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Bank of America to close Pampa branch in August

Facility to close Friday, Aug. 17; customers to be notified later this week

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Bank of America will be closing its Pampa branch on Friday, Aug. 17, according to a representative from the company. The bank will begin notifying its customers of the closure this Friday.

"At Bank of America, we continually evaluate where we've got our banking center locations," said Diane Wagner, a spokesperson out of Bank of America's Chicago office. "We adjust where our distribution network is to bring the store coverage in balance with market opportunity, so it's something that we do periodically every year across the

franchise, not just in one particular area."

Wagner said that Bank of America typically looks at a bank's ability to meet customer demand when considering branches for closure, and added that people are using technology more often to bank from the internet, mobile devices or telephones. Wagner also confirmed that the bank's ATM will also be shut down when the branch

She declined to comment on how many local employees will be affected by the closure.

Bank of America, which serves about half of the nation's households, has lately been acting on a strategy to cut costs and pay back debt.

In the first quarter of this year, the bank's profits were down 68 percent from last year. Bank of America has faced several harrowing years since the financial crisis, when the bank took \$45 billion in government bailouts, which it has since repaid.

In 2010, the bank faced the loss of \$10.5 billion in its credit card division because of new regulations, and last year, it lost \$8.5 billion in a mortgage settlement. Its mortgage business continues to affect Bank of America, accounting for losses of \$1.1 billion in the first quarter.

Bank of America's website lists the company's nearest branch outside Pampa in Amarillo, roughly 57 miles

County slots \$500 a month for EMC duties

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At the Gray County Commissioners Court vesterday morning at the Gray County Courtroom, commissioners approved a \$500 per month compensation package for a Gray County employee who will perform the duties of the Emergency Management Coordinator.

The commissioners decided on this route rather than creating a full-time paid position that would address emergency management needs in the county. The person who will take on the duties has not yet been officially decided.

In other business, commissioners:

- approved the Treasurer's report; · approved the quarterly investment report;
- approved tax bids.

SKILL GAME



photo courtesy of Toni Engle

Bryson Burrell concentrates as he plays a game at the eighth grade dance held by the Pampa Junior High this past weekend.

Soon-to-retire Haenisch looks back at 41 years in education

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After completing 41 years in the education field, Pampa Independent School District (PISD) superintendent Barry Haenisch will be retiring. A come-andgo reception will be held for the soon-to-bee retiree from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Friday at the Pampa High School library.

Haenisch's road towards a career in education began when he was growing up and attending Eden High School.

"I knew pretty early, at least in high school, that I wanted to be a teacher," he said. "Some of the people I most admired were my teachers and my coaches when I was in high school, and my mother was a teacher."

After high school, Haenisch attended McMurry University in Abilene, where he met his wife, Linda. The couple got their first teaching jobs following graduation in Van Horn, Texas, where they stayed



Haenisch

for seven years. Haenisch started out teaching sixth and seventh grade social studies and coaching, and eventually taught high school social studies and became the head football coach.

Haenisch scored his first superintendent position in Gruver, Texas, where he started out as a coach and American history teacher. He spent

a total of 16 years in the district, where he learned the in's and out's of education, as he worked his way from teacher to principal to superin-

After a few years in Merkel, he and his wife decided to make a move back to the Great Plains, particularly on one night when Linda was sharing a children's book about the region with Haenisch, called "If You Don't Know the Plains, You Don't Know."

"She got to one part and read, 'If you don't know the HAENISCH cont. on page 10

plains, you don't know wind,' and she started crying,"

said Haenisch. "She said, 'I want to go back home."

That love for the region, as well as a respect for the school district's reputation, drew Haenisch to Pampa, where he has served as superintendent for the last nine

"We're a collaborative school district," he said. "Our teachers work well together on their campuses. Our campuses work well together, and I think that benefits our students, and I think as long as we're together, unified, working toward the same goals, that benefits the students."

Haenisch said he tries to visit three campuses each day, and believes that the district as a whole has become more focused on students and their success during his tenure.

"I know Pampa's always been student-centered, but I think we're more student-centered," he said. "I think teachers are thinking about their role and their



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PAMPA FORECAST



Low 58

Thursday



Low 59



Low 62

Today: Mostly sunny, with a high near 91. Windy, with a southwest wind 10 to 15 mph increasing to between 25 and 30 mph. Winds could gust as high as 40 mph.

Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 58. South southwest wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 91. Southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 59. South southwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 96. Southwest wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 62. Southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

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Texas universities consider tuition hikes

AUSTIN (AP) — Students at most campuses in the University of Texas and Texas A&M University systems would pay more in tuition next fall under proposals scheduled to be voted on by their governing boards this

A plan to raise tuition at the University of Texas at Austin by an average 2.6 percent for resident undergraduates and up to 3.6 percent for non-resident and graduate students would raise about \$25.7 million.

Texas officials have said much of

that money will be used to pay for better academic advising and expand classes and programs designed to help more students graduate in four years.

The other eight campuses in the Texas system would see tuition increases ranging from 2.5 percent to 3.8 percent each year. The Texas regents meet in Austin starting Wednesday and are expected to vote on the tuition plan Thursday.

For undergraduate students at the Austin campus, that would mean an increase from the current \$4,896 per semester to \$5,154 by fall 2013 Non-resident students would see tuition jump from \$16,190 per semester to \$17,377 by fall 2013.

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Bianca Moragne, a junior multime dia journalism major, said the rising costs put more pressure on students and families who are already struggling to pay for school.

"I know I'm going to have to cur. back" on expenses, Moragne said noting that her parents are paying for TUITION cont. on page 8

Obituaries

Bernhard "Ben" Wolf, 69

Bernhard "Ben" Wolf, 69, died April 29, 2012, in Am-

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Wolf was born March 26, 1943, in Hofheim, Germany. He moved to Perryton in 1961 from Germany. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving from 1963-1966. He married Carlene Pribble on December 31, 1966, in Perryton. Ben had been a natural- Wolf ized citizen of the U.S.

since 1998. He retired on March 31, 2009, as a machinist where he worked for numerous oilfield companies through the Texas Panhandle and for the last 22 years in Casper, Wyo. He was a Catholic. He had been a resident of Pampa since 2010.

Survivors include his wife, Carlene Wolf of the home; a daughter, Connie Schindler and husband Erik of Pampa; two sons, Chris Wolf of Midland and Craig Wolf of Casper, Wyo.; a grandson, Ryan Schindler of Pampa; a granddaughter, Alexandra Wolf of Casper, Wyo.; three sisters, Maria Palmer of Panhandle, Hildegard Faupl of Bremthal, Germany, and Waldtrud Zitterback of Niedernhausen, Germany.

Memorials may be made to BSA Hospice, Box 950, Amarillo, TX 79105.

Sign the online register at www.carmichael-whatley.

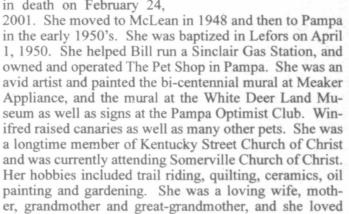
Winifred Edis Turner, 87

Winifred Edis Turner, 87, died April 29, 2012, in Ama-

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Mrs. Turner was born February 1, 1925, in Melrose Park, Ill. She moved to California at an early age to help her sister raise her

family during World War II. Winifred married Billy Andrew Turner on May 9, 1945, in Manhattan Beach, Calif. He preceded her Turner in death on February 24,



spending time with her family. Survivors include thee sons, Billy A. Turner Jr. and wife Barbara of Pampa, Dexter A. Turner and wife Cindy of Plano and Neil Turner and wife Usha of Rockwall;

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dren; a niece, Barbara Jean Barela of Warrenton, Ore.; two brothers-in-law, Joe Turner and Vernon Turner, both of Amarillo; and a sister-in-law, Auna Barnes of Fort Worth. She was preceded in death by her parents, Charles Holland Edis and Hannah Miriam Noyce Edis; a sister, Miriam "Sis" Heller; a brother, John Edis; a granddaughter, Colby Katherine Finn Turner; and son-in-law, Memorials may be made to PAWS, P.O. Box 2095, Pampa, TX 79066-2095, or BSA Hospice, P.O. Box 950, Amarillo, TX 79105. Sign the online register at www.carmichael-whatley.

four daughters, Jennifer Tomlinson and husband Dan of Crowley, Loretta Turner of Pampa, Nelda Webb of

Bridgeport, and Christina McCown and husband Robert

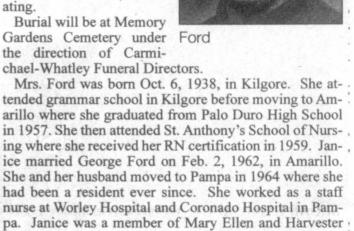
of White Deer; 15 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchil-

Janice S. Ford, 73

Janice S. Ford, 73, died Saturday, April 28, 2012, in Amarillo.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, May 2, 2012, at Mary Ellen & Harvester Church of Christ, with Keith Feerer, minister, and Glen Walton, minister of Bell Avenue Church of Christ of Amarillo, offici-

Burial will be at Memory Gardens Cemetery under Ford the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.



mother, and grandmother, and she will be greatly missed. Survivors include her husband, George Ford of the. home; five daughters, Robyn Ford of Lewisville, Tina Green and husband Kelly of Poolville, Kay Smith and husband Randall of Amarillo, Shawna Ford of Oklahoma City, and Shannon Chesser and husband Jason of Beaverton, Ore.; a sister, Lynette Billington and husband Steve of Amarillo; her mother, Justina McCurry of Amarillo; 12 grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews, uncles, aunts, and cousins. She was preceded in death by her parents, Lynn and Zena Skinner, a sister, Evelyn George, a brother, Lynn Edward Skinner, and her father, Melton -McCurry.

Church of Christ. She will be remembered as a loving,

compassionate, dedicated, dependable, and selfless wife,

Memorials may be made to Pampa Meals on Wheels, 302 E. Foster, Pampa, TX 79065.

Sign the online register book at www.carmichaelwhatley.com.

Velma Lemons,

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AUSTIN-Velma Lemons, 95, died April 30, 2012, in Austin.

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Wildfires threaten remote resort

FORT DAVIS (AP) — Firefighters are battling the first major Texas wildfires of the season, covering 20,000 acres in the Davis Mountains, including an area that was struck by uncontrolled burning exactly a year ago.

Former volunteer fire chief Kelly Bryan says no injuries or structural losses were reported late Monday in the fires at the remote Davis Mountain Resort, 175 miles southeast of El Paso.

Texas Forest Service spokeswoman April Saginor says a 10,000 acre fire was burning uncontained Monday night at the Livermore Ranch, within 11/2 miles of the resort. Saginor says firefighters had a 9,900 acre blaze at Spring Mountain 60 percent contained Monday night.

The forest service says lightning strikes sparked the Livermore Ranch was struck by a complex of fires that

swept through Fort Davis a year ago.

Cox Media considers sale of plant

AUSTIN (AP) — The owner of the Austin American-Statesman says it's studying several offers to purchase the lakefront land on which sit the newspaper's offices and production facilities.

The newspaper (http://bit.ly/KH4PII) reports Atlantabased Cox Media Group announced the interest Tuesday. The newspaper, itself, is not for sale.

The American-Statesman was one of 28 daily and weekly newspapers parent company Cox Enterprises Inc. had offered to sell in 2008, but Cox eventually retained the Austin paper after rejecting several offers.

The American-Statesman moved into its new threestory, 300,000-square-foot complex in 1980. It sits on almost 19 acres on the southern bank of Lady Bird Lake next to the Congress Avenue bridge.

The property is in a prime location as a building boom continues in downtown Austin.

Lawsuit targets coal-fired power plant

WACO (AP) — An environmental group has filed a federal lawsuit claiming a Texas coal-fired power plant violates the Clean Air Act.

The suit filed Tuesday in Waco federal court claims Luminant's Big Brown coal-fired plant exposes the public to harmful air pollution.

The suit says the company's own data shows the power plant near Fairfield violated its particulate matter limits at least 370 times in the past 3 1-2 years. Asthma and other respiratory ailments are associated with particulate matter, commonly known as dirt and soot.

Luminant spokeswoman Ashley Barrie says the company stands by its record of meeting or exceeding all environmental laws. Luminant is reviewing the suit.

The Environmental Integrity Project filed the lawsuit on behalf of the Sierra Club against Energy Future Holdings Corp. and its subsidiary, Dallas-based Luminant.

Louis Dreyfus to buy Imperial

SUGAR LAND (AP) — Agribusiness company Louis Dreyfus Commodities LLC is buying refined sugar processor Imperial Sugar Co. for about \$77.5 million in cash as it diversifies its operations.

Under the deal disclosed Tuesday, Louis Dreyfus will pay \$6.35 per share, which is a 57 percent premium to Imperial Sugar's closing price of \$4.05 per share on Monday. Imperial Sugar currently has approximately 12.2 million outstanding shares, according to Fact Set.

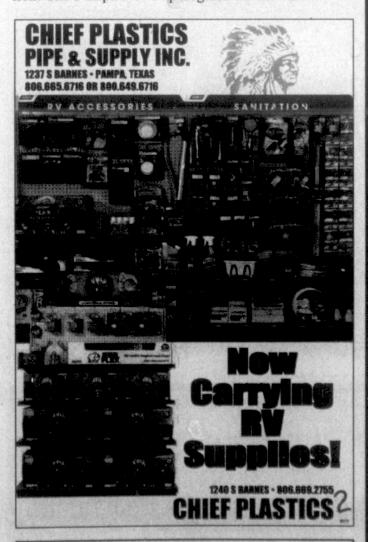
Imperial Sugar shares rose \$2.34, or 58 percent, to \$6.39 in afternoon trading.

The companies said that the total value of the deal is about \$203 million, which includes debt and pension

"This transaction is an important step forward in our plan to grow and diversify our global sugar activities from sugar cane crushing and international sugar trading into sugar refining and distribution in major consumer markets," Louis Dreyfus CEO Mikael Morn said in a

CORRECTION

The April 24 edition of The Pampa News stated that the Pampa Economic Development Corporation paid \$5.7 million in cash and loans for the Pampa Energy Center site. The official sale price of the site, according to PEDC executive director Clay Rice, is \$3 million. The Pampa News apologizes for the error.



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MORNINGRUSH TRC candidates sling barbs at EPA

One overriding theme unifies the Republican candidates for two Texas Railroad Commission slots: The Environmental Protection Agency has overreached and must be scaled back.

"Let me tell you, these people can ruin your life," state Rep. Warren Chisum, R-Pampa, said last week at a forum in Wichita Falls that was organized by the Texas Alliance of Energy Producers. "If they ever require an EPA permit before you drill a well, your lease will expire."

Roland Sledge, a Houston lawyer who has specialized in oil and gas for 35 years, spoke repeatedly of the "relentless assault" by the EPA on the oil and gas indus-

Craddick, Christi candidate, another went up another level. "Let's get rid of Obama if we do nothing else," said Craddick, a lawyer specializing in oil, gas and water and who is the daughter of state Rep. Tom Craddick, R-Midland. "This man hates the state. ... I want to make sure he gets on a solar-powered airplane and flies someplace else," like China.

Railroad The which Commission, regulates the oil and gas industries, is headed by three elected commissioners. One of this year's two races is for a full six-year term to fill the position currently occupied by Commissioner Buddy Garcia. He was recently appointed by Gov. Rick Perry to fill the remainder of the term of Elizabeth Ames Jones, who is running for state Senate. Chisum, Craddick and Sledge are the Republicans seeking that spot along with Becky Berger, a geologist; Beryl Burgess, who worked in an industrial lab in Harlingen; and Joe Cotten, a Frisco native.

The winner of the May 29 Republican primary will face Dale Henry, a Democrat from Lampasas, but the commission has tradition-

ally been dominated by Republicans.

In the second race, commission chairman Barry Smitherman, who was appointed last year to fill another vacancy created by Michael Williams' departure, is running against Al Lee, Elizabeth Murray-Kolb and Greg Parker in the Republican primary. No Democrat is running for this position, which is an unexpired term ending in 2014.

The candidates have held numerous forums across the state, and undoubtedly will hold more -- and voters are still making up their minds. "My problem with these people was, I couldn't decide which one I liked the best," said Terry Campbell, the president of the San Angelo Tea Party, which hosted a forum with multiple candidates this month.

Environmental advocates, however, are disappointed with the can-

"Because of the fracking boom, this is going to be a critical race," said Tom "Smitty" Smith, the Texas head of the environmental watchdog Public Citizen. "And it's unfortunate that the candidates are all talking about protecting the industry and forgetting that they have an equal and perhaps more important responsibility to regulate the industry and protect the citizens from the excesses of the industry." Smith said he was especially, worried about emissions related to fracking and increased flaring of gas in the oil-

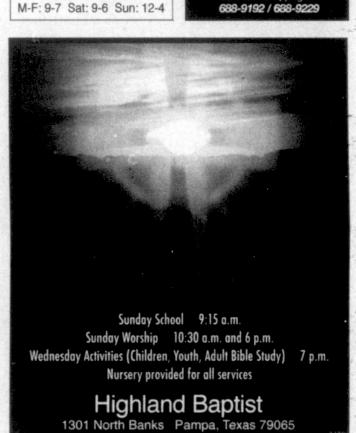
Parker is proud of authoring a book about global warming as a myth. "How many of you know global warming is a myth?" he asked the several dozen people in attendance at Wichita Falls. Most raised their hands. He criticizes Smitherman for having "led the charge for windmills" while at the Public Utility Commission, which oversaw a process ordered up the Legislature of building

fields.

multi-billion dollar transmission lines to aid wind power. "I have nothing against wind and solar, but I have something against government subsidization of wind and solar," he said.

Smitherman, a fourthgeneration Texan who has racked up endorsements recently from Attorney General Greg Abbott and The Dallas Morning News, has emphasized the importance of more drilling and energy independence. "We must prevent any and everything from standing in the way of increasing domestic state Senate committee in Odessa on Monday while testifying about the potential endangered species listing of the dunes sagebrush lizard that lives in the oilfields, according to the Reporter-Telegram. He also called the resignation of EPA regional chief Al Armendariz a "good first step," adding he urged a "full investigation of Mr. Armendariz's actions during his tenure as administrator to determine how many times he crossed the line and TRC cont. on page 3





Dan C. Powell, M.D. **CLOSING PRACTICE**

It has been my pleasure to have lived and served Pampa and the surrounding communities for the past 20+ years. After much thought I have decided to close my practice in Pampa at Family Medicine Center effective June 1, 2012. I would like to sincerely thank my patients and the physicians at Family Medicine Center for the support I've received while here in Pampa. Medical Records will be available at Family Medicine Center of Pampa on-going.

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Viewpoints

Today in History

Today is Wednesday, May 2, the 123rd day of 2012. There are 243 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 2, 2011, Osama bin Laden, the face of global terrorism and architect of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, was killed in a firefight with elite American forces at his Pakistan compound, then quickly buried at sea in a stunning finale to a furtive decade on the run.

On this date:

In 1519, artist Leonardo da Vinci died at Cloux, France, at age 67.

In 1670, the Hudson's Bay Co. was chartered by England's King Charles II.

In 1863, Confederate Gen. Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson was accidentally wounded by his own men at Chancellorsville, Va.; he died eight days later.

In 1890, the Oklahoma Territory was organized.

In 1932, Jack Benny's first radio show, sponsored by Canada Dry, made its debut on the NBC Blue Network.

In 1936, "Peter and the Wolf," a symphonic tale for children by Sergei Prokofiev, had its world premiere in Moscow.

In 1945, the Soviet Union announced the fall of Berlin, and the Allies announced the surrender of Nazi troops in Italy and parts of Austria.

In 1952, the era of commercial jet passenger service began as a BOAC de Havilland Comet carrying 36 passengers took off on a multi-stop flight from London to Johannesburg, South Africa.

In 1957, Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy, R-Wis., died at Bethesda Naval Hospital in Maryland.

In 1960, Caryl Chessman, who'd become a best-selling author and cause celebre while on death row for kidnapping, rape and robbery, was executed at San Quentin Prison in California.

In 1972, a fire at the Sunshine silver mine in Kellogg, Idaho, claimed the lives of 91 workers who succumbed to carbon monoxide poisoning. Longtime FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover died in Washington at age 77.

In 1982, the Weather Channel made its debut.

Ten years ago: Yasser Arafat emerged from his West Bank headquarters, hours after Israeli troops withdrew from his compound and released the Palestinian leader from months of confinement. The Rev. Paul Shanley, a priest at the epicenter of the clergy sex abuse scandal, turned himself in to authorities in San Diego to face charges in Massachusetts of raping boys during the 1980s. (Shanley was later convicted of repeatedly raping one boy, and was sentenced to 12 to 15 years in prison.)

Five years ago: In a defeat for anti-war Democrats, Congress failed to override President George W. Bush's veto of legislation requiring the withdrawal of U.S. troops from Iraq. In a speech to construction contractors in Washington, President Bush declared al-Qaida "public enemy no. 1 in Iraq."

One year ago: During a somber ceremony in the White House East Room, President Barack Obama bestowed the Medal of Honor posthumously on two Army privates — Anthony T. Kaho'ohanohano of Pukalani, Hawaii, and Henry Svehla of Belleville, N.J. — who had given their lives in the Korean War. Conservative Prime Minister Stephen Harper won a coveted majority government in Canadian elections while the opposition Liberals and Quebec separatists suffered a shattering defeat.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Theodore Bikel is 88. Singer Engelbert Humperdinck is 76. Actress and political activist Bianca Jagger is 67. Country singer R.C. Bannon is 67. Singer Lesley Gore is 66. Actor David Suchet (SOO'shay) is 66. Singer-songwriter Larry Gatlin is 64. Rock singer Lou Gramm (Foreigner) is 62. Actress Christine Baranski is 60. Singer Angela Bofill is 58. Movie director Stephen Daldry ("The Reader") is 52. Actress Elizabeth Berridge is 50. Country singer Ty Herndon is 50. Rock musician Todd Sucherman (Styx) is 43. Wrestler-turned-actor Dwayne Johnson is 40. Soccer player David Beckham is 37. Actress Jenna Von Oy is 35. Actress Ellie Kemper is 32. Actor Robert Buckley is 31. Actor Gaius (GY'ehs) Charles is 29. Pop singer Lily Allen is 27. Olympic gold medal figure skater Sarah Hughes is 27. Rock musician Jim Almgren (Carolina Liar) is 26. Actress Kay Panabaker is 22.

Thought for Today: "What experience and history teach is this: that people and governments have never learned anything from history." — Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel, German philosopher (1770-1831).



Lyndon Johnson and the perils of greatness

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The thing about Lyndon Johnson
— and you may be sure I kept a
close adolescent eye on him while
he was one of my two U.S. senators — was that he knew what he
was doing.

There was more to it even than that. He knew how to get things done.

The faint breezes from the '50s and '60s rustling the page of Robert Caro's super biography of Johnson — the brand-new volume, titled "The Passage of Power," is fourth and penultimate in the series — stirs memories of times when politicians sort of, a lot of the time, understood their job. They were not nearly as busy as their modern heirs. Their role in our affairs was smaller, less intrusive. That could be part of the reason that "legislative success" was not yet an oxymoron. The larger and more complex the thing you're trying to do in government, the fainter the chances of actually getting it done in a way that contributes to the general good and brings credit to the political artisans.

In our era of mega government, hardly anything goes right when lawmakers attack a problem. It was somewhat otherwise when Johnson led the Senate's Democratic majority and later, ran the White House. The new volume, which I haven't yet read, though naturally I will do so (what adventure story fan wouldn't?), is the tale of LBJ's presidential quest, the failure of that quest in 1960, the miserable years spent as vice president, and then his takeover of power upon John Kennedy's assassination. On from



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capacity "do." What we forget, sometimes, is that there are times to do and times not to do. Don't just do something; stand there, is the right witticism for the occasion. Lyndon Johnson never got the drift. He was all about action — about getting things done and assuming that, in the process (because he was smart and had smart people working for him), they were getting done-right. A lot of the time, the good of the order — the good of the nation — means doing the least you can get by with.

The comparison of Medicare - a keystone of the Johnson Great Society program — with Obamacare seems irresistible. The former started small — a hardly noticeable \$7.7 billion in 1970. It grew and grew as new beneficiaries and programs were added. By the turn of the century, the program cost \$224 billion. What a pittance that now seems. A recent report by Medicare's trustees shows the system becoming insolvent in 2024, with longterm debt presently calculated at \$26.9 trillion. The Congress through which Lyndon Johnson cajoled and flogged the Medicare bill dwelled only sporadically, it seems, on the principle of "One Thing Leads to Another."

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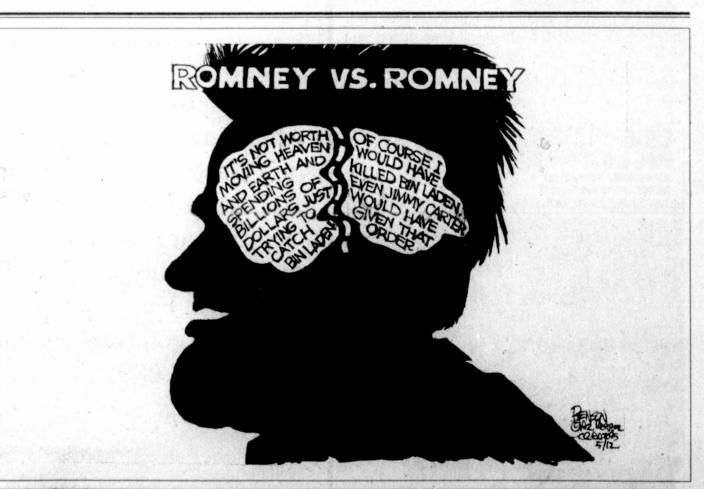
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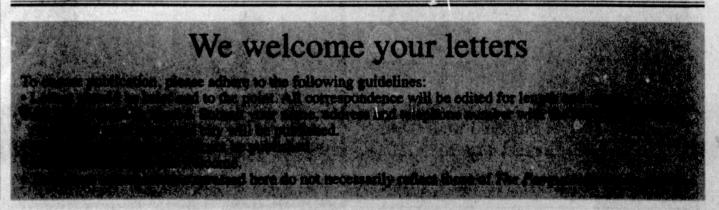
The last thing to which the principle led was, of course, Obamacare, the scripted takeover by government of one-sixth of the American economy. Maybe the U. S. Supreme Court will grasp the constitutional irony of allowing a government of supposedly limited powers to operate with no limits.

Thus with other elements of the Great Society, the federal takeover of public education began with passage, at Johnson's instance, of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965. The government's latest education gig is the quest for a set of national standards. Creation of the Job Corps, for training of unemployed workers, created no lasting new jobs but lots of new government dependents, eager for government grants to multiply.

Lyndon Johnson got things done. To a monumental extent, he got the wrong things done while borrowing heavily against the future. That he probably thought he was doing good isn't the main point. The point is an ancient one: Beware power; it corrupts, undermines liberty, and empties treasuries. Save us from dynamic politicians, as well as from egotistical by barely competent ones, is a prayer that makes sense. Maybe the dull, middling kind is the kind that best serves people who love

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Sports

PHS Sr. Stokes to continue softball career at SAGU

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Senior McKinlee Stokes was at a church camp last summer when she first met Southwestern Assemblies of God.

"They told me about their school," Stokes said. "At the time they didn't have softball, but now they have it. I was really interested."

Wednesday, in the Pampa High School rotunda, Stokes signed to play softball for SAGU.

"We are extremely pleased to have a girl with her versatility to get on base and her versatility on defense being able to play second and short,'

SAGU head coach Tim Grant said. Stokes said she is excited to play for a

Stokes

new program. "It will be really cool," Stokes said. "It will be a different experience. I've been

on a team that's been here so long." Pampa head coach Bobbi Gill said she

is happy for Stokes.

"She will fit in wherever she goes," Gill said. "She will do well wherever she goes. She is a hard worker and a good

Stokes will study psychology, which Gill teaches.

"Since (Gill) taught and coached me it's

going to help a lot," Stokes said. "I'm still going to keep her teachings from softball and psychology."

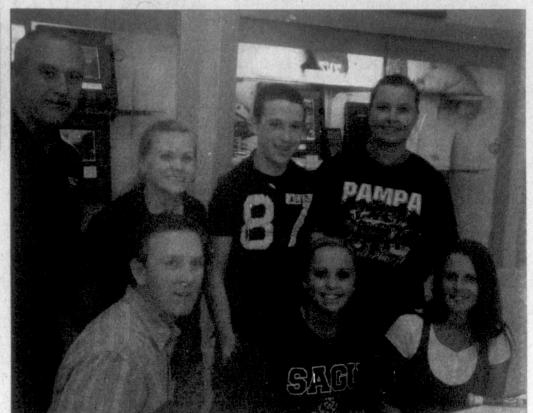
"We've connected on two facets," Gill said. "It's a class a teach. She's going on to play in the sport too. It's nice to have a connection like that with a kid."

Grant said Stokes will be an asset.

"She's a girl with a great attitude," Grant said. "We are a young team and we were able to get two wins this year. We are expecting to compete in the conference tournament in the middle of conference next year. She will help us a ton."

Stokes started at second the last two seasons and batted in the fifth hole. Last year, Stokes was selected to first team

All-District.



staff photo by Andrew Glover

Senior McKinlee Stokes (front center) signs to play softball for Southwestern Assemblies of God University in the Pampa High School rotunda. Standing behind Stokes is SAGU head coach Tim Grant, assistant Rachel Harris, Stokes' brother Brandon and Pampa head coach Bobbi Gill. Seated are Stokes' parents, Shane and Sandee.

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Pettitte testifies about HGH conversation with Clemens

WASHINGTON (AP) — Andy Pettitte and Roger Clemens sat some 20 feet apart, Pettitte on the witness stand and Clemens at the defense table trying to avoid going to jail. The topic: a remark about human growth hormone Pettitte recalled hearing from his longtime teammate, mentor and workout partner a dozen years ago.

to me that he had taken HGH," Pettitte testified. "And that it could help with recovery, and that's really all I remember about the conversation."

The rest of the details are fuzzy. Pettitte went on acknowledge that the words were said in passing during an intense workout.

It's a conversation that

"Roger had mentioned Clemens has famously claimed that Pettitte "misremembers."

> The right-hander on trial who won 354 major league games and the lefty on the stand with 240 wins had an awkward reunion Tuesday, Day 8 in the retrial of charges that Clemens lied when he told Congress in 2008 that he never used steroids or HGH.

Glo-Valve bests DFB in Optimist play

down Duncan, Fraser an inning. & Bridges Insurance Agency allowing one Glo-Valve's Brenden stole third. Ontiveros unearned run and three Courtney was hit by a was safe on an error hits to lead Glo-Valve pitch. Tyler Orand fol- which allowed McCoy Service to an 18-5 vic- lowed with a walk. A to score. Voss allowed a tory in the first game of catcher's inference with single to Dakota Helferthe season in the Pampa Tyler McCarn at the in the fourth and a walk Optimist 11-12 Cal plate loaded the bases, to Landan Shouse in Ripken League Monday. Thomas Costley forced the fifth as Glo-Valve Voss struck out six and McCarn at second by closed out the game with walked one in earn- Courtney scored on the two runs in the fourth ing credit for the win. play. Ware reached base and six more in the fifth. Brayden Fry pitched the on an error which scored Ware was the leadfirst two innings for Glo- Orand. Valve. He allowed four increased its lead to 4-1. with two hits, two runs unearned runs on two hits. He struck out five, champions tied the score also had two hits and walked one and hit a bat- in the bottom of the two runs and added one ter. Ethan Lemke, Zane second on a single by RBI. Gonzales single

pitched for DFB. stole second. He took stole second. choice and scooted give Glo-Valve a 10-4 United Way agency. home on a wild pitch. margin. In came Voss

Jace Ware opened the booming two run single offensive effort for DFB. game with a single to by Darrien Gonzales

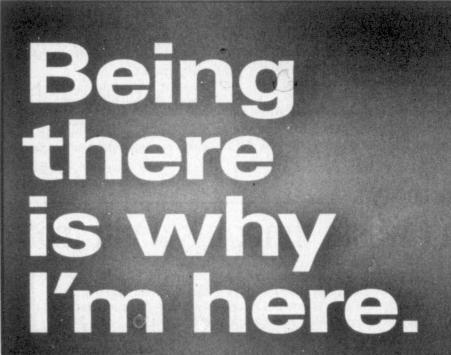
Glo-Valve, the defend- when Norris picked third on a wild pitch. ing city tournament a runner off first base. Kade Parker walked and champions went back Glo-Valve's outstand-Logan to work in the top of ing defensive play was Martindale drilled a sin- the third. Voss walked a double play after a gle to left scoring Ware and stole two bases. Fry strikeout. and sending Parker to was safe on an infield picked a runner off first third. Parker tallied on single. Jakob Wilson base and Fry and Orand a sacrifice fly by Fry. slammed a double to left engaged him in a run DFB got one of the runs field scoring both run- down. back in the bottom of ners. Walks to Courtney, Glo-Valve will host the first. Lemke struck Orand and Costley Cabot Corporation out but hustled to first forced in Wilson. Ware Thursday at 5:45 p.m. and beat the throw from singled up the middle at Optimist Park for its Glo-Valve's catcher. to drive home Courtney next game. He stole second, went and Orand. Costley fol-

Chase Voss shut Glo-Valve led 2-1 after for Glo-Valve. After two were out, McCoy and In the second inning, Norris singled. McCoy

Glo-Valve ing hitter for Glo-Valve The defending league and two RBI. Martindale McCoy, Derek Norris Ontiveros, a hit batter, a over the right fielder's and Anthony Ontiveros pair of fielder's choices, head scoring two runs a Glo-Valve error and a was the outstanding

The outstanding defenleft for Glo-Valve and which capped the rally. sive play for DFB came Martindale

The Pampa Optimist to third on a fielder's lowed on a wild pitch to Youth Club is a Pampa





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Who will enter God's kingdom?

"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of my Father in heaven," said Jesus (Matthew 7:21).

"I think it means that whoever says something real fast and doesn't mean it will not enter," says Danielle, 9.

If the speed of one's speech were the issue, northerners would be signing up for speech classes in the south, and native New Yorkers would be doomed.

"Not all people go to heaven," says Jordan,

Jordan, do you know you are being politically incorrect? Everyone assumes that when loved ones die they go to heaven. I think Jordan is saying we're wrong to think that.

Jesus is still the most controversial person who ever lived. He constantly offended the powerful and empowered the helpless. Jesus not only said the first shall be last and the last shall be first in his kingdom, but he backed it up with action. He dined with prostitutes and tax collectors and overturned the tables of temple moneychangers — those at the center of the religious establishment.

Jesus healed people who religious leaders said were born in sin. He even healed on the Sabbath, which further offended them. They had their rules. He had compassion.

Jesus said that some of the most unlikely people would enter his kingdom. But the big shocker is that many religious people who do things in the name of Christ won't make it. They can't give up trusting in their own righteousness. Self-righteous, religious pride can justify almost anything, even murder. Remember, religious leaders plotted to see Jesus crucified.

"The only people who are going to heaven are the ones that do God's will," says Chris, 11. Chris, a group of people once asked Jesus, "What shall we do that we might work the

Because we live in a world where productivity is rewarded, it's easy to assume that whoever piles up the best good works will have



front-row seats in Jesus' kingdom. Jesus must have sur-

prised the inquirers with his answer: "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he sent" (John 6:29).

The very nature of a

If our good works could get us into God's kingdom, you know who would be taking the bows. Oh, how we love to take credit to ourselves. The only people bowing in Jesus' kingdom will be those who fall on their faces

"People who say 'Lord, Lord' will not go to the kingdom of heaven because they do not believe," says Shelby, 9. Shelby has scored a perfect 10 with her statement. What you believe is the ticket to entering or being turned away from God's kingdom.

Talk is cheap and so are deeds. If you trust

"Just because you say you're a Christian,

Think about this: Faith in Jesus and his work on the cross is the ticket that guarantees you'll be an eternal resident in God's kingdom.

Memorize this truth: Matthew 7:21, previ-

living with God forever?

syndicated newspaper columnist, author, and producer.

CHURCH SPOTLIGHT

Zion Lutheran invites all to 'Big Z' barbecue dinner

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Zion Lutheran Church invites the public to join them Saturday for its annual barbecue dinner Saturday from 5 to 7 p.m.

"We cook the brisket," Rev. Michael Erickson, pastor of the church said. "We will have potato salad, coleslaw and desserts.'

Tickets are nine dollars in advance for adults and \$4.50 for children from ages 4-10, \$10 and \$5 at door. Children under 4 are free.

There will also be a silent auction. Zion Lutheran is located on the 1200 block of Duncan Street.

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"Not everyone will go to heaven, but some people will talk about it," says Joshua. "That is not enough."

either as your ticket into Jesus' kingdom, you'll find that your ticket is a counterfeit.

doesn't mean you are one," says Andrew, 9. "If you don't believe in Jesus, the doors will not open," concludes Amad, 7.

Ask this question: Do you have assurance of

Carey Kinsolving is an experienced public speaker,

GOD'S GOOD NEWS

Don't waste time; it's a gift from God

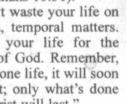
Time is a gift from God. The Apostle Paul says, "Redeeming the time, because the days are evil." To misuse time is to waste our lives. Time is life and life is time. The average life span in America today is seventy-five years. That is 900 months, 3,900 weeks, 27,875 days, 657,000 hours, 3,942,000 minutes, 2 billion, 22 million and 508,800 heartbeats. Every moment of our lives is valuable. How can we invest our lives wisely?

We must make sure we do the right things the right way.

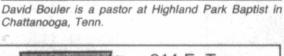
We should do our very best in all we do. God and other people deserve it. Ecclesiastes 9:10 says we must do what we do "with all the right things, the right way, for the right reason. What we do, we do for the glory of Jesus Christ (I Corinthians 10:31).

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Don't waste your life on foolish, temporal matters. Invest your life for the glory of God. Remember, "Only one life, it will soon be past; only what's done



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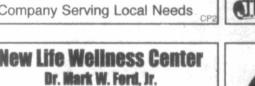
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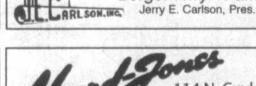
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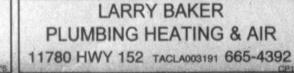
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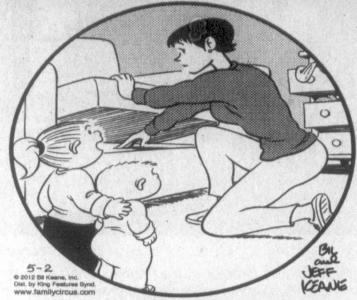
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This year people often act in the most unpredictable manner. You'll wonder why. Power plays abound. Learn to detach far more frequently and rise above situations. You will be far happier if you do. If you are single, you could meet an interesting cast of people. Hang in there and wait for the right night: Your treat. person. Do not lose focus of your priorities. If you are attached, you discover newfound you pull out of control games. LIBRA understands your underlying gentleness. He or she honors your feelings.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

care, leaving others wondering what has happened. At this point, you march to the beat of a different drummer. Your actions could surprise even you. Avoid a power yourself. play at all costs. Walk away, if need be. Tonight: Be with your favorite person.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ Look around at your immediate circle. You might see some strange behavior emerging. Your caring will make a big difference to a child or loved one. A power play might push others away and cause you a problem, or vice versa. Remain sensitive to the cast of players in your life. Tonight: Keep it easy and light.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

*** Go with the unexpected, even if you are not sure where it is going to land you. Pressure builds, as you feel you should go along with someone's suggestion. Your softer side emerges when dealing with a loved one. Caring seems to flow. Tonight: Let off some steam.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

** Stay close to home, if possible. The unexpected will occur when you are out. Authority figures do exactly what is not expected. Do not feel pressured to do anything that doesn't feel right. Avoid power plays. Tonight: Head home.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ing power plays. Tonight: Return calls be- outside life.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

*** A partner or associate might act in an irresponsible manner. You might not like what is going down. Pressure builds with a new friend, loved one or child. This person makes it clear that he or she wants what he or she wants, and nothing less. To-

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ What many people would call ground on which to relate to each other, if shocking, you'll handle with comparative ease. Isolate a controlling situation; you might want to stop feeding its dynamics. Express your spirit in a caring way, and you will get responses. Tonight: It is wish-upon-

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★ Take your time when responding *** You might react and simply not to a surprise. You do not want to act on your first impression. You also easily could misread a situation, making more out of it than initially was intended. Tonight: Cocoon

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

*** Meetings could bring surprising results. If you sit back and give it some thought, the outcome could be most beneficial. Do not force yourself to do what does not feel comfortable, especially with your finances. Give yourself time. Tonight: Where people are.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Take a stand if you must. Others might think you are unusually controlling or overly dominant. What they don't realize is that that is you. Before you continue down this path, make sure it will serve you well. Tonight: A must appearance.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

**** Listen to a suggestion more openly. Your inner voice could be already judging and making decisions. Push that voice away. With renewed vitality and interest, you'll look at different areas of your life with new eyes. Tonight: Read between the lines with a loved one.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

*** You have a strong sense of direction right now. You might not be able to relate as directly with a key associate ** Listen to news that is forthcom- at first. A meeting or get-together could ing. You might be wondering about the val- be canceled and might force you and ues of less controlling people. Understand others to find a more direct line of comthat, although you do not want to, you munication. Tonight: Make it OK to blur might have to deal with situations involv- the lines of your personal life and your

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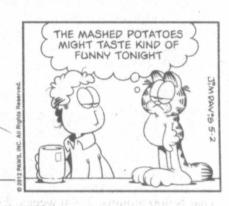




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Appeals judge grants stay to let Texas enforce health law

AUSTIN (AP) — A federal appeals judge stepped into the fight over the Women's Health Program on Tuesday, saying he wanted to hear arguments on whether the state should be prevented from enforcing a law that bans Planned Parenthood from participating in the program.

Less than 24 hours after a federal judge in Austin ordered Texas not to enforce a rule banning clinics associated with abortion providers from receiving state funds, Fifth Circuit Appeals Judge Jerry Smith

granted Texas an emergency stay lifting the Austin court's order.

"We are disappointed in the stay granted last night," said Sarah Wheat, interim CEO of Planned Parenthood of Austin Family Planning. "When presented with both sides, the District Court agreed the rule was likely unconstitutional, and that implementation would cause a serious problem with health care access for Texas

Stephanie Goodman, spokeswoman for the Texas Department of Health and Human Services said Tuesday that the order allows the agency to exclude the clinics from the program effective today. She said women having trouble locating a health care provider should contact the

In court papers, the state's attorneys argued that the state may ban groups from the Women's Health Program that don't agree with the state's policies

"Although Planned Parenthood shares some of the program's goals — such as promoting women's health and reducing unwanted pregnancies — it also contravenes the very purpose of the program by actively promoting elective abortion," the attorneys said. "Planned Parenthood and its affiliates have every right to hold that belief and advocate for elective abortion, but they are not entitled to receive taxpayer subsidies from a government program that is designed to encourage preventative birth control and discourage abortion."

Planned Parenthood replied to that argument Tuesday afternoon, saying that the organization and its employees should

not have to give up their constitutional rights to free speech and freedom of association to qualify as health providers in a state program.

The emergency stay is the latest development in a dispute over which criteria Texas can impose on a health care provider that participates in state-funded programs for the poor.

When Texas lawmakers renewed the Women's Health Program last year, they made it clear they didn't want any state funding to go to clinics affiliated with abortion providers, even if those clinics don't provide abortions and are legally and financially separate from those that do. The state has already banned organizations that provide elective abortions from receiving state funds.

Earlier this month, Planned Parenthood filed a federal lawsuit saying the rule violates the group's rights. On Monday they celebrated a victory when Judge Lee Yeakel agreed that they had a case and ordered the state not to enforce the law until he could hold a trial.

The \$40 million program provides health care to roughly 130,000 women who are poor and don't have health insurance, but would otherwise not qualify for Medicaid, the health insurance program for the poor and disabled. The program provides basic check-ups, contraception and cancer screenings. Planned Parenthood officials say that 97 percent of the services they provide do not to have prices keep going involve abortion.

The federal government funded 90 percent of the program, but cut funding last regents meet Thursday month because officials said the new rule violated federal law

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott has filed a federal lawsuit in Washington calling that decision a violation of state's rights. Gov. Rick Perry ordered the state Department of Health and Human Services to find funds to continue the program. Allowing it to end would cost the state more that continuing it because it would lead to a spike in unplanned pregnancies.

CROSS TALK



photo courtesy of Chris Knight

Chris Knight (right), executive director of the Panhandle Area North Texas Region of the American Red Cross, speaks to the crowd at the recent Red Cross ice cream social at the Holiday Inn as Misty Walker (left) and Judge Vernon Cook, the Eastern Texas Panhandle Chapter's board chairman, and Misty Walker look on.

Tuition

her education. "I can't be anything but OK with it because I'm here and I want to graduate from Texas. But it's annoying

Texas A&M University and Friday in College Station, where they will consider a plan that raises tuition by about \$10 per credit hour at 10 campuses with one major exception: No increase is planned at the main campus in College Station after President Bowen Loftin chose not to recommend one, despite saying earlier this year that merit raises for faculty and staff were a top priority.

The main campus did not raise tuition last year either. Tuition for in-state students is \$4,467 per semester and \$23,809 for non-residents.

A Texas A&M spokesman said the university would not comment until after the regents meeting.

The Texas Legislature deregulated tuition in

2003 to allow universities

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to set their own rates. The tuition increases come after both university systems faced tough criticism last year from Gov. Rick Perry and other Republicans who questioned whether they are making good use of their money. Perry has urged universities to develop degree programs that cost no more than \$10,000.

Officer shoots, wounds teen outside Houston-area school

PASADENA (AP) — A police officer told investigators Tuesday that he shot a 14-year-old boy suspected in the overnight break-in of a Houston-area classroom after believing the teenager was reaching for a gun.

The boy was in critical but stable condition at a Houston hospital and was expected to survive, authorities said. The officer was placed on leave pending the investigation.

Pasadena Police Assistant Chief Bud Corbett said the officer, a 17-year law enforcement veteran, told investigators he did not know how old the suspected burglar was when he shot him. The names of the boy and the officer were not released.

The boy, an eighthgrader at the school, was shot in the chest by the district police officer, who was investigating a broken window in a portable classroom containing computers after an alarm went off, Pasadena Independent School District

Kirk Lewis said.

According to a release from the district, the officer arrived at 12:45 a.m. Tuesday at the campus of Miller Intermediate School in the Houston suburb of Pasadena. The officer called for backup but before help arrived he spotted the boy leaving the building.

Corbett said when the boy came out of the structure, he was backlit and appeared as more of a silhouette to the officer, who was standing under a light. The officer then told him to stop, Corbett said.

"The officer observed he had his hands at his chest and he thought that what was in those hands was a gun," said Corbett, whose agency is investigating the shooting along with the Harris County District Attorney's Office. School district police were inves-

tigating the burglary. The boy, dressed in a black hoodie and black shorts, was standing about 20 feet away on some steps outside the class-Superintendent room when he was shot

in the upper chest, near his right shoulder. Corbett said the boy was not shot while trying to run away but had stopped and was facing the officer when he was hit.

It was not until after the shooting that the officer discovered how old the suspected burglar was and that he was not armed but carrying a mesh backpack, which contained contents from the building, according to authorities.

The district said that the incident was the first time in the history of its police department, which was established in 1981, that a firearm was discharged by an officer as part of a law enforcement action.

The portable classroom where the incident occurred was often used for after-school activities but wasn't currently being used as a classroom. Classes at the school went on as scheduled Tuesday.

"We want to make the day as normal as we can for our students," Lewis

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harmed our economy and our energy future by pursuing his extreme political agenda instead of science and fact."

Other issues in the race include the commission's website, which Parker described as "atrocious"; the commission's funding (Chisum said it was "grossly underfunded") and how to advance the Keystone XL pipeline.

The Railroad Commission's name belies its responsibilities, as it has no oversight over railroads. And the candidates at the Wichita Falls forum said that they supported a name change to something more reflective of its purpose, along the lines of the "Texas Oil and Gas Commission." An effort to change the name faltered in the last legislative session but is likely to come up again next spring.

Another issue is whether the Railroad Commission should continue to be overseen by three commissioners, or just one. "We need three commissioners. There's too many wells going on in this state. There's too much land to cover," said Berger, and other candidates appeared to be in agreement. It's an issue likely to come up in the next legislative session, as it did in the last one, as the Railroad Commission undergoes a comprehensive structural review, called "sunset."

Yet another issue is that the Railroad Commission often has served as a launching pad for higher office. The most recently departed commissioners, Jones and Williams, are examples. Berger suggested barring the candidates from running for another position until their term is up. "Don't be running for some grander office," she said. At the commission currently, she said, "We have two brand-new people who are not from the industry, and it's getting ridiculous."

Craddick said that resigning to run for another office was a good idea, but requiring it was going too far. "To mandate it, I think is a problem," she said.



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Texas' top education official to resign effective this summer AUSTIN (AP) - Texas' top education official is resigning effective this summer, ending his tenure overseeing nearly 5 million public schoolchildren just months after personally apologizing for \$5.4 billion in cuts to school funding

approved by the state Legislature. Education Commissioner Robert Scott marked his 43rd birthday Tuesday by meeting with Gov. Rick Perry and saying he would step down July 2, exactly five years after the governor appointed him to the post. Scott will leave as the longest serving education chief in the past 20

Scott, an attorney by trade, gave no official reason. But Debbie Ratcliffe, a spokeswoman for the Texas Education Agency, said "it's just a grueling job."

Scott first joined the agency in 1994 and has worked there ever since, except for a three-year stint when he left to be Perry's educational policy advisor. In a statement, he referred to his children saying, "I've been here since Jon was 1 and Katie was 3-months-old. It's time." Both of his children have since graduated from Texas public schools.

Perry said Scott "has served this state and its schoolchildren tremendously during his tenure, always remaining committed to the principle that all children should graduate, and do so college- and career-ready."

"Robert has been an integral part of raising the bar for scholastic achievement in Texas, successfully implementing the state's new accountability system and working with the State Board of Education to revamp Texas' curriculum standards," the governor said in a state-

Facing a \$27 billion budget deficit at the start of 2011, the Republican-dominated Legislature approved \$4 billion in cuts to public education funding and an additional \$1.4 billion in grant programs. The result saw per student funding fall by more than \$500 this school year. In February, Scott made headlines when

he told a conference of school administrators that things could have been worse, with schools originally facing up to \$10 billion in cuts. He added, though, that, "the fact that I was not able to get back every dollar, I apologize." Clay Robinson, spokesman for the

Texas State Teachers Association, noted that "Scott was critical of the budget cuts to education even though they weren't "Gov. Perry doesn't really like people

who disagree with him, especially members of his own team," Robinson said in a phone interview Tuesday.

Indeed, Perry gave a major economic address in Houston on April 16 and proposed that all major statewide leaders

enter into a compact that would ensure no new taxes or increases to levies already on the books. The Democratic Party of Texas branded the move as Perry "calling on his fellow Republicans to commit to permanently underfunding public educa-

Rep. Rob Eissler, chairman of the Texas House Committee on Public Education, said Scott "did good work and I'm sorry to see him go."

"I thought he did fine. I didn't get everything I wanted, but nobody does," said Eissler, a Republican from the Woodlands.

He added that the education agency "bore a lot of pressure from the reduced funding, and they had to cut some people and I know they weren't happy about it.

"Even though they were getting less money, their scope and duties were not diminished," Eissler said.

In that same February speech to school administrators, as well as in previous comments to the State Board of Education, Scott addressed concerns that Texas is placing too-much emphasis on high-stakes standardized testing - acknowledging that some teachers

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have begun spending their time preparing students for upcoming exams rather than promoting actual learning.

"I believe that testing is good for some things but the system that we have created has become a perversion of its original intent," Scott said then. "The intent to improve teaching and learning has gone too far afield and I look forward to reeling it back in."

Later that same month, Scott gave ninthgraders a one-year break from a controversial requirement that would have made new standardized testing count toward 15 percent of their final grades.

Students began taking State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness, or STAAR, exams in March, and the requirement was meant to ensure they took the test seriously. But Scott's gave districts the option of seeking a wavier that would allow the tests not to count toward ninth-graders final grades in core subjects until the 2012-13 school year thus ensuring the test was implemented

Tuesday was the deadline for districts statewide to apply for a wavier to the 15 percent STAAR policy, and nearly all with high school-aged students statewide had done so, Ratcliffe said.

Bill Hammond, president of the influential Texas Association of Business, had supported making the exams count toward final grades. In a statement, he said, "While we didn't always agree on policy, I believe Robert made a real effort to always put the needs of the school children of Texas first."

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responsibility in helping kids learn, instead of so much, 'I presented it. If they didn't get it, too bad.' We have some systems in place that keep the focus back on students, back on what they're learning, back on doing whatever it takes to give them an opportunity to learn the material."

As far as the future of education goes, Haenisch predicts that there will be

more online classes, a better incorporation of the fine arts in the classroom and less of an emphasis on standardized testing.

"I think we've just about saturated everyone in the state with testing," he said. "I think there will be more opportunities to highlight those things a school district does well than always focusing on one or two things they're

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not doing as well." "School is supposed to be about learning," he added. "It's not supposed to be about testing. ...I don't think we're ever going to end testing. I think there will be tests, and I think there will probably be state tests, but I think there will come a time when it's not going to be the be-all, end-

all and do-all of school." Haenisch believes Pampa has been a wonderful place to end his public education

career. "I've found the people have been open, sincere and honest," he said. "I've found the faculty and the staff to be a fantastic group of people to work with. I learned to respect all of them, whether they're working in maintenance, whether they're working in the cafeterias, as custodians or teachers. Everyone in this district is just so dedicated to their work. They're dedicated to their campus and their students. It's just a fantastic place, from my perspective."



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cent airline flight, a tall man involved." who sat behind me had his wearing shorts, and you could see his large tattoo of a naked woman on his thigh. The drawing was very explicit, and there was no way to avoid seeing it because passengers had to cross over his leg to reach the bathroom.

How do you explain this kind of "art" to children? FERENTLY: I think you Would the airline have the should remind your sister right to ask him to cover the that when the same thing tattoo if it was objectionable? OFFENDED TRAVEL-ER FROM NEW YORK

protruding into the aisle might be considered a safety issue because it could cause a trip and fall. It would also impede food and beverage carts traveling up and down the aisle. Because you were offended, I hope you averted your gaze if you needed to make more than one trip to the lavatory, and if there were children in tow, that you didn't call their attention to the "picture."

DEAR ABBY: I had an urgent piece of mail to get to the post office. My sister called the postmistress, who agreed to stay open for her to deliver it. In the meantime, I found two other pieces of mail that required checks, quickly wrote them out and gave the three envelopes to my sister, who rushed them to the post office.

Upon her return, she showed me her vehicle, which had a deep gash running along one side because she had backed down the driveway too quickly, not paying attention, and had scraped the car against the stone post. She thinks I should pay half the

reasoning because the same which really hurts. thing happened to me when I ran an errand for her, but I paid on my own for my carelessness. What do you think? THINKS DIFFERENT-LY IN TENNESSEE

DEAR THINKS DIFhappened to you while running an errand for her, you assumed the responsibility DEAR OFFENDED: for paying for it. For her Because body art could be to say that you were "inclassified as freedom of ex- volved" is stretching the do. However, someone's leg you into paying. Stand your MICH. ground.

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Yesterday's Answer: Possible Solutions: JINX, JOIN,

COIN, CORN, CROC, WHEW, PHEW, HEAP, PAVE, VAMP 52

DEAR ABBY: On a re- cost of repair because "I was I'm married. This is not because of religious reasons. I I think it was her careless- have had a few relationships left leg out in the aisle dur- ness, and therefore, I should I thought were serious, but ing most of the trip. He was not have to pay. I'm not an- I ended up getting dumped gry, just confused by her for a "looser" girl each time,

> My family and friends don't understand that waiting until marriage is part of who I am. Ironically, I was raised to think this was proper, but once I reached a certain age, everyone seemed to change their minds.

I'm not looking to get married for at least five years. which means a long wait for anyone who wants to date me. Am I going to be alone forever just because I won't jump into bed with a guy before we're married? — PRINpression, I'm not sure they truth. She's trying to guilt CIPLED IN ANN ARBOR,

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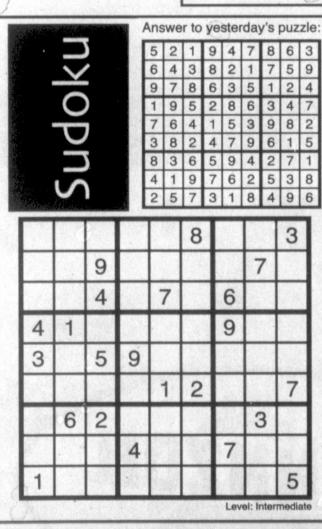
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Edwardian side chair is fit for a king

Q: I bought the wooden chair seen in this photo from a very elderly lady who told me it had been in her family for a long time. The seat measures 13 by 15 inches and the overall height is 36 inches. I use it with a small lady's desk. Before I have it restored, I was hoping you could tell if it has any value.

A: You have an Edwardian side chair. The Edwardian period of design lasted from 1901 to 1910 and was named for King Edward VII of England. The design lines were a direct contrast to the heavy, ornate, dark furniture of the Victorian era. Earlier styles and designs were incorporated into Edwardian furniture but cabinetmakers used a lighter touch.

Your side chair would probably be worth \$150 to \$200.

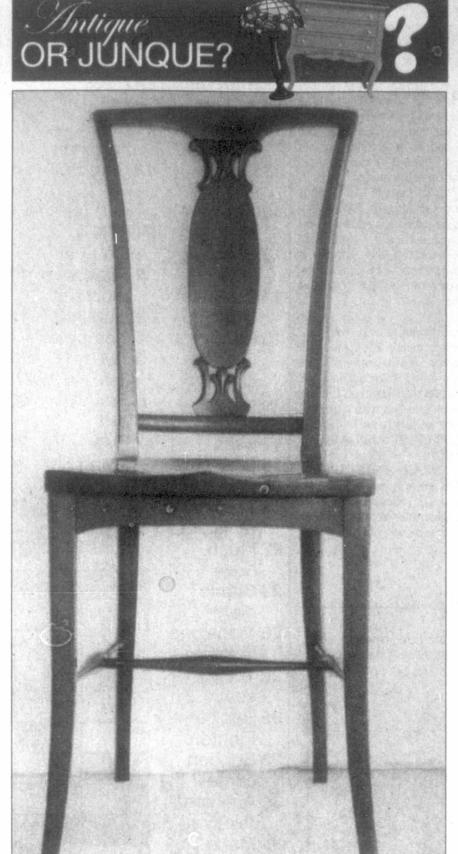


Haeger Potteries has produced pottery since 1871.

Q: I have enclosed the mark that is on the bottom of a pottery red orange rooster figure. It was a wedding gift in 1955. I always kept it in a china cupboard, and it is still in perfect condition. The rooster has a green comb and legs and stands about 20 inches tall.

I haven't decided what I want to do with it — keep it or put it in a tag sale. Knowing if it has any value will help me make up my mind.

A: Haeger Potteries made your rooster. It has produced pottery since 1871 in Dundee and Macomb, Illinois. Haeger Potteries has made a variety of pieces that includes figures, art pottery, dinnerware, lamp bases, florist wares, and decorative ware. The "Royal Haeger" mark was first used around 1938 and was



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inspired by Haeger's head design-seen selling from \$85 to \$125. er, Royal Arden Hickman. "R _ 1762" is the design number. In addition to the shiny red orange glaze, Haeger also made their rooster in an antique gold finish. Your circa 1955 rooster can be

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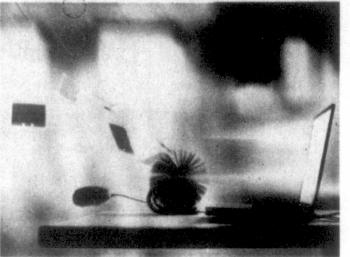
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