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## Peet concerned about shifting tax burden

BY DAVID BOWSER  
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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 decisions.

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

to be up to the voters.

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

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## FLAGS UP



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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.

## Salvation Army discusses need for space

BY RANDY PRIBBLE  
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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.

Paul Curnow, a development

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

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 The first  
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 of the  
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**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.

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**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.

**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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## Obituaries There are no obituaries today



### ON 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.

Remember to take a copy of The Pampa News with you on your getaway. Take a photo of family and friends holding the newspaper. We'll print your picture in the newspaper. So, whether you are going to Paris, France or Paris, Texas (or Clarendon for that matter) ... take us along for the ride! Remember to: Identify every person in the photograph from left to right, front row first; Give us some information about the trip and the landmark in the photo; Give us the name of a contact person and a telephone number/email address. To see your photo in the paper faster, email the photo and information to: rpribble@thepampanews.com.

## 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 astrojose. 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.

## 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 roads.

## Unemployment by the numbers

WASHINGTON (AP) — 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 working or looking for 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 cycle, 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 jobs.

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 million 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

9.5 percent: Unemployment rate in June 2009

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

10.8 percent:

Unemployment rate in December 1982, the highest since World War II

### JOBLESS FOR MONTHS

29 percent: The proportion of the unemployed who've been out of work six months or longer, a record

24.5 weeks: The average length of unemployment in June, also a record

4.38 million: The number 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

### WHERE THE JOBS ARE

34,000: Jobs added in the education and health

services industries, the only one of seven broad categories to add jobs

### UNDEREMPLOYED

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

2.17 million: People without jobs who wanted to work, were available and had looked in the last 12 months, but had not looked in the last month.

16.5 percent: Unemployment rate if you include involuntary part-time 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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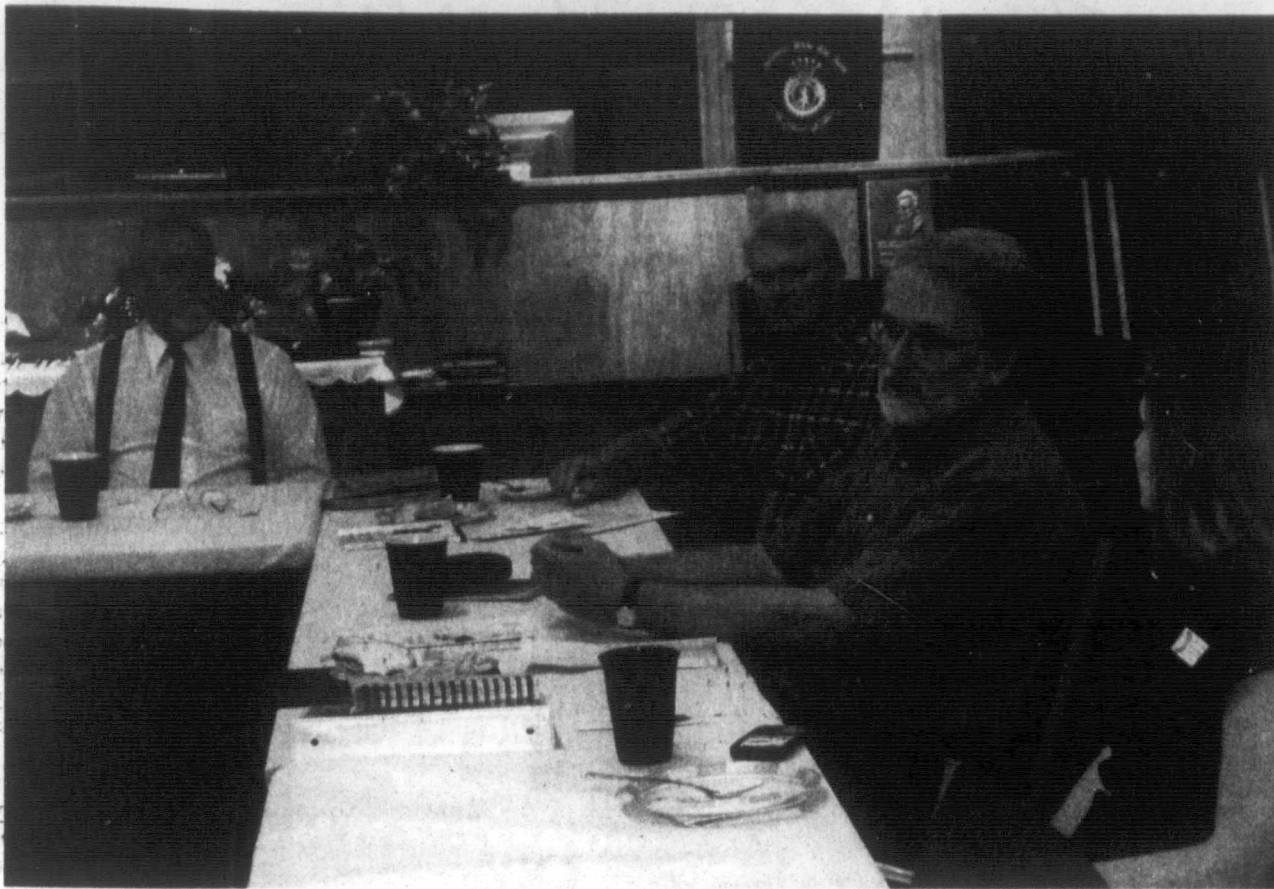
For Friends of Ziri'ax Nix

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 it in your hearts. Thank you.

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 Ziri'ax. You will all be in my prayers until the day I die. Thank you- Thank you!

Ziri'ax'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.

## Space

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 every-

thing 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 spon-

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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## Tax

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 the county.

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."

Commissioner Gary 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

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, such 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 taxpayers."

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 mayor, said the city can

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 pay property taxes.

He said that even though the tax rate is frozen, the taxing entities are getting more money because the value of the properties has gone up.

"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 go up."

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 that.

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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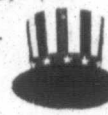
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## Fireworks buyers still have money to burn

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 Tulip 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.

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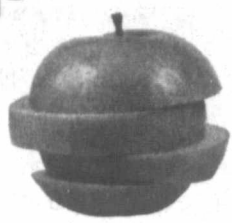
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## Betty's Apple Dumplings

- 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

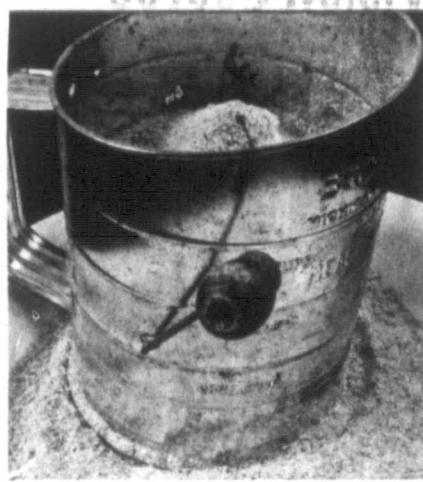
## Betty's Cream Pie Filling

- 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.

To make into pie just layer with wafers and bananas.

Betty Stribling



## Red Salad Dessert

- 1 tub cool whip
- 1 small package chopped pecans
- 1 small can eagle brand milk
- 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 container.

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.

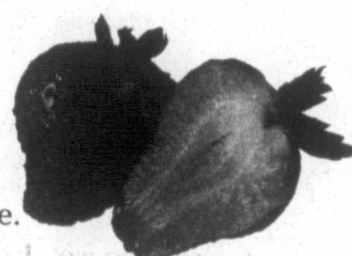
Kathy Harrah

## 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
- GLAZE:
- 1/3 cup butter (use real butter)
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1/4 cup water
- 1/4 cup Captain Morgan Spiced Rum

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Spray Bundt pan

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.

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 pie-like consistency. Different wattage ovens may take different times.  
Remove from Microwave and stir in 1/2-cup semi-sweet 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.

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

WOODWARD, Okla. (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 did.

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

has been turning out U.S. flag cookies. "He's not too good for the common people."

Bush's paid speaking engagement 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-the-radar 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-

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 there.

"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."



## Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR 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 hang-ups, and I don't necessarily disagree. How can I deal with this? -- TRYING TO LOOSEN UP IN NORTH CAROLINA

DEAR TRYING: 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

conversations.

May I offer a suggestion to them? This is what I did for my sweet father-in-law 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 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 long-term memories outlive short-term ones. -- JERI IN GARDEN GROVE, CALIF.

DEAR JERI: Your

suggestion is an excellent one, and you are sweet to share it with my readers. Your statement about long-term 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 of conversation.

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 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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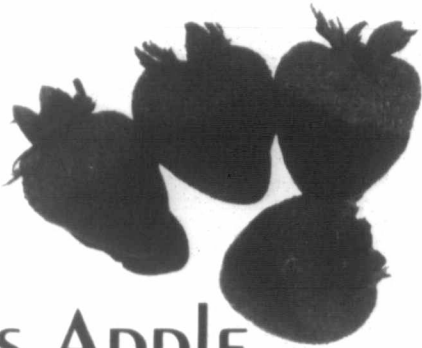
# Pampa Perfect Recipe Collection

## LANETTE'S Apple Crisp



- 9 Apples sliced
- 3/4 c flour
- 1 tsp. 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 bowl work together the sauce and flour butter pat mixture on top of apples. Bake in 375 degree oven for about 45 minutes



## PAT'S Apple Enchiladas

- 1 slightly greased baking dish (I use spray Crisco or Pam)
- 1 21-ounce can apple pie filling (or peach – or cherry)
- 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 regular sugar
- cup water

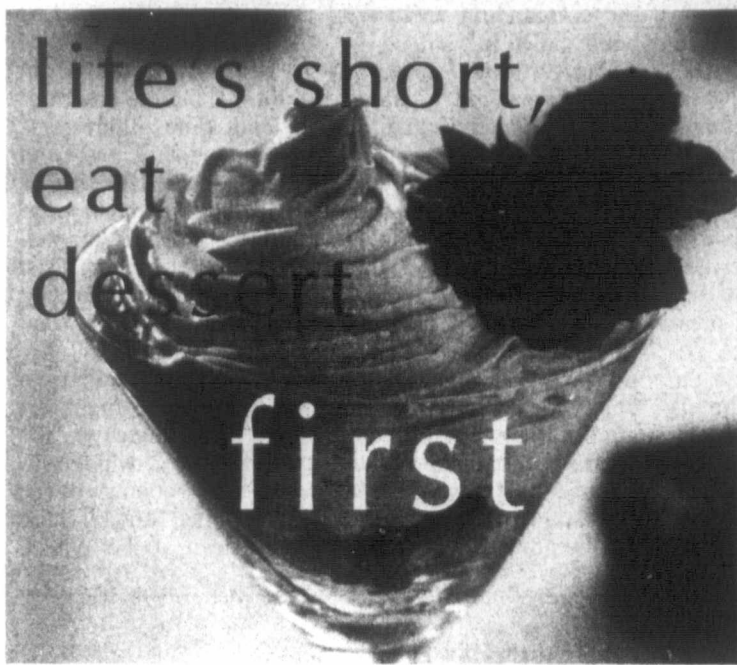
Spoon filling down center of tortilla (if you warm the tortillas a few seconds in the microwave, they will fold better.) Sprinkle with cinnamon, roll up, and put into pan. Bring ingredients for syrup to boil. Reduce heat, simmer, stirring constantly 3 minutes. Pour over enchiladas while hot. Either let 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



In 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.

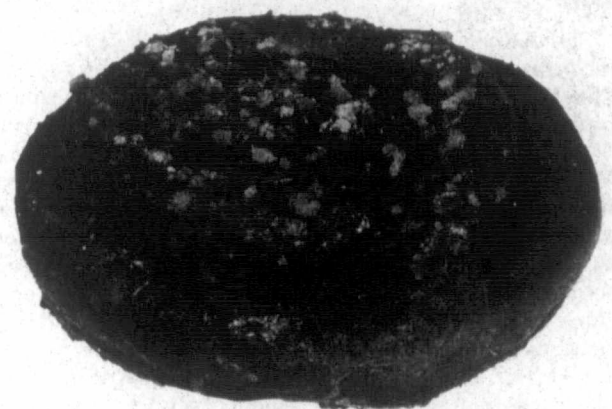
Roll out on floured surface ( i use a cotton cloth) into a large rectangle. Melt 6 t margarine and spread over dough . Sprinkle 1/2 cup sugar that has been mixed with 2 tsp. Cinnamon over margarine. Roll dough up like a jelly roll and slice into approximately one-inch slices. Place on greased

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.

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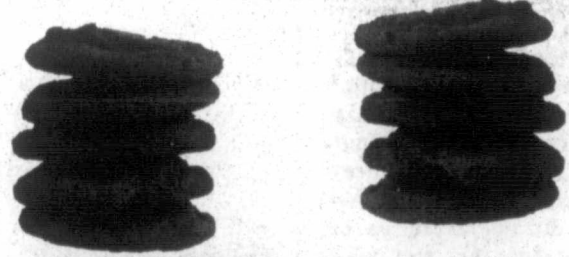
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## LANETTE'S OATMEAL COOKIES

- 1 c. shortening
- 1 c. brown Sugar
- 1 c. white sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 tso. vanilla
- 1 1/2 c. flour
- 1 tsp baking soda
- 1 tsp. salt
- 3 c. oatmeal
- 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 minutes



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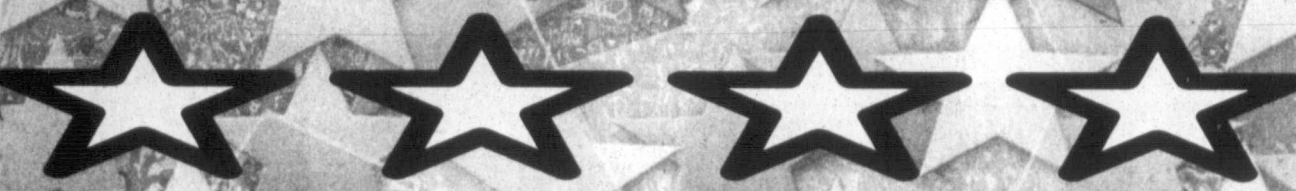
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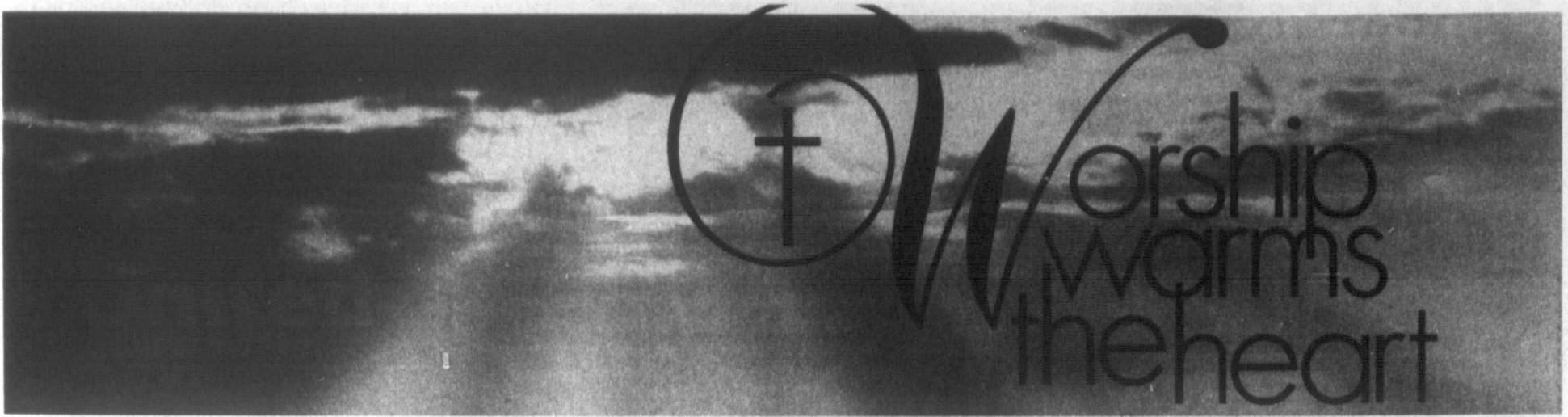
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I'm sure your answers would all be good, but likely, they would vary. For instance, some may logically say that ANGER is potentially the most destructively emotion to your spiritual life. And you would certainly have a point. Others may feel that JEALOUSY 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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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-Minn

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

## Ian Jeffery Denslow

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

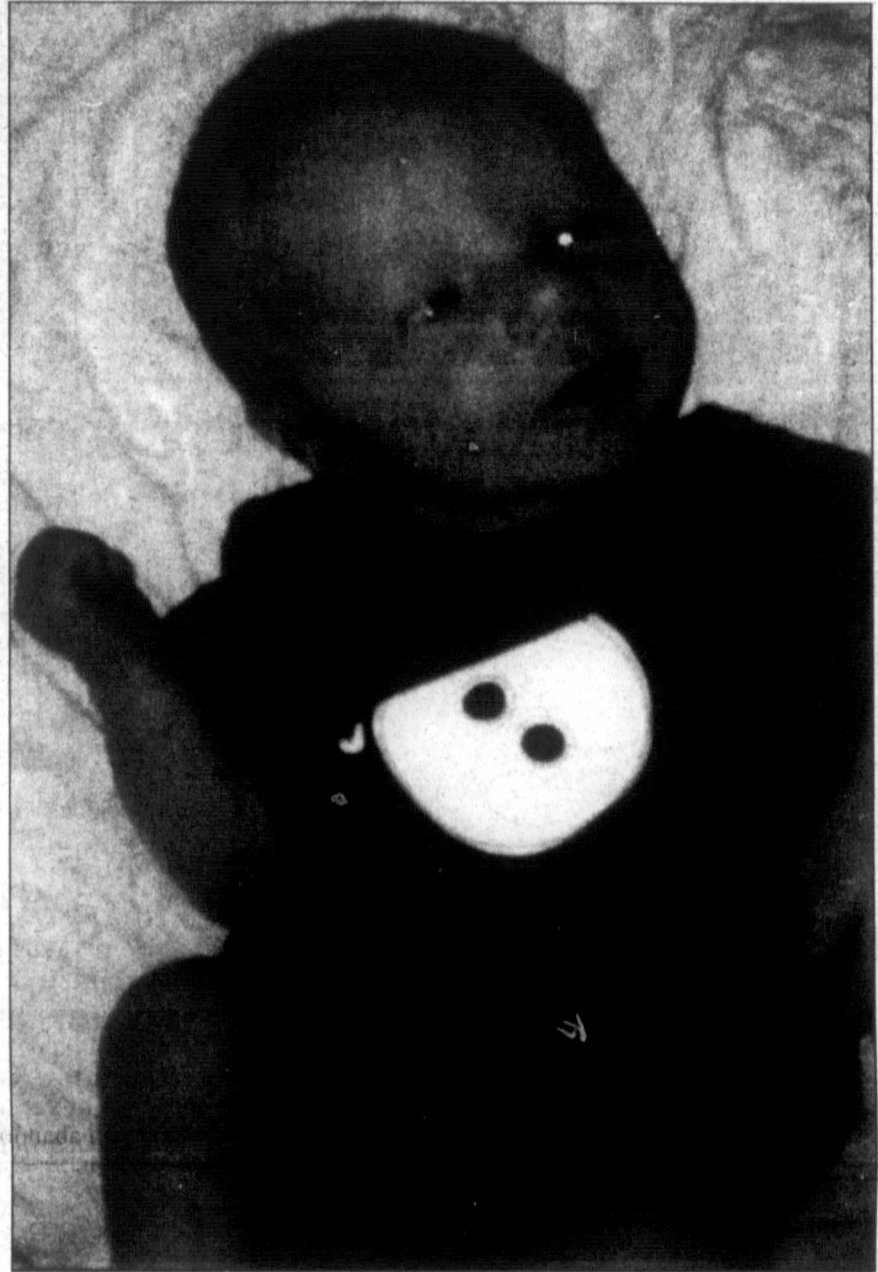
At birth, Ian weighed 8 pounds, 1 ounce and was 20 3/4 inches long.

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.



## 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.



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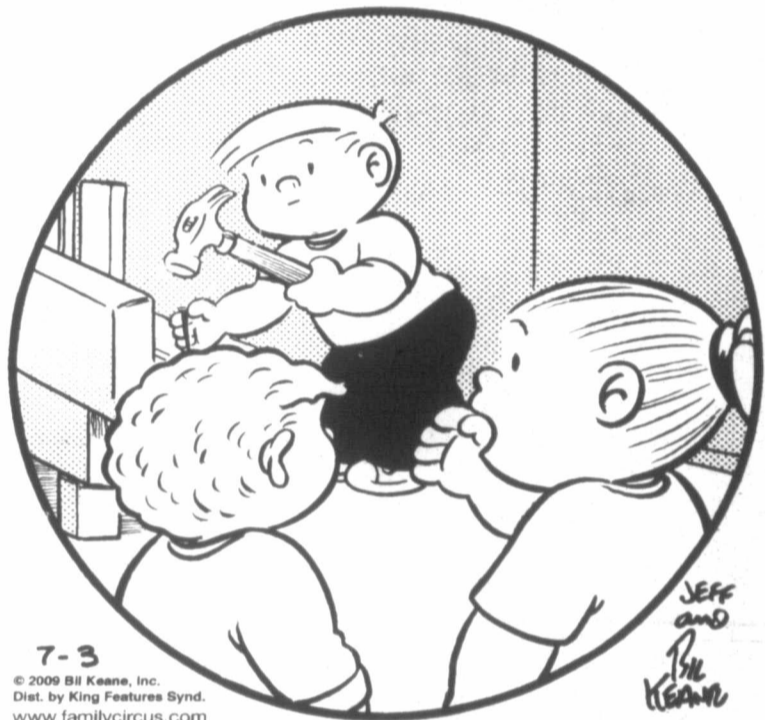
Marmaduke



"Of course he needed an attic. His basement is full."

## THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



"The only kinda nails Billy hits are thumb and finger."

Daily Crossword Puzzle

### CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
- 43 "For want of —"
  - 1 Holler
  - 6 Unstated
  - 11 Pithy
  - 12 Photog- rapher
  - 13 Old English forest
  - 14 Fire starter
  - 15 Opponent
  - 16 Keg need
  - 18 X look-alike
  - 19 Tall tree
  - 20 Chasm
  - 21 That lady
  - 22 Game official
  - 24 Extremely
  - 25 Eden attire
  - 27 Choir voice
  - 29 "Am I the problem here?"
  - 32 Fan sound
  - 33 Leaf lifter
  - 34 Role for Harrison
  - 35 Deplore
  - 36 "My word!"
  - 37 Easter find
  - 38 Carrie's dad
  - 40 Sweet treat
  - 42 Actor — William Scott
- DOWN**
- 1 Work groups
  - 2 Gallant
  - 3 Agenda
  - 4 Try out
  - 5 Camper's anchor
  - 6 Entice
  - 7 Gardner of film
  - 8 Seafood restaurant special
  - 9 Ruler divisions
  - 10 Summer top
  - 17 Fleet owner
  - 23 Carnival city
  - 24 Avril follower
  - 26 Singer Gloria
  - 27 Collar
  - 28 Cosme- tician
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  - 30 Bart's sister
  - 31 Marx's friend
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  - 39 Powerful bunch
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Beetle Bailey



Marvin



B.C.



Haggar The Horrible



Peanuts



Blondie



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# Comics

Marmaduke



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

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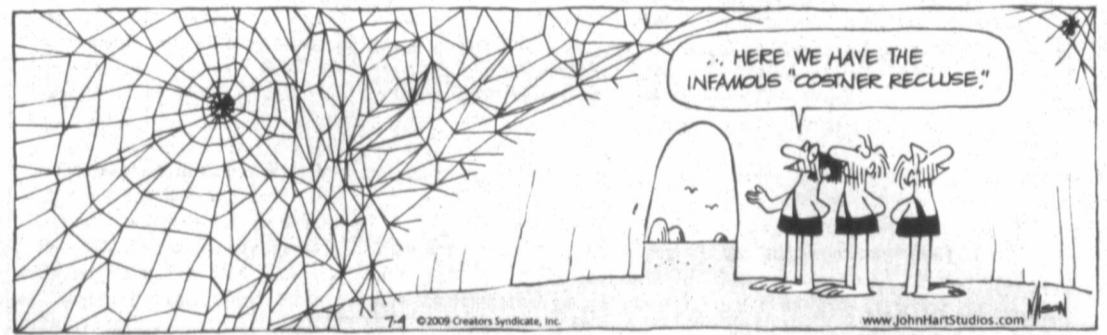
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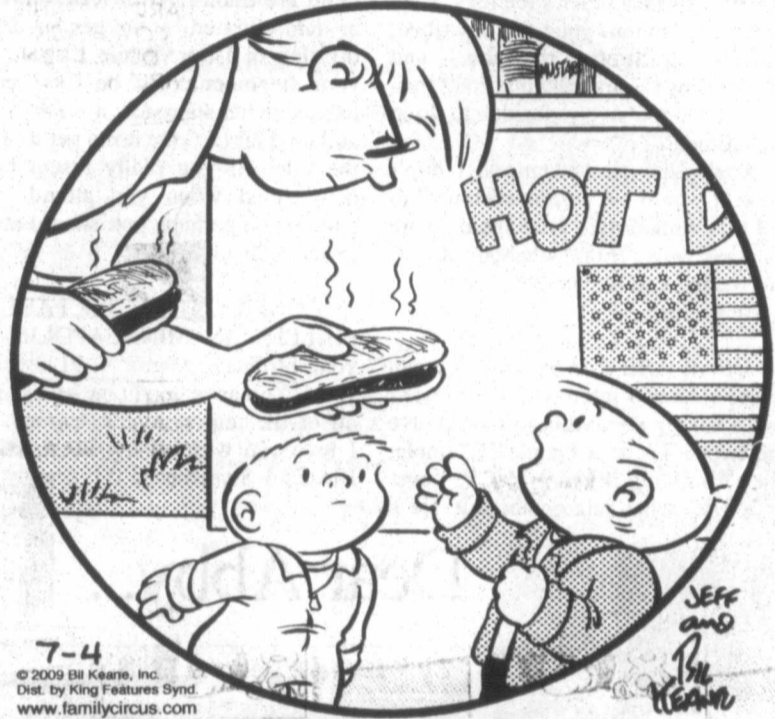


Flo & Friends



## THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



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

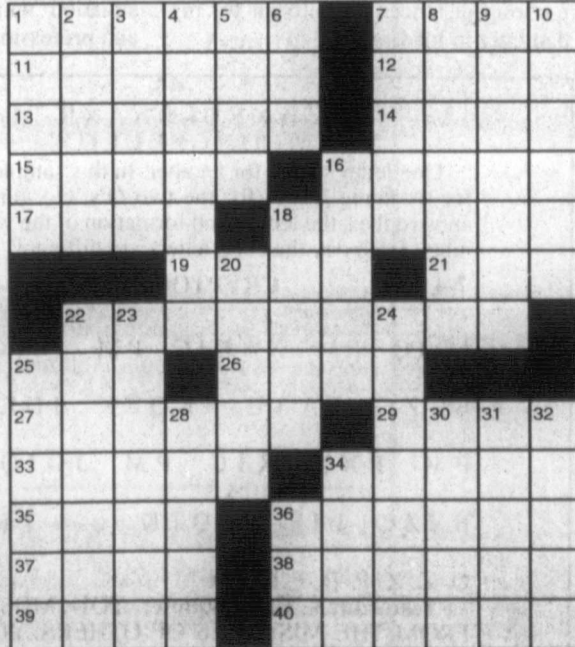
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- ACROSS**
- 37 School
  - 1 Prefers near
  - 7 Lacking Windsor locks
  - 11 Spain order setting
  - 12 "I cannot tell —"
  - 13 Left behind
  - 14 Eric of "Munich"
  - 15 Ferber and Best
  - 16 Caravan creature
  - 17 Spotted
  - 18 Moolah
  - 19 Article
  - 21 Cub's home
  - 22 Chocolate source
  - 25 One of TV's Bradys
  - 26 A party to
  - 27 "Paper Moon" stars
  - 29 Make headway
  - 33 Agitates
  - 34 Concession-stand buy
  - 35 Hound's quarry
  - 36 Overwhelm with wonder
- DOWN**
- 1 Flutes' kin
  - 2 Home
  - 3 Nemo's creator
  - 4 Like some produce
  - 5 Mexican rivers
  - 6 Perched
  - 7 Celeste's mate
  - 8 Shaded walk
  - 9 Centers, e.g.
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  - 16 Jazz group
  - 18 College VIPs
  - 20 Works hard
  - 22 Bach creation
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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, told about Clifford Kuykendall, 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 story.

"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," 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 down.

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

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