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## PISD board hopes field will be ready

BY DAVID BOWSER  
 dbowser@thepampanews.com  
 The president of the school board said the board is concerned about the synthetic turf project at Harvester Stadium that is running behind schedule, but he refused to go further, indicating that legal action is still an option.

The grass at the football field was to be replaced by synthetic turf in time for graduation at the end of May. A problem with the underlying aggregate, or gravel, that provides a base for the synthetic turf, however, delayed the project. Today, gravel lines the field, but there appears to be no further work on the project.

There is a question as to whether the field will be ready for a scheduled scrimmage against Dalhart on Aug. 21, although officials hope that the field will be ready in time for the Harvesters first football game of the season on Aug. 28, against the Borger Bulldogs.

"I will say this about the turf on behalf of our board," said Derrell DeLoach, president of the Pampa Independent School District board of trustees, "This board is committed to ensuring that the turf project is completed correctly."

After two hours behind closed doors, meeting with the Pampa Independent School District's attorney, DeLoach addressed an audience of concerned citizens as a grim-faced board looked on during their regularly scheduled meeting Thursday night.

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 president, PISD board

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## School board budgets projects

BY DAVID BOWSER  
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 The auditorium seats at Pampa High School will be repaired, and the school may get a new marquee.

In their meeting Thursday night, the Pampa Independent School District board of trustees approved an agreement with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice to have the seats in the auditorium removed, repaired and replaced for \$40,400. They also approved a budget amendment to pay for the project.

The budget amendment also covered projects that had been budgeted but not been completed during the last fiscal year, which ended June 30, and

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## WHITE DEER RODEO TONIGHT



staff photo by David Bowser  
 Pecos Winters, 13, checks horses at the White Deer rodeo grounds. The annual rodeo gets underway tonight and runs through Saturday.

## CARRYING A TORCH



staff photo by David Bowser  
 Lighting up the streets of Pampa, Benito Reynaga with Lewis Construction uses a propane torch to heat the asphalt in the 1700 block of Mary Ellen in preparation for the city's annual seal coating project.

## Former AG preps to teach at Texas Tech

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — Former U.S. Attorney General Alberto Gonzales hopes his teaching stint at Texas Tech will encourage minorities to further their education.

The school in Lubbock earlier this month announced it hired Gonzales to teach political science and to help recruit and retain minorities. Gonzales, a former secretary of state in Texas and the nation's first Hispanic attorney general, on Thursday talked with reporters about his teaching plans.

Gonzales, who joins Tech on Aug. 1, will lead a course this fall on contemporary issues in the executive branch.

Nine U.S. attorneys were fired when Gonzales was attorney general. He resigned in 2007.

Gonzales said he will talk openly about his controversial decisions, as part of a "very candid discussion with the students."

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## PAMPA FORECAST

Saturday	Sunday	Monday
High 95 Low 67	High 90 Low 69	High 87 Low 65

**Tonight:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 68. South southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

**Saturday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 95. West southwest wind 5 to 15 mph becoming south southeast. Winds could gust as high as 20 mph.

**Saturday Night:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 67. South southeast wind 10 to 15 mph becoming east northeast. Winds could gust as high as 20 mph.

**Sunday:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 90. East wind around 10 mph.

**Sunday Night:** A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 69. South southeast wind between 10 and 15 mph.

**Monday:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 87. South southwest wind around 10 mph.

**Monday Night:** A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 65. South southwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming northwest.

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## Low levels at Lake Travis yield stolen vehicles

Low levels at Lake Travis yield stolen vehicles AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Low levels at Lake Travis blamed on the drought are leading to the discovery of some vehicles believed stolen decades ago.

Travis County sheriff's Detective Mike Morton says the lowering lake levels have allowed "some treasures to pop up."

KVUE-TV reports one recovered sports car, reported stolen in 1988, still had the keys in the ignition. A Kawasaki motorcycle removed from Thursday from Lake Travis at Pace Bend Park was reported stolen in June.

Morton warns thieves that the lake near Austin is a poor place to abandon stolen items.

He doesn't want any-

body thinking they "can come out here and start dumping vehicles and we are not going to find them."

## Obituaries There are no obituaries today

### EMERGENCY SERVICES

#### PAMPA PD

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Officers made 23 traffic related stops and worked two accidents.

Authorities responded to 11 animal-related calls.

Officers made two follow up calls regarding investigations.

**Thursday**  
A criminal trespass was reported in the 400 block of North Yeager.

A home was toilet papered in the 1100 block of Prairie Drive.

There was a 911 call in the 1300 block of North Hobart.

A burglary was reported in the 800 block of North Sumerville.

A medical emergency was reported in the 1100 block of North Starkweather.

Officers performed a welfare check in the 2800 block of North Rosewood Lane and another at Foster and Lefors.

A gas drive off was reported in the 100 block of West 28th Ave.

A suspicious person was reported in the 800 block of East Browning.

A medical emergency was reported in the 200 block of Thut.

A grass fire was reported on FM 2375.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 700 block of North Davis.

A medical emergency was reported in the 800 block of North Nelson.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 100 block of South Faulkner.

A suspicious person was reported in the 2200 block

of Dogwood Lane. Disorderly conduct was reported in the 700 block of North Davis.

A medical emergency was reported in the 1000 block of North Wells.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 900 block of South Osborn.

A violation of city code was reported in the 500 block of North Nelson.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 200 block of Henry.

A prowler was reported in the 1800 block of North Hamilton.

A burglary was reported in the 800 block of East Kingsmill.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 500 block of North Lefors.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1100 block of South Hobart.

A window was shot out by a BB gun in the 200 block of West Craven.

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

**Friday**  
A suspicious person was reported in the 900 block of West Randy Matson Ave.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1000 block of South Faulkner.

A suspicious person was reported at 18th and Williston.

A suspicious person was reported in the 900 block of North Somerville.

#### SHERIFF

The Gray County Sheriff's Department reported the following arrests during the past 24-hour period.

**Thursday**  
Kimberlie Dawn Mouser,

26, Pampa, was arrested by Gray County deputies on a warrant charging her with theft by check, driving without a valid driver license, failure to appear and theft under \$50.

Lorena Rodriguez, 36, Pampa, was arrested by Pampa police officers on warrants charging her with leaving the scene of an accident and striking a fixture.

**Friday**  
Johnny Ray Wildcat, 38, Pampa, was arrested by Gray County deputies on a warrant charging him with theft of property greater than \$50 but less than \$500.

Omar Rodriguez Collazo, 19, Pampa, was arrested by Pampa police officers on charges of driving while intoxicated.

Guardian EMS reported the following call for July

**AMBULANCE**

22. 8:56 a.m.— An MICU unit responded to the 1200 block of Christine.

10:04 a.m. An MICU unit responded to Pamap Regional Medical Center,

transported one patient to Northwest Texas Healthcare.

1:24 p.m. An MICU unit responded to PRMC, transported on patient to the VA hospital.

9:23 p.m.— An MICU unit responded to the 1200 block of S. Faulkner, transported one patient to PRMC.

The Pampa Fire Department reported the following call for service

#### FIRE

between 7 a.m. July 23 and 7 a.m. July 24.

10:52 a.m.— One unit and three personnel responded to a first responder (medical) call in the 100 block of Starkweather.

11:46 a.m.— Two units and four personnel responded to an investigation at Ballard and Browning.

2:54 p.m.— One unit and three personnel responded to a public service call in the 100 block of S. Christy.

9:23— One unit and three personnel responded to a first responder (medical) call in the 100 block of N. Wells.

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# AG

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"I am hopeful that as more facts come out and people see my work in the community there will be a more fair and objective evaluation of me and my service," Gonzales said.

He said the Bush administration "is entitled to credit for taking steps to protect our country." He says mistakes were made, but everyone acted in good faith.

"We kept the country safe, since 9/11 we have not had another attack," Gonzales said.

Gonzales was in Lubbock this week meeting people on campus and talking to Hispanic leaders.

Gonzales, 53, is a San Antonio native who attended the Air Force Academy, Rice and Harvard universities. He also served as George W. Bush's state legal counsel and a Texas Supreme Court justice before moving with the president to Washington.

# School

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projects that had tentatively been approved. It also included the replacement of aging custodial equipment that has been deemed unsafe.

Carol Fields, the district's business manager, told the school board there would be an expected increase in the fund balance from 2008-2009 of about \$1 million, enough to cover the already budgeted items, the tentatively budgeted items and the custodial equipment.

The \$300,000 of budgeted items includes the high school roof, softball concession stand, conversion of portable buildings for the elementary schools, media system for the high school commons area and a new finish on the gym floor.

Those items had been budgeted last year but are not yet complete so they were simply moved forward into the new budget year.

The tentatively approved items, totaling \$555,000, include sports dressing rooms, vocational consumer science renovations, the auditorium seating and lighting, ag barn, replacing the heating and air conditioning in the high school vocational building and music building and a tennis concession stand.

The custodial equipment will total \$11,100.

The board discussed replacing the existing marquee with an electronic marquee.

Pampa High Principal Tanya Larkin told the board she would like to see something between the \$20,000 marquee at the junior high and the \$100,000 marquee at M.K. Brown. She estimated \$50,000 for an electronic marquee suitable for the needs of the high school.

David Teichmann, board member, said he would like to see the district match any donations to come up with the money for the marquee.

In other business, Pampa Junior High School Principal Paul Nies told

the board that under the school's handbook policy students are to leave the school immediately after the end of the school day.

He said that the final bell rings at 3:28 p.m., and he would give the students until 3:38 p.m. to leave the school grounds.

Nies said, however, that he would work with parents on scheduling issues.

After school supervision had become an issue at the junior high school with some students hanging around until 4:30 p.m. or later.

The school board also approved a number of fund-raising applications from various school organizations.

The school board also approved renewing its agreement with the Texas Association of School Boards on Workers Comp Insurance and heard a report on new fingerprinting requirements of teachers by the state.

The board approved revisions to the local leaves and absences policy. Fields said the revisions would put the policies in line with recently passed laws and would clarify the district's policy. She indicated that there were no substantial changes, but they would be easier to understand.

They also approved the tax appraisal district's budget and calendar.

The board hired Sabrina Gafford as a counselor at Lamar, Billy Smith as a science teacher at the junior high, Phillip Porcari as a history teacher at the junior high, Allyson Embry as a pre-kindergarten teacher at Lamar, Mary Crown as a fourth grade teacher at Lamar, Robert Ceyanes as a math teacher at the junior high, Mozetta Johnson as a Family Consumer Science teacher, and Jessica Seman as a high school math teacher.

They also hired Edward Milner as a physical education coach at the junior high and Tyson Holder as a diagnostician for the district.

# Houston worker gives robber knuckle sandwich

HOUSTON (AP) — A robbery attempt in Houston turned into a knuckle sandwich for the suspect.

Sandwich store clerk Yava Matthews punched the man in the mouth as he tried to get away with some money.

Matthews says the man Monday night lunged over the counter and grabbed her cash drawer. Matthews says her "initial response was to hit him. So I hit him."

KHOU-TV reports somebody offered handcuffs. Another person produced a Taser, as the fight moved outside.

Matthews used both on the man before police arrived and took custody of the suspect.

# Turf

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ect, the Pampa Economic Development Corporation and individual donors.

"We are committed to making sure that this project is done," DeLoach said. "We are also committed to holding those accountable that do not discharge their duties in a correct manner."

He said the board is very patient with regard to the time that is required to complete the project.

"I will not get into specifics concerning that matter

because there are potential litigious matters," DeLoach said. "We are committed to ensuring that this job is done correctly, and we are committed to everyone in this community with that thought in mind."

He said the school board is very concerned about the synthetic turf project. He said the board is concerned about all the projects the school district has under construction at this time.

# Burlington Northern 2Q profit rises

NEW YORK (AP) — Burlington Northern Santa Fe Corp., the second largest rail operator in the U.S., said Thursday second-quarter earnings rose 15 percent as big savings from cheaper fuel and other cost cuts offset plunging demand.

The company said it earned \$404 million, or \$1.18 per share, compared with \$350 million, or \$1 per share a year earlier. The year-ago quarter included a charge of 31 cents per share related to an environmental matter in Montana.

Revenue fell 26 percent to \$3.32 billion.

The results came in well above what Wall Street was expecting. Thomson Reuters says analysts expected profit of \$1.01 per share on revenue of \$3.43 billion.

The Fort Worth, Texas-based company paid less

than half for fuel in the April-to-June period than it did a year ago. Total traffic fell 18 percent, led by declines in automotive, industrial and consumer products shipments.

The railroad slashed costs by 33 percent.

President and CEO Matt Rose said Burlington Northern is beginning to see signs that some of its more economically sensitive businesses are stabilizing. That echoed a similar statement earlier Thursday from Union Pacific Corp. CEO Jim Young.

Omaha, Neb.-based Union Pacific, the nation's biggest railroad, reported a 12 percent drop in income. But it also topped Wall Street forecasts.

Burlington Northern's shares ended the regular session up \$2.42, or 3.2 percent, to \$79.20.

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# Viewpoints

## Today in History

Today is Friday, July 24, the 205th day of 2009. There are 160 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

1567 - Barely more than 1 year old, the son of Mary of Scotland is crowned James VI when his mother, defeated by rebel Scottish lords, abdicates the throne. He becomes King James I of England when his cousin, Queen Elizabeth I, dies.

1847 - Brigham Young and the first Mormons arrive at Great Salt Lake in present-day Utah.

1911 - Yale University professor Hiram Bingham discovers Inca city Machu Picchu in Peru.

1922 - League of Nations Council approves mandates for Palestine and Egypt.

1929 - U.S. President Herbert Hoover proclaims the Kellogg-Briand Pact, renouncing war as an instrument of foreign policy.

1942 - British bombers devastate German cities of Frankfurt and Mannheim in World War II.

1946 - United States makes first underwater test of an atomic bomb off atoll of Bikini in Pacific Ocean.

1969 - The U.S. Apollo 11 astronauts, the first men to walk on Moon, splash down safely in the Pacific Ocean.

1976 - U.S. space-craft Viking 1 lands on Mars and starts tests to determine whether life exists on the planet.

1977 - Egypt's President Anwar Sadat orders his troops to observe immediate cease-fire in fighting with Libya.

1981 - Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization endorse separate cease-fire agreements to end fighting along the Lebanese-Israeli border.

1992 - The Mexican government accuses the United States of excessive interference in antidrug efforts and declines aid earmarked to combat narcotics.

1993 - Russia says it will invalidate billions of old rubles to combat inflation.

1994 - Rwandan refugees trickle into Zaire — now Congo — after the border is opened, to escape filthy, crowded camps where death from cholera and dehydration abound.

1996 - In Colombo, Sri Lanka, two bombs rip through separate cars of a commuter train, killing 63 people in an attack blamed on Tamil Tiger separatist rebels.

1997 - After 290 years of union, the British government offers Scots the power to legislate, to tax and to speak for themselves in the European Union.

2000 - In Sierra Leone, dozens of rebels, including children, surrender to U.N. forces in the eastern city of Kenema and turn over their weapons.

Today's Birthdays:

Simon Bolivar, leader of South American independence (1783-1830); Alexandre Dumas, French writer (1802-1870); Ernst Bloch, Swiss-born composer (1880-1959); Tanizaki Jun'ichiro, Japanese writer (1886-1965); Amelia Earhart, U.S. aviation pioneer (1898-1937); Cootie Williams, U.S. jazz musician (1908-1985); Bella Abzug, U.S. lawyer, politician and activist (1920-1998); Gus Van Sant, U.S. director (1952--); Jennifer Lopez, U.S. actress/singer (1968--).

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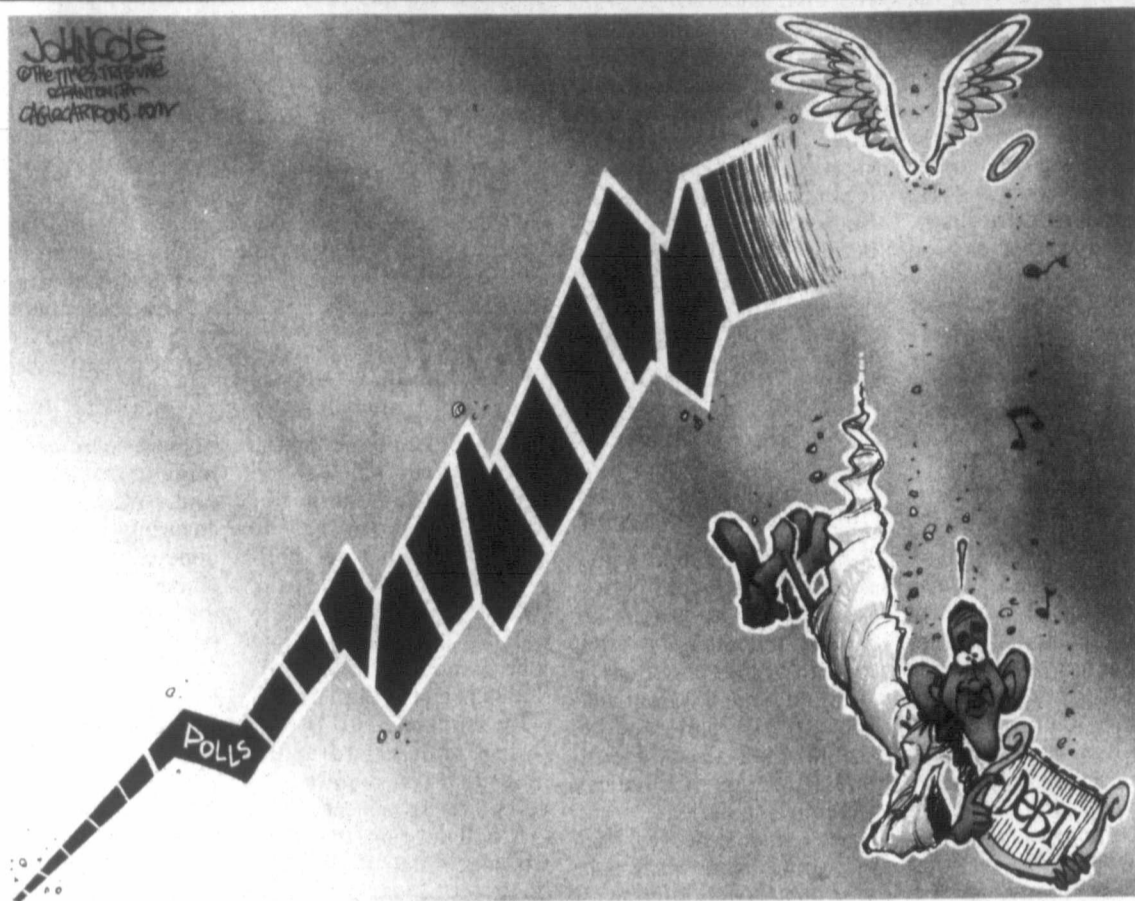
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## IMPACT: Cash-strapped states raid 911 funds

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NEW YORK (AP) — More than \$200 million collected from cell phone users for upgrades to the 911 system has been diverted in the last two years to plug state budget holes, keep campaign promises and, in at least one case, buy police uniforms, an Associated Press analysis has found.

Dispatchers say the diversion of money comes at the expense of improvements that would give crime and accident victims more opportunities to reach responders. Someone who has been kidnapped, for instance, may not be able to talk but might be able to quietly send a text message or a photo.

Cell phone subscribers in nearly every state pay anywhere from 20 cents to \$1.50 a month for what is described in their bills as 911 improvements. In some states, the AP analysis found, less than half that money is actually going to help emergency dispatchers keep pace with the features of smart phones.

As states hammered by the recession look around for new ways to balance their budgets, the 911 money is tempting:

— In New York, only 19 cents of the \$1.20 the state collects from each subscriber each month goes to emergency calling services. The rest pays for uniforms for the state police, a wireless network for emergency responders and the state's general expenditures.

— In Wisconsin, a new 75-cent monthly fee was supposed to pay for ongoing 911 operations and improvements. When the state's deficit grew, the state decided to divert \$100 million in the next two years to local governments to reduce pressure to raise property taxes.

— In Arizona, lawmakers

funneled \$25 million from its emergency telecommunications fund, halving its size, and cut its monthly 911 cell phone fee to 20 cents. As a result, the fund could be out of money within three years.

"The issue of (fund) raiding has been a trickle for a few years, and now we're seeing the faucet on full blast," said Dane Snowden, vice president of external and state affairs at wireless industry group CTIA.

A highly publicized round of call center upgrades is nearly complete, allowing 911 dispatchers to automatically pinpoint cell phone callers. But emergency officials say that's no reason to raid funds set aside for future upgrades. After all, voice calls are just one of many things phones can do.

Dispatchers would like the capability to receive photos, videos and text messages from cell phone users in danger. Photos shot by witnesses with camera phones have already proved useful in catching bank robbers and flashers, for instance. Getting those photos to 911 centers — which could get them to police faster — could help solve crimes.

In several cases in recent years, kidnapping victims have summoned help by surreptitiously sending text messages. But because they can't send directly to 911, they've had to use intermediaries.

When David Deganian and a friend were abducted at gunpoint on an Atlanta street early one morning in 2007, Deganian managed to sneak a text message to his brother Arman: "We have been kidnapped. Please call the police and help us."

Later, the friend tried calling 911. The gunmen heard him, interrupted the call and took the phones away. Luckily, Arman Deganian was awake to

notice the text message. He got the police on the case, and they rescued his brother and his friend that afternoon.

In a more famous case, a 14-year-old girl in Kershaw County, S.C., was held in an underground bunker for more than a week before she managed to send a text message to her mother from the captor's phone.

Upgrading call centers to handle text and video messaging would require new computer systems, communications lines and staff training, costing tens of millions of dollars per state, according to the National Emergency Number Association.

A complete accounting of how 911 money is spent in all states is not available, partly because most of the money dispatch centers get is funneled to them by counties. The Federal Communications Commission has been collecting information from the states at the request of Congress, and is expected to report its findings soon.

Oregon, Arizona, Delaware, Hawaii, Wisconsin and Tennessee are among the states that have dipped into their 911 money recently. New York and Rhode Island have been diverting their funds for at least five years. States started collecting the funds in the 1990s.

In the fiscal year that ended in June 2008, Rhode Island collected \$19.4 million in 911 fees and used \$5.8 million for 911. The rest went to the state's general fund.

Raiding the funds could reduce the money available for 911 upgrades even further, by reducing federal grants. After a round of 911 fund raiding during the previous recession, at the beginning of the decade, the federal government tightened its grant rules to discourage the practice.

To elude the federal gov-

ernment's wagging finger, New York is changing the name of its "Enhanced 911" fee to "Public Safety Communications Surcharge," to make it clearer that 911 is just one of its purposes.

Other states seem to ignore the grants issue.

Oregon collects 75 cents per cell phone per month. Although its attorney general's office concluded that federal laws on 911 grants prohibit using money from wireless bills for purposes other than 911 services, the state took \$3 million from an \$80 million fund that mingles wireless and land-line fees.

"When people pay their bills, they see that they are paying 75 cents per telephone line to fund the 911 system. For the Legislature to turn around and divert some of the money to other purposes is disingenuous. It's just wrong," said Hasina Squires, a lobbyist who represents emergency communications officers in Oregon.

Gov. Ted Kulongoski's office and legislative budget officials defended the decision, citing Oregon's "extraordinary" budget shortfall. They said they took money from various accounts if they determined that doing so wouldn't disrupt core functions of those programs.

Tennessee believes it got around the federal restrictions by leaving the principal in its 911 fund intact and taking out \$11 million in accrued interest in the fiscal year that ended June 2008. The fund had \$54 million left.

"It begs the question: If you have that much money in holding, why is it still being collected from consumers? It doesn't make any sense," CTIA's Snowden said. "The E911 fund is appearing to be an ATM."

John L. Triplehorn  
Pampa

## Letters to the editor

To the editor,

On Saturday, July 18, I left Pampa on my way to Amarillo. As I left town, I noticed gas was \$2.37.

When I got to Amarillo, I observed gas was \$2.22, a difference of 15 cents a gallon. I wondered if the price would be down by the time I returned home. However, lo and behold, as of today, Wednesday, July 22, the price of gas in Pampa remains \$2.37.

I asked the obvious question, "Why?" and was told "because they can."

The capitalist system at work, of which I am a supporter. Furthermore, I

was told the Murphy station at WalMart is the price setter here in Pampa and the other retailers are not going to buck them, so they went along — at our expense, I might add.

The capitalist system works on supply and demand, they have the supply and we control the demand. So what if

we exercise our power of demand and cease to purchase from Murphy until they reduce their prices to complete with Amarillo? If Murphy reduces their price, will the other retailers follow suit? Only giving it a try will tell for sure. If they ask why we are not buying gas from them, we can reply, "because we

can." We've all seen gas consistently stay far higher than Amarillo's, but to my knowledge we, as a community, have never taken matters into our own hands. In these times of economic stress, maybe it's time to do just that.

John L. Triplehorn  
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Calvary Baptist Church's Vacation Bible School is next week: July 27-31. "Bob" and "Larry" will be back again this year for another Veggie Tales VBS. This year, Bob and Larry will be taking the kids on a safari as they "Teach us to Pray." The nightly VBS will be from 6:30 to 9 p.m.

Each year, the church has a carnival on the final evening. This year's carnival will include water slides, game booths, free food, and a dunking booth. Veggie Tales VBS at Calvary Baptist is open to all children, entering kindergarten to entering sixth grade. The church is located at 900 E. 23rd Street, 1 mile east of the Junior High School. For questions, or to enroll your child, please call the church at 665-0842.



**Try a little compassion**

Again and again we read in the Bible that Jesus was "moved with compassion." And his compassion was always followed by his healing the sick and feeding the hungry. He even taught about the need for compassion in many of the parables and stories he told to his followers.

In fact, compassion is considered by all of the major religious traditions as among the greatest of virtues.

More than empathy, compassion is defined as the feeling that gives rise to an active desire to alleviate another's suffering. Mercy and tenderness are among its synonyms while cruelty and indifference are its opposites.

I can't help but wonder what a little compassion could do for our troubled and weary world—in negotiations, interrogations, debates and discussions. As we see the suffering of others and our hearts ache for their pain, do we wish we could help in some way? Making a difference in someone's life does not necessarily require lots of money or time.

I can certainly attest that the compassionate understanding and kindness shown to me when I have failed or made mistakes, encouraged my growth and eventual successes throughout my life. Our words can have a powerful impact on friend or foe.

It's helpful to remember that we are all in the same boat sharing this human experience. We are never alone. And others have undoubtedly walked in our shoes before. We're not the only ones who have made the very same mistake or used bad judgment.

Yet have you found it easy to show compassion toward a friend or family member -- or even a stranger -- who's having a tough time but you get angry or frustrated with yourself when your own life falls short of your ideals?

Perhaps you need a big dose of self-compassion.

Things will not always go the way we want them to. We need to learn to give the same comfort and care to ourselves that we would give to others. Showing compassion and understanding when confronted with personal failings will help us put our mistakes into a larger life perspective—a more balanced, objective point of view—and encourage our progress.

But let's be clear about what self-compassion is not. Self-compassion is not self-pity! It serves no good purpose to get lost in our emotional drama or immerse ourselves into a problem.

Self-compassion is not self-indulgence! There is nothing beneficial about indulging in unhealthy rewards or habits.

And self-compassion is not self-condemnation! Judging and criticizing ourselves for inadequacies or shortcomings keeps our attention and focus on the negative or buried in the past.

With compassion for ourselves when we have missteps, we inspire and prompt wiser steps that move us forward and closer to reaching our potential. We are better equipped and able to keep a clear eye on our goals.

A baby learning to walk doesn't think twice about attempting to walk again after she falls down. And that baby will likely fall many times before she masters walking. But she doesn't stop with walking. After she learns to walk, she tries running, then skipping, and then jumping. Before walking, she scooted, crawled and probably even climbed.

The idea is that we keep moving, learning, progressing, mastering new skills, gaining new insights and knowledge along the way. Yes, we may fall sometimes. It may take us a while to learn and get where we want to go. But we never stop trying.

Compassion will keep us moving onward and forward. So give yourself a hug when you need one. And pat yourself on the back and say everything will be okay. Be like the baby who doesn't think twice about her fall. Keep on keeping on.

So the next time you're feeling down on yourself, try a little compassion.

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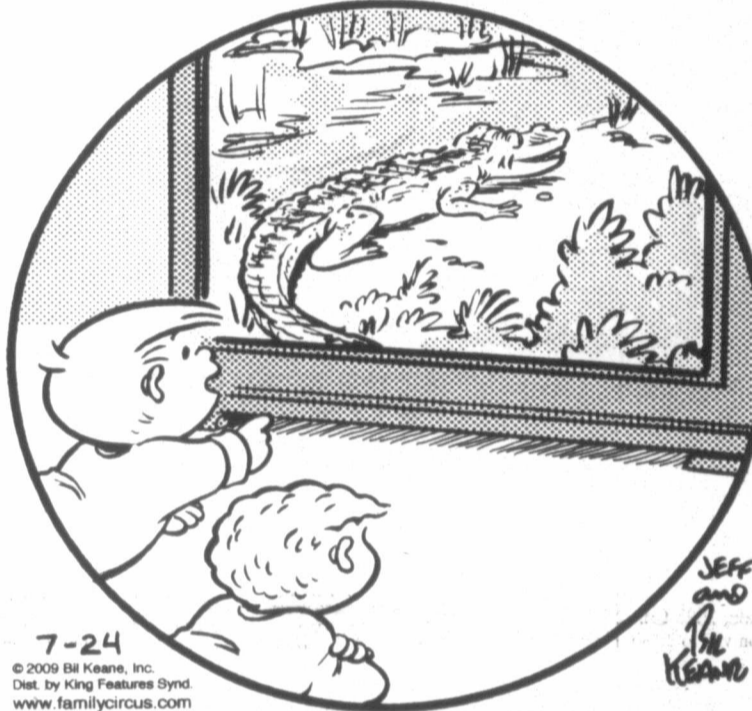
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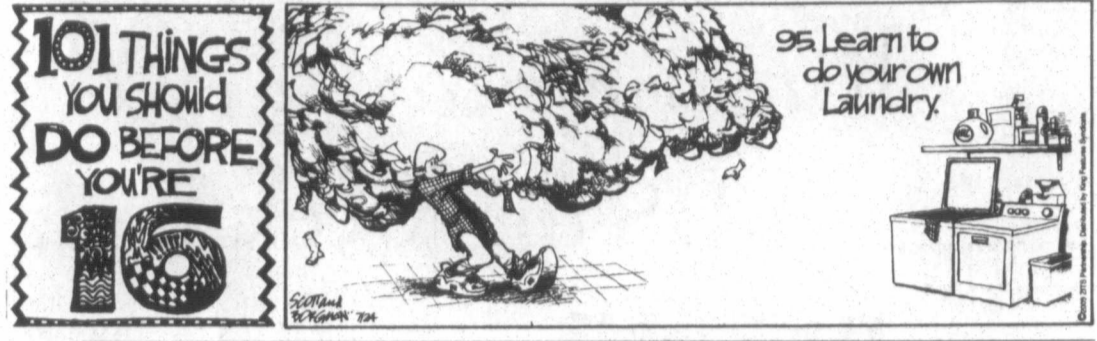
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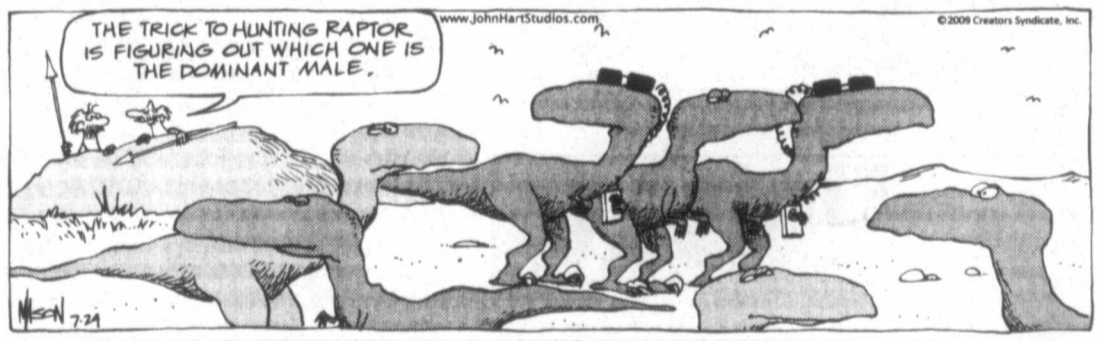
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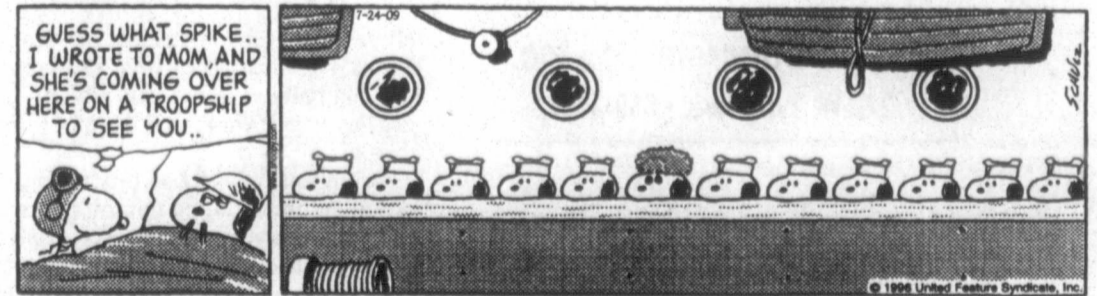
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**2348 Duncan, Fri. & Sat. 9am-7** No early birds. Furn., office equip., home decor, pots, lots of clothes & misc.

**GARAGE SALE** 1100 Sierra Dr. No early birds, please! Fri. & Sat. 8-5

**FRI. 8:30-4:30, Sat. 8:30-noon.** Too many items to list. No Early Birds! 1401 N. Russell

**MOVING Sale.** All must go! 1916 Lynn. Fri. & Sat. 8 am-7

**MULTI Family Garage Sale** 2229 Charles Sat. Only 8:30

**MOVING Sale:** Baby-toddler girl clothes, car seats, play pens, strollers, bouncies, Little Tykes, + sz. women's furn., appliances. 8319 Cole Rd., south of Bowling alley. Fri. 6pm-8pm., Sat. 8am.

**735 S. Barnes Fri. & Sat. 10am-7** Furni., tools, dishes

**GARAGE Sale** 505 Doucette Sat. 8 am-7 Lots of variety

**GARAGE Sale 1506 N. Nelson, Fri. 5-7, Sat. 8-noon,** electric guitar, marshall amp, computer desks, movies, books, lots of misc.

**HUGE Sale.** Sat. July 25, 8:30 - 2. 2620 Comanche Furniture, household items, Nice clothing for the whole family, lots of great stuff. Most items 1/2 off from 1-2. (Items in hand before 1:00 are full price)

**3 Family Sale - Sat. 8:00 - 1:00.** Furniture, toys, clothes, misc. 1015 Fisher - No early birds.

**YARD Sale, 2007 Cor. Lee, Sat. only 8 to 1:30 + DVD's.** 60 + pcs ceramic bear cloth, antiques, clothes & lots of misc., burritos, bierox & more

**GARAGE SALE** 1116 E. KINGSMILL FRI. & SAT. 8-7

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**GARAGE Sale: Sat. 8-1pm.** Early birds welcome. 1300 W. Kentucky, Lot 10. Everything you might need.

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**GARAGE Sale: Sat. Only.** 2101 Chestnut Dr. 8am-1pm.

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**FULL bed, dresser,** sewing machine, lots of misc. Sat. 8am-1pm. 1908 N. Wells.

**GARAGE Sale: 2534** Fir. Sat. 7 am til 1 pm. Books, clothing, miscellaneous, Honda V65 Magna Motorcycle, Maytag clothes dryer & dish washer.

**HUGE Yard Sale.** 712 Magnolia St. Tools, Housewares, clothes & toys. Sat. 9 am - 2 pm.

**1819 Williston, 8-7 Sat.** Recliner, camp stove & lantern, girls clothes sz. 6-14, lots of misc.

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## Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

**DEAR ABBY:** I'm a 38-year-old man with no children. For some reason I tend to attract the attention of children wherever I go. Even though I make no attempt to speak to them, they often approach me. I know when children talk to strangers it makes their parents uncomfortable, but I don't want to be rude to the kids.

I was recently eating at an outdoor restaurant when a friendly little girl walked up, sat herself down at my table, and began asking me questions. I was terse but polite. She was soon joined by several other kids, all of whom seated themselves at my table.

Their parents, who had obviously not been paying attention, shouted at them to "get away from that man!" It created an embarrassing scene with the parents telling me I had no business talking to their kids. The other diners looked at me as though I was some kind of pervert.

I don't want to be rude to children, but what can I do to prevent things like this from happening again? -- CRYING "UNCLE" IN TEXAS

**DEAR "UNCLE":** The parents overreacted. The next time a child approaches and wants to talk, ask the child, "Did your mother/father say it was OK to talk to a stranger?" If the answer is no, then tell the child he/she must first ask a parent for permission.

**DEAR ABBY:** My 35-year-old daughter, "Rhonda," is intelligent and creative, but her house is a disaster. There are clothes, books, magazines, etc. piled on every surface. Dishes are stacked on her bed; socks and paper litter the floor.

How can she feel good living like this? The place is becoming a health hazard. Rhonda is caring and attractive, but she rarely dates. Could her mess be

a symptom of something more serious?

Abby, I'm worried about my daughter's chances for future happiness, but I have no idea how to help her. Or should I? -- WORRIED MOM IN OREGON

**DEAR WORRIED MOM:** If you're the kind of mother who always picked up after her children, then this is only more of the same. If your daughter's disorderliness is something new, then it might be a symptom of depression or some other emotional problem.

When you say you are concerned about Rhonda's chances for future happiness, do you mean you're worried that she's 35 and still single? Not every woman needs a man to complete her. Have a heart-to-heart talk with your daughter and explain your concerns. You won't find out what's going on in her head until you do.

**DEAR ABBY:** My wife and I have been involved in an ongoing debate about how to place the pillows on our king-size bed. Should the opening of the pillowcase face the outside of the bed or the inside?

I place my pillows with the opening facing the middle of the bed so the pillow won't show, while my wife does it the other way, and the edge of the pillow can be seen through the opening. Can you please settle this? -- PILLOW TALK IN ABILENE

**DEAR PILLOW TALK:** Hotels make up the beds with the opening of the pillowcases turned to the middle because the maids usually tuck the edge of the pillowcase inward. A specialist in the bedding department of my local department store says that in most homes, the opening of the pillowcase faces the edge of the bed. But the bottom line is -- there is no right or wrong way!

## Perry returns from Middle East trip

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Gov. Rick Perry has returned from a Defense Department trip to Iraq and Afghanistan.

Perry's office says the governor arrived back in Texas late Wednesday after traveling with the governors of Minnesota, Missouri, Illinois and Nevada.

During the six-day trip, Perry visited several cities

in Iraq: Baghdad, Taji, Al Asad and Tallil. Then he went to Afghanistan and visited Bagram, Gardez, Ghazni, Jalalabad and the Task Force Phoenix Headquarters. Perry also stopped at bases in Kuwait and Germany.

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