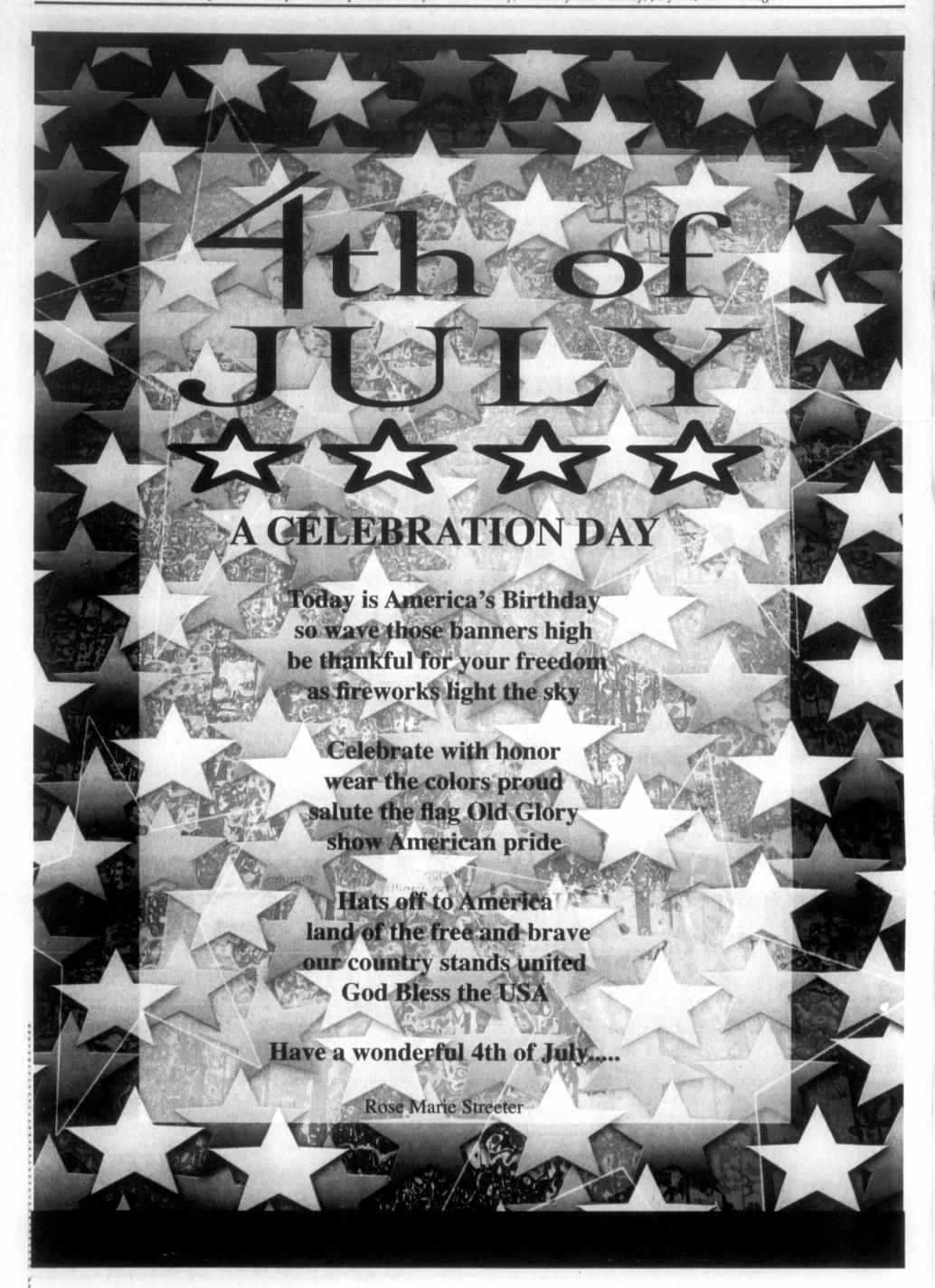
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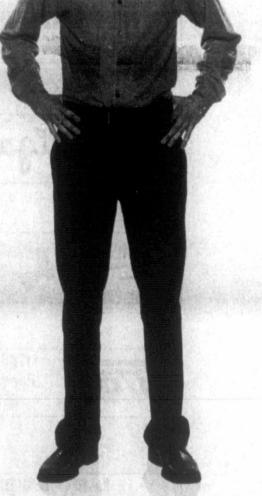
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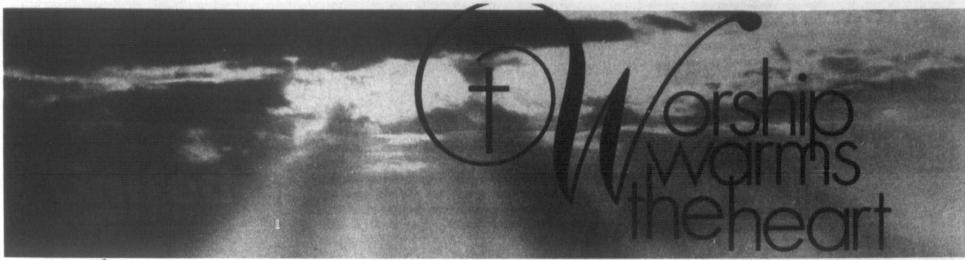


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How would you answer this question: What emotion poses the greatest threat to our spiritual lives? Or let me ask it this way: What emotion can most effectively rob you of your joy and peace in the Lord?

I'm sure your answers would all be good, but likely, they would vary. For instance, some may logically say that ANGER is potentially the most destructively emotion to your spiritual life. And you would certainly have a point. Others may feel that JEALOUSY or the SWELLING OF PRIDE top the chart. Still others may say that LUST or GREED claim the number one position. However, if we base our judgment on the number of times Jesus spoke against the issue, FEAR would win the title of the greatest threat to our spiritual lives.

The words Jesus most often uttered when He walked this earth are found in the phrase, "Fear not!" When He came upon a group of people whose faces betrayed their feelings of worry, He said simply, "Fear not." When a parent whose only child was sick, came running toward the Son of God, Jesus greeted that parent with a heart-felt, "Fear not."

Illustrations are many that find the Lord Jesus speaking this powerful refrain over and over again, applying it to the innumerable occasions where fear invaded the human heart.

But WHY FEAR? Why is fear the chart-topper? What is it about the dynamic of fear that caused Jesus so speak against it so often? Well, though the reasons may be many, let me share with you just one. At its core, fear is sin. Why? Because fear negates faith. You cannot trust God one the one hand and then on the other hand, live in the fear that God will abandon you, neglect you, or in some way, let you down.

Fear confesses that, "God is not able—He cannot take care of me—He cannot fulfill His Promises, thus He is not trustworthy." Combine that with the fact that the greatest gift we can give God is to trust Him; the essence of our relationship with Him is faith, and what we have is a spiritual mess. If the foundation of our relationship to Jesus is to trust Him and fear literally assaults faith, it is not wonder that the phrase Jesus most often used was, "Fear Not!"

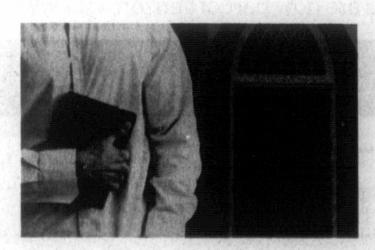
So let me encourage you today: In whatever you are facing—Whatever is threatening—Whatever is creating doubt, FEAR NOT! FEAR NOT says the God who created this world. FEAR NOT says the Holy One in whom all things are subject. FEAR NOT says Jesus who loves you with a perfect, holy, protective love. And His Perfect Love casts out all fear!!! (1 John 4:18-19)

Fearing Not,

Johnny

Rushing Wind Emmaus community meeting

Rushing Wind Emmaus community will meet-Saturday, July 11, at 6 p.m. in Perryton at the First United Methodist Church, 321 S. Baylor. There will be a potluck meal, sponsors training, and a praise and worship service. Friends, and families are welcome to attend the monthly community meetings, and a nursery will be provided for the children.





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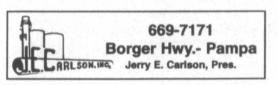
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BETA SIGMA PHI



Beta Sigma Phi has elected their 2009-2010 Officers. At a picnic at Recreation Park on June 18, 2009 the newly elected officers were announced. The group's leaders are Pat Kindle, President, Barbara Benyshek, Vice President, Nancy Brogdan, Recording Secretary, Nita Hill, Corresponding Secretary, and Janice Hubbard, Treasurer.

Hidden Hills Senior Scramble

Hidden Hills Senior Scramble 7-1-2009

1st Place 59, Jerry Dorman, Ac Bolton, Billie Millican, Darrell Hinkle

2nd Place 60, Eldon Maxwell, Larry Neighbors, Gerrel Owens, Bill Mc-

3rd Place 60, Ron Parnell, Roger Davenport, Nathan Lancaster, Bill Abernathy

4th Place 61 Roy Don Stephens,

Jim Ashford, Oscar Sargent, Gene Winegeart

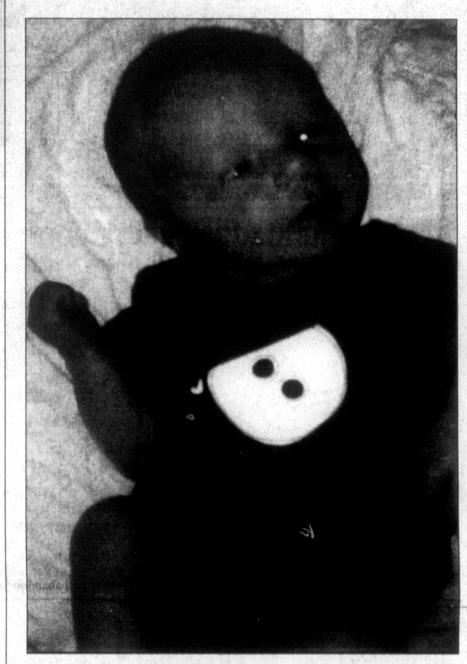
5th Place 62, Gerry McCabe, Howard Wells, Joe Magry, James Lee 6th place, 62, Buster Kelley, Charles Byrum, James Richardson, Joe Stringer

7th place, 62, Harley Knutson, Johnny Gilbert, Leroy Morris, Bill-Brown Closest to the pin, #6 Billie Mac Millican

Closest to the pin #15, Bob Brandon

Avery Jeremiah Shephard

Avery Jeremiah Shephard was born June, 12, 2009, at 7:50 a.m. She weighed six pounds and seven ounces and was nineteen inches long at birth. Proud parents are Marcus and Jennifer Shephard of Lefors. Avery is welcomed by sisters, Ashley and Alana Shephard of Lefors and Amber Shephard of Pampa, and brother Anthony Shephard of Lefors. Avery's grandparents are Dennis and Kay Shephard of Pampa and Clay and Tonya Lock of Lefors.



Ian Jeffery Denslow was born April 9, 2009 in Dallas, TX to Alan and Ladonna Denslow of Dallas.

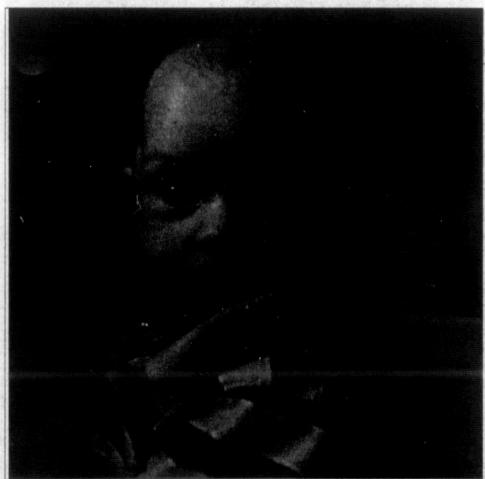
At birth, Ian weighed 8 pounds, 1 ounce and was 20 3/4 inches long.

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Relatives include grandparents, Darell & Donna Sumpter of Pampa and Lynn Denslow and the late Dave Denslow of Tecumseh, Okla. and great grandmothers Winnona Randall of Vici, Okla and Carol Harper of Tecumseh, Okla.



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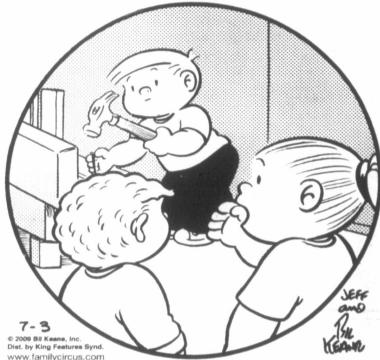
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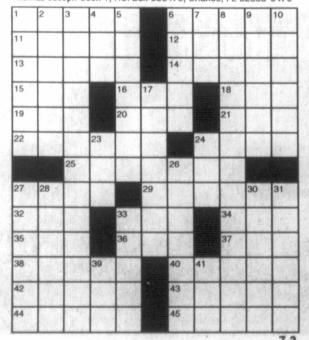
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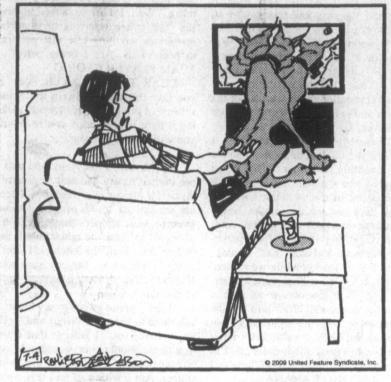
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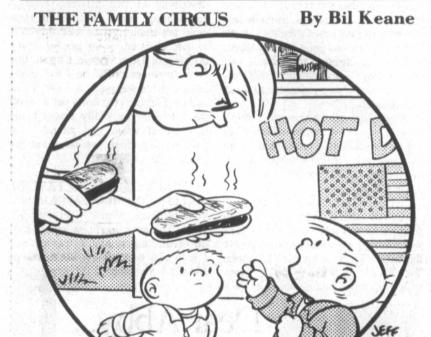


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Marmaduke



"I would have liked to have seen that triple play, too."



"Do I need a degree to be a professional hot dog eater?"

Daily Crossword Puzzle

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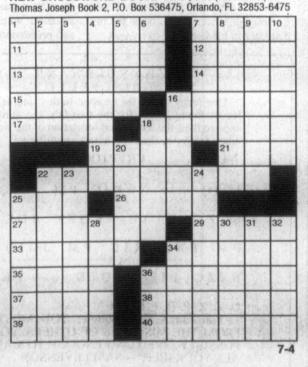
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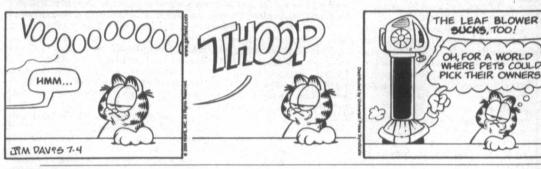
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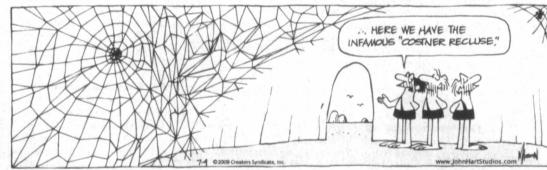


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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Saturday, July 4, 2009

This year, much goes down around you. and others need you to keep their spirits up. Communication could be stilted for the first half of the year, but it will loosen up. Avoid power plays at all costs. The only way to win is not to play. Relationships increase in importance after Thanksgiving. If you are single, you could meet someone quite special. Take your time getting to know this person. If you are attached, the two of you will need to set some ground rules. Make sure you give each other the space to disagree. SAGITTARIUS can push your buttons.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

*** You often embody the ideals of the Fourth of July: hope, promise and individualism. Being a natural pioneer, you blaze new trails, even on this day. You might be thinking about the best way to celebrate, and come up with an interesting idea. Tonight: Don't worry if everyone doesn't go along for the ride. TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

*** ★ Relate on a one-on-one level, and get to the bottom of a problem. Your understanding of a partner evolves to a new level. Every so often, you need to revise your view and look at this person as a new person. We all change. Tonight: Togetherness

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

**** Your vision of possibilities emerges, allowing for a better plan or a happier resolution. Your imagination could help a child visualize many of the events that surround the Fourth of July. Tonight: Where people are CANCER (June 21-July 22)

*** Pressure builds, as you have some expectations that might make you feel uncomfortable. Examine new ideas with an open and forthright attitude. Maybe you have encouraged someone's attitude. Tonight: Don't worry about a misunderstanding

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

*** When you are playful, it is hard to stop you. Others join in because they want to; they cannot resist. If you think about what is happening, you could get upset, as someone might be creating an uproar. Why ruin your day? It is enough that this person is ruining his or her own day. Tonight: Have your own personal

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

*** You might want to stop before you agree to plans. You actually might be most comfortable around your home. Evaluate what is happening with you. A child or loved one is too controlling. Tonight: Give up worry, and go for cele-

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

*** Listen to your inner voice when you are making decisions. Wherever you are, you are the center of the action. Many people share, and you could be overwhelmed by everything you hear. Know that you are everyone's friend Tonight: Talking up a storm. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

*** Curb a possessive streak, espe cially if you're out and about. You could make yourself most uncomfortable for no reason. Consider how you could eliminate this behavior. Meanwhile, let go of your fears, and enjoy. Tonight: Do only

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

**** There's no stopping you, as you carry the banner of celebration. Wherever you are, you will be the centerpiece, whether it is someone expressing his or her concern or jealousy or just wanting to hang with you. Tonight: The world is your oyster.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ** If you feel off or very tired, say so and do for you. Though you could be surrounded by friends and loved ones raring to go, you could be overly tired. Don't be drawn into plans that don't work for you

Tonight: Whatever you need, rather than

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

*** Help keep others smiling. With what is going on, you might feel like the ringmaster at a party. Wherever you are you are greeted with a smile, but a close friend or loved one still has the blues Keep smiling. Tonight: Could go till the

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

*** Bring others together despite a lingering issue with a partner. He or she might not feel up to snuff. Go with the moment and enjoy others in your immediate circle. Curb excessiveness. Tonight: Could be late.

BORN TODAY

Record producer Mitch Miller (1911), syndicated columnist Ann Landers (1918), playwright Neil Simon (1927)

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DAILY HOROSCOPE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, July 5,

This year, others count on you being a trouper, and always pitching in. Make it OK to say "no," as you might have other interests and need to follow your own drummer. You seem to be just plain lucky with partners. You could make a lot of money, and spend a lot too. Use caution. Your creativity seems unlimited when you hook up with someone else. In 2010, your imagination will wander to even more creative ideas. Travel could play a role too. If you are single, you probably will have to work to stay that way. If you are attached, once more you see the power of being a duo. Plan on taking a second honeymoon. CAPRICORN can challenge you.

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)

*** Smiling, you have a lot to share. You feel revitalized and happy. Others also seem more open. Make calls to those at a distance. You might be concerned about a nonproblem. Be realistic about your expectations. Tonight: Mentally organize for Monday

This Week: Your fiery personality helps when in a jam, and allows others to relax and trust you. But remember, you do have limits.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

**** Deal with knowledge and security. How you handle someone and the choices you make are clear. If you want to change a situation or make it different, do. A respected friend might have quite a few ideas. Tonight: Relax to a movie or music

This Week: Read between the lines, as someone is leaving out an important piece of information.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Realize this is your Sunday too, and there is nothing you must do. Someone at a distance fires up your imagination. Think in terms of a possible This Week: If you have a misunderstand-

trip or an adventure. Why not? Tonight: Stop and visit for a while.

This Week: Togetherness works only if you want it to. You value your freedom

more than most CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★ Complete a project that has been bothering you. How you view a situation could change dramatically given time. You might feel rather impulsive, but before you act, think about the ramifications. Visit late afternoon. Tonight: Out with friends or family.

This Week: Defer to your friends. Listen to their suggestions. Try them on for size. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

*** Your words and actions speak for themselves. You might wonder what needs to be done in order to make a situation easier or more fluid. Perhaps just expressing what you feel could get the strongest response. Add that touch of fun too. Tonight: Wind down.

This Week: Exasperation marks work. You might not have enough energy to cover all the bases. Who would? VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

** Hanging close to home just might be perfect. In some ways, you might want to open the door to new ideas and thoughts. Understand the role of a family member. Accept rather than criticize. Tonight: Live it up.

This Week: Add more fun into your life without jeopardizing a relationship. Be realistic

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

*** Say clearly what you think. Listen to reactions; try out ideas. Your light-and-easy approach might not work in a specific case. Tonight: Call it an early day.

This Week: Build slowly, and don't let a setback get to you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ If you let expenses go, you might be uncomfortable. A little self-discipline goes a long way. Creativity stems from out of nowhere. A child or loved one veers in a new direction. Tonight: Return calls. Catch up on news.

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ing, it might not unwind as fast as you might like

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★ Your imagination knows no lim-

its. Interestingly, others seem to know that and tap into your ideas, especially today. Your intuition is unusually good Home in on basics. Feel the excitement around you. Tonight: Think "tomorrow." Get some extra rest, if possible

This Week: Stick to a strict budget Network and reach out for others Wednesday on

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

**** Though you are feeling vaguely out of sorts, you have your share of challenges. No one is really pushing, but alas, it is clear what others would like. Take your time; read the Sunday paper. Later, you will be rested and smiling. Tonight: All grins.

This Week: Changes happen that could impact you for a while.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ You seem to walk on air, feeling content and happy. Friends play a significant role in your plans. Understand the importance of a get-together. Know when to call it a day, as you will feel tired quite suddenly. Tonight: Make it early.

This Week: Anything becomes possible

after Tuesday. Keep your own counsel until then.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) **** You easily could be on overload. Others gather around you, but on some level, they want you to make the decisions. You will take the lead — as if you don't have enough responsibility already! Tonight: Finally, your time. This Week: Zero in on what you want,

but remember that patience is important.

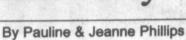
BORN TODAY

Circus showman P.T. Barnum (1810), poet Jean Cocteau (1889), musician Huey Lewis (1950)

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Dear Abby...



DEAR ABBY: I often go to the movies with my friend "Valerie." During the movie she puts her phone on mute, but I can still hear when it vibrates. Val acts embarrassed by it, but she never turns the phone off.

As soon as the movie ends, Val will check her phone for the message. (It's never anything that couldn't wait.) Then she returns the call and talks to the caller all the way out of the theater and to her car where we say our

The last time we went to a film, I met her at a cinema miles from where I live, battling rush-hour traffic. When I arrived, she was standing in line with her exercise instructor. They spent the extra hour before the movie began discussing workout techniques, completely ignoring me and the instructor's husband. Val also "had" to place

a call to a co-worker while we waited. When Valerie calls me, she'll interrupt me in mid-sentence to take a non-emergency call from family. She promises to call me right back, but never does. Abby, I value her friendship, but I'm tired of her rudeness. I'm not good at confrontations. What can I do? -- SECOND BANANA

DEAR SECOND BANANA: The relationship you have with Val is not what I would call friendship. Friends enjoy each other's company and enjoy talking with each other. Friends are sensitive to each other's feelings. With each of the actions you have described, Val is demonstrating that you -- and your feelings -- are less important than what she impulsively decides to do at the moment.

Under the circumstances, I don't think it would be "confrontational" to tell this woman that your feelings are hurt and why. From where I sit, she has treated you like nothing more than a seat partner.

DEAR ABBY: What does it mean when a spouse refers only to himself when talking about things that involve the two of us as a couple? Example: We're building a house, but he never says "we" when talking about it. He'll

say, "my house," or "I'm not going to pay that much."

When I mention this to him, he gets angry and says, "You know what I mean." Well, I don't because I always say "we" when referring to financial matters or anything else that pertains to both of us. Am I being petty? --

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TEAM PLAYER IN OHIO DEAR TEAM PLAYER: Yes, if you take this personally. In the grand scheme of things, this isn't worth picking a fight over. And if you're smart, you will choose your battles.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I are invited to my dad and stepmom's house for almost every holiday. There are usually 25 to 35 people at these events. After dinner, the "girls" are expected to clear the tables, wash the dishes and clean the kitchen. I don't mind volunteering, but my stepmom INSISTS. No dessert is served until everything is clean.

When I invite guests to my home, I ask them to leave the dishes and "let's enjoy ourselves." I believe that when you invite people over, you should not expect them to work unless they volunteer. Am I wrong to feel this way?

STUCK IN A CYCLE

DEAR STUCK: You are entitled to your feelings, but what you are describing are two different styles of entertaining. Your father and stepmom are traditional in their thinking, as demonstrated by the gender-driven division of labor. While I agree that your stepmom could be less heavyhanded in her approach, it is her house, and on their turf, the hosts get to make the rules. If you really resent being conscripted when you attend these gatherings, perhaps you should attend fewer of them.

CONFIDENTIAL TO PAULINE PHILLIPS IN MINNEAPOLIS: It's your birthday, Mama -- 91 amazing years. You have taught me by example all of the important life lessons, and I love you with all my heart. Happy Birthday, Sweetheart.



Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 15-year-old girl and I have always had a fear of heights. But my mother and sister love thrill rides. As a result, we often go to theme parks. When we do, I'll usually go on a couple of the "kiddie rides," which is what Mom calls "mild" rides. Mom and my sister try to drag me on the roller coasters, but I always say no.

After I refuse a few times, Mom will finally snap. The last time it happened she said: "You know what? I'm not paying for your ticket if you're going to wimp out and not go on any rides.

I have been driven to tears more than once. She won't stop even if my friends are with us. I wish I could stay home when they go, but then my mom accuses me of being "antisocial."

Please tell me what I can do or say to her to make her stop doing this. --TIRED TEEN IN COLTON, N.Y.

DEAR TIRED TEEN: Your mother may think that your refusal to go on the roller coaster (etc.) is a bid for attention, but she is wrong. She isn't taking into consideration how severe a fear of heights can be -- some people require professional intervention to overcome it, and it costs a heck of a lot more than a ticket to a theme park. Because you can't seem to get through to her, appeal to one of her friends or a close relative to help you get the message across. Believe me, you have my sympathy.

DEAR ABBY: In December, right before Christmas, my daughter and I went shopping. We visited several stores in a strip mall in the small town where we live. After returning to my vehicle, I left the wheelchair I use for long distances at the back for my daughter to load.

We were getting ready to leave town. I hurried home, wrapped the gifts I had bought, then rushed out again to deliver them in the next town. When we reached our next stop, I realized I had left my wallet in the pocket of my wheelchair. When I asked my daughter to retrieve it, she looked at me and said, "You took the wheelchair out?" That was when we realized she had forgotten to load it.

I started calling the stores to ask if anyone had turned in a wallet and wheelchair. The answer was no. When I decided to call the sheriff's department and ask if anyone had turned the items in, the dispatcher began asking me all kinds of questions about my whereabouts and safety. Abby, they thought I had been kidnapped! I felt terrible for upsetting everyone.

I would like to thank the good Samaritan who turned in my wheelchair and my wallet, intact, with nothing missing. The items in it could have been replaced, but there is no way I could have replaced the wheelchair because it was expensive.

I would also like to thank the sheriff's department, which had a deputy at the door before I was off the phone with the dispatcher, for their quick response. -- GINGER IN LIVE OAK, FLA.

DEAR GINGER: I'm pleased to publish your testimonial to the fact that there are honest, caring people in this world. Of course, it's no surprise, but we seem to hear an awful lot more about sociopaths and psychopaths than we do the good people who make up the vast majority. And hats off to your sheriff's department, who handled the situation with proficiency, humanity and professionalism.

clearly many people have different opin-

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Monday, July 6,

This year, the pace is quick, and events occur rather quickly. You often feel pushed by others, who challenge a personal, key bond. Learn to juggle. The best solution is to rise above such matters. If you are single, you could meet someone through friends, even pushy ones! Don't judge this person just because he or she was introduced to you by this particular friend. If you are attached, determine your commitments, and understand and honor those priorities. If you don't, you could have a problem with your sweetie. CAPRICORN often challenges you.

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)

*** A must-do or important goal cannot be denied. Pressure builds. Opportunities abound at an unprecedented level. You notice your anger, but you might not really understand why you are angry. Tonight: Could be late TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

**** Reach out for an expert or someone at a distance. You'll get important feedback. Blend experience with information, and you'll make a great choice. Others depend on you to get results. Tonight: Where the music is.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) **** Remain confident. Stay in touch with deep-rooted feelings. Pressure builds around key matters, especially financial ones. Listen to the person who this situation might involve. You might not agree, but listen. Tonight: Togetherness works.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

*** Defer to others, especially as ions. Someone who might be a powerhouse could be a problem. Learning how not to get into a quarrel could be more important than you realize. Tonight: Listen to feedback

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

*** Understand that you might be too exhausted to continue at the same pace. Excessive and indulgent behavior in some form might be a problem. You could be very critical of an associate, or him or her of you. Focus on completion. Tonight: As you like.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

*** Unusual creativity surrounds a personal matter or special friendship. If you are single, you might be quite delighted by someone's responses. If you are attached, understand that someone might be pushing you very hard to understand another perspective. Relax, and attempt to walk in this person's shoes. Tonight: Let your hair down, even if it is

Monday evening LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

*** Defer and understand just how much you need to get done. Basic priorities need to come forward, whether you like it or not. Realize that not all those close to you feel the same way. Trust that you will hear about it too. Maintain a sense of humor. Tonight: Visit over din-

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

*** Keep communication moving. Realize what might need to happen with someone you really care about. Your sense of humor comes through with a partner or people in general. The problem might be that someone else is not of the same mind. Tonight: Visit with dif-

ferent people. Return calls SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

*** If you are considering something different, be especially tuned in to alternatives. You could be overwhelmed by everything that is going on around you. Be more in touch with your longterm needs, and follow through on the necessary course. Tonight: Remember, you also need to relax.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★ While someone lets you know a lot more of what you need, you might not be thrilled about the way it is communicated. Be sure a risk is a no-no. Read between the lines, and understand the possibilities. Tonight: Whatever puts a

smile on your face. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

** To others, saying little might look like you are retreating. On the other hand, you are gaining viable information quickly. Know that you might have donned your rose-colored shades and need a reality check. Tonight: All smiles. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

**** Dig deep into your imagination for solutions. A friendship might be far more important than you realize, especially when facing a personal issue. If you feel uncomfortable with a problem, say little. You might be going down a strange, new path. Tonight: Find a pal.

Rapper 50 Cent (1976), former President George W. Bush (1946), painter Frida Kahlo (1907)

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Submarine survivor family's hero

WICHITA FALLS, Texas (AP) — The four "Ticknor Kids" are now grown up and have spread out across the county, but they came together recently in Wichita Falls to meet a man they have always considered a hero.

They never imagined they would get to know the long-ago gunner's mate whose own story is the only reason they know their father's fate.

The four grew up hearing stories their mother, Marvel, to'd about Clifford Kuykendali, the only sailor aboard the 80-man USS Tullibee who survived when an erratic torpedo— one of their own, he said— circled back and struck the boat, sinking it in the Pacific Ocean in late March 1944.

The children's father, George Oran Ticknor, was chief electrician's mate, making him a chief petty officer on the USS Tullibee. He was on board that fateful day. He was 33, older than many of the crew members. He had built his career in the Navy.

His widow, Marvel, and their four children, Duane, Rosemary, Joie and Ruthie, would never have known what happened had it not been for a letter that arrived in a Christmas card from Kuykendall, who lives in Wichita Falls.

Kuykendall remembers sitting down at his sister's kitchen table after he returned from the World War II. He wrote letters to 79 families, telling them what happened to the crew of the Tullibee.

"That's the least I could do," Kuykendall said, sitting at a table surrounded by George Ticknor's children, Duane Ticknor of Otis, Ore., Rosemary Snyder of Fort Collins, Colo., Joie Heller of Glendale, Ariz., and Ruthie Joyce of Philadelphia, Penn.

Decades ago when he sat down to write, he had a list of the crew members and their next of kin, and made sure each family knew the

"I'd write them, and fold them, and put them in an envelope," he said. At 3 cents a stamp back then, "I could afford that."

The letter meant the difference between knowing the truth and a lifetime of mystery for the Ticknor family.

"For our mother, he was a hero," Ruthie Joyce said.
"Otherwise, she wouldn't have known what happened."

Throughout their lives, Marvel Ticknor, who never remarried after the death of her husband, talked to the children about "Cliff."

Only Rosemary, the oldest, who was 8 when their father died, really remembers George Ticknor.

She remembered him

coming home on his last furlough.
"He was just real happy."

"He was just real happy," she said. "We were just thrilled to death to get to see him."

He planned to put in his 20 years in the Navy, and he and his wife dreamed of

buying a ranch together in Montana.

They know he got to meet Duane, but he never saw Ruthie, the baby. She was born in December 1943 and was only a few months old when the Tullibee went

Each of the siblings has been part of the American WWII Orphans Network. When Joyce got a suggestion that she do a Google search of Kuykendall's name, she entered the information and was stunned when she came across a July 2008 Times Record News article on his service and his memories of the USS Tullibee.

"I never dreamed we could find him," Joyce said. "I opened it up, and there he was. I sat at that computer with goose bumps from the top of my head to the bottoms of my feet."

She learned he had an unlisted phone number, so Duane Ticknor wrote a letter to Wichita Falls' chief of police, explaining the situation, in hopes of letting Kuykendall know the family would like to reach him.

The letter arrived at the Wichita Falls Police Department and made it to the hands of the manager of the apartment building where Kuykendall lives.

"The chief of police was looking for you," The manager told Kuykendall when he delivered the letter. "I'm a law-abiding citizen," Kuykendall laughed. "It has something to do with a submarine," the manager told him.

Kuykendall agreed to let the family have his phone number, and Joyce made one of what would turn out to be the first of many calls. There were also exchanges of letters and pictures.

Kuykendall, who was 19 in 1944, didn't know George Ticknor well, but he did remember him and recognized his face in his pictures.

When Joyce asked in March whether she and her siblings could come visit him, he agreed; and they spent several days in town last month, talking with Kuykendall and listening to his memories of the USS Tullibee and his captivity at the hands of the Japanese after he was pulled from the water.

"The only reason they plucked me out of the ocean was for intelligence," he said.

Kuykendall felt at home with the siblings; he had three sisters, himself.

"They brought me up,"

he said. After he returned to Wichita Falls and wrote to the families of the 79 men who lost their lives, he heard back from many of the families. In many cases, pictures, introductions and even marriage proposals came back with the replies. Since many of the men were young, their closest relatives were mothers and sisters, not wives and children. Some of the letters were returned

unread.

This is only the second knew visit he has had.

When he was on leave from the hospital in Norman, Okla., in the fall of 1945, the wife of an electrician's mate first class traveled with her aunt to see him and find out about what happened to her husband.

He answered a lot of questions about that over the years. The Japanese forces were the first to want to know, but he didn't tell them what he told the families.

He said the Japanese forces saw the explosion and asked him about what had happened. He said one of their own torpedoes traveled erratically, making a circle back and striking the boat, which is what they called the submarine.

Early on, Kuykendall used to lie awake at night thinking about the USS Tullibee; after a while, he

knew the thoughts would consume him if he didn't force them to the back of his mind, and that's what he had to do.

But the memories of his service haven't disappeared, and he delved into books and pointed out pictures as he talked about his experiences. At 84, he still has vivid memories of his service, which also included a tour in the Korean War.

His memories and stories have been a treasure to Ticknor's family.

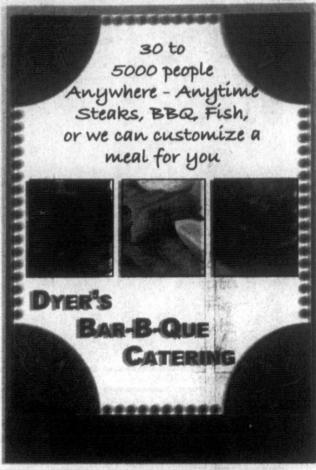
"There are quite a few war orphans who still don't know what happened to their dads," Duane Ticknor said.

"In all the services,"

Kuykendall added.

Kuykendall worked hard

Kuykendall worked hard to survive so he would be able to come back and share the truth with the other families, Joyce said.







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