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ALL IN A DAY'S WORK



Firefighter Bryan Johnson saved a life Tuesday night after a stove-lighting incident caused an explosion in a mobile home in the 600 block of N. Banks. This German Shepherd mix puppy was in the wrong place at the wrong time on that evening. Caught in the flash of the explosion, his fur was singed and he was not breathing. Deputy Chief Randy Dunham said John tried mouth-to-snout resuscitation, with no results. Johnson then cleared the puppy's tongue from its airway and put him on oxygen and it finally came around. The pup was taken to the animal shelter. The trailer was a loss. (photo courtesy of the Pampa Fire Department)

City will consider new EMS contractor

BY BETSY PHILLIPS editor@thepampanews.com

A representative of Emergency Services Foundation of Texas presented an alternative emergency medical services plan to the Pampa City Commission Thursday afternoon.

Joeseph Anstey, chief administrator for Emergency Services Foundation of Texas told commissioners he believes his group can provide better service to the city and county at a lowers cost than the current provider, Guardian EMS. Guardian's contract with the city is up for renewal.

ESFT is a not-for-profit corporation, The board of directors includes Dr. James Hall, Dr. Bobby Smith, Michael Geisler, RRT and Kim Laycock. The plan is to reinvest any revenue above expenses to modernize and expand services to the community.

'We do not believe we should make money on the misfortunes of others," Anstey told the commission. And, he pointed out that money paid by patients would stay in Pampa. A member appointed by the city and the county would be named to the ESFT board as their representative.

Anstey told the commission ESFT would provide all new ambulances and would pay EMS cont. on page 3

TxDOT close crossing for repairs

Weather permitting, the Texas Department of Transportation is planning to close FM 282, at the railroad crossing near the intersection of US 60 on the west side of Pampa The closure will last from 8 a.m. Tuesday, August 4 through the afternoon of Friday, August 7. Detour signs will mark the area.

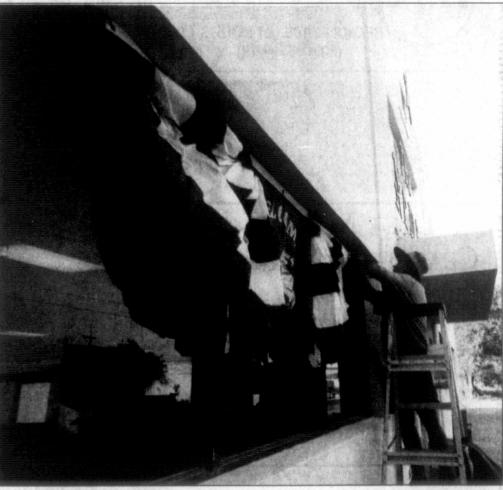
Traffic will be routed to State Highway 70 or 152.

TxDOT will be setting new at-grade planks and making other improvements to the crossing.

Senior picture day is Thursday

The PHS Senior pictures will be taken at Pampa Junior High Thursday, August 6, all day. The photos will be taken at the junior high, due to the construction at the high

RODEO TIME APPROACHES



staff photo by Betsy Phillips

Contractor Larry Fulton was hanging banners this morning, Friday, July 31, for the upcoming Top O' Texas Rodeo, August 13-15.

Official: plant fire likely

Texas sales tax break is Aug. 21-23

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) - The annual Texas sales tax break weekend will be Aug. 21-23 as students prepare to return to school and other shoppers also benefit.

The state comptroller's office says the law exempts most clothing and footwear priced under \$100 from sales and use taxes.

The agency says backpacks under \$100 and used by elementary and secondary students are also exempt. The item is defined as a pack with straps, for wearing on the back

The 2009 Legislature expanded the items exempt from state, BREAK cont. on page 3

sparked by welding BRYAN, Texas (AP) - A welding job likely sparked a fire at a central Texas chemical plant that forced thousands of people from their homes and closed Texas A&M University's main campus,

an emergency management official said Friday. The investigation continues at the El Dorado Chemical Co., but

"the best information we have is that the fire was started by some welding," said John Salsman with Brazos County emergency man-

Thousands of people were forced to evacuate and at least 34 needed medical attention, mostly for smoke inhalation or eye irrita-FIRE cont. on page 3



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PAMPA FORECAST

Friday



Saturday



Low 66 Low 70

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Sunday

Tonight: Scattered showers and thunderstorms. Some of the storms could be severe. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 65. South southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph. Chance of precipita-

Saturday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly before 1 pm. Partly cloudy, with a high near 86. North northwest wind between 5 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 66. East southeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Sunday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1 pm. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 96. South wind between 5 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Sunday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 70. South wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Monday: Mostly sunny and hot, with a high near 101. South southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Monday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 72. South wind between 10 and 15

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Marguerite K. Grady, 85

Obituaries

Pampa— Marguerite K. Grady, 85, died July 30, 2009, in Pampa, Texas.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, August 1, 2009, at Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel, with Jim Grady, her son, and Rev. Lonny Robbins, pastor of Trinity Fellowship, officiating. Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Grady was born

J. "Bill" Prock, 81, died

July 30, 2009, in Amarillo,

Graveside services will

be at 10:00 AM Saturday,

August 1, 2009, at Memory

Gardens Cemetery, with

Mark Lance, minister of

Mary Ellen & Harvester

Church of Christ, offi-

are under the direction

of Carmichael-Whatley

Rippetoe, 80, died July 29,

Service will be held at

2 p.m. Saturday, August 1,

2009, at Highland Baptist

Church with Pastor Paul

Burial will be in Memory

Gardens Cemetery with

military honors courtesy

U. S. Army, Fort Hood,

are under the direction

of Carmichael-Whatley

Mr. Rippetoe was born

May 9, 1929 in Carter,

Oklahoma, and was reared

in Oklahoma. He was a

Pampa— Fonza Reid

Services are pending

Brooks, 83, died July 29,

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She had been a resident of Pampa since 1932. She married H. C. Grady, Jr., on February 16, 1961 in Pampa. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church.

Survivors include her husband: H. C. Grady, Jr., of the home; four children: William S. Baldwin of Amarillo, Stephen T. Grady and wife Patti of Oak Ridge, Tennessee,

Laurie Vann of Abilene,

in Alanreed to Adli and Elizabeth Prock. He married Jo Ashworth on May 5, 1950 in Alanreed. He had been a resident of Pampa from 1952 until 2005 when he moved to Amarillo. Bill retired from Cabot in 1982 after 30 years of service. He was a member of the V.F.W. Post 1657, the N.R.A., and worked as

Survivors include his

June 6, 1924 in Hamilton. and James B. Grady and wife Mary Ann of Burleson; 11 grandchildren: John, Matthew and Mark Vann, Melissa and Kelly Baldwin, Rachel, Jessica, Jacob, Sarah, Jennifer and Daniel Grady; 3 great-grandchildren.

MEMORIALS: BSA Hospice, 800 N. Sumner, Pampa, Texas 79065, or a favorite charity.

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William J. "Bill" Prock, 81

a substitute teacher. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army and was a Church of Christ.

wife, Jo Prock of the home; one daughter: Dannie Beth Prock of Amarillo; sisterin-law: Christine Prock of Amarillo; nephew: Robert Prock of Willis; and numerous cousins. Bill was preceded in death by his parents; and a brother: James Adli Prock.

MEMORIALS City of Pampa Animal Control Building Fund, P.O. Box 2499, Pampa, 79066-2499, or the Salvation Army, 701 S. Cuyler, Pampa, Texas



Prock

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veteran of the U.S. Army, serving during the Korean Conflict. He married Bernice Throckmorton on October 21, 1952 in Carter, Oklahoma. She preceded him in death on March 19, 2009. Gene had been a resident of Pampa since 1962. He worked as a security guard at Cabot, retiring after 25 years of service. He was a member of the V. F. W. for many years. Gene was a very family oriented man, and he will be remembered as a loving

husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. Survivors include a son:

Roy Rippetoe and wife Connie of Pampa; a daughter: Pat Gibson of Pampa; a brother: Jack Rippetoe and wife Novalene of Pampa; seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Gene was preceded in death by five brothers, four sisters, and a daughter: Eva Rene Fritz. SPECIAL NOTICE: The family will receive

friends at 1824 Dogwood in Pampa. MEMORIALS:

Highland Baptist Church, 1301 N. Banks, Pampa, Texas 79065.



Rippetoe

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Fonza Reid Brooks, 83

of Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Top O' Texas Masonic Lodge #1381 where he was a 32nd degree Mason, El Paso Scottish Rite Consistory

and the V.F.W Post #1657. Mr. Brooks was born October 25, 1925 in Survivors include his Lamesa, Texas. He marwife, June Brooks of the ried June Lantz on October home; three sons: Neil 21, 1950 in Abilene. He Brooks and wife Jerilyn had been a resident of of Pampa, Martin Brooks and wife Shanon of Pampa since 1958. He was self employed as an Marshall, and Paul Brooks electrician, owning and and wife Pam of Sandy, operating Electric Service. Utah; 1 daughter: Angela Mr. Brooks was a member Colton and husband Perry of Provo, Utah; 1 brother: Wayne Brooks and wife Lois of Pampa; 3 sisters: Ruth Blackburn, Marie Luttrell and Bernice Fuller, all of Abilene; 18 grandchildren, 6 great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents: Fay and Chloe Brooks; a sister: Gussie Plummer; and 3 brothers: Jesse Brooks, Stephen

Brooks and Donald Brooks. MEMORIALS: BSA Hospice, 800 N. Sumner,



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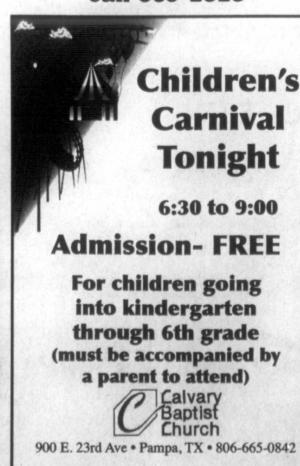
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J. R. Martin, 90

Pampa – J. R. Martin, 90, died July 29, 2009, in Pampa, Texas. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

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personnel more per hour than their current provider.

According to the group's business concept, "Updated vehicles and cutting edge technology which is currently available, coupled with a rigorous education regimen, we plan to educate, rather than train: Our personnel to better serve the public, our public to prevent illness and injury and our professional colleagues to foster strong relationships and assist in the continuum of care.'

The company proposes to headquarter at first in the same city building currently used by Guardian, but then move to share a building with LifeStar.

Anstey said this group has met with LifeStar officials and they are excited about sharing education with the helicopter medical staff.

The proposed start-up cost, Anstey said is about \$660,000. They are asking the city and the county to act as guarantors for a

cont. from page 1 start-up loan. A subsidy of \$6,700 a month, the same amount currently being paid to Guardian, would

be included in the contract. Anstey said Guardian has requested that subsidy be raised to \$7,400 per month. "Everybody working for the current provider would

be offered a job at a higher

hourly wage," Anstey said. Anstey said the group would have a contract ready for city staff to review today.



Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My husband, "Aaron," and I have been married five years. We hit a rough patch, and when I'd ask him what was wrong, he would always say he was "just tired."

One day I returned from work and found a note saying he had left me.

My husband has been gone more than a month now. We have a 3-year-old daughter. I have spoken to Aaron on the phone, and he tells me he's coming home, but he never shows. Our daughter is asking questions about her daddy that I don't know how to answer, so I just hug her and tell her he's not coming home right now.

I can't understand what has happened. Aaron says he still loves me. How can he put me through this? I could never leave my child for this amount of time. I hold out hope that he will come back, but deep down I know I should move on. I love him, though, and so does our daughter. How do I give up on that? --**BROKEN AND LOST IN**

KENTUCKY **DEAR BROKEN AND** LOST: Unless your husband is in jail or witness protection, the chances are that he is with someone else. It would be better for you and your daughter if he would be honest and admit what's going on, but it appears he doesn't have the courage.

Because you're not ready to give up, you should stand pat. Sooner or later you'll learn the score, and when you do, you'll have a better idea of how to handle the situa-

DEAR ABBY: My mother-in-law is a hoarder, and anything her son (my husband) and I do to bring it to her attention makes her angry.

When we had a meeting with her and her doctor about the situation, she denied that she had a problem. She straight-out lied to him and said she's "working on the issue." In reality she has done noth-

It has reached the point that my mother-in-law is sleeping on a corner of her couch because the clutter has forced her out of her bedroom. Is there any organization out there that we can contact for support and guidance on how to address this? -- HOPING TO HELP. PUEBLO. COLO.

DEAR HOPING: When the tendency to hoard becomes as overwhelming as your motherin-law's has, it may be a symptom of obsessivecompulsive disorder. The Obsessive-Compulsive Foundation is a reliable resource that may be able to help you help her. It has many local chapters that educate about this treatable neurological disorder, and they can refer you to qualified professionals.

The OC Foundation offers individuals with this disorder the support they need to manage their symptoms, and can help you persuade your MIL to seek the help she needs. Its address is P.O. Box 961029, Boston, 02196. Its phone number is (617) 973-5801 and its Web site is www.ocfoundation.org.

DEAR ABBY: My fiance and I are very much in love and plan on being married in October. We're both in our 50s.

I have a secret that I haven't told him and I'm afraid to because I'm worried he won't love me anymore if I do. My secret is I wear dentures. He's always telling me what beautiful teeth I have and he wishes his were as pretty as mine.

I feel that I should be honest about this before we get married. Should tell? -- SPARKLING WHITE IN TEXAS

DEAR SPARKLING: Of course you should tell him -- because he is going to find out eventually anyway. Here's how to approach it. The next time he compliments you, tell him if he wants teeth as beautiful as yours, it's doable; all he has to do is call your dentist.

local and use taxes during the Aug. 21-23 period to include most school supplies costly less than \$100.

Examples of exempt school supplies are calculators, lunch boxes, notebooks and markers

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Tax-free clothing items include coats, dresses, jackets, jeans, pants, boots, shirts and shoes.

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tion, after the blaze started at midday Thursday. The fire was still smoldering early Friday and fewer than 1,000 people remained away from their homes, Salsman said.

The plant blends and packages fertilizer and other chemicals, including ammonium nitrate, a chemical used to make explosives. Salsman said extensive air monitoring throughout the night did not detect harmful levels of toxins in the air around Bryan, a city of 80,000 or

so located about 100 miles north of Houston.

"Things are looking better," he said, adding that officials hoped to allow residents to return home

The nearby Texas A&M campus, which was closed as a precaution, was reopened Friday. A&M's Reed Arena served as a shelter for about 1,200 people, but the shelter was closed late Thursday and most people returned home, Salsman said.

El Dorado Chemical's

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Web site describes the facility as a place where customers can stock up on ammonium nitrate fertilizer "by the truckloads" 24 hours a day. The company said in a statement that it would conduct an internal review and cooperate with authorities' investigations.

"We deeply regret the enormous inconvenience this incident has caused residents and businesses in Bryan and College Station as well as other nearby communities," the state-

Public gets crack at loot

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) -A 10-carat diamond watch. A 25-inch gold chain with -a "Paid In Full" pendant.

Those are just two items of criminal loot seized by law enforcement and up for auction this weekend in Austin. The auction is part of the U.S. Marshals'

law enforcement and crime victims.

The booty was seized in felony cases, including drug and corporate crimes. The 10-carat watch is estimated to be worth \$30,000.

The public will get a preview of hundreds of items

program to raise money for on Friday. The auction is Saturday at the downtown Hilton hotel.

The Austin auction is one of several that will be held this year. A U.S. Marshals spokeswoman said the program, at a Dallas auction in March, raised more than \$3 million.

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Today in History

Today is Friday, July 31, the 212th day of 2009. There are 153 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

1498 - During his third voyage to the Western Hemisphere, Christopher Columbus arrives at the island of Trinidad.

1658 - Aurangzeb is proclaimed Mogul Emperor in India.

1789 - Austrian and Russian troops under Francis Duke of Coburg and Count Alexander Suvorov defeat Turks at Focshani in Romania.

1812 - Venezuelan Republic falls to Spanish forces, and Francisco de Miranda is arrested.

1919 - Germany adopts Weimar Constitution.

1926 - Afghanistan signs nonaggression pact with Soviet Union.

1944 - U.S. troops break through the German lines around the Normandy beachhead, opening the way to liberating the rest of

France.

Brigadier

suicide bomber.

Charles Marie Chanson

and Governor Thai

Lap Thanh, of French-

French

General

'Equal opportunity means everyone will have a fair chance at being Palestine Liberation Organization accord.

1996 - African leaders agree to impose sanctions on Burundi for the July 25 military coup that ousted the country's fragile coalition government.

1997 - As Israelis bury the 13 dead from the worst terrorist bombing in more than a year, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu threatens to send troops into the autonomous Palestinian areas.

1998 - South Africa ends the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's public exploration of apartheid's horrors after two years of hearings that laid bare decades of massacres, beatings and torture.

1999 - Two years after devastating earthquakes, 17thcentury church of St. Francis of Assisi reopens in central

2002 - U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee holds hearings on U.S. plans to attack Iraq and oust Iraqi President Saddam Hussein.

2003 - The Vatican issues a 12-page document strongly urging Roman Catholic lawmakers worldwide to reject legislation sanctioning same-sex civil unions and adop-

2004 - World Trade Organization members approve a plan to end export subsidies on farm products and cut import duties across the world, a key step toward a com-

prehensive global accord that has been discussed since 2001, trade officials say.

2005 - Lebanese Prime Minister Fuad Saniora visits Syria in an attempt to repair relations damaged after Damascus was forced to end its 29-year military presence in Lebanon.

2006 - The U.N. Security Council passes a resolution giving Iran one month to suspend uranium enrichment or face the threat of economic and diplomatic sanctions.

2007 - Deployment of British troops to support Northern Ireland police, codenamed Operation Banner, officially

ends after 38 years. 2008 - Haitian lawmakers ratify Michele Pierre-Louis to be the country's prime minister, ending more than three months of political bickering and deadlock in

Parliament. Today's Birthdays:

Augustus, leader of Protestant Germany (1526-1586), John Ericsson, Swedish-born inventor (1803-1889); Milton Friedman, U.S. economist (1912-2006); Henri Brisson, French statesman (1835-1912), Primo Levi, Italian writer/chemist (1919-1987); Whitney Young, U.S. civil rights leader (1921-1971); Wesley Snipes, U.S. actor (1962--); J.K. Rowling, British author of Harry Potter books (1965--); Dean Cain, U.S. actor (1966--).



incompetent.'

 Laurence J. Peter, American writer

10-year agreement on nuclear cooperation. 1962 - Britain agrees to establish wider Malaysian federation.

1964 - U.S. Ranger 7 spacecraft transmits to Earth first closeup pictures of the moon.

1971 - Two U.S. Apollo 15 astronauts begin three days

of moon exploration in an electric car. 1974 - Cease-fire takes effect between Turkey and

Greece in fighting on Cyprus. 1978 - Gunman shoots his way into Iraqi embassy in Paris and holds hostages for several hours before surren-

dering to French police. 1980 - Eleven people are executed in Tehran, Iran, after being convicted of participating in an attempted antigovernment coup earlier in the month. Ten of them were

members of the armed forces. 1986 - Britain's cabinet unanimously supports Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's resistance to stiff sanctions against South Africa.

1988 - Pier jammed with thousands of festival travelers collapses at ferry terminal in northwest Malaysia, killing at least 30 people and injuring about 370.

1989 - Thousands of residents flee Beirut, Lebanon, as fierce shelling continues.

1990 - U.S. government panel approves use of gene therapy for first time in treatment of human disease.

1991 - U.S. President George Bush and Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev sign a long-range nuclear weapons reduction pact at Moscow summit. 1992 - A Thai Airways jetliner crashes into a Himalayan

mountain minutes after the pilot reports a technical problem, killing all 113 people on board.

1993 - Truce ends weeklong Israeli offensive against guerrillas in southern Lebanon that killed 140 people and sent 500,000 fleeing north.

1994 - U.N. Security Council approves possible U.S.led invasion of Haiti.

1995 - Hundreds of Israeli police and soldiers drag

Jewish settlers away from an encampment on a West Bank hilltop where they protested the emerging Israel-

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

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NZJJZGMYG Yesterday's Cryptoquote: IF I HAD MY WAY, I'D MAKE HEALTH CATCHING INSTEAD OF DISEASE. — R.G. INGERSOLL

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BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Saturday, Aug. 1, 2009:

This year, you will want to be more social. No matter what age you are, you seem to don a naiveté, which could be startling to many - even to you! A key associate could continue to act impulsively. Breaking his or her pattern might not be possible, but it really isn't your issue. You might greet risks a little too easily. If you are single, you draw many people. Remember, it takes a year to really get to know someone. If you are attached, keep communication clear. Try to prevent confusion by confirming what you think you heard, as well as other important details. SAGITTARIUS always proves to be fun!

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)

*** Your adventurous spirit signs you up for a hike or another type of excursion. A friend is involved somehow. A power play simply doesn't work, especially if it involves a family member or your home. Tonight: Break new ground. TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

*** Don't allow a child or friend to impact your mood. Relate to others individually. Your words do have an impact, allowing more creativity and energy. Your imagination or that of an older relative cooks up some fun ideas. Friends tend to act in unexpected ways. Tonight: Dinner for two.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) **** Others have many ideas, and you are overwhelmed. Reach out for

someone at a distance and let go of worrying about a controlling partner. The unexpected occurs when out and about or when dealing with an older relative. Tonight: Sort through messages. CANCER (June 21-July 22)

*** Focus on a hobby or project, which might be getting ready to go to the beach. Enjoy today's opportunities. You'll hit an obstacle that could be quite difficult and challenging. Plans could get tossed because of news. Tonight: Squeeze in something physical, even if it is just a brisk walk.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

**** You keep coming up with new ideas, perhaps confusing others. Are these ideas for today, or for the near future? Forget what you should do. Everyone needs a day off from the world. A close partner could be full of surprises. Tonight: Make the most of the night. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

** Screen your calls. Stay close to home. Everyone needs a break. Get through some must-dos in order to free yourself up. You also might opt to invite friends over. Why not? Just make it easy and relaxed. Tonight: Hang close to

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

**** Keep discussions open. Don't stand on ceremony with others. Your instincts prove to be right-on with a child or new loved one. Be willing to talk and not close yourself off. Tonight: Visit with friends. Catch up on news.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) *** Your possessive side emerges. Think through your attitude toward a child or loved one. One of you could be quite brusque. This doesn't serve anyone.

Consider a new computer or car. Don't act on this purchase until you have done sufficient research. Tonight: Your treat.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) *** Confusion or a nebulous quality surrounds a talk, call or meeting. You could easily tumble into an upsetting misunderstanding. Don't get caught up in this situation. Forgiveness goes far. Tonight: Just be yourself.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) *** You could be out of sync and controlling. Look at others' reactions. Curb a tendency to overspend or invest in what seems like a great idea. Be a financial cynic. Tonight: Keep your own counsel. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

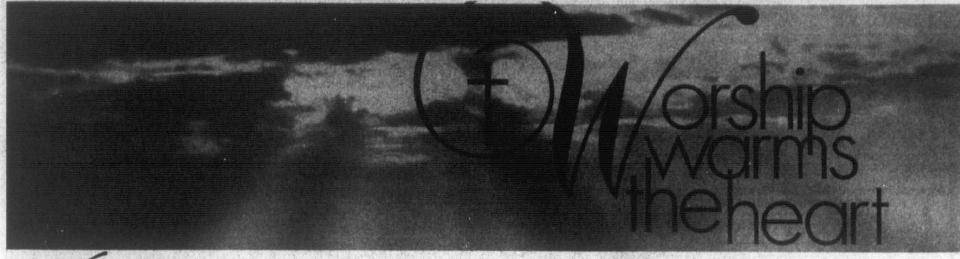
**** Zero in on what you want. True to the Aquarius sign, you value friends and will opt to get together with some of your pals. Spending could be erratic at best. Know when to say "no," not only to others, but also to you. Tonight: Where the action is.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) *** You jolt others far more than you realize. Your humor and generosity come out. You have the ability to approach situations individually, adding to the comfort of others. How you express your caring could be a bit indulgent. Tonight: A

must appearance. **BORN TODAY** Musician Robert Cray (1953), rapper Coolio (1963), designer Yves St. Laurent

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However, as believers, we must learn to incorporate spiritual discipline into our lives if we are to every hope for a strong, victorious walk with God. In fact, it seems that this issue of spirit discipline is what is missing today in our church culture Instead of disciplining the flesh, we've allowed it to live. And not only live, but to thrive. And thriving gives way to controlling. Soon, we have created a self-centered, flesh-dominated faith that can never please nor be blessed by God.

Instead of allowing our flesh to thrive and control our thoughts and lives, we must learn to "put it off." We must learn to "reckon it dead." We must learn to discipline our lives so as to CHOOSE God's way instead of giving in to the desires of the flesh.

For instance:

Instead of coming to Sunday school and church just whenever we feel like it or circumstances happen to allow, we surely ought to discipline our lives, control our priorities, and be in Sunday school and church EVERY Lord's Day.

Instead of just giving to the Lord whatever happens to be in our pockets when the offering plates are passed, we ought to take charge of our spending, discipline the choices we make with our finances and prioritize tithing.

Instead of letting our selfish flesh govern our time and energies, where we convince ourselves that we have worked hard and EARNED the rest of the weekend for ourselves, we ought to be in constant search for ways to "live our lives for God."

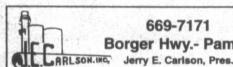
For folks the truth is: One day we will all face the Judgment Seat of Christ and ALL the WORKS, WORDS, CHOICES of our lives will be tested by the Fire of God. And if it is found that the majority of my life was lived selfishly, fleshly, or worldly, I will watch in horror as my life's works will burn to a cinder before my very eyes.

Spiritual disciplines—that's what is missing. It is one big reason why our culture is moving in the direction it is. How we need more commitment from God's people—How we need the church to be on fire.

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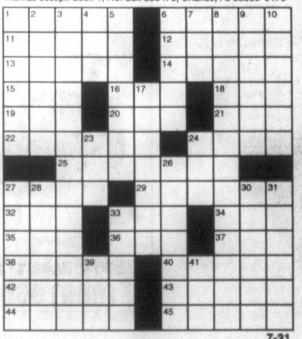
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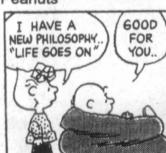


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Texas firm spends \$98 mil to expand NM gas operations

DULCE, N.M. (AP) — Taking advantage of record low prices for natural gas, a Houston-based energy company is spending \$98 million to purchase 258 well sites in northwestern New Mexico.

Most of the sites purchased by EnerVest Ltd. are on Jicarilla (HICK-ah-ree-yah) Apache tribal lands.

The locations are expect-

ed to produce about 15.5 million cubic feet of natural gas per day. They were sold below value after former owner CDX Rio filed for bankruptcy protection.

EnerVest officials say the sale was an opportunity to expand production in the San Juan Basin, where the company believes well sites have robust potential for long-term output.

Affiliated Foods SW collapse claims investments

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — The bankruptcy of Little Rock-based Affiliated Foods Southwest Inc. has wiped out about \$34 million in investments held by more than 600 employees or members of the cooperative.

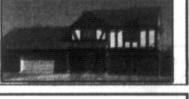
The investors are from Arkansas, Alabama, Georgia, Illinois, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Tennessee and Texas.

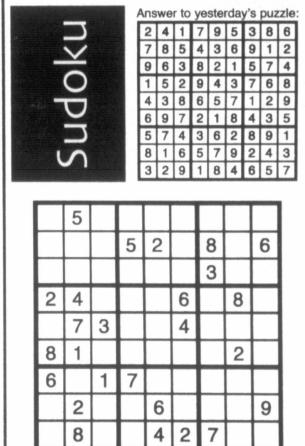
The investments known as certificates of indebtedness are part of the unsecured debt held by Affiliated. Unsecured debts would be among the last paid as the company is liquidated.

The amounts range from \$8 to more than \$2.2 million held by Shirley Davis — the widow of former Chief Executive Officer Jerry Davis who died in 2004. Filings in bankruptcy court show more than 60 investors lost at least \$100,000.

Affiliated Foods was a wholesale cooperative owned by member grocery stores. It supplied hundreds of grocery stores in Arkansas, Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma and Tennessee.

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