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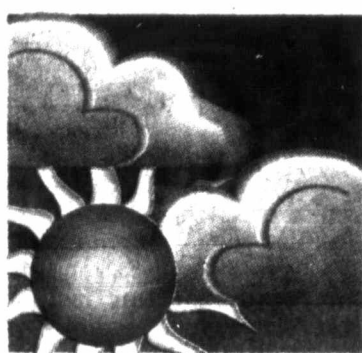
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PAMPA — Come out for homemade ice cream and get your children signed up in this year's 4-H program tonight at 7 under the covered shelter area at Recreation Park. There is no cost required to join 4-H and the program offers a number of activities for students of all ages to get involved with.

PAMPA — Area youth are invited this weekend to kick off the school year at "Rise-N-Shine for '99" — a non-denominational rally designed to assemble teenagers for one power-packed evening of Christian praise and worship.

Four inspirational youth messages will be presented by Shawn Boyd of Trinity Fellowship; Luke Crain of First Assembly of God; Todd Blackhurst of First Baptist; and Rick Pearson of Calvary Baptist.

The evening will be filled with food, fun, and great praise and worship music by "Solomon Sincere," a Christian rock band from Wayland Baptist University who premiered in Pampa at Calvary Baptist last January.

"This event could shape the direction of Pampa's youth for the entire school year. The enemy is tempting our youth with drugs, alcohol, and sex," said Rick Pearson, coordinator of the event. "Pampa's churches must rise up and shine."

The rally begins at 7 p.m. Saturday at Calvary Baptist Church, 900 E. 23rd St., and should end by 10 p.m.

- Michael Shawn Bunton, 27, cable assembler.
- Ettie Mae "Mutt" Jolly, 79, came to area in a covered wagon.
- Mario Alberto Luna, 46, self-employed painter.

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Final touches for downtown park pondered

By MIRANDA G. BAILEY
Staff Writer

Before consideration is given as to what kind of gazebo structure should be built in Dr. V.E. von Brunow Park downtown, the city's Park and Recreation Advisory Board has chosen to wait on the arrival of four iron von Brunow park benches which are "supposed to be here any day," according to Reed Kirkpatrick, director of the parks department.

The board has opted to meet next month at the park before the regularly scheduled meeting to further discuss where the gazebo should be placed.

In other matters, concerns were voiced about the signage at the park visually taking away from the "Grandfather's vision" statue — still under construction by Gerald Sanders — that is to be placed at the west end of the park close to where the park adoption sign is now.

"We're looking at doing something so it won't be so obtrusive to the statue," Kirkpatrick said of the sign.

Advisory board chairman Judy Elliott recommended moving it down east — closer to the post office.

"Anyone get the feeling that the park is too open?" asked board member Rusty Neef.

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Woman wants 'treasure' back

By KATE B. DICKSON
Associate Publisher

When Margaret Wells left Pampa in mid-June she had no idea her illness would keep her from returning; that it would send her to a nursing home and most of her belongings to an estate sale.

One of those items, a treasured piece of jewelry, somehow got mixed among the sale items gathered up from her home at 1109 Harvester. It's gone and Wells would like to have it back.

While she says the piece has no real value in terms of cash, it means everything to her and she's hopeful the buyer will contact her and sell it back.

"I had no idea I wouldn't be coming back to Pampa when Nonie came after me on June 19," Wells wrote *The Pampa News*. "Therefore, I took precious little with me, and just today, I learned the one item of jewelry, which ties in with my memories of my husband, was apparently inadvertently sold."

Wells said her husband, the late Joe Wells, was a "rock-hound." At one time he tumbled a beautiful piece of Alibates flint for her. While not a geode, it has a hole in one side which, she says, "really shows the colors." The piece was put on a long-time family-owned gold chain.

When writing her plea after midnight for the return of the necklace, Wells said she had just realized the day before the piece had been sold — a fact that upset her to the point, "I can't even go to sleep tonight."

If you have the piece of jewelry and are willing to resell it to Wells she can be contacted by writing, Margaret E. Wells, 3610 S.E. Huntington Cir. No. 114, Lawton, OK 73501.



(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)

Pampa's Congressman Mac Thornberry, flanked by U.S. Secretary of Energy Bill Richardson, talks about the importance of an energy policy to help independent producers in the Texas Panhandle. Thornberry gave Richardson a tour of the Pantex Plant in Carson County Wednesday.

New mission for Pantex? Energy secretary tours facility

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

AMARILLO — Appearing with Congressman Mac Thornberry, Secretary of Energy Bill Richardson said he is concerned about independent oil and gas producers.

Touring the Pantex Nuclear Weapons Plant in Carson County Wednesday, Richardson must decide later this year to place a plutonium conversion process at either the Pantex Plant or the Savannah River nuclear materials facility in South Carolina. But during a Wednesday afternoon meeting, the new energy secretary said he

also has plans concerning the oil and gas industry.

"I am going to make a major effort to improve domestic oil and gas production," Richardson said. "I think it's important to the administration that we recognize the importance of producing oil and gas and our energy sources here."

He said he will be looking at some initiatives as his tenure evolves to help marginal well producers and independent producers, including doing more research on fossil fuel.

"I am looking favorably at a review on keep-

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City manager gets pay raise

By JEFF WEST
Staff Writer

The Pampa City Commission showed its approval for the job that City Manager Bob Eskridge is doing by giving him a four percent pay increase. The raise brings the city manager's pay to \$65,302.

The city manager is the only

city position whose pay is regulated directly by the city commission. Most employee salaries are covered under a system that uses pay grades and yearly steps. Department directors pay raises are based on evaluations from the city manager.

In announcing the pay boost at the last meeting, Commissioner Robert Dixon said, "Mr. Eskridge

has done a capable job and has earned the pay increase. He has straightened the books out and we are operating much more efficiently than before."

Mayor Bob Neslage said, "I believe Bob has just done an outstanding job."

In other action, the city commission approved selling the

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(Pampa News photo by Jeff West)

Displaying a plaque honoring contributors to the White Deer Land Museum are Iris Ragsdale, advisory board secretary and Bill Arrington, chairman of the foundation board.

Street Dance Saturday night Yearly museum fund-raiser

The White Deer Land Museum Foundation Board is sponsoring its third annual fund raising event, "Evening Under the Stars III Street Dance," from 7-11 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 29 on South Cuyler street in front of the White Deer Land Museum.

Brisket and all the trimmings will be served. Tickets are \$15 each and can be purchased at the museum from 1-4 p.m. each day or from any board member.

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The Foundation Board conducts fund-raising events and this year they have underwritten the carpeting in the Holland Wing Exhibit Room and the Bronze plaque which was installed today, from previ-

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Choir fund-raiser



(left) Courtney Lang, Kristen Stowers, Rose Fruge, Tiffany Bruce, Josh Gibson, Dillon Hill and Cæeste Stowers are a few of the PHS choir members who will be washing cars Saturday, Aug. 29 from 9 to 5 p.m. in the NBC Bank parking lot to raise money for this year's choir activities. For more information contact any choir student or Mr. Mays at 669-4800, ext. 130.

Commemorative event to be held at Post Office for Woody Guthrie

A special event to commemorate Woody Guthrie's contribution to American folk music will be held from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday, Sept. 4 in the lobby of the Pampa Post Office, 120 E. Foster Ave. As a community service, the Postal Service offers pictorial cancellations to commemorate local events celebrated in communities throughout the nation.

Committee members for Pampa's Tribute to Woody Guthrie will be available at a cancellation table in the lobby of the Post Office. Customers wishing to obtain a cancellation should affix stamps to any envelope or postcard. Stamps may be purchased at the Post Office window. Woody Guthrie stamps will be available for purchase, as well as three other folk musicians.

Those who cannot attend the event and wish to obtain the cancellation may submit a mail order request within 30 days. They must enclose stamped and addressed envelopes or cards in a larger envelope addressed to: Pictorial Cancellations, Pampa Post Office, 120 E. Foster Ave. Pampa, Tx 79065-9998. After applying the pictorial cancellation, the Postal Service will return the envelope or post card as addressed. Customers who want their items returned under protected cover should include a larger stamped, self addressed envelope.

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Sugar Beet field day to be held next month

BUSHLAND — Farmers in the Texas Panhandle may be out of the sugar beet business for now, says Dr. Charles Rush, plant pathologist with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, but there's hope out there among growers and scientists who are trying to bring the crop back into production.

On Wednesday, Sept. 2, Rush and research committee members of the Texas and New Mexico Sugar Beet Growers Association will be updating interested producers at a field day and plot tour from 10-11:30 a.m. at the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, three-quarters of a mile west of Bushland on the I-40 access road. The tour is scheduled to depart from the station's main parking area.

With support from the TNMSB-GA and Imperial Holly Sugar Corp., Rush is searching for the right combination of traits that can resist attack by a complex of diseases found in this region. His current work includes more than 60 entries in a three-year variety trial at Bushland.

"Sugar beets may be out of production, but this is one crop that hasn't been forgotten," said Kenneth Frye, association president, which jointly funds the three-year study from past commodity check-off dollars.

"If we can solve our disease problems, Holly would take another look at us and our growers would start planting again," said Charles Schlabs of Hereford, a former beet grower in Deaf Smith County.

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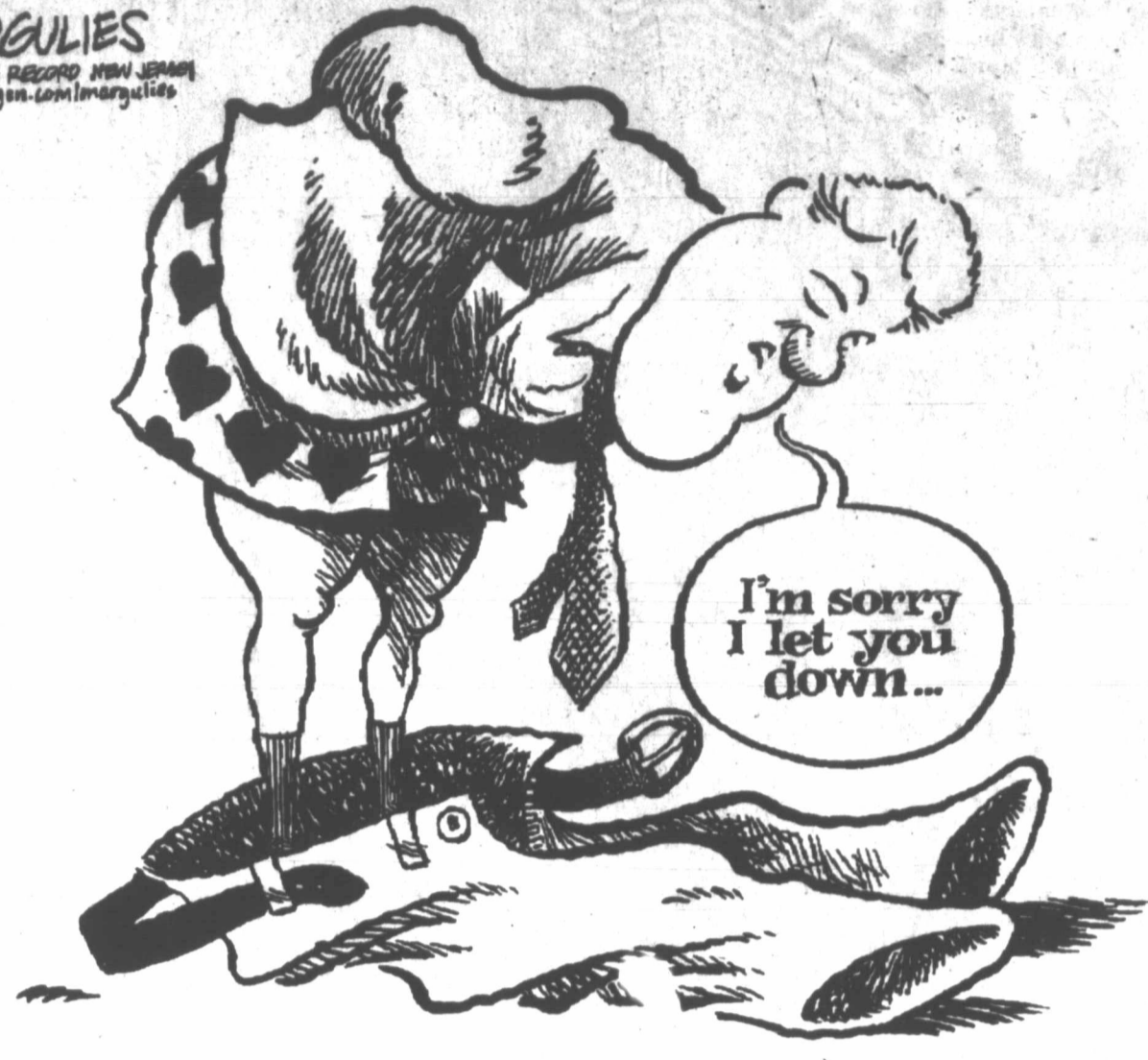
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Opinion

Children who kill cry for remedies

■ When kids kill, you have to start examining some of the values shaping society.

What about American life can begin to explain the violence of child against child?

In Arkansas recently, two boys, 12 and 14, were convicted of gunning down four classmates and a teacher on March 24. Chicago police just as recently announced they charged two boys, 7 and 8, with murdering an 11-year-old girl to steal her bicycle.

Predictably, the murders have brought charges and countercharges on various public policy issues. Gun control advocates blamed the easy availability of guns, while gun rights proponents pointed out that the Chicago boys didn't need a gun but allegedly hit the girl with a rock, then suffocated her to death.

Some people called for more government after-school programs, others for stricter gun laws.

But maybe this is the moment to turn our focus from the politics and slogans of the public realm and examine instead our personal values — where they come from and how they guide behavior and shape how we treat each other. After all, guns long have been legal in most states in America and bicycles long have been objects of theft. Why the killings? Why now?

Lack of respect was cited by the Rev. Robert Sirico, a Catholic priest and head of the Acton Institute for the Study of Religion and Liberty in Grand Rapids, Mich. "Kids don't have boundaries anymore," he told us. He also blamed "their exposure to violence, particularly in their homes and as it comes to them on TV."

He believes the general moral tone of public life in America has declined sharply in recently years, to the point where graphic details about a president's sex life are routinely part of public discussion.

What can be done? Though Sirico criticizes TV and other media, he rejects government censorship.

Sirico added, "These are not problems that can be solved by an activist government. It's not an activist government that can keep a family intact. You can't just throw a lot of money at it and have a solution." He believes parents need to set parameters for children and that too many families have split up, leaving the children without two parents to set proper examples.

Without adequate limits set by parents, he said, children "get to a certain age and the first boundary they run into is a police officer."

The remedies Sirico recommends are not blinding flashes of insight, but the hard work of adulthood: Parents need to spend more time with their children, others need to be mindful of the impact of their actions, especially those figures who are public examples for children.

—Odessa American

A word to the wise ...

Have you ever noticed that we all love to give advice about things we know just about absolutely nothing about?

Like I used to be good at giving kid advice to mom, until I got one. Or, I tell my husband how to start a fish tank when I've never owned one myself.

And I totally love screaming at the television, giving advice to the news commentators. Anybody have CNBC?

There's this show Geraldo is hosting and I swear the man thinks he's a guest instead of the host. He sits there interrupting his guests and talking over them. It drives me crazy as I sit on my couch and talk over him to anyone or anything who will listen — which is usually only my big glass of milk next to me.

I love milk. My mom says that after I got married, she and my dad began saving hundreds of dollars a year on milk bills.

And what's up with the, "Milk. It does a body good." slogan?

I guess they couldn't very well say, "Milk. It makes you fat but you can stand up tall because at least you won't have osteoporosis when you're on the treadmill trying to lose 50 pounds."

In short, milk is one of my main, fat-filled enemies.

Yes, my slim friends, I've tried fat-free skim milk. The low-calorie, cloudy water is all right, but it's not milk. I'll even play milk-mind games with myself in the attempt to drink the stuff.

Like if I don't think about the taste of it then it's okay. But more often than not I look at that milk before I take a swig, I see right through it, and I get grossed out.

Random Revelations
Miranda G. Bailey
Pampa News staff writer

But if I sit down to watch T.V. and eat my fudge graham cookies while I'm drinking my fat free milk, I'm fine.

While I'm at the television set ... I'll just go ahead and give you my thoughts on the twisted relationship I have with my TV.

Some movie star, Cameron Diaz of "My Best Friend's Wedding" to be exact, told someone that she didn't own a television because they're evil.

I really can't disagree. It's like I know that I'm wasting my life away when I sit and watch TV at night, and I know that the minute I turn it on, I'll get sucked in. But right before that moment when I go for the grab of the remote control, my brain says "let's just sit down and watch for a minute."

Three hours later, I'm yelling at Geraldo. I'm just about sick of watching the news and all those news derivatives, i.e. Hard Copy, Inside Edition, and everything on MS and CNBC.

I knew it was getting really bad when we rented "Wag the Dog" last weekend. It's the Dustin Hoffman/Robert DeNiro flick where art imitates Washington life in ways I can only pray are not happening.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Aug. 27th, the 239th day of 1998. There are 126 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Aug. 27, 1883, the island volcano Krakatoa blew up; the resulting tidal waves in Indonesia's Sunda Strait claimed some 36,000 lives in Java and Sumatra.

On this date:

In 1892, fire seriously damaged New York's original Metropolitan

Opera House, located at Broadway and 39th Street.

In 1908, Lyndon B. Johnson, the 36th president of the United States, was born near Stonewall, Texas.

In 1928, the Kellogg-Briand Pact was signed in Paris, outlawing war and providing for the peaceful settlement of disputes.

In 1945, American troops began landing in Japan following the surrender of the Japanese government in World War II.

In 1962, the United States launched the Mariner II space probe, which flew past Venus the following December.

In 1967, Brian Epstein, manager of the Beatles, was found dead in his London flat from an overdose of sleeping pills.

In 1979, British war hero Lord Louis Mountbatten was killed off the coast of Ireland in a boat explosion claimed by the Irish Republican Army.

Ten years ago: Tens of thousands of civil rights marchers gathered in Washington, D.C., on the eve of the 25th anniversary of Martin Luther King's "I Have a Dream" speech.

Five years ago: The U.N. Security Council suspended 2 1/2-month-old economic sanctions against Haiti to spur the country's return to democracy. They were reimposed the following October.

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There is no Utopia on Earth

During a many-years-ago heated exchange, a congressman told me that each American owned public property. As an example, he insisted that I was part-owner of the Washington Monument. I insisted it was none of mine.

We insisted back and forth until he asked me for the why of my position. My answer was a question, "Can I sell my part?" My test of whether I own something is whether I can sell it. Indeed, the working definition of private property is the rights held by the owner to keep, acquire and dispose of property.

Private property serves a vital social function often ignored or trivialized. You don't have to be a keen observer to notice that privately owned property tends to receive better care than communally owned property. I've often said that I don't care that much about future generations. After all, what has a kid who's going to be born in 2050 done for me? If he hasn't done anything for me, how then am I obliged to do anything for him? Where's the quid pro quo?

My actual conduct belies that sentiment. I own a nice home that is well cared for. Trees have been planted, rooms added, and many other improvements have been made that will outlast me and be available for that kid born in 2050. Part of the reason I made sacrifices in current consumption to improve my house is

Walter Williams

Williams is a nationally syndicated columnist.

that the longer it provides housing services, the more I get when the house is sold.

Would there be the same set of caring and improvement incentives if the government owned my house, or if there were a 75 percent transfer tax when I sell? Obviously, anything that reduces my property rights in the house weakens my incentives to do the socially responsible thing: use carefully and conserve scarce resources. If the house is cared for, the market rewards me with a high selling price. If it's not, the market punishes me with a low selling price. Private property rights, coupled with a free market, forces me to behave as if I actually did care about that 2050 kid.

That's one of the blessings of the free market: People serve their fellow man without coercion or caring. For example, I think it's a wonderful thing that Texas cattle ranchers

and Idaho potato farmers take the time and effort to ensure that New Yorkers have beef and potatoes. Do you think they do it because they care about New Yorkers? They may hate New Yorkers, but they make sure there's beef and potatoes on New York supermarket shelves.

The why is easy. They want more for themselves. In a free market, the best way to have more for yourself is to serve others. How much beef and potatoes do you think New Yorkers would have if it all depended on love and caring? I'd fear for New Yorkers.

Think about the millions of goods and services that others produce for us, whether it's cars, clothing, food, entertainment or shelter, and think about their motives. You'll conclude that most good things get done as a result of self-interest, profit motive, private property rights and exchange opportunities. Think about the things that we are dissatisfied with, such as public schools, post office, police services and vehicle registration. There's an absence of profit motive and private property rights.

The free market and private property rights do not produce a Utopia; we'll have to wait for Heaven for that. But here on Earth, private property rights and free markets beat any other social arrangement in serving mankind's needs.

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DANCE

ous street dances. The plaque is in special recognition of Arthur and Ruth Ann Holland, and contributions from David D. and Nona S. Payne Foundation, Inc.; Inez B. and H. E. McCauley Foundation Trust, M. K. Brown Foundation, Inc.; and Gray-Pampa Foundation, Inc.; for the Holland Wing addition to the White Deer Land Museum building dedicated on Oct. 15, 1995.

The Museum Director, Anne Davidson, is assisted by the White Deer Land Museum Advisory Board who is appointed by the Gray County Commissioner's Court since this a county owned museum.

The members of this board are: Michael Trimble, chairman; Mark T. Warner, vice-chairman; Iris Ragsdale, secretary; Donna Burger, Jean G. Duncan, Howard Graham, William L. Hallerberg, Mary Sturgeon, Cynthia West, Helen Wilson and Gerald Wright. Its by-laws state that there will always be a member of the Gray County Commissioners Court as a board member. Eloise Lane serves as Foundation Board Liaison member in addition to Anne Davidson, museum director.

This board is broken down into working committees who meet with the museum director for recommendations on all facets of the museum and then report back to the board for action. The committees are as follows:

—Collections/Exhibits, chaired by Howard Graham with Donna Burger, Mary Sturgeon, Cynthia West, Helen Wilson and Gerald Wright serving on this committee.

—Facilities (House & Grounds) Committee, chaired by Iris Ragsdale with Michael Trimble, Jean Duncan, Cynthia West, Gerald Wright with Larry Franklin and Jean Sims as ad hoc members.

—Memorial Fund Committee, chaired by Mary Sturgeon with Donna Burger, Bill Hallerberg, Iris Ragsdale, Michael Trimble, Mark Warner and Cynthia West as members.

—Nominating/By-Laws Committee chaired by Iris Ragsdale with Donna Burger, Mary Sturgeon, Michael Trimble, Mark Warner and Helen Wilson as members.

—Program/Promotion (Marketing) Committee chaired by Bill Hallerberg with Mark Warner, Jean Duncan, Howard Graham, Michael Trimble and Helen Wilson as members.

—The Advisory Board cannot act as a fund raising entity which is done by the Foundation Board to finance the growth and projects of the White Deer Land Museum as recommended by the White Deer Land Advisory Board.

Both boards are relatively new. There was a need to expand the museum and the Gray County Commissioners Court appointed the following Advisory Board in November of 1992: Larry Franklin, chairman; Mary Sturgeon, Jim Greene, county commissioner; Debbie Stokes, J. David Fatheree, Sandra Waters, Jay Johnson, Anita Bell, Greta Arrington, Claudie Phillips and Ray Duncan.

In the Fall of 1993 the White Deer Land Museum Foundation Board was created to handle the funds for the Holland Wing and in 1995 the organization and By-Laws of the White Deer Land Museum Advisory Board was approved by the Gray County Commissioners Court. All major renovations or additions of buildings must have the approval of the Gray County Commissioners Court upon recommendation of the White Deer Land Museum Advisory Board and Museum Director.

Schizophrenic lawyer declared unfit for trial

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y. (AP) — A schizophrenic lawyer, once so admired that Hollywood was considering a film on his life, was declared unfit to stand trial for his pregnant fiancée's murder.

Westchester County Judge Kenneth Lange declared Michael Laudor unfit for trial Tuesday and ordered him committed to the custody of state mental health authorities for a year. Prosecutors made his ruling public on Wednesday.

Laudor's lawyer, Andrew Rubin, had told Lange he planned to apply to have Laudor, 35, moved from the county jail to a psychiatric facility. He said there were certain drugs for anxiety and paranoia that Laudor was unable to get at the jail.

Kremlin says Yeltsin won't resign

MOSCOW (AP) — Opposition lawmakers demanded today that President Boris Yeltsin surrender at least some of his sweeping powers as the Central Bank halted dollar sales for the second straight day to save its dwindling hard currency reserves.

A commission of government officials and opposition lawmakers has drafted a power-sharing agreement that would compel Yeltsin to give lawmakers more say over Cabinet appointments and government policies.

But the Kremlin today quashed speculation that Yeltsin may resign. "No resignation has been on the agenda," the president's office said.

Communists and other hard-liners urged the government today to pump more cash into the economy and provide social guarantees to state workers. But critics warned that the increase in money supply could again trigger the hyperinflation that plagued Russia at the start of its market reforms.

They also urged that Yeltsin's government nationalize strategic industries, require exporters to exchange some of hard-currency earnings into rubles and further restrict hard-currency exports.

Meanwhile, the indefinite suspension of hard-currency sales paralyzed activity for many banks and sent the street rate of the dollar above 10 rubles. That is well above the official exchange rate of 7.86 rubles to the dollar — or 12.7 cents per ruble — that the Central Bank has held frozen since Tuesday.

Late in the day, the bank canceled trading for Friday, ensuring that the freeze would remain until next week.

It was difficult to buy any significant amount of dollars on the street today. While the banking crisis has not yet caused panic, it has business people and ordinary Russians alike increasingly worried. Some employees have been unable to draw their paychecks, which western companies tend to pay directly into employees' bank accounts.

In addition, importers have difficulty paying for imported goods, which account for more than half the groceries on Russian store shelves as well as a large proportion of appliances and other

items. "We can't stock up because they withhold our money. When we receive it, we just spend it," said Tatyana Atamas, a 30-year-old teacher.

The Central Bank said it was forced to stop selling dollars because it needed to save its hard currency reserves for key imports and other urgent needs, rather than spending them in attempts to prop up the weak ruble.

Since July, the bank has spent close to half its total reserves — some \$8.8 billion — on trying to prop up the ruble. The bank said that its hard currency reserves as

of last Friday stood at \$13.4 billion, down \$1.7 billion in the week since Aug. 14.

Alexander Shokhin, the head of a parliament faction close to acting Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin, said the government may consider suspending the ruble's convertibility and instituting price controls to cope with the crisis.

Shokhin also said some major commercial banks may be nationalized.

"Now we can't rely on liberal monetary approaches," he said.

The financial crisis so far has had little effect on ordinary

Russians, who don't own stocks or bonds or mutual funds. The anxiety some are beginning to feel comes largely from fear of inflation, which is expected to rise in the wake of the government's decision to devalue the ruble.

"Prices on most things haven't risen much yet, but we are buying more just in case," said 51-year-old Galina Filatova, who runs a small candy shop. "Before, I might have bought one package of sugar, but now I'm buying three at a time."

Russian stocks continued their steep dive today in thin trading.

Zion Lutheran receives funding from Brotherhood

Zion Lutheran Church of Pampa recently received \$450 from Lutheran Brotherhood, a fraternal benefit society, through the Society's Congregational Matching Funds program.

Lutheran Brotherhood matched the amount that the congregation raised through a yard sale recently.

The Board of Education will use the funds it raised and the matching funds from Lutheran Brotherhood for purchasing Sunday School

and Vacation Bible School materials.

Lutheran Brotherhood, a fraternal benefit society, offers a broad range of high quality financial products and services to Lutherans nationwide. Through its fraternal programs, Lutheran Brotherhood aids its members, their communities and Lutheranism. Over the last 10 years, Lutheran Brotherhood has contributed more than \$360 million to fraternal programs.

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Communication, Compromise Make Interfaith Marriage Work

DEAR ABBY: A few months ago, I met a lovely young lady and we began to date. Soon the relationship was exclusive because we fell in love. Our relationship is perfect except for one thing. We are of different religions. I am Jewish and she is Christian.

Religion is important to both of us, and neither of us wants to convert. We realize that marriage would present problems; however, we don't know if the problems would be so serious that our marriage would fail.

Abby, would our marriage have a chance, or should we go our separate ways before we invest any more time in what could be a disaster?

TO MARRY OR NOT TO MARRY

DEAR TO MARRY OR NOT TO MARRY: Interfaith marriage can be difficult, but the problems are not insurmountable if both partners are willing to communicate honestly and compromise.

Before you make the commitment, there are some issues that you should discuss to determine how important they are to both of you and how you should handle them.

Could she accept it if you want your children raised in the Jewish faith? Could you accept it if it were important to her that the children embrace Christianity? How would you handle the holidays? If you have dietary restrictions,



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could she accept that? Would your wedding be Jewish or Christian?

It would be a good idea for you and the young woman to meet with both a rabbi and a minister to discuss the differences so that you don't misunderstand each other's religion and expectations. Good luck.

DEAR ABBY: What do you think of sending wedding invitations to every possible acquaintance? I know a gift is supposed to be voluntary, but during the last year I have received invitations from the daughters of casual friends or co-workers. I've met these daughters only once or twice in my entire life. They probably wouldn't know me if they ran into me on the street.

These invitations arrived with cards included that state where the bride is registered, or, in the case of the most recent, stating that contributions could be made to a honeymoon cruise with the check made payable to the cruise line! That one was for a wedding that's three

states away. The mother of the bride is fully aware that there's no way I could attend the wedding. It's obvious that a gift or contribution is expected when a card like that is included.

Because I either correspond with the mother of these brides or work with the father, it's very awkward for me not to buy a gift for these events. Yet I would never dream of sending them an invitation to my son's wedding next year, because my son wouldn't know them any better than their daughters know me. Please tell me how to deal with these kinds of invitations. It's emotionally unsettling when one barely has enough funds to buy gifts for actual relatives.

DESPERATE FOR RELIEF

DEAR DESPERATE: It is inappropriate to include information about where the bride is registered with the invitation to the wedding. The proper way to transmit the information is verbally, in response to an inquiry from someone who has accepted the invitation.

Respond to invitations such as these by sending a card or letter congratulating the happy couple and expressing regret that you will be unable to attend. If you are not attending the wedding, no gift should be expected from you.

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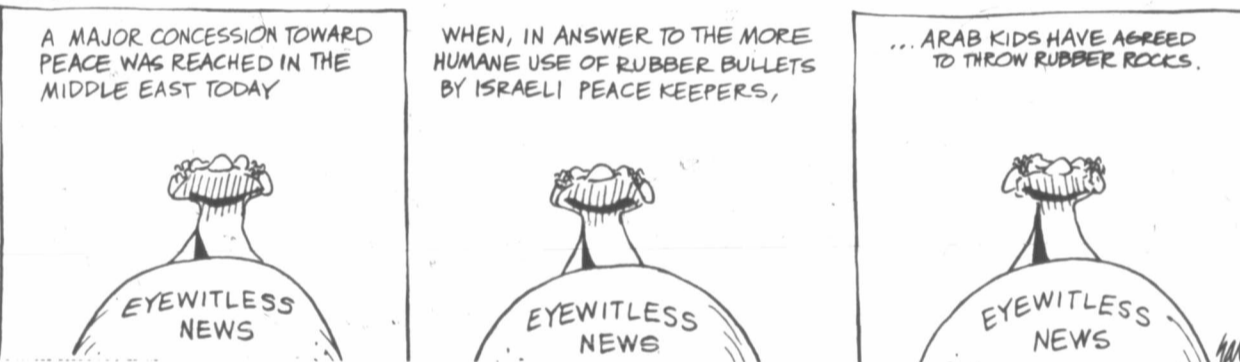
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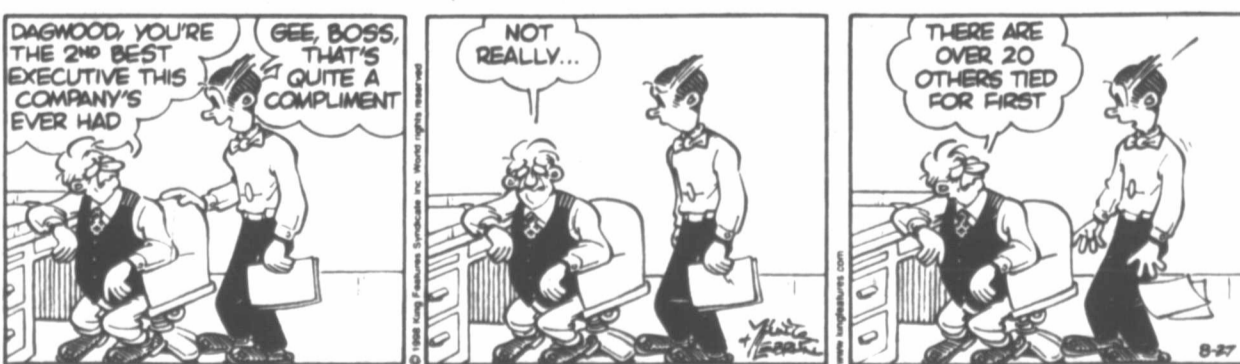
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Horoscope

FRIDAY, AUG. 28, 1998

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

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) ***** Passions run high. Getting others' heated tempers to cool down will take a great effort. Perhaps you should just let nature take its course. Pressure to get with existing procedures takes over. Make plans for a fun getaway this weekend. Tonight: Why not leave now?

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ***** You could be blocked when you least expect it. A loved one creates his share of uproar. You need to coax a friend to think the way you do. Let go of pressure, and stay even. Others dominate the scene. Get together with a family member. Tonight: Make peace, not war.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ** You feel as if your personal life and work are hopelessly out of control. Listen to your sixth sense regarding someone close to you. You understand a lot more than he perceives. Don't let your frustration get to you. Instincts are right on with this friend. Tonight: Relax.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ***** Call upon your creativity when you hit obstacles at work. Someone doesn't mean to misunder-

stand. Regroup, and keep at it until you get through. An investment in your career will come back in multiples. Convincing someone is another matter. Be flexible. Tonight: Kick up your heels.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ***** Emotional and financial risks could scare you. What you need is hard work, energy and dynamic ideas. Indulgence and extremes mark your interactions. Pull back, and return to the fundamentals. You relieve a family member's anxiety. Tonight: Entertain at home.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ***** Keep communications rolling. It isn't necessary for someone to view life as you do. Think in terms of winning the war, not the battle. Stress surrounds domestic life and an investment. Reveal your feelings; when you share them with family, you'll make peace. Tonight: Meet friends for a bite to eat.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ** You could easily misread a situation. But a friend gives you feedback about a financial matter that allows you another perspective. Take a different direction. Avoid tangling with a negative person. Why do that to yourself? Tonight: Vanish with a special friend.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ***** Finances could be difficult and stressful. A friend gives you advice; evaluate its helpfulness. A boss has great ideas; listen, and give him your feedback. Follow traditional avenues, and you will succeed. You are in the limelight; accept responsibility.

Tonight: A favorite spot. **SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ***** You could give someone in charge a jolt. Think before you proceed, as there could be messy ramifications. Keeping your own counsel serves you best. News from a distance encourages you. Prepare to take a trip once an invitation is extended. Tonight: Get extra ZZZs.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ***** You could sabotage yourself when you least expect it. Stay in sync with your long-term needs. Someone presents great ideas, and you might opt to run with them. A partner has great ways of spending your money. Put the kibosh on this behavior! Tonight: Where your friends are.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) *** Accept the limelight, and take responsibility. It surprises you how many people depend on you. Pressure from a partner over money rains on your parade. A dear friend has some strong words to say; still, he clearly means well. A friendship blossoms. Tonight: Leave work ASAP.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ***** Maintaining your vision for the future allows you to open doors. A work offer is valid. Go for the bottom line. Someone might be contrary now; give him time. Focus on improving work performance. Detachment allows greater understanding. Tonight: Be generous with a loved one.

Crossword Puzzle

by THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

- 1 Lamb or steak
- 5 Insignificant
- 10 Beige
- 11 Biological categories
- 12 Comparison word
- 13 Very mistaken
- 14 Aloneness
- 16 Summer event
- 20 Spring signs
- 23 Actor Mineo
- 24 Assumed name
- 25 State events
- 27 Salon buy
- 28 View from Jiddah
- 29 Sun room
- 32 Army makeup
- 36 Rook
- 39 Marsh bird
- 40 Worshipers
- 41 Therefore
- 42 They're taboo
- 43 Argument DOWN
- 1 Big Apple team
- 2 Canyon answer
- 3 The Amu Darya flows



Yesterday's Answer

- 11 Natives of ancient France
- 15 Cargo units
- 17 Egyptian goddess
- 18 Give a hoot
- 19 "Born Free" lion
- 20 Tattered
- 21 Toast
- 22 Invoice
- 25 Family fight
- 26 Looks up to
- 28 Annoys
- 30 The Jetsons'
- 31 Parts
- 33 Tombstone lawman
- 34 Latvia's capital
- 35 Pay-phone part
- 36 Fire
- 37 Fuss
- 38 Heir, often

Marmaduke



"When I jump rope, he wants to play tug of war."

The Family Circus



"SOMEBODY'S BEEN SLEEPING IN MY BED!"

STUMPED?

For answers to today's crossword, call 1-900-454-7377 99¢ per minute, touch-tone/rotary phones. (18+ only.) A King Features service, NYC.

Bugs and trees



Some Austin Elementary second graders with some parental help recently made some bugs to put on the walls. Micki Wesley's class are in front of their bugs and her trees. Steven Ransom (left front), Tanner Jean, Nick Riley, Colby Dennis, Madison Wilson, Sean Malone, Kylee Wariner, Chandler Talley, Lauren Smith, Paëge Alvey, Stephanie Jimenez, Brittany Klein, Shelby Clay, Katelin Wall, Casey Trimble, Keisha Crowell (rear left), John Luke Covalt, Payton Johnson.

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BEETS

not fewer. But, without a processor in this area, beets were out of the question," said Rush. "This would have been a good substitute for some crops (such as corn) that have failed."

The scientist is attempting to find a few hybrids with a high degree of tolerance or resistance to disease. Four primary pathogens are literally at the root of the problem in sugar beets. The most threatening are rhizomania, caused by a virus that is moved from plant by a soil fungus. Others are root rot diseases caused by soil borne fungi — Rhizoctonia, Aphanomyces and Fusarium. At least one or more of the pathogens can typically be found in any given field, even though one may become the dominant problem. "These pathogens are especially prevalent in fields where beets have been grown many times," said Rush.

Officials with Holly Sugar and the grower organization have agreed to support the research for three years. At the end of that time, Rush and area growers are optimistic beets can come back into production. If as much as 30,000 acres can be guaranteed, Holly may consider reopening the plant, according to Schlabs.

"This year's drought has drawn grower attention back to beets," Rush said. In fact, area farmers know from experience that beets are extremely drought tolerant and similar to sorghum. Like sorghum, if irrigation is curtailed yields will be hurt. However, if rainfall occurs later in the season, the crop can recover.

According to Rush, most of the major soil-borne pathogens are made worse if fields are kept too wet by over irrigation.

"So we're also looking at how deficit irrigation can be used to reduce disease and still make a profitable crop," said Rush, whose study has included two evaluations this far, based on disease symptoms on the foliage.

Rush cited the recent combination of germplasm provided from the breeding programs of Holly Sugar and Norvaritis as the cause for increased optimism. "Before that cooperation, there weren't any varieties with good all around disease resistance," he said.

The scientists are looking at beets all year, according to Rush. "We're noting stand establishment and growth vigor during the season. Beets are harvested by late October, and we'll look for lines with good resistance to the common root diseases. Sometimes beet tops look great even though there's nothing below," said Rush. Beet samples from the best lines will be sent to Torrington, Wyo., for sugar analysis.

Rush and others in the area believe it may not be too late to regain what was once a profitable farming option. In the past, beets were grown as far south as Castro County and east in Floyd County. Beets are a cool weather crop and have been grown as far north as Moore County. The greater the distance from the processing plant at Hereford, the more farmers have to pay in shipping costs.

For more information about the field day, call Rush at (806) 354-5804 at the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station.

Crowd cheers as suspect arrested in slaying of papergirl

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. (AP) — An angry crowd chanted "kill him" and "loser" as a man was brought out of his apartment in handcuffs, accused of killing an 11-year-old girl who disappeared while delivering newspapers.

Jose Torres, 26, who lived in the same apartment complex as the young victim, was arrested Wednesday evening as more than 500 people looked on.

He was to be arraigned today on charges of capital felony and murder.

Hours before the arrest, authorities announced they had solved the Aug. 13 murder of Angelica Padilla. As the report began to circulate, townspeople began gathering in front of Torres' apartment, which had been the subject of round-the-clock surveillance.

"I've never seen anything like it," said Sgt. Kathy Miller, a state police spokeswoman. "When we got out of our cars, the crowd began cheering. The three detectives went up there, and when they came down with him, the crowd went nuts."

A barricade was formed to keep the crowd away from Torres. But one woman broke through and began banging on the cruiser's window, Miller said.

Police Chief Milton King said Torres had served time after being convicted of a sex crime, but he would not elaborate.

Angelica disappeared while delivering copies of the local paper, The Chronicle. Her body was found in the woods behind the apartment complex. An autopsy showed she had been beaten and stabbed in the throat.

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