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Turning the racks



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Michael Garcia, a member of the Pampa Fiesta Foods barbecue team, tends to business during a competition Saturday at Recreation Park

Teams compete at Pampa's first sanctioned event

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Meat so tender it falls off the bone, stuffed onions and jalapenos, and cooks eager to please were all part of the excitement at this year's Top O' Texas Barbecue Cook-off.

It was the first sanctioned event of its kind for the Pampa Chamber of Commerce and Pampa's Young Professionals, who organized the event.

Competitors from Pampa and beyond, many of whom camped out at the site of the cook-out the night before the contest, showed off their finest recipes for barbecued brisket, chicken and ribs.

They also competed in a grab-bag category that included submissions like stuffed pork tenderloin from Pampa's Xcel team, or pulled pork nachos from a team that hailed from Howardwick and Amarillo.

"We're pleased not only with the variety of products, but with the distance traveled by competitors," said Joe Weaver of the Pampa Chamber of Commerce.

Cooks from Elk City, Dumas, Panhandle, Amarillo and Shamrock all made the trip to Pampa for this event.

The cook-off was sanctioned by Lone Star Barbecue Society, who assist with judging and ensure that contestants follow a set of rules, including a rule forbidding the use of propane.

Even without the propane rule, cooks were adamant about how they heat their meat.

The Grand Champion of the cook-off, Chad Knight of Shamrock, uses Walker Elm Creek Mesquite.

"This wood doesn't add the bitter flavor that

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Hot time at the Boomtown Block Party

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Pampans braved some intense heat to have fun Saturday at the Boomtown Block Party held at Recreation Park.

Various businesses, ranging from cell phone providers to remodeling companies, has booths at the event. Ashlee Walden, who was manning the Verizon Wireless booth, said they attended to show the community what they had to offer.

"We're just out here promoting the business," Walden said. "We want to show what new phones we have and the different plans we offer."

Along with promoting their business, Verizon sold snow cones for 50 cents. Wendy Mayberry, who brought her two children Colby, 10 and Canion, 8 said it was something to do.

"We heard about it in the newspaper," Mayberry said. "We wanted to check it out."

The Amarillo Federal Credit Union had a sand dig for children. The children were able to dig through a swimming pool filled with sand to find coins.

The Pampa FFA had a booth to raise money to attend a convention. They sold various foods, held a silent auction and had a dunking booth.

"The convention is today through Friday in Lubbock," Karyn Parker said. "We need \$800 to \$1,000 to attend."

The Amarillo Bulls hockey team had a booth to promote their upcoming season. The team had a puck drop game that put families

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Longtime Pampa News reporter/photographer retires

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As a young reporter in the early '50s, David Bowser found himself on assignment to cover a visit by then U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Orville Freeman. The location was an agricultural experiment station just west of Plainview.

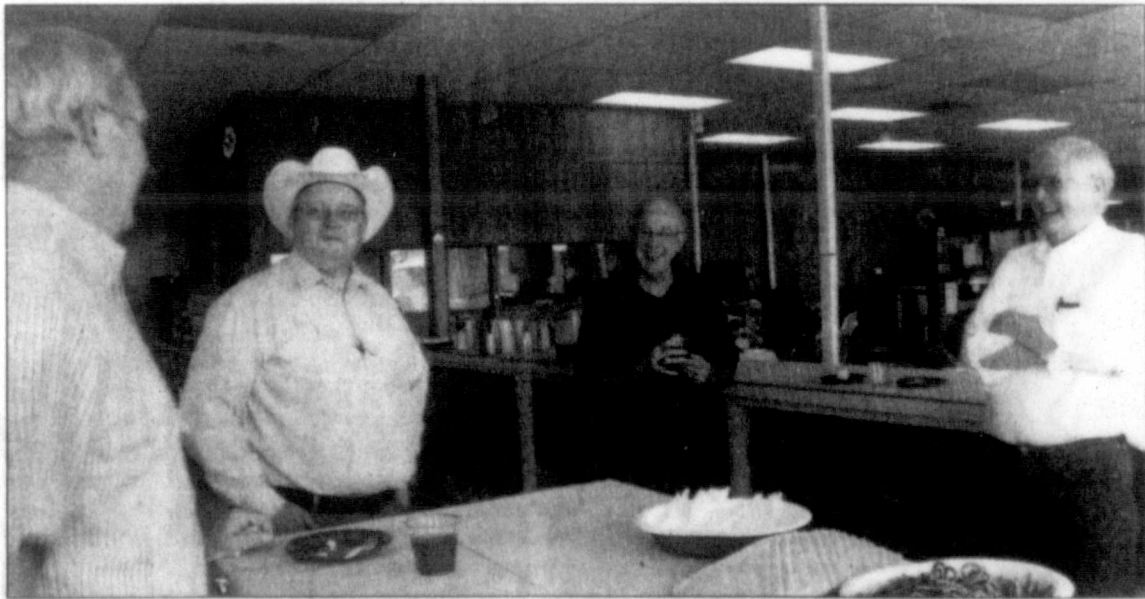
Freeman was speaking from the back of a truck and, in those days of far less security, he accepted some cowboy boots from the sponsors and decided to try them on then and there.

"I thought I'd get a picture of him putting the boot on," Bowser recalled. "So I got down in front of him and he smiled and held the boot up as he put it on. I focused on the boot and got a great photo...of the boot. (Freeman) is out of focus in the background.

"I had more than one editor tell me, 'Shoot the face, not the boot!' I learned a lot from that picture."

Bowser has had a few years to learn

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staff photo by Randy Pribble

Swapping stories — Among the well-wishers who dropped by an informal reception for retiring staffer David Bowser were (from left) Pampa Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Joe Weaver, Pampa Police Chief Kelly Rushing, Pampa Independent School District Superintendent Barry Haenisch, and Bowser.

July 9 Events
Recreation Park/Rodeo Grounds
 Boomtown Block Party & Business Expo - 11 am
 Top O' Texas BBQ Cook-off serving at 4 pm
 Hometown Dance 8 pm

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PAMPA FORECAST

Today	Tuesday	Wednesday
High 97 Low 71	High 97 Low 72	High 98 Low 70

Today: Isolated showers and thunderstorms after 1 p.m. Mostly sunny and hot, with a high near 97. Breezy, with a south southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph. Chance of precipitation is 10 percent.

Tonight: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 71. Breezy, with a south wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Tuesday: Mostly sunny and hot, with a high near 97. Windy, with a south southwest wind 5 to 10 mph increasing to between 15 and 20 mph. Winds could gust as high as 25 mph.

Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 72. Windy, with a south wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Wednesday: Mostly sunny and hot, with a high near 98. Breezy, with a south southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 70. Breezy, with a south wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

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University, Ryan O'Neal spar over Fawcett portrait

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The University of Texas system and Ryan O'Neal are sparring over ownership of an Andy Warhol portrait of the actor's longtime companion, Farrah Fawcett. The system's board of regents sued O'Neal in federal court in Los Angeles on Friday, asking a judge to order the Oscar-nominated actor to turn over the painting. The portrait is one of two that Warhol made of the "Charlie's Angels" star and the university claims the actress bequeathed it to their Austin, Texas campus. O'Neal's spokesman Arnold Robinson blasted the lawsuit in a statement, saying the university has known for more than a year that the actor has painting. "This is completely ridiculous lawsuit," Robinson wrote. "Ryan O'Neal's friendship with Andy Warhol began 10 years prior to his meeting Farrah Fawcett," Robinson

wrote. "When Ryan introduced Andy to Farrah, Mr. Warhol chose to complete two portraits of her, one for Ms. Fawcett and one for Mr. O'Neal. Mr. O'Neal looks forward to being completely vindicated in the courts."

The university's lawsuit claims O'Neal may be holding onto other pieces from Fawcett's art collection that she wanted the university to have after her June 2009 death. Fawcett attended the University of Texas at Austin in the 1960s, according to the complaint.

"The enduring value and public interest in the Warhol portraits is a testament not only to Mr. Warhol's talent and artistry, but also to Ms. Fawcett's status as a cultural icon," the lawsuit states.

Warhol created the portraits in the 1980s and they were only publicly displayed once, the lawsuit states.

Obituaries

Edna Love, 83

Edna Love, 83, of Canadian, formerly of Pampa and Friona died Friday July 8, 2011 in Canadian.

Graveside services have been scheduled for 10:30 a.m. Monday, July 11, 2011 in the Friona Cemetery with Rev. Ellis Parson of Umbarger, Texas, officiating. Burial following in the Friona Cemetery by Blackwell Funeral Home of Friona.

Mrs. Love was born Nov. 21, 1927 in New Mexico to Joe and Sylvia Tapley Rhoades. She married Howard Earl Love March 5, 1945 in Clovis.

She was a wonderful Mom who cared for others first, was a homemaker and a Methodist. She is preceded in death by her parents, husband, a son Earl Love, grandson Jerry Love, brother Ferman Rhoades and sister-in-law Pauline Rhoades.

Survivors include one son, Charles Love and wife Jeanette of Pampa, a daughter Nikkie Wise of Louisiana, six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.



Love

fiancé Shelia, Blake Wayne Helms and wife Samantha; six great-grandchildren: Shawn Stamp, Allison Stamp, Khloe Maylee Walker, Callie ReAnn Chambers, Dylan Madison Helms and Barrett Lane Helms; two uncles: Mitchell Phillips and Frank Conner; one aunt: Freddie June Conner Seitz; and several cousins.

Memorials may be made to BSA Hospice, P.O. Box 950, Amarillo, Texas 79105

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Harley O.J. Woods, 78

Harley O.J. Woods, 78 died Saturday, July 9, 2011, in Amarillo.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Woods was born Sept. 17, 1932 in Shawnee, Oklahoma and had been a resident of Pampa since the early 1950's. He served in the U. S. Air Force during the Korean War.

He married Juanita Armstrong on May 17, 1953 in Conway, Texas. She preceded him in death on 1999.

Harley later married Ruby McCain on July 22, 2002 in Wheeler.

He worked for Moran Drilling Co., Leonard Hudson Drilling Co., Service Drilling Co., and Caprock Petroleum for many years as a tool pusher, consultant, and superintendent.

Harley was a former member of the Pampa VFW Post #1657, American Legion, and the Loyal Order of the Moose.

Survivors include his wife Ruby Woods of the home; two daughters: Debbie Weatherwax and Kathy Woods, both of Pampa; two stepdaughters: Brenda Winship of Clute, TX and Linda Choate of Enid, OK; a brother: Frank Woods of Shawnee, OK; 13 grandchildren: Tommy, Carye, Christopher, Stephen, Tiffany, Michelle, Jessica, Chris, Christina, Jacqueline, Jeremy, Jason, and Ashley, seven step-grandchildren, and 21 great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Houston and Charlie Woods, two sons, Harley Douglas Woods and Houston D. Woods, four brothers, Leonard, James, Julius, and George Woods, and two sisters, Anna Mae and Evelyn.

Sign the online register at www.carmichael-whatley.com



Katherine Lou 'Kitty' Helms, 80

Katherine Lou "Kitty" Helms, 80, died Friday July 8, 2011, in Amarillo.

A service will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, July 12, 2011, at Central Baptist Church with Rev. Rick Parnell, associate pastor, officiating. Burial services will be at Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Helms was born Oct. 30, 1930, in Pampa and was the second baby to be born in the Worley Hospital.

She married Jerry Thurman Helms on Dec. 1, 1959. He preceded her in death in 2002. She was a member of Central Baptist Church since 1951. She was also preceded in death by her parents, Orval and Avis Walls.

Survivors include three children: Michael Thomas Helms and wife Chelly, Trella Kay Talley and husband Joe and Brady Orval Helms and wife Stacy; eight grandchildren: Erica Dawn Helms, Jessica Lynn Walker and husband Tyrone, Richard Kye Gordy, Reese Cole Talley, Trinidee Ashley Chambers and husband Kevin, Brandon Micheal Helms and wife Teisha, Bryan Dale Helms and



Helms

Construction set on doubling of NM border port

SANTA TERESA, N.M. (AP) — Construction begins this month on a \$10 million project to double the size of the Santa Teresa border crossing.

New Mexico Economic Development Department Secretary Jon Barela, officials from U.S. General Services Administration, the U.S. Customs & Border Protection Agency and some members of New Mexico's congressional delegation were at the site

last week for a ceremonial groundbreaking of the project.

Construction is expected to be complete by September 2012.

"The expansion at the Santa Teresa Port of Entry is a big step in our plan to increase economic development at the New Mexico border region," Barela said in a statement. "This expansion will not only benefit our region, but also will help handle the increased

number of crossings by commercial and non-commercial vehicles."

The expansion will add a pedestrian walkway, two non-commercial lanes and inspection booths for non-commercial traffic and one lane and inspection booth for commercial vehicles. A new southbound inspection facility will be built while others will be expanded and the main port administration building will be renovated.

The Santa Teresa Port of

Entry opened in 1992. It's original facilities were replaced in 1998. Since then, the number of annual northbound passenger vehicle crossings at the port has gone from less than 100,000 to more than 500,000 and is continuing to grow.

Just 42 miles from Las Cruces and 20 minutes from El Paso, its popularity has grown because it has short lines and little congestion.

Corridor for drones could be set up in SW Okla.

LAWTON, Okla. (AP) — Oklahoma's secretary of science and technology says groundwork is being done to set up an air corridor to allow unmanned aerial vehicles to fly between airports in Lawton and Clinton.

Stephen McKeever tells the Lawton Constitution if the corridor becomes a reality, it would be the only one in the U.S. in which the vehicles could routinely fly at higher altitudes without special permission through aviation controlled by the Federal Aviation Administration.

McKeever, who's also the

executive director of the Oklahoma State University Multispectral Laboratory, says such an air corridor for drones would be a key step

in the state's attempts to become a leading player in the unmanned aerial vehicle industry.

The Oklahoma Training

Center for Unmanned Systems already is located west of Lawton, adjacent to Fort Sill.

On Vacation with THE PAMPA NEWS in Dubai

Travis Jennings and Leonard Warren posed for this photo in Dubai, United Arab Emirates where they were working. They had a lot of time to do some sightseeing and considered this Harley Davidson shop a major find.

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OKC adopts water rotation plan

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) - Oklahoma's largest city is implementing a water rotation program because of ongoing high temperatures and low rainfall totals.

Oklahoma City officials announced the program Saturday and say wholesale water customers are required to comply.

Citizens whose house numbers end in even numbers are asked to water on even-numbered days and those whose house numbers end in odd numbers are asked to water only on odd-numbered days.

City officials hope the rotation program will reduce incidents of low water pressure.

Coalition recruiting members

CHEYENNE, Wyo. (AP) - Members of the four-state Energy Producing States Coalition are looking to recruit more states to the group.

Wyoming, Texas, Utah and Alaska formed the coalition earlier this year to share successful energy legislation and to protest federal regulations that hinder energy development.

Wyoming legislators and others say the coalition wants to recruit more states that produce more energy than they consume, so they can boost the group's influence.

The Wyoming Tribune Eagle reports that states mentioned during a meeting Friday as potential targets to join include North Dakota, Louisiana, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, New Mexico, Colorado and Mississippi.

Boy Scout leader dies enroute

KERRVILLE (AP) - Six boys were hospitalized after a Boy Scout leader had a fatal heart attack while driving them home from summer camp, sending the sport utility vehicle careening off the road in Central Texas.

Texas Department of Public Safety officials say the boys from the Kingsville troop are expected to fully recover after Saturday's accident.

Department of Public Safety and Boy Scout officials tell the Corpus Christi Caller-Times that assistant Scoutmaster Luther Young, who was 55, had the fatal heart attack on Interstate 10 near Kerrville.

John Beauregard, who heads the South Texas Boy Scout council, tells television station KZTV that five boys were expected to be released Sunday and the sixth, who had surgery on a broken wrist, should be released in a couple of days.

Beaver Dunes to remain open

BEAVER, Okla. (AP) - A state park in the Oklahoma Panhandle slated for closure will remain open after a nearby town agreed to take over its operations, the Woodward News reported Saturday.

The Beaver Town Board voted to take over Beaver Dunes State Park after a state lease expires Aug. 15. The state Tourism and Recreation Department announced in March that budget cuts would result in the closure of seven state parks, including Beaver Dunes.

Beaver town officials say the date of the change of park operations from the state to the town could be earlier than Aug. 15 if legal issues regarding the switch are resolved before then.

The park is one mile north of Beaver and includes a 2-acre lake, miles of trails, a picnic area, camping at tent and cabin sites and 300 acres of sand hills, where off-road enthusiasts often ride four-wheelers. A nine-hole golf course, owned by the Pioneer Parks Association, is just north of the park.

"It's a very nice facility with lots of great activities and (town board members) didn't want to see that taken out of area," Beaver City Administrator J.C. Moser said.

The Pioneer Parks Association also owns most of the land that makes up Beaver Dunes. The association's president, Chris Berry, said it will work with the town to keep the 520-acre park open.

The state tourism department has run the park since 1972, Berry said. Once state funding is withdrawn in August, the park will be funded by the town of Beaver and the Pioneer Parks board along with fees charged at the park, he said.

"It is a joint effort," Berry said.

Service set for Beaumont officer

BEAUMONT (AP) - The funeral service has been set for a southeast Texas police officer killed when a suspect fleeing authorities in a sport utility vehicle struck his police car.

The funeral service for Bryan Mitchell Hebert, the 36-year-old Beaumont officer, will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at the Beaumont Civic Center.

Visitation is set for Tuesday evening at Broussard's Mortuary in Nederland.

John Wesley Nero has been charged with capital murder in Hebert's death.

Beaumont Police Chief Frank Coffin says that on Friday night, Hebert had stopped his patrol car and was retrieving road spikes from his trunk when the fleeing SUV struck the patrol car head-on, pushing it into the officer.

Police say officers were pursuing Nero because he had been involved in a domestic disturbance.

Trucker jailed in abduction

LIBERTY (AP) - Authorities say a truck driver has been charged with abducting a woman whose vehicle had broken down on the side of the road.

Capt. Rex Evans of the Liberty County Sheriff's Office says the woman was walking to her family's Liberty County home about 1 a.m. Saturday when the suspect forced her into his 18-wheeler on U.S. 59.

In the meantime, family members of the woman saw the apparent abduction and gave chase.

Evans tells the Houston Chronicle that other motorists alerted Humble police to reckless driving and police stopped both vehicles.

The truck driver, Joseph Reeves of Gulfport, Miss., was charged with kidnapping. He was being held at Liberty County Jail on \$20,000 bond on Sunday. A jail official had no attorney information for him.

The victim suffered bruises.

Ten-minute difference affects check for twin

TOM MARGENAU
Creator's Syndicate

Q: My sister and I are twins. We recently turned 62 and both applied for Social Security. But oddly, my sister got an extra Social Security check. We were born in February 1949. My first check came in April, but my sister got a check in March. I called Social Security's 800 number about this. I was told that I was paid correctly and that my sister was overpaid; they would ask her for the money back.

The woman explained that Social Security checks are always one month behind. She said March was the first check we were due, and that check is paid in April. When I asked why we couldn't get a check for February, she simply said, "That's the law!" I think I should have received a Social Security check for February (paid in March) just like my sister did.

But now I'm afraid that I may have messed up her Social Security case because they said they are going to take back her first Social Security check. Can you help us get to the bottom of this?

A: At first, I must admit that your case puzzled me. I was simply going to suggest that you contact the manager of your local Social Security office to resolve the matter.

But then a light bulb flashed in my little brain, and as you know, I sent you a follow-up email asking exactly when you and your sister were born. It turns out that your sister was born first, just before midnight on Feb. 2, 1949. And you were born about 10 minutes later at about 12:05 a.m. on Feb. 3, 1949. Case solved! Both you and your sister have been paid correctly by the Social Security Administration.

I can just hear most of my readers saying, "What is he talking about?" And maybe if that SSA telephone representative is reading this column, she's asking the same thing. Although, she should have

Social Security and you

learned the answer in one of her training classes.

I've discussed this issue in my column before. It usually appears under a headline that goes something like, "What a difference a day makes." But in this case, it's "what a difference 10 minutes can make."

To grasp what's going on, you have to understand two basic Social Security concepts. The first is relatively easy. Just as the not-totally-informed telephone representative told you, Social Security checks are paid one month in arrears. So the February Social Security payment is sent in March, the March Social Security payment is sent in April, and so on.

And here is the second Social Security tenet: You must meet all the eligibility factors for Social Security benefits for an entire month in order to receive Social Security benefits for that month. Age 62 is the minimum eligibility age for Social Security. So, you must be 62 years old for every day of a month to get a Social Security benefit for that month. Since you turned 62 on Feb. 3, you obviously were not age 62 for the entire month of February. The first month you meet that requirement is March, so the first Social Security check you get is for March, which arrives in April.

Why does your sister get a check for February, even though she was born on Feb. 2, and like you wasn't 62 for the entire month either?

It's because of an odd little twist in the law. And that twist says that you legally attain your age on the last minute of the day prior to the actual day you were born. As I recall, that's not a Social Security law, but rather some commonly accepted legal anomaly that

applies to everyone.

For example, I was born on June 22, 1949. So, I celebrated my 62nd birthday on June 22 of this year. But for certain legal purposes (including Social Security), I actually attained age 62 on June 21.

Normally, this little quirk in the law is essentially meaningless, except when you add it to that Social Security tenet explained above: The one that says you must be 62 for an entire month to claim benefits for that month. Your sister was born on Feb. 2. But for Social Security purposes, she actually attained age 62 on Feb. 1. That means that she was age 62 for every day in February, which means she receives a Social Security check for February, payable in March.

For Social Security purposes, this little anomaly in the law only helps anyone born on the second day of the month. They benefit in the way I explained for your sister. Those born on the first are normally already in line to get a Social Security benefit for their month of birth because they meet the age requirement for the entire month. The legal quirk actually means those born on the first attain their age on the last day of the prior month. But that doesn't help them for Social Security purposes.

For example, let's say Fred Smith was born on Feb. 1, 1949 and applies for Social Security at age 62. He will get a Social Security check for the month of February simply because he is age 62 every day in February. He technically attains age 62 on Jan. 31. But he can't receive a Social Security check for January because he was legally only age 62 on the last day of that month.

Weird, huh?

If you have a Social Security question, Tom Margenau has the answer. Contact him at thomas.margenau@comcast.net.

Party

drawing to win a family four pack. Denis Puska, director of broadcast and communications, said the team is a junior team and wants to see its players receive Division One scholarships.

"If Texas Tech has a team, we want someone to go there or UT," Puska said. Our goal is for our players to receive Division One Scholarships.

The Veterans of Foreign

Wars had a booth where they sold various memorial items. President Danny Martin said they wanted to be out there in the community.

"We want to try to make more money," Martin said. "We want to try to gain new members."

Brian Guymon who is part of the Young

Professionals Group said he wanted to check it out.

"We have a big barbecue that quite a few people helped cook," Guymon said. "It's a good way to be involved."

Other booths included the Pampa Fire Department, The Tralee Crisis Center and various craft booths.

BBQ

other mesquite does," said Knight, who has competed in about 40 cook-offs around the Panhandle and in Oklahoma. Knight, originally from southern Illinois, also uses home-grown vegetables and herbs to give his recipes a distinctive flavor.

Jim Bruton of Pampa, a veteran of barbecue cook-offs for 20 years, recommends oak wood all the way from Dripping Springs, where he is originally from.

"There are so many kinds of oak," he said, "but

I don't think it has the same flavor."

This year Bruton went home with the title of Reserve Grand Champion. His love for friendly competition has taken him to contests all around Texas.

Cam Day, in one of his first barbecue cook-offs, scored two first place trophies for his ribs and rib eye and shrimp dish in the miscellaneous category.

"I thought I did better on my ribs than brisket, but you never know," he said.

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Viewpoints

Today in History

Today is Monday, July 11, the 192nd day of 2011. There are 173 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 11, 1798, the U.S. Marine Corps was formally re-established by a congressional act that also created the U.S. Marine Band.

On this date:

In 1767, John Quincy Adams, the sixth president of the United States, was born in Braintree, Mass.

In 1804, Vice President Aaron Burr mortally wounded former Treasury Secretary Alexander Hamilton during a pistol duel in Weehawken, N.J.

In 1859, Big Ben, the great bell inside the famous London clock tower, chimed for the first time. (The clock had been keeping time since May 31.)

In 1864, Confederate forces led by General Jubal Early began an abortive invasion of Washington, D.C., turning back the next day.

In 1934, President Franklin D. Roosevelt became the first incumbent chief executive to travel through the Panama Canal.

In 1936, New York City's Triborough Bridge (now officially known as the Robert F. Kennedy Bridge) linking Manhattan, Queens and The Bronx was opened to traffic.

In 1952, the Republican national convention, meeting in Chicago, nominated Dwight D. Eisenhower for president and Richard M. Nixon for vice president.

In 1960, the novel "To Kill a Mockingbird" by Harper Lee was first published by J.B. Lippincott and Co.

In 1979, the abandoned U.S. space station Skylab made a spectacular return to Earth, burning up in the atmosphere and showering debris over the Indian Ocean and Australia.

In 1989, actor and director Laurence Olivier died in Steyning, West Sussex, England, at age 82.

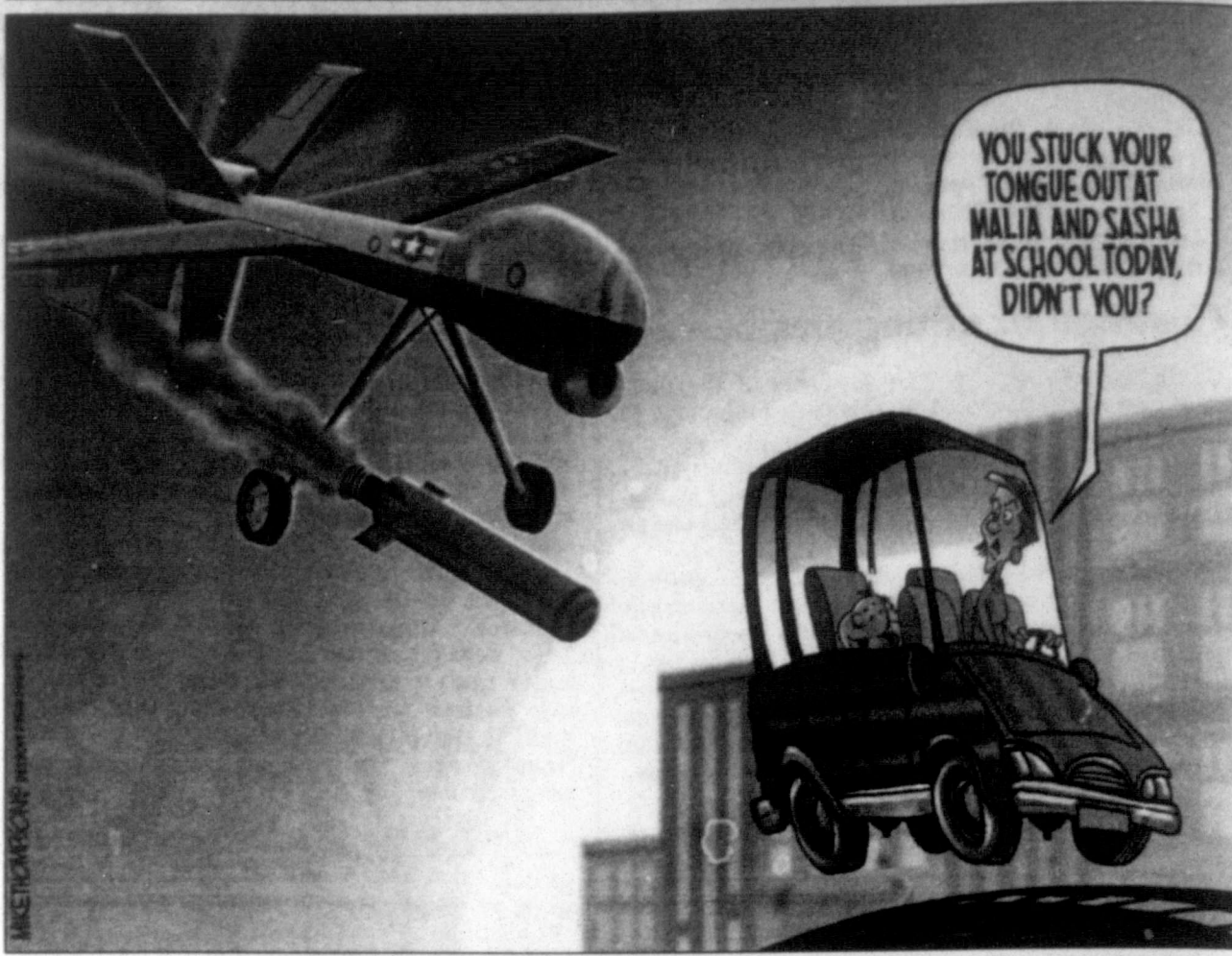
Ten years ago: The Senate joined the House in voting to bar coal mining and oil and gas drilling on pristine federally protected land in the West, dealing a fresh blow to President George W. Bush's energy production plans.

Five years ago: Eight bombs hit the commuter rail network during evening rush hour in Mumbai, India, killing more than 200 people.

One year ago: Police in the Bahamas arrested 19-year-old Colton Harris-Moore, the U.S. fugitive known as the "Barefoot Bandit."

Today's Birthdays: Actor Tab Hunter is 80. Actress Susan Seaforth Hayes is 68. Singer Jeff Hanna (Nitty Gritty Dirt Band) is 64. Ventriloquist-actor Jay Johnson is 62. Actor Bruce McGill is 61. Singer Bonnie Pointer is 61. Actor Stephen Lang is 59. Actress Mindy Sterling is 58. Actress Sela Ward is 55. Singer Peter Murphy is 54. Actor Mark Lester is 53. Singer Suzanne Vega is 52. Rock guitarist Richie Sambora (Bon Jovi) is 52. Actress Lisa Rinna is 48. Rock musician Scott Shriner (Weezer) is 46. Actor Gred Grunberg is 45. Wildlife expert Jeff Corwin is 44. Actor Justin Chambers is 41. Actress Leisha Hailey is 40. Actor Michael Rosenbaum is 39. Rapper Lil' Kim is 36. Rock singer Ben Gibbard is 35. Actor David Henrie is 22.

Thought for Today: "Education is the ability to listen to almost anything without losing your temper or your self-confidence." - Robert Frost, American poet (1874-1963)



The Republicans' Medicare crisis

Remember the names of these four Republican house members: Rep. Walter Jones, N.C.; Rep. Dave McKinley, W.V.; Rep. Ron Paul, Texas; and Rep. Denny Rehberg, Mont.

Out of 240 House Republicans, these four intrepid individuals cast the only votes on the House floor against the bold blueprint of House Budget Committee Chairman Paul Ryan, R-Wis., to dramatically shrink the responsibility of the federal government in providing for the general welfare and to convert Medicare into a voucher program.

Out of 47 Republicans in the U.S. Senate, just five — Susan Collins and Olympia Snowe of Maine, Scott Brown of Massachusetts, Lisa Murkowski of Alaska and Rand Paul of Kentucky — defied Republican orthodoxy and voted against the Ryan budget plan.

These congressional votes put Republicans squarely on the record in support of completely overhauling Medicare. This is a serious problem for Republicans, because Medicare, in its current form, is enormously popular with three sizeable groups of Americans: A) those who are old themselves, B) those who personally care about someone who is old and C) those who think they, themselves, might one day be old.

It is true that most Americans probably do not have an encyclopedic understanding about the specific dollar costs of Medicare, but they know for certain how strongly they do care about Medicare.

By 2022, when Ryan's Medicare plan would become law, the average 65-year-old, according to the authoritative Congressional Budget Office, would have to pay between \$6,400 and \$7,000 more per year than she would pay under the traditional Medicare program.

Not surprisingly, information like

the preceding has taken a major toll on public support for the GOP plan. When the CNN/Opinion Research poll asked in a national survey "from everything you have heard or read about the Republicans' plan to change Medicare so far, do you favor or oppose it," just 35 percent of all respondents favored the Republican plan, while 58 percent expressed their opposition to it.

Disapproval was consistent across the board: Americans under the age of 50 (36 percent favor/57 percent oppose), those over the age of 50 (33 percent favor/60 percent oppose) and political independents (34 percent favor/57 percent oppose). The lonely island of support for the Republican Medicare plan was, surprise, among Republican voters who backed the party position by 68 percent to 26 percent.

Similarly, when the ABC News-Washington Post poll this spring asked, "In order to reduce the national debt (the Republicans' 2011 unifying mission), would you support or oppose cutting spending on Medicare, which is the government health insurance program for the elderly?" a mere 21 percent of those surveyed favored cutting Medicare spending, while a landslide 78 percent opposed any Medicare spending cuts.

In fact, any public criticism by a Republican of the Ryan plan puts the dissenter at risk of condemnation by party theologians as a heretic. Former House Speaker and current presidential candidate, as well as one-time keeper of the conservative flame, Newt Gingrich, was all but officially

excommunicated from the GOP for his gratuitously disparaging knocking of the Ryan plan.

Here is where the Republicans' Medicare voucher policy becomes a painfully risky political dilemma for Republican candidates in 2012. By uncritically backing the Ryan plan — which is overwhelmingly supported by Republican primary voters — the Republican candidate improves his chances of winning a contested Republican primary. But the route to victory in a November general election against a competitive Democrat may well require that the Republican candidate divorce and distance himself from the Ryan-Medicare voucher plan, which, as we have seen, is emphatically unpopular with the large majority of voters who are not Republicans.

Already, Republicans' all-out support for the Ryan Medicare plan has cost them the loss, in a special congressional election in upstate New York, of a previously safe Republican House seat.

It is agreed that the winning Democrat, Kathy Hochul, was the decidedly superior candidate. But still there was a good chance that without Republican Jane Corwin's having stated that if she had been in the House she would have voted for the Ryan plan, Hochul — a committed opponent of the Ryan plan — would not have won. At least, that's how many Republican and Democratic observers of that upset victory read the outcome and in politics, as we know, perception is reality.

This is why the Republicans have themselves to blame heading into 2012 for their party's Medicare crisis.

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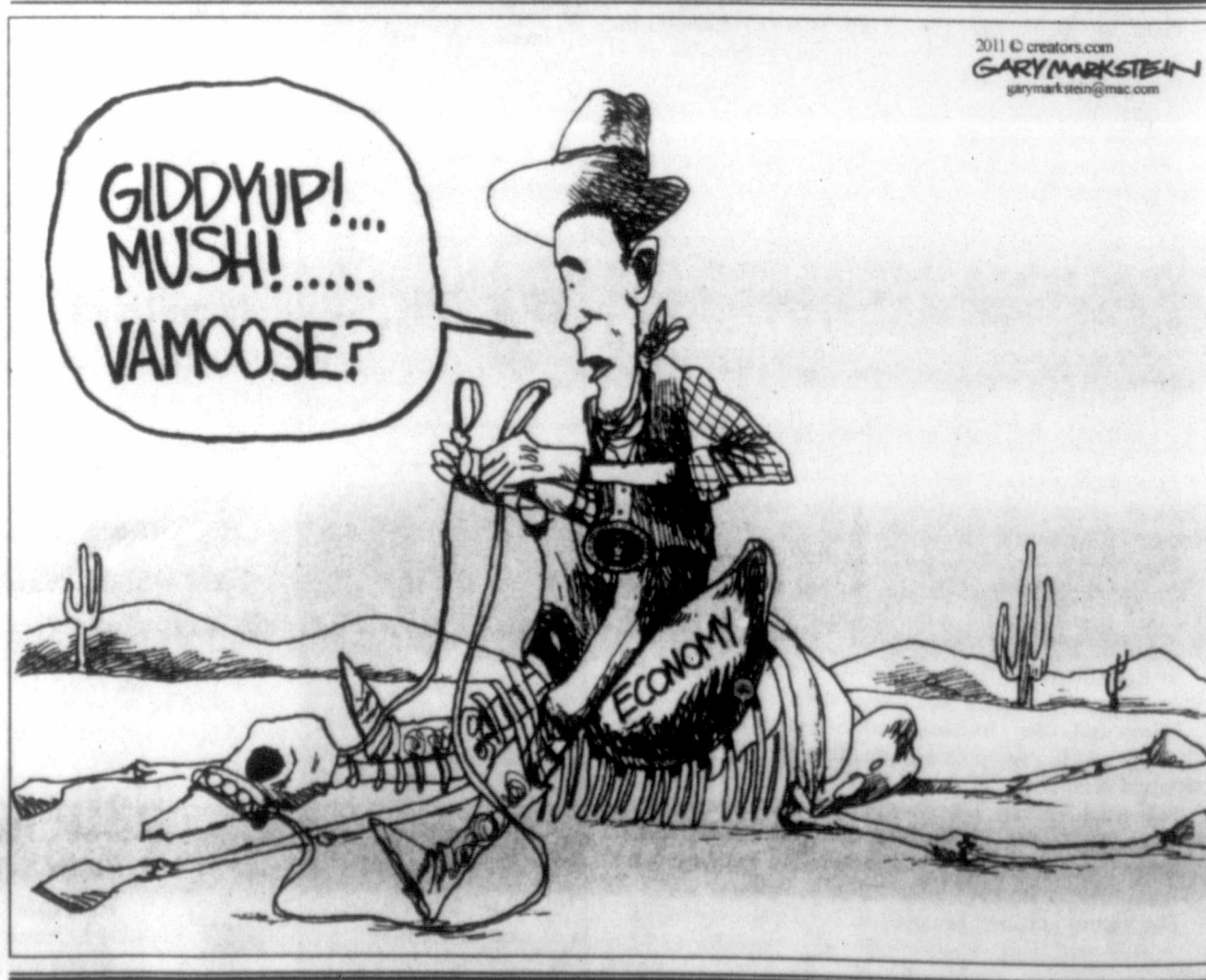
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Bowser

News. Although he said he is retiring, he is also going to continue with his love of photography and some free-lance work. For years he has accepted assignments from such publications as The New York Times, American Profile and Livestock Weekly.

Not bad for a kid who grew interested in journalism through his job as paperboy in Plainview. "I guess because of my involvement there I wanted to be a journalism student. I wanted to go to the Journalism School at the University of Missouri, but the out of state tuition was outrageous. I think it was \$100 per month at the time," he said, punctuating the comment with his characteristic staccato laugh.

"East Texas State at that time had three PhDs from Missouri on their staff," he added. "That reflected in their program, so I went there and paid in-state tuition, got out, my draft board said, 'You're next,' so I joined the Navy."

The year was 1968 and the Vietnam War was on all the front pages.

Bowser was sent to Officers Candidate School and wound up as a Public Affairs Officer ("Lying for my government") whose main function was to give tours of the Intrepid, an aircraft carrier. However, he was soon dispatched in country.

"I was sent to a classified base as a PR person, so I had little to do," he laughed. "One of my collateral duties was recreational services. I checked out baseball bats and I had a swimming pool, I had a library.

"It was the most miserable 12 months I've ever spent in my life because I didn't have anything to do."

He would tag along with the helicopter crews in flights over the Mekong River delta shooting photos "for fun."

"I have a great picture with these two little Vietnamese kids, standing there and one of them is clutching his new toy, which is a clip from an M-16 fully loaded. You can see the bullets," Bowser said.

After he was discharged from active duty in the Navy in 1971, he began looking for a job in the Denver area.

"I was down in Houston visiting with a guy who worked for the Associated Press and another guy in the office said they were looking for a photographer in Amarillo," he said. "He gave me the name of the chief photographer, Woodfin Camp, a little bald-headed guy, - a neat, neat guy."

"I spent a year at the Globe News and I was fixin' to leave and go back to Washington. I had a job set up on Capitol Hill as an aide for the congressman from Wichita Falls. We were part of that district back then. But there was a young lady...."

Instead, he ended up getting married and staying in Amarillo.

One of the sports editors at the newspaper was selling some stories to Accent West, a regional magazine. He put Bowser in contact with the mags' publisher.

"His editor at the time was an older lady who wanted to retire and I ended up taking over managing Accent West," Bowser said. "I did that for another year or two and the publisher ended up with cancer and he wanted to get rid of everything, so I went back to the newspaper, worked as a reporter and ended up as city editor. This is when Morris Communications had taken over, 1974-75."

In the meantime, his son Brad was born.

He stayed at the Globe-News until 1978, when a guy from an ad agency in Amarillo, whom he knew from his involvement with Accent West, came up and said, "You want to buy Accent West?"

"I told him I could handle the editorial side of it, but I couldn't handle the advertising," Bowser recalled. "He said he could take care of that."

They found a couple of partners and bought the magazine.

"I was there about 10 years and all this time my wife was saying, 'As soon as my little sister graduates, we can move somewhere.' I was ready to get

out of Amarillo," he said. "When her sister graduated from high school, I said, 'Okay, I've talked to a guy in Dallas and we can stay in Texas, but move down there.'"

"She said, 'Naw, we are going to stay right here.'"

"So, we ended up going our separate ways," Bowser said. "I left Accent West and bought a photography studio in Canyon. Had it for about three years."

It wasn't his cup of tea. "I've never made as much money in my life," he recalled, "but it was the most boring job I've ever had."

"You essentially shot the same picture over and over. I wound up selling the studio and I decided I wanted to go back to newspapers, that I really enjoyed it."

"I ended up working as a sports editor, if you can imagine, I am the least sports-oriented person in the world, at the Woodward Daily News in Woodward, Ok."

"Friend called one day and told me that Louise Fletcher was looking for an editor in Pampa."

It would be the start of an on and off relationship with the newspaper and the community.

He worked in Pampa for about a year (1993-94) and then accepted an offer from a friend who was starting up a new magazine in Dallas. However, after six months of set up and the production of one issue, "the guy's financing fell apart."

Bowser wound up going to work for Livestock Weekly, a publication based in San Angelo. He moved back to Amarillo.

"Louis called one day and said, 'We are just short-handed. Can you come up one or two days a week?'"

"This (The Pampa News) became my newspaper outlet. I'd come up here and play and I've been here ever since."

Technically, he is legally retired. In fact, he is going to continue some free-lance work and go "back on the road."

He will also have more time for his son Brad, his daughter-in-law Dana, and

grandsons Berkley and Ben.

It pains him that the industry he loves is, in his terms, "falling apart."

"Back in 2000-2001, I was ranging (on free-lance assignments) from the Bahamas to Hawaii, to Canada, to Central America," he said. "Of those six publications I relied on for income on a day to day basis, two of them are out of business. They don't even exist anymore. I used to shoot a lot of photos for American Profile. They are still talking to me, but the last time I talked to the photo editor it was more than a year ago."

"I used to average an assignment from the New York Times about once a month, sometimes more, but in 2010 I didn't shoot anything for them."

"But, he added. "I shot two things for them this year, so there is hope."

His attitude is that there will always be a market for information in some form and the bottom line is he likes what he has been doing all his life.

"Every day is a new day," he explained. "You may have a Pulitzer prize winning story one day, but the next day you have to go out and start all over again."

"My concern is, 'What am I going to shoot today?'"



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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I have suffered from allergy-induced asthma for 10 years. It becomes a problem only on the major holidays when we visit my mother-in-law. She has two cats and poor ventilation in her house. For years, I have followed my doctor's treatment of inhalers and allergy remedies with slight success.

This last year the prevention methods didn't work. My breathing was labored for several hours after leaving my mother-in-law's house. I am now considering not attending these holiday gatherings unless they are held elsewhere. Any suggestions? — FEELING WELL (FOR NOW) IN BUFFALO

DEAR FEELING WELL (FOR NOW): I don't know how many family members attend these gatherings, but perhaps it's time to suggest to the rest of the family that everyone take turns hosting the holiday events. If they don't already know about your allergy-induced asthma, they should be told. To start the ball rolling, YOU could host the first event. If that's not acceptable, for the sake of your health, you and your spouse should start some holiday traditions of your own.

DEAR ABBY: I have wanted to write you for some time and never had the courage, but now I really need some advice, so here goes:

I married "Wyatt" five years ago. I have two children from a previous marriage, a 20-year-old (not living at home) and a 17-year-old son who has just left because of my husband. I love my children dearly, and I did love Wyatt. But every hurtful, spiteful, mean thing he has said to them has slowly chipped away at any feelings that I had for him.

Abby, I want to leave my husband and get an apartment for myself and my son. How do I do it? How do I tell him I want out without starting a war? — NEEDS ANSWERS IN SOUTH CAROLINA

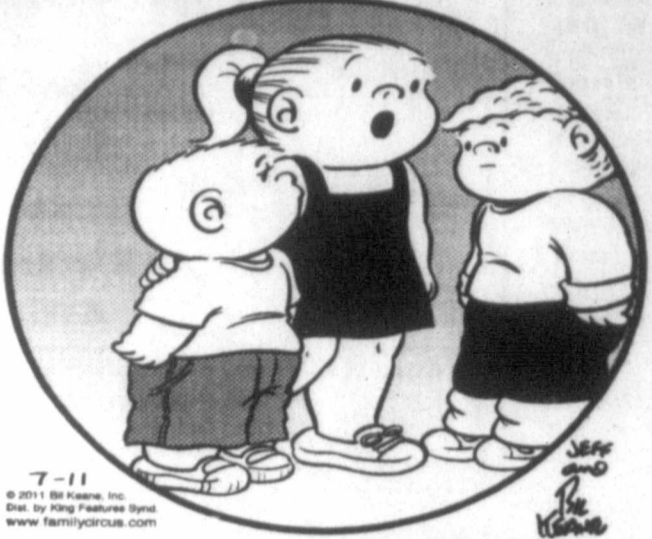
DEAR NEEDS: Because your husband is hurtful, spiteful and mean, you will need to protect yourself before telling him the marriage is over. Prepare an escape plan in advance. You will need money, any financial information you can gather and the help of an attorney. And contact the National Domestic Violence Hotline — (800) 799-7233 — for guidance on how to safely make your exit.

DEAR ABBY: My dilemma is how to deal with rude, obnoxious children whose parents allow them to get away with bad behavior. In my home, I have learned to tactfully tell the kids, "We don't jump on couches, bang on pianos or turn the TV on and off." However, what do I do when visiting a parent whose 8-year-old constantly butts into the conversation and tells the parent AND me to be quiet? Of course, the parent stops the conversation and gives in to the child! Do I just suffer through this annoyance, or is there something I can say or do? — TIRED OF BAD BEHAVIOR IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR TIRED: You can suffer through the annoyance and grit your teeth, or socialize with the parent while the child is in school or involved in some other activity. Or, schedule your visit away from the parent's home and when the child is with a sitter. As a last resort, manage to see less of the parent until the child becomes a teenager and is no longer constantly underfoot and competing for attention. But do not criticize a child's behavior in the home of his or her parent.

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"Is PJ wearing short pants that are too long, or long pants that are too short?"

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Nest Heads



daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Monday, July 11, 2011:

This year, you might be more concerned with the quality of your daily life than you have been in a while. You might want to approach a situation involving a boss, parent or someone you respect differently. The person in question could be quite eccentric. If you are single, you will meet someone on your day-to-day travels. Take your time getting to know this person. If you are attached, the two of you might become involved in a new hobby or pastime. Work on the quality of your life together, too! **SAGITTARIUS** can show you some different shortcuts.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ You do know what happens when fires are stoked by wind. They explode and become even larger. You are the fire, and others seem to be stoking your flames. With this volatile energy, it could be close to impossible to restrain yourself. Detach and take frequent breaks — if not for you, then for others! Tonight: Think "different."

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ A partner or associate might seem to be ready to rupture, as he or she is so excited. You understand this person's enthusiasm, even if you are slightly less "out there." Awkwardness exists when expressing your thoughts right now. Tonight: Follow another person's lead.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Watch what others might be doing. Exciting and unanticipated events seem to surround friends and a close loved one. You get bored easily; look at this swift change as food for the soul! Tonight: Follow another's lead.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ You might want to focus on work, as a boss or someone in authority could be unpredictable and difficult. Recognize what is going on within and that you could be quite irritated. Relax by approaching your day methodically. Tonight: A stress-busting choice.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Your playful manner yet direct approach inevitably wins friends. But are you willing to deal with someone's crush on you? Clearly someone is quite

taken with you. News from a distance and/or a realization could stun you. Tonight: Having fun.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You simply cannot avoid a domestic matter much longer. There could be a kickback or a secondary end result involving a partner. Though you might not be in the mood, do handle this situation ASAP. You will be happier ultimately. Tonight: Close to home.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Your words might have more impact and/or draw a reaction you hadn't anticipated. You are seeing people transforming right in front of your very eyes. You haven't yet incorporated this newness. Tonight: Meet a friend at a favorite spot.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ Be aware of the financial implications of what you are doing. Many people find your actions quite unanticipated. Don't underestimate the significance of their reactions. You offer much more than you think. Tonight: Your treat.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You seem to be ready to act, and will act, in a most spontaneous manner. You could set a child or new friend aback with your quick action. Be aware that generally there is a reaction to every action. Try to think before you act. Tonight: Easy works.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ Keep your eyes wide open. You might not be ready for what you are going to see or realize. You might wonder what is happening with the parties involved. Say little, for now, even if you are hurt or angry. Tonight: Easy works.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ You of all signs value friendship more than most. Be ready to take a strong action and clear out a problem. Listen to a friend and what he or she shares. You could stun or be stunned by someone else with a quick action. Tonight: Where the gang is.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ What looks like a great risk just might not be. Be less involved with what is going on around you. Meet a boss's or authority figure's request. Investigate a problem on the home front. A discussion could become sarcastic. Tonight: A must appearance.

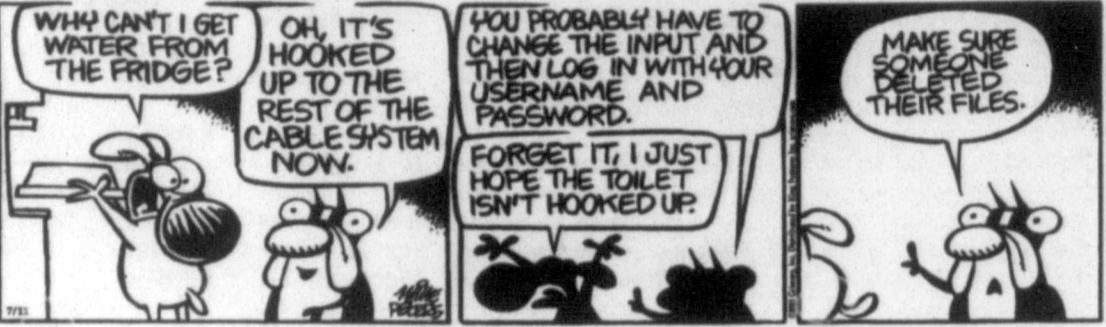
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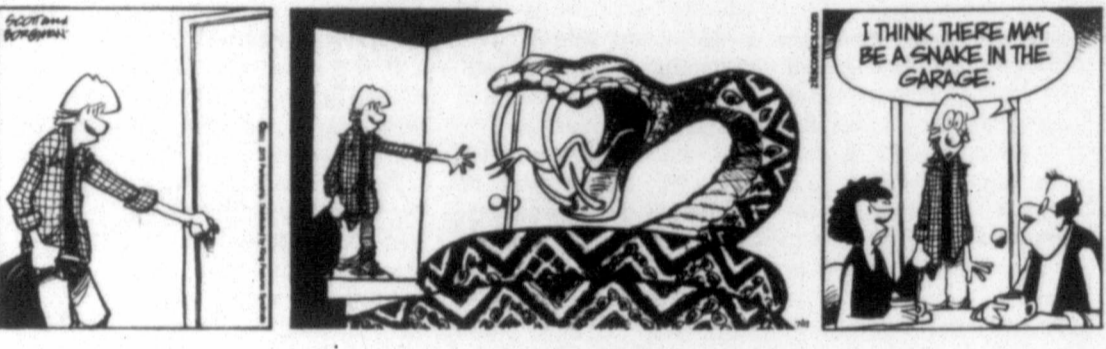
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Sports

Coaches rest, prepare for season during July

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In the final month of summer, Pampa High school coaches use the time to relax and prepare for their upcoming seasons.

Head football coach Heath Parker said he was on vacation last week and in two weeks he will start getting prepared for the season.

"On the second Wednesday we start getting ready for football," Parker said. "All the coaches have a meeting. Then we have camp every day the next week. Two-a-days start August 1."

Parker said his staff mostly gets organized to prepare for camp and make it fun for everyone.

"The sixth through ninth graders we give a week head start," Parker said. "That way we can get them ready for our offensive and defensive schemes."

Head tennis coach Sarah Corse said she takes a couple of vacations in July and prepares for the start of the season towards the end of the month.

"I usually start preparations before I go on my last vacation," Corse said.

The head tennis coach said most of the preparation is on the players.

"Besides open courts we really don't do anything," Corse said. They have to get used to the heat. Some of them have been around areas where it's cool or the swimming pool."

Parker said this is the best summer he has had with athletes in the weight room.

"We've had almost 100 in there which is impressive," Parker said. "I hope we have a big group in there Monday. We have two more weeks and usually senior leaders start developing."



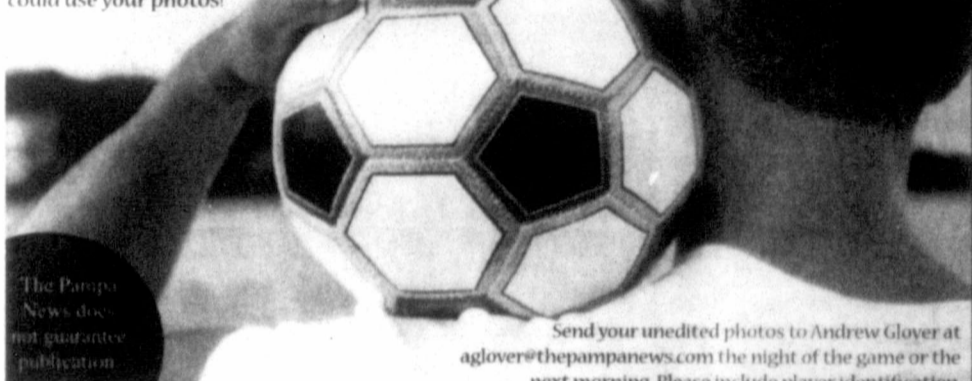
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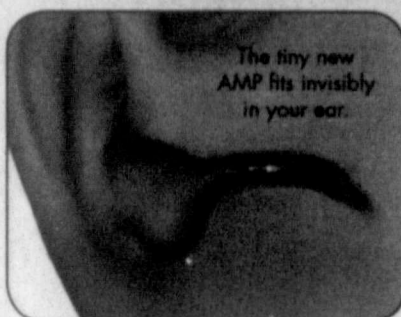
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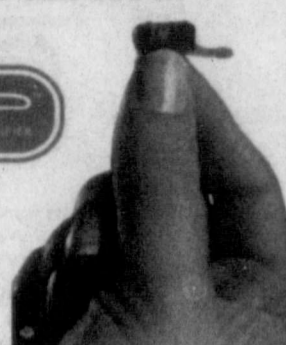
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