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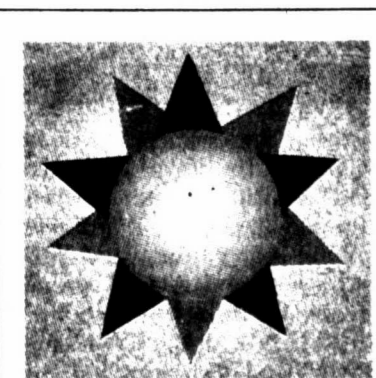
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### Evening under Stars set for August 26

PAMPA - White Deer Land Museum Foundations is presenting its fifth annual Evening Under the Stars fund-raiser, Saturday, Aug. 26, on Cuyler Street, north of the railroad tracks.

An evening featuring brisket dinner with all the fixin's and a dance under the stars begins at 7 p.m. and will continue until 11 p.m.

Tours of the museum's newest exhibit, "As time goes by 1900-2000," will also be available.

Tickets are available from the museum at 669-8041, 665-4143 or from any Museum board member.

DENTON (AP) — Abuse and neglect of residents at Denton Development Center was accompanied by a management cover-up as well as incompetence and lack of training among staff members, according to a state agency's report.

Closing of the Denton Development Center followed a state investigation that persuaded Medicaid officials to discontinue payments to the institution, according to a Texas Department of Human Services report obtained by the Denton Record-Chronicle.

The report, obtained Friday, says that investigators found 13 deficiencies during an on-site inspection Jan. 5 through Jan. 14 at the center. The report says the deficiencies caused immediate and serious threat to the health and safety of the center's residents.

E.O. "Jack" Stroup, 84, services pending.  
Dorothy Holcomb, 71, medical lab technician.  
Sharon Wright Pitcock, 61, massage therapist.

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## Chisum works in Bush camp

Legislator assists in campaign push

By NANCY YOUNG  
Managing Editor

Getting George W. Bush elected the next United States



Rep. Warren Chisum

President is the objective of many people, including Pampa's own State Representative Warren Chisum. Chisum has even traveled with the presidential entourage to lend a hand to the Republican candidate's campaign.

Chisum and his wife, Omega, traveled to Des Moines, Iowa, to man phone banks, attend caucuses to select the Republican presidential nominee from the state and provide assistance wherever they were needed.

"The campaign looks good," said Chisum. "If we're going to change the course of this country, it is extremely important for people to get out and vote in this election."

One of Chisum's main issues in the campaign is to rebuild the military services, and he feels Bush would be the best candidate to restore the military.

He reported the careless handling of top secret materials at (See CHISUM, Page 2)



(Copyright photo by David Bower)

Texas Governor and Presidential hopeful George W. Bush braved 80 degree temperatures and heavy humidity to walk the length of the parade route for the Belton Fourth of July celebration.

## Machine tech prepares students for future

By DEE DEE LARAMORE  
Staff Writer

As one group of newly-trained machinists reaches certification, Clarendon College officials look forward to filling next year's machining technology class.

Phil Grant, program instructor, announced two students - Stephen McKinney and Derek Weeks, both of Pampa - are scheduled to receive certificates of completion for the three semester program on Aug. 14. Registration has begun for the next class beginning Aug. 28. To register, call Clarendon College - Pampa Center at 665-8801.

The machining technology program at Clarendon College - Pampa Center is a locally-developed course which trains aspiring machinists for entry level positions paying from \$8.50 to \$9 per hour.

To date, the program has 100 percent job placement for those who successfully complete the year-long course, Grant said.

A group of Pampa business owners, and civic leaders comprised the steering committee that developed the program two years ago, Grant said. Committee members included Grant, Chuck White of

the Pampa Center Foundation, Bill Berry of Titan Industries, Les Howard of IRI International, and Don Johnson of Nickles Industries.

"The program is monitored and approved by (the committee) for industry in this area," Grant explained.

"I believe we've designed a good program for entry-level machinists," he added. "It takes time to make a full-blown machinist."

Because it is a state-certified program, those who complete the course earn certification when they finish, he said.

McKinney, 34, entered the program because, "I needed to learn a skill." A single father with two children, he said he has found the course "very challenging."

"I really do like it. I didn't think it would be this hard or as challenging," he said. "There's really a lot more to it."

Weeks, 26, is also a single parent who wanted to learn a skill so he could get a higher paying job.

He didn't know what to expect when he entered the program, though he had taken metal trades class while a student at Pampa High School, Weeks said.

He was surprised to find that the (See FUTURE, Page 2)



(Pampa News photo by Dee Dee Laramore)

Machine Technology student Stephen McKinney center drills a piece of metal to create a shaft.



(Pampa News photo by Dee Dee Laramore)

Derek Weeks uses a vertical milling machine to bore a bushing as a Machine Technology class assignment.



(Pampa News photo by Nancy Young)

Doyle Keeton, forklift driver, unloads the first load as Dennis Howard, High Plains Food Bank truck driver, assists in removing food items for Good Samaritan Christian Service's new addition.

## Good Samaritan opens new expansion

By NANCY YOUNG  
Managing Editor

Good Samaritan Christian Services is growing to meet the increasing needs of local residents who have fallen on hard times, said John Norris, director.

A new building to store food and other needed goods was opened last week with a ribbon cutting. Located inside the new addition to the

building is a 15' x 20' walk-in cooler which will be able to store a much larger amount of perishable foods for the clients of Good Samaritan's.

The building was built with funding from the Amarillo Area Foundation, said Norris. Abell-Hanger Foundation of Midland also assisted and furnished an electric pallet mover for use to move the goods into areas of the building and the new freezer area.

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## It's official: Local Bealls stays

By NANCY YOUNG  
Managing Editor

Bealls has received the official word that the Pampa store will not be closing.

Stage Stores, Inc., parent company of Bealls, filed reorganization proceedings in the U. S. Bankruptcy Court in Houston on June 1 following a period of financial difficulty. While 20 percent of the apparel stores will close, none in the Texas Panhandle are affected.

Local store manager Kathryn Phillips said this morning she is very pleased the store is staying open.

"Our store is very profitable

and I didn't think we would close," she said. "But it's nice to have the official word."

She said none of the stores north of Amarillo will be closing.

"We're delighted that we will be able to keep most of our stores open and serving our customers. With our Stage, Bealls and Palais Royal stores, we have always been proud to bring brand-name apparel to families in communities across America," says Jack Wiesner, chairman, interim CEO, and president. "Under our reorganization, we will be a stronger company, more focused on our customers."

(See BEALLS, Page 2)

## Police investigate assault

A Pampa man was being questioned by police today in connection with a fight early Saturday morning that left another man injured. Jason Samuel Shorter, 19, 837 E. Campbell, suffered a broken leg about 4:30 a.m. Saturday after being hit by a sport utility vehicle and pinned against a car.

Officers said the people involved in the incident were apparently at an apartment in the 2600 block of North Hobart early Saturday morning when a fight broke out over a woman at the party.

Shorter and the man being questioned by police today reportedly went outside.

Officers said Shorter was struck by a 1994 Ford Explorer and pinned against a Ford Taurus.

Shorter was rushed to Pampa Regional Medical Center by Metro/Rural Ambulance where he was treated for a broken leg. Authorities estimated damage to the 1997 Ford Taurus at \$800.





# Surgeon Keeps Office Hours For Patients, Not for Family

DEAR ABBY: I am the youngest of five siblings. There is a large age gap between my older siblings and me, and quite frankly, despite the fact that I am now a 38-year-old physician, they seem not to take me seriously.

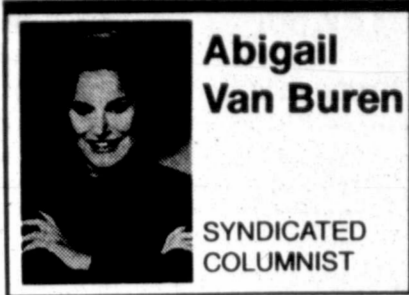
My problem is that my family members insist upon calling me while I am at work. I am a surgeon, and although you might find this hard to believe, these folks think that because they are "family" it's OK to contact me at any time during the day. I have tried to explain that I need to focus on my patients during office hours, but they continue to call, write and send packages to me at the office.

I have instructed my staff not to interrupt me and to inform any family member who calls that I prefer to be called at home, unless there is a life-threatening emergency. My father and oldest brother have actually been rude to my staff and have later chastised me for my policy. Every member of my family has my home address and telephone number, but the behavior continues. Complicating the matter, my family has never cared much for my beloved wife of eight years, whom they have wrongly accused of not passing on messages.

What steps would you take to remedy this behavior? My family members read your column, so your response would be greatly appreciated.

TROUBLED IN TACOMA

DEAR TROUBLED: I don't



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

blame you for feeling annoyed. Despite your considerable achievements, your parents and siblings still regard you as the baby of the family who should be available to them at the drop of a scalpel. That you have a medical practice to maintain is less important to them than immediate gratification. Since your requests to receive personal calls at home are ignored, instructing your staff to protect you is about the best you can do.

P.S. Perhaps if you returned their calls promptly, your wife would not be blamed so often for failing to relay phone messages.

DEAR ABBY: My family needs your help to solve a serious problem that is causing hard feelings. My wife's cousin, who is from a middle-class family, is being married this summer. He and the bride are planning a large wedding, and we were told the invitations will state "formal attire."

Abby, very few, if any, of the guests own formal attire, and family members feel the dress code is rude and inconsiderate. It creates an expense we should not have to bear to attend the wedding.

I also need to know if we will be expected to purchase a gift for the couple if we go to the expense of buying formal attire. It seems to us that our presence in expensive formal attire should be present enough. What should the family do about attending the wedding with this restriction on the attire of the guests?

CONFUSED IN OVERLAND PARK, KAN.  
DEAR CONFUSED: The cost of attire is not a substitute for a wedding gift. If you rent or buy formal wear and attend, you should stretch your budget far enough to get the couple at least a token gift. However, if attending a formal wedding will create a financial hardship, send the couple your very best wishes on this happy occasion, along with your regrets for skipping the ceremony.

DEAR ABBY: The item in your column, "You know you're getting older when..." prompts this letter. This really happened to me: You know you're old when your doctor is the same age as your grandchildren. What a wake-up call that was!

BRIAR MC CUTCHEON, PORTLAND, ORE.

another see eye to eye. Often, even the same word means something different to each of you. Create greater security and understanding step by step. Tonight: Make an important meeting.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

Take charge where others back off. What your mind keeps telling you about a work-related matter is right on. Your ebullient personality draws others, but it sometimes adds too much play to the office setting. A partner acts up, but he does express an interesting point of view. Tonight: In the limelight.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Make calls. Don't settle for what you are being told. A meeting directs your focus. Let go and scratch a plan or project that won't work. Why bother to continue? Your flexibility and quick action allow another to feel safe about your abilities. Tonight: Rent a movie.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

A boss overwhelms you with ideas and directions. Pace yourself, with an eye to getting the job done. Be more aware of how much you do to please a key associate or partner. He actually drives you, in a sense. A child rebels, despite your appeals. Tonight: Dinner for two.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

News casts a whole new light on present projects. You might need to regroup. Explain to a family member that you will have less time than you had anticipated. Bosses reward you for overtime and a job well done. Ask for what you want. Tonight: Much to do and so little time.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Dig into work, applying insights from key associates. Calls and news from a distance overwhelm you, but they put a smile on your face. Unexpected news proves to be enlightening. Bone up on your communication skills, adding a touch more diplomacy. Tonight: Work only as late as you need to.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

You might be more vested in a partner's reaction than you realize. Take a step back and look at what is going on. Creativity allows you to work your way through a difficult spot. Use caution with finances, because a wild card follows you. Tonight: Enjoy a partner.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Just because another sees a situation differently than you do doesn't mean he is right. Work on finding a compromise. Professional relationships benefit. Don't pull out and refuse to deal with another. Stay in for the long term. Let others build confidence in you. Tonight: Buy flowers on the way home.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

You feel like a communications satellite since so much is going on. You easily become overloaded. A new friend has many fun suggestions that distract you. Block non-work-related e-mail at work. You know you have a tendency toward distraction. Tonight: Browse through a favorite store on the way home.

BORN TODAY

Actor Matt LeBlanc (1967), football player Walter Payton (1954), actor Walter Brennan (1894)

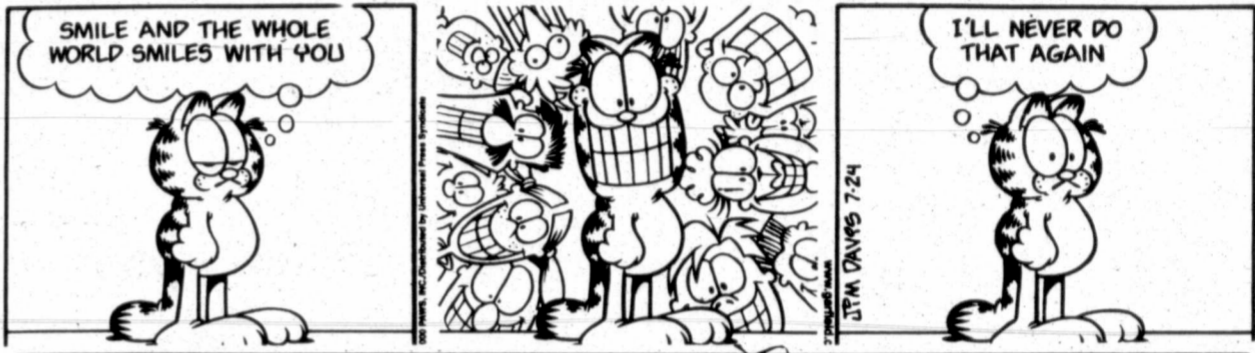
### For Better or For Worse



Zits



Garfield



Beetle Bailey



Marvin



B.C.



Hagar The Horrible



Peanuts



Blondie



Mallard Filmore



## Horoscope

TUESDAY, JULY 25, 2000

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)

What felt like a problem yesterday opens up today. A change in perspective allows you to say yes. Another encourages you to let go and indulge. The question remains: Why not? A relationship adds merriment and excitement. Schedule some time with this person. Tonight: Your treat.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

What another said suddenly makes sense. Act on a suggestion, but add your own style and personality. Curb a tendency to go overboard, especially with family and domestic matters. Others react unexpectedly, especially a boss. Do you need more freedom at work? Tonight: Whatever makes you smile.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

Be of the mind and not of the word right now. Explore options. Listen to others' suggestions. Keep your own counsel as you make judgments about what others are thinking. Your sense of humor might go wild, but be discreet about what you say. Tonight: Take a walk and think.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

You might be bewildered by a partner, but a conversation helps you clear the air. Discussions help you and

## Crossword Puzzle

By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS
- 1 Zero canton
  - 6 Jeans, 3 Obtained e.g.
  - 11 Cheering loudly
  - 12 Verdi creation
  - 13 Blackjack request
  - 14 Lacquer ingredient
  - 15 Worms for fishing
  - 17 Turf
  - 18 Rejoinder
  - 22 Apple spray
  - 23 Trombone parts
  - 27 Warbles
  - 29 Beam
  - 30 Spanish coin
  - 32 Optimum
  - 33 Solitary sorts
  - 35 Fourth-yr. students
  - 38 Lewd look
  - 39 Complete
  - 41 Radiant
  - 45 Last Greek letter
  - 46 Paris river
  - 47 Ream contents
  - 48 Cornered
- DOWN
- 1 Sound accompanying a tongue depressor
  - 2 Swiss canton
  - 3 Obtained e.g.
  - 4 Fast food staple
  - 5 Pick up the tab
  - 6 Internet starter sites
  - 7 Gorilla, e.g.
  - 8 Noted loch
  - 9 Three-some
  - 10 Hour-glass fill
  - 16 "-a deal"
  - 18 Coarse file
  - 19 Writer Wiesel
  - 20 Prohibits
  - 21 Smelly cheese
  - 24 Conks out
  - 25 Different
  - 26 Collections
  - 28 Outstand-
  - 31 Top card
  - 34 Minimal amount
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  - 37 Stair
  - 40 Longevity
  - 42 Untruth
  - 43 Low bill
  - 44 Tie the knot



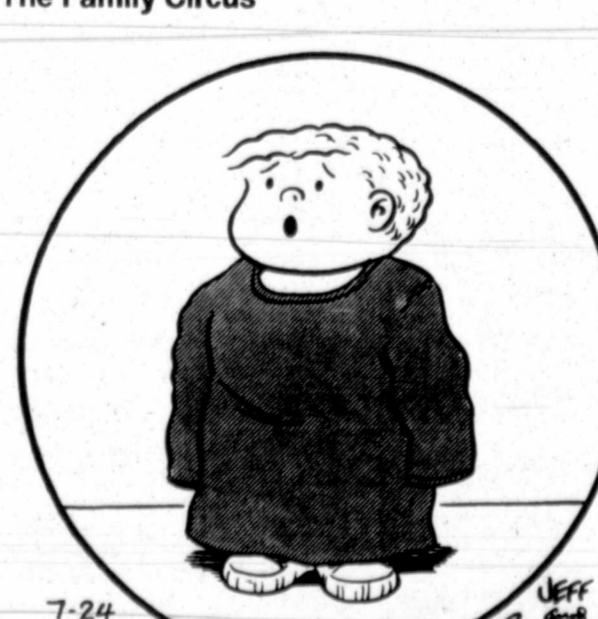
Saturday's answer

### Marmaduke



"Chewing up this notice from the vet that you're due for shots won't get you out of it."

### The Family Circus



"Is this baggy sweatshirt in style, or is it just too big for me?"

STUMPED?  
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