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Miami ISD will continue funding fight

By NANCY YOUNG
Managing Editor

MIAMI — School board members in Miami Independent School District are asking the Texas Supreme Court to reconsider its decision last week to not hear the appeal of Miami ISD involving the 1993 school finance law also known as the "Robin Hood law."

Texas Supreme Court denied the appeal Thursday without comment. The court decision was the third to go against Miami ISD during the past two years.

Miami ISD, a rural district, is one of the school districts in Texas which was determined wealthy because the district's taxable values exceed \$280,000 per student, and must share the wealth with property-poor districts. The school district has 170 students enrolled in grades K-12.

The first court battle was lost when District Judge Scott McCown of Austin ruled against the district last year. His ruling was upheld by the 3rd Court of Appeals.

In their court battle, Miami contends the district is exempt from the requirement that property-rich districts share their wealth with poor districts because of the exemplary status of the district. The district was named exemplary, the highest accountability rating, by the Texas Education Agency, recently for the third consecutive year.

Miami School Superintendent Allen Dinsmore said the case is not an issue over school finance, but instead is over accountability standards. He said the rural district's interpretation of the law is that achieving exemplary status by a school district is a reward, and that the funds do not have to be sent to the state for recapture.

(See MIAMI, Page 2)

Retrial for Santacruz likely after December Manslaughter case overturned

With the filing of appeals court documents Tuesday, it's now official that a new trial will be scheduled for Jesus Santacruz, 35, who will soon be headed back to Gray County.

The new trial was ordered by the 7th Court of Appeals in Amarillo Aug. 24. Santa cruz was convicted of the shooting death of Richard Proctor on Christmas Eve 1996. Santacruz has admitted he fired the shot that killed Proctor but has always maintained it was an accident.

District Attorney John Mann said today the case does not have a new trial date and he suspects it will be after the first of the year before it can be heard.

Originally, Santacruz was charged with murder but the jury found him guilty of the lesser offense of manslaughter. He was sentenced to 20 years in prison.

"In essence he has been found not guilty of murder," Mann said, explaining that the retrial will be on the manslaughter charge.

The Appeals Court ruled that former 31st District Judge Kent Sims erred when he allowed Mann to introduce evidence of other unrelated acts by Santacruz including allegations that Santacruz was a drug dealer and was behind in his child support.

During a telephone interview today, Mann said it was the defense (See RETRIAL, Page 2)



Head over heels for Chautauqua is Madison Fatheree who was under the watchful eye of Amy Youree while preparing for a gymnastics exhibition during last year's event. The annual celebration will be Labor Day in Central Park from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Technology '99 Expo ...



(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)

John McCall from the Celanese Pampa Plant visits with Martin Willhite of the Pantex nuclear weapons plant Wednesday during Technology '99 Exposition in Amarillo. Celanese and other Pampa businesses have used technology from the nation's only nuclear weapons assembly plant in commercial pursuits.

Expo highlights technology available from Pantex Plant

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

Bill Ready watched calmly as the two-inch length of blue plastic explosives erupted in a flash and loud roar at the nuclear weapons plant.

Ready, executive director of the Pampa Economic Development Corporation, was at Pantex, the nation's only nuclear weapons assembly and disassembly facility as part of Technology '99. The exposition was designed to help industry with technology transfers from the government to private sector.

"Technology '99 goal is to let our neighbors in industry, academia and state and local agencies know about the technology resources at Pantex that are available for their use to help solve their problems," said Michael O'Connell, applied technology program manager at

Pantex.

"It was wonderful," Ready said, following a Wednesday morning briefing and afternoon tour of the plant.

The Pantex Technology Transfer Program, O'Connell said, can work directly with industry, schools and local governments to access resources at the plant.

"In many cases, we can provide up to 40 hours of free technical assistance to help solve business problems," he said.

(See EXPO, Page 2)

Thornberry comments

Pampa's Congressman addressed security issues during an Amarillo appearance at a nuclear weapons technology conference.

Thornberry spoke briefly Wednesday morning at Technology '99, a technology transfer exposition hosted by Pantex, the nation's only nuclear weapons assembly or disassembly plant.

"When most people hear about technology transfer," (See THORNBERRY, Page 2)

PHS students must register soon for preliminary SATs

Pampa students wishing to take the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test scheduled for Oct. 12 may begin registering Sept. 7.

Freshmen and sophomores may register for the test, but preference will be given to juniors. Pampa High School students who register for the test will be transported to and from the test location at M.K. Brown in the Heritage Room.

Middle school students may also register to take the test, but must make their own transportation arrangements to the test location.

Students in schools other than PHS may contact their school counselor, who can contact the Pampa High School counselors' office at 669-4800.

Registration will begin Tuesday, Sept. 7, at Pampa High in Billie Lowrey's office, which is next to the elevator. The registration will run through Thursday, Sept. 30. Cost is \$10 which is payable at registration. A study guide and bulletin will be given to each registrant.

The PSAT/NMSQT is a short form of the SAT (Scholastic Aptitude Test) and measures verbal and mathematical reasoning abilities with other college-bound juniors to compete for the National Merit Scholarships.

Also, a qualifying requirement for the PHS Superintendent's Scholar Program is students must take the PSAT/NMSQT test during their junior year.

Tax increase public hearing next Thursday at City Hall

In order to keep the city's revenue from dropping below the current fiscal year level, City Commissioners voted to hold a public hearing on a proposal to raise taxes slightly.

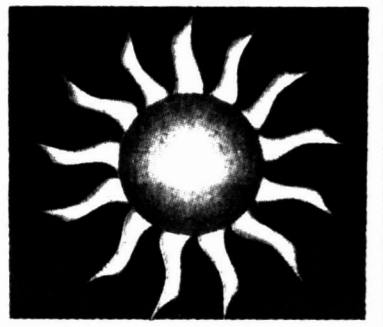
The action came during a special meeting Tuesday afternoon at City Hall in which the public hearing has been set for 6 p.m. Sept. 9 at City Hall, according to City Manager Bob Eskridge.

There will be no vote taken during the Sept. 9 hearing when the only action will be to listen to

public comments.

The amount of increase proposed would bring the effective tax rate for the upcoming fiscal year from .6324 to .6367, which is the current tax rate in Pampa.

It passed, those who have property with an increased valuation will see their taxes rise slightly, officials said. Those who had no value increase will not have a tax hike. In all, the increase will generate about \$6,000.



High today mid 90s
Low tonight 65
For weather details see Page 2.

PAMPA — ACT 1 presents the romantic comedy, "Mary, Mary," Thurs., Sept. 2 - Sat., Sept. 4 at 7:30 nightly in the group's Pampa mall location next to Homeland Grocery. A prime rib dinner catered by Dyer's is being served at 6:30 before the show. Dinner tickets are \$12 per person; show tickets are \$7 for adults and \$3.50 for students. For more information or to make reservations contact Berinda Turcotte at 665-9369.

PAMPA — Pampa Book Club will meet Wednesday, Sept. 8, at 10 a.m. in the conference room at Lovett Memorial Library. The group will select books to be read during the coming year. Visitors and new members are welcome.

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The vice president of the San Antonio School District board has been convicted of assault for an incident in which she grabbed and shook a teachers' union representative.

Sylvia Ward was found guilty Tuesday of simple assault, a Class C misdemeanor and that carries a possible fine of up to \$500. The six-member jury did not impose any fine.

The verdict surprised both sides in the case.

"I did not expect this at all. I was shocked," Ms. Ward said. "But when you're in the public view, especially politics, that's just part of it. You just have to accept what people think of you."

- Billie Joe Castleberry, 74, salesperson at The Men's Store.
- Edgar E. Cobb, 95, electrical, nuclear engineer.

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CARSON (WEST PANHANDLE) Conoco, Inc., #9RH Burnett 'A', 1650' from South & 2600' from West line, Sec. 61,5,1&GN, (BHL: 1650' from South & 899' from West line of Sec.) PD 3845'. Horizontal Sidetrack

CARSON (WEST PANHANDLE) Conoco, Inc., #61RH 'A', 2490' from North & West line, Sec. 80,5,1&GN, (BHL: 1458' from North & 1169' from West line of Sec.) PD 3952'. Horizontal Sidetrack

HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & HEMPHILL Douglas) Unit Petroleum Co., #3 Chumbley, 467' from South & 2072' from West line, Sec. 56,41,H&TC, PD 8160'.

Application to Recomplete

CARSON (WEST PANHANDLE) Pantera Energy Co., #1R Jordan, 2310' from North & 330' from East line, Sec. 83,4,1&GN, PD 2620'.

Application to Re-Enter

GRAY (WILDCAT) Rio Petroleum, Inc., #2 Boston, 2313' from North & 1104' from West line Sec. 62,A-6,H&GN, PD 11600'.

Application to Plug-Back

HUTCHINSON (HUTCH & HUTCH Granite Wash) Benson-McCown & Co., #6A Peacock, 1450' from North & 710' from East line, Sec. 10,L,EL&RR, PD 6300'.

Oil Well Completion

HEMPHILL (SOUTH HEMPHILL Douglas) Upland Resources, Inc., #1 Lois, Sec. 4,4,AB&M, elev. 2656 rkb, spud 5-14-99, drlg. compl 5-28-99, tested 8-2-99, flowed 25 bbl. of 43 grav. oil + no water thru 32/64" choke on 24 hour test, csg. pressure —, tbg. pressure 90#, GOR 9760, TD 8406', PBTD 8340'

Gas Well Completions

ROBERTS (ALPAR-LIPS Atoka) Alpar Resources Co., #2-D Barbara Lips '158', 660' from South & 2100' from West Lease line, Sec. 158,13,T&NO, elev. 2946 gr. spud 8-3-99, drlg. compl 8-6-99, tested 8-9-99, potential 5000 MCF; rock pressure 2263, pay 8015-8025, TD 11185', PBTD 8645', tops: Br. Dolo 3436, Penn Shale 4565, KC 6616, Morrow 8140, Miss 8675, 8 5/8" csg. 1195' (775 s) 5 1/2" csg. 9303' (700 sx) 2 7/8" tbg. — depth set 8003' — API# 42 393 31207 — Plug-Back

Plugged Wells

HUTCHINSON (PANHANDLE) J.M. Huber Corp., #5 W.A. Carver, 1646' from North & 570' from East Lease line, Lot 5,7,J.J. Hall, spud 8-1-45, plugged 8-12-99, TD 3257' (oil) — Form 1 in Panhandle Producing

ROBERTS (LONE BUTTE Cleveland) Alpar Resources, Inc., #2A Barbara Lips '159', 500' from North & 1500' from West Lease line, Sec. 159,13,T&NO, spud 10-9-86, plugged 7-15-99, TD 10175', PBTD 7500' (oil) —

Calendar of events

TOASTMASTERS

The Toastmasters will meet every Wednesday night from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. at Furr's Cafeteria.

WHITE DEER LAND MUSEUM

The White Deer Land Museum (112-116 S. Cuyler) visiting hours are Tuesday-Sunday, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. There will be history of the White Deer Land Co., and the early area settlers and outstanding arrowhead collection and art gallery. Elevator.

RED CROSS

The Red Cross is offering free blood sugar and blood pressure testing every Friday from 10 a.m. - noon at Red Cross Office, 108 N. Russell.

EMMAUS REUNION

Emmaus Reunion Group meets the second Thursday of each month. For more information call 669-3426 or 669-9226.

AREA COMMUNITY THEATRE

Area Community Theatre, Inc., will open its 14th season with a dinner theatre slated at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 2, 3 and 4 at ACT I theatre in the Pampa Mall. The dinner theatre will present a comedy by Jean Kerr entitled "Mary, Mary." The meal will cost \$12 and will be catered by Dyer's. The show will cost \$7.50 for adults and \$3.50 for children. The opening curtain will be at 7:30 p.m. For reservations, call Sheila Lindsay during the day at 665-3266 and Berinda Turcotte in the evening at 665-9369.

HIGH PLAINS EPILEPSY ASSOCIATION

High Plains Epilepsy Association of Amarillo, funded in part by Pampa United Way, will have a licensed social worker in Pampa from 9:30-12 noon the second Tuesday of each month at Pampa

Community Building, 200 N. Ballard. The program assists people with epilepsy and their families. To make an appointment, contact the Amarillo office at 1-800-806-7236.

LOVETT MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Guided tours of Lovett Memorial Library will be conducted from 1-5 p.m. and from 6-9 p.m. each Wednesday throughout the month of August. Find out what the library has, where it is and how to use it. For more information, call 669-5780.

HARVESTER BOOSTER CLUB

Harvester Booster Club will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday of each week in the Ready Room located in the Athletic Building at Pampa High School. For more information, call 665-7149.

SEITZ REUNION

The 77th Seitz Reunion will be held Sept. 5 beginning at 10 a.m. in Lefors Civic Center. Participants should bring a basket lunch. Come and enjoy fellowship with the cousins. For more information, call 669-2982.

FALL FAMILY FESTIVAL

The Fall Family Festival for families of children with special needs is slated from 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 11 at Applejack Ranch located at 14001 Interstate 27 near Amarillo. Families should bring a picnic lunch, chairs and blankets to sit on. Drinks, popcorn and cotton candy will be provided. A firetruck and police car will be on display. Events will include a hayride, buggy rides, clowns and game booths. The festival is being co-sponsored by United Parents of Amarillo and Panhandle PATH Coalition. For more information, call (806) 212-6580 or (940) 767-3996.

Junior Service League



(Special photo)

Junior Service League members recently presented checks to local charities. The donations were made possible from the proceeds of the charity ball held earlier this year. Above: (back row) Sherry McCavit, BSA Hospice; Marian Green, JSL; Cindy Gindorf, Meals on Wheels; Perry Roberson, president, Pampa Regional Medical Center Auxiliary; Barbara Kirkham, Community Daycare; (front row) Toni Engle, JSL; Janet Bridwell, JSL; Whitney Davis, Tralee Crisis Center; Michele Dipon, JSL; Donna Smith, JSL. Not present but also receiving a contribution was CASA of Gray County.

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Preceptor Theta Iota



(Special photo)

Preceptor Theta Iota Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi recently installed the following officers for the 1999-00 club year: Pat Kindle, recording secretary; Janice Hubbard, corresponding secretary; Betty Schaefer, president; Mary Stephens, treasurer; Nancy Broggin, City Council representative; and, not present, Carolyn Smith, vice president.



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Ty Inc. announces retirement of Beanie Babies on Web site

CHICAGO (AP) — The new millennium may be free of new Beanie Babies.

The maker of the beanbag creatures announced on the company's Internet site that its line of plush-covered, pellet-stuffed animals will be retired on New Year's Day.

Oak Brook-based Ty Inc. posted the announcement Tuesday afternoon after a listing of new Beanie Babies it will release next month. The message said: "VERY IMPORTANT NOTICE: On December 31, 1999-11:59 p.m. (CST) All Beanies will be retired... including the above!"

The news caused a frenzy on Internet chat rooms, and collectors' Web sites, but company owner Ty Warner and top executives remained mum on the subject.

Employees reached at Ty said

they had only recently been informed about the Internet message and weren't able to elaborate.

"We were barely informed like a half-hour ago," a customer service representative, who would only identify herself as Laura, told The New York Times in today's editions.

Ty began selling the toys in 1993. The company has distributed more than 100 characters, from dinosaurs and teddy bears to birds and zoo animals. Discontinued models are the hottest sellers.

Toy industry experts attempted to interpret the announcement, saying it was unlikely that the company would stop producing the profitable toys completely.

"The backlash from Beanie collectors, people who really invest-

ed a lot to build their collections would be huge," said Chris Byrne, a consultant and editor of the Toy Report, a weekly newsletter.

One large collector speculated that the message was a marketing gimmick to spark prices of older Beanies and prepare for the introduction of a whole new line of the toys next year.

Beanies initially became popular because their price of \$4 to \$5 was affordable for most children. Later, they became valuable collectibles for adults who could sell a single toy for as much as \$1,000.

Ty, which is privately owned, had a revenue surge estimated at \$250 million within three years of the introduction of Beanie Babies. Warner, who is attending a gift show in Tokyo, could not be reached for comment.

Downtown booster ...



M&H Leasing's Paulette Hinkle-Kirksey (center), accepts the Downtown Business Association's first honorary Lifetime Member Award from DBA representatives Ken Rheams (right) and Ronnie Holmes. The award recognizes outstanding contributions to Pampa's downtown.

Texas round up ...

Second dragging death trial begins

BRYAN, Texas (AP) — Wearing a bulletproof vest and clumsy clothing obviously cut for a much taller person, Lawrence Russell Brewer awkwardly stood before potential jurors, his darting eyes misty and red-rimmed.

It was a sharp first glimpse at a man suspected of bringing bylaws and structure to the fetal Texas Rebel Soldiers, a white supremacist group authorities believe engineered last year's dragging death of a black man to herald its arrival.

The 32-year-old's capital murder trial began Tuesday with jury selection, 150 miles west of the Jasper County road where authorities found James Byrd Jr. severed in two after he was beaten, chained to a pickup truck and dragged for nearly three miles.

Brewer, his prison friend John William King and Shawn Allen Berry are charged with Byrd's murder staged behind the piney woods outside Jasper after a night of weekend drinking.

Jasper County jurors convicted King and sentenced him to death last February.

On Tuesday, attorneys steered clear of the gruesome facts that nearly everyone in Texas, if not America, has heard since police discovered Byrd's body on June 7, 1998.

Instead, attorneys explained to the 161 residents called to the Brazos County Courthouse the mechanics of deciding a death penalty case, no matter what their feelings on the issue itself.

Vice president makes visit to South Texas

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Vice President Al Gore is traveling to Texas today for a quick trip to the home turf of potential Republican presidential opponent Gov. George W. Bush.

Gore planned to tour Crockett Elementary School and lead a discussion on school construction before attending a \$1,000-per-person private fundraiser at the home of Democratic supporters in San Antonio.

The Gore presidential campaign hoped to raise at least \$200,000 during the trip to San Antonio, said local attorney Jose Villarreal, treasurer for Gore's

national campaign.

The vice president was to return to Washington tonight.

The trip marks Gore's fourth fundraising effort in Texas since embarking on his bid for the Democratic presidential nomination.

In May, he attended fundraising events in Houston and Dallas while his wife, Tipper, raised money for him in Austin. That three-day swing included stops in Florida and Georgia and netted \$850,000 in contributions.

Also in May, Gore and President Clinton made an appearance in the Rio Grande Valley and touted the success of a local empowerment zone.

More than 900 new laws go into effect

AUSTIN (AP) — With four months left before the year 2000, Texas lawmakers are touting a new law meant to head off potential Y2K mishaps.

Computer manufacturers and vendors that identify potential Y2K problems and offer free or low cost solutions are now immune from lawsuits.

"As the new millennium nears, it is imperative that businesses and consumers take the appropriate measures to properly protect themselves from potential glitches that may arise," said bill sponsor Rep. Brian McCall, R-Plano.

The law is one of 924 that go into effect today, including a measure lowering the blood alcohol limit from .10 to .08.

Some provisions in the Y2K law already are in effect.

The state has established a Web site and a toll-free number to help consumers link to manufacturers and find ways to check the readiness of their computer systems to ensure they can handle the date change from 1999 to 2000.

Computer scientists say computers might read only the last two digits of 2000, causing some systems to freeze and, in some cases, shut down at midnight on Jan. 1.

Killer heads to death chamber tonight

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) — What former prosecutor Paul McWilliams remembers about

the death of Vietnamese immigrant Su Van Dang nearly a dozen years ago is the bloody carnage at the victim's Port Arthur home.

"(The attack) lasted for a pretty long time and at one time the victim was able to escape his house and got as far as almost the curb," said McWilliams, a former Jefferson County district attorney who prosecuted Raymond James Jones.

"But Jones got him and dragged him back in," McWilliams said.

Jones, 39, a convicted burglar who on parole after serving 2 1/2 years of a 10-year prison term, was set to die tonight for the 1988 killing during a robbery.

"Evidence showed he initiated the attack with a knife and a meat cleaver," McWilliams said. "He ended up using a second meat cleaver because the first one wasn't getting the job done."

The U.S. Supreme Court refused Tuesday to halt the execution, clearing the way for Jones to become the 22nd Texas inmate to receive lethal injection this year.

He also would be the 100th condemned killer in the state to go to the death chamber during Gov. George W. Bush's more than 4 1/2 years in office.

Investigators determined Dang's killer tried to drown him in a bathtub, then tied him with an electrical cord, poured kerosene on him and set him ablaze in a closet.



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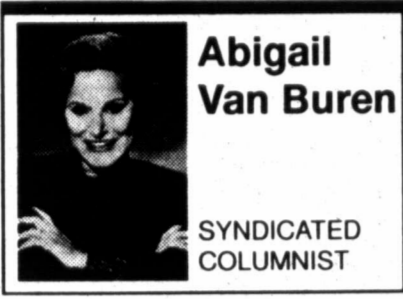
Lackadaisical Parents Unaware Of Their Daughters' Close Call

DEAR ABBY: I am absolutely outraged. I am a young woman of 23 who was brought up by parents who knew my whereabouts every minute of the day until I was married. Now, as the manager of a suburban fast-food restaurant, I am the supervisor and confidante to a number of fine teen-agers.

These kids come from well-to-do homes, but their parents are totally irresponsible. My current pique stems from a robbery 10 days ago. I and two workers, both 17-year-old girls, were closing up late Friday night when we were confronted by several armed men. The rules are strict. Don't resist. We didn't. The three of us were taken into the back room, bound hand and foot with duct tape, gagged and left hog-tied on the floor. When the men left, we struggled but it was evident that we wouldn't be able to break loose or go for help.

My husband was working night shift and would not miss me - but surely, I thought, the girls' parents would come looking for them. As we fuddled together, unable to do much more than mumble through the tape on our mouths, I listened for the sound of cars and the girls' worried parents. I figured it would be an hour at worst. Abby, *They never came!* The phone never even rang. Workers arriving at 6 a.m. found us still bound and huddling. We had spent the entire night tied up on the floor, and the girls were apparently not missed.

At this point, I actually feel more



Abigail Van Buren
SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

anger toward the parents of these girls than for the men who robbed us. We were not hurt, and I can understand why it was necessary to tie us up. But what kind of parents are unaware when their teen-aged daughters are gone all night? I am

BOUND AND BOILING
IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR BOUND AND BOILING: You have written a letter that is sure to generate comments, and I don't blame you for being outraged. As long as children live under their parents' roof, they are the responsibility of the parent. Because children come from well-to-do homes does not automatically guarantee that they are caring, involved, concerned parents. In this case, I would say that the parents weren't doing an adequate job - and that everyone concerned is fortunate this episode didn't end in a tragedy.

DEAR ABBY: Thank you for your recent acknowledgment of jurors. I, too, have been called for jury duty, and I gripped and grumbled during the process. I will never gripe again.

Last year my father was murdered. The perpetrator was tried in April. The jury did an incredible job of deliberating for 14 hours after a three-day trial. They are to be commended for doing one of the hardest things a human being has to do - to sit in judgment of another person.

I would like to thank the men and women who are willing to go through such an ordeal.
ELIZABETH
IN WINTER PARK, FLA.

DEAR ELIZABETH: I would like to thank them, too. As your traumatic experience illustrates, it's vital that our juries be composed of dedicated and conscientious citizens who are willing to make the sacrifice and do their duty.

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Horoscope

THURSDAY, SEPT. 2, 1999

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)
**** Take a deep breath and observe. Heated discussions over different viewpoints could engage you in confusion. You might need to take off or pick up the phone to make contact. Communicate what is on your mind in a money situation. You get positive feedback. Tonight: Visit with a friend.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
*** Dealing with others proves to be challenging, but you can and will do it. Another is testy, because he can't handle another way or opinion. Though conflict could arise over funds, a more symbolic issue will rear its head. A child or new friend delights you with his words. Tonight: Your treat.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
**** Others look to you for advice, even if they react negatively. In some way, you are a pillar, in that sense, you give direction. Others are hot under the collar, in general, you are likely to see this behavior for a while. Don't trigger. Tonight: Beam in what you want.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
** Take a deep breath and think before you react, right now. Start a diet or exercise program. Soon you'll be on cruise control. Associates challenge you, as does work. A friend calls with good news. Schedule a get-together as soon as you can. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
**** Let your gregarious personality emerge when challenged by others. Pressure from a child or loved one could have you at odds with a personal desire. Touch base with your creativity when challenged. Another will respond to your magnetism - use it. Tonight: Where the gang is.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
*** High energy helps you accomplish more at home and at work. A disagreement pops up out of the blue. A roommate or family member goes on the warpath. Reach out for others. Initiate a detached discussion in which you can gain insight into others. Tonight: Working late.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
**** Contact another at a distance, get additional information. A misunderstanding arises out of the blue. Guard your actions and words when pressure sets in. Get to the bottom of a problem with a partner. A loved one is extremely supportive of you. Tonight: Go for closeness.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
*** Get down to the basics in a money matter. An associate holds the purse strings. You can fuss, play along or go your own way. A friend explains how he thinks you should handle a hot and difficult situation. He could have a point. Tonight: Get together with a friend.

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For Better or For Worse



Crossword Puzzle

By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS** 46 Like ranked players
- DOWN** 1 Envious 2 Writer 3 Table part 4 Blazing 5 Sahara

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MICROSECOND
BEE GOD KAY

TUTUS
BASIN PUTON
EXIT GORE
DELLA NAMED
ERROR

ARE GIN HOP
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Yesterday's answer

- 18 Parts of hearts 35 Makes speechless
- 7 Musical key situation 36 Prime time hour
- 8 Slanderous one 21 Depart 22 Honed 37 Promise
- 9 Pool 24 Hones 25 Long 38 Zsa Zsa's sister
- 10 Command time 30 Fancy homes 40 Tacit okay
- 16 Unsuitable 17 "Aladdin" villain 33 Yard container 42 Unite

Marmaduke



"This can't be good. There are reporters at the door about him."

The Family Circus



"Quick, pick up those toys! Martha Stewart is coming on."

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Comptroller: Anti-violence laws to help bring safety back to classroom

AUSTIN — Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander joined educators, law enforcement and legislative to introduce three new laws to help cut school violence recently.

"As education watchdog for the people of Texas, my highest priority is to ensure that our children receive an excellent education in schools that are safe and secure," said Comptroller Rylander, with Texas Education Commissioner Designee Jim Nelson, HISD Superintendent Rod Paige and State Sen. Rodney Ellis at her side. "Children cannot learn and teachers cannot teach in a climate of violence and fear. It is our obligation to keep school safety at the forefront of every educational debate, and to turn the tide on school violence."

"Thousands of teachers and students are victims of violence every year in Texas schools and that's why we took action this legislative session," Comptroller Rylander continued.

During the 1997-98 school year, there were nearly 6,900 reported incidents of gang-related school violence on Texas campuses. During the same year, schools reported more than 58,000 students and nearly 4,400 teachers assaulted. In addition, more than 570 guns and 7,400 knives and other weapons were confiscated from students.

"The truth is, when our teachers and schoolchildren pass through the doors every morning they are at risk because of school violence," Comptroller Rylander continued. "That's why I am pleased that the

Legislature, with Senator Rodney Ellis in the lead, answered the call by implementing reforms I suggested this session."

The measures, which become law Sept. 1, 1999, will: —Require school districts to include violence prevention and intervention strategies in annual campus improvement plans. The site based decisionmaking committees should encourage teachers, parents, concerned citizens and students to tailor plans to meet local challenges at individual schools.

—Require school districts to report the number, rate, and type of violent and criminal incidents occurring on each campus as a part of each district's annual performance report.

—Track teen gang members who move, allowing information on convicted gang members to be shared among law enforcement agencies.

The proposals were outlined in Rylander's report "Challenging the Status Quo: Toward Smaller, Smarter Government."

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ACT I



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Golf Scramble



(Community Camera photo)

First place winners of the Pampa Lions Club Golf Scramble were Sam White, Gregor Reeves, Lee Porter and, not pictured, Lee Garcia. The tournament paid out more than \$1,200 in merchandise and gifts. The fund-raiser netted over \$2,500 for the club's eye glass program and benevolence fund.



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Reunion organizers have not been able to reach the following members. If you are one of, or know the whereabouts of one of the following, please contact Russell Hollis, 1815 Beech Lane, Pampa, TX 79065 or call (806) 665-1083. E-Mail address: rhollis@netjava.com.

Judy Blackmon, Jerrel Brown, David Brown, Stanley Butler, Clay Byerley, Bill Byler, Gary Chisholm, Dennis Choate, Avis Crissup, Beverly Fennell, Donald Roy Fox, Maurine Garton, Dural Goodwin, Anna Gene Graham, John Gross, Roena Haines, Judy Ann Harper, Leonard Haught, Robert Hebert, Robert Hestand, Kent Hicks, Annette Holtman, Wanda Huff, Gillem Ingerton, Patricia Ingram, Dalene Kiff, Raydene Leonard, Loeva Long, Jean Lyle.

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