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PMS eighth-grade parents to hold meet
 All parents are invited to an organizational meeting at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 6, for the Pampa Middle School eighth grade party. The meeting will take place in the school library, 2401 Charles.

Texas elephant smuggled into Mexico
 SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The latest contraband to cross the Texas-Mexico border has presented law officers with a jumbo problem — after customs officials didn't check its trunk.
 Someone managed to smuggle an elephant from Texas into Mexico — past customs agents at a checkpoint in Matamoros, across from Brownsville.
 "I don't know how in the world — well, they could do anything — look at the drugs they get across," said Sandy Summers, director for the Upper Valley Humane Society in Edinburg. "But an elephant ... I'm shocked."
 Tom Bauer, spokesman for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, confirmed Tuesday that an elephant was indeed smuggled across the border. The three-ton Asian elephant is a threatened species.
 The owner of a Mexico City circus — the Vazquez Brothers — told a Mexican newspaper that he paid a smuggler \$4,500 to bring him the elephant.
 Guillermo Vazquez said he applied for permits from the United States and Mexico and bought the elephant from a Houston trainer.
 Vazquez told Reforma that Benny the elephant was transported in a five-wheel trailer pulled by a pickup truck.

• R.E. 'Buck' Smith, 91, retired City of Pampa employee.

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County funds vital to courthouse job

Building restoration financing Thursday morning meet topic

By NANCY YOUNG
 Managing Editor

If Gray County does not contribute \$1.3-\$1.5 million to the restoration of the Gray County Courthouse project, the county cannot keep the \$3.8 million grant it received in May, 2000.

The Texas Historical Commission furnishes 72 percent of the funds for the restoration, said Precinct One County Commissioner Joe Wheeley. However, the county must furnish the remaining 28 percent, as that is one of the conditions in awarding the THC grants. If Gray County

does not raise the needed matching funds for the 72-28 split, the money will be awarded to another county, said Wheeley.

Financing of Gray County's portion of the restoration will be considered in Thursday's special meeting of the Gray County Commissioners Court.

Commissioners will meet at 9 a.m. Thursday morning in the Gray County Courtroom on the second floor of the courthouse.

Ken Smith of Southwest Securities in Dallas will be at the Thursday meeting to discuss bond options for financing the restoration, including general obligation

The public is encouraged to attend the meeting, said County Judge Richard Peet. He said anyone who has a question related to the courthouse restoration project may submit written questions prior to the meeting to be answered when the commissioners court considers the courthouse restoration item on the agenda.

bonds and certificates of obligation.

To generate the needed funds for the county's share, if certificates of obligation are issued to an additional \$2.78 per year for a \$25,000 home would be generated by the proposed tax per \$100 valuation. The average valuation of a home in Pampa is \$28,000. If residents have a \$50,000 home, the additional tax would be \$5.86 per year. The increased tax would be in place for 20 years, and be automatically dropped when

the certificates of obligation are dropped.

Wheeley said the county does not currently have any bonded indebtedness. "In fact, I cannot remember when we had bonded indebtedness. I know we haven't had any the past 12 years," he said. "We have some lease agreements on equipment which stretch payments out over three to five years. That's the longest term indebtedness we have."

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Six indictments returned by grand jurors in Hemphill

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
 Staff Writer

CANADIAN — A Hemphill County grand jury handed down six indictments this week, three were sealed.

District Attorney Richard Roach said he could not release details contained in the indictments. He said the persons named in the indictments have not been apprehended, "and we feel like they're a flight risk."

Roach said the Hemphill County indictments are not related to three sealed indictments handed up by a Wheeler County grand jury last week. The Wheeler grand jury also issued three sealed indictments in connection with evidence of "organized criminal activity."

Two indictments from the grand jury in Canadian stem from an incident near the Canadian River Bridge on Aug. 31, 2000, Roach said.

Alberto Morales, 27, 200 Red Deer, Canadian, was indicted on charges of possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver.

Robert Huerta-Mauricio, 17, formerly of Canadian, was indicted on charges of possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver.

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PD, sheriff's office to host special school

The Pampa Police Department and Gray County Sheriff's office will host a school for law enforcement officers in March in Pampa.

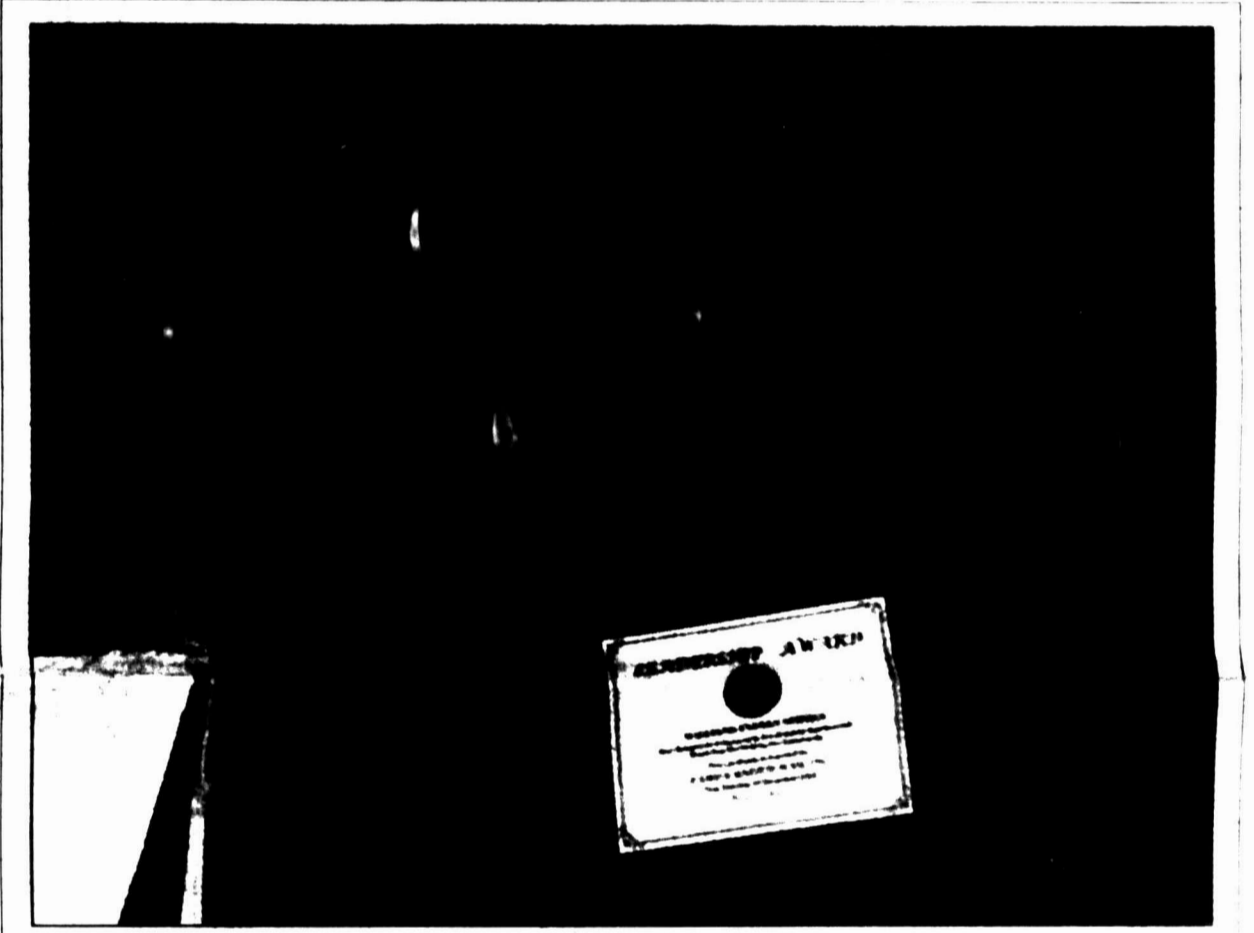
Pampa Police Chief Charlie Morris said his department and Sheriff Don Copeland's department will sponsor a Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officers Standards and Education Training Program from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., March 28, in the Heritage Room of M.K. Brown Civic Auditorium.

"The program is directed toward law enforcement supervisors and administrators," Morris said.

The workshop will deal with the rules and regulations involving certification for Texas Peace Officers.

"We are very pleased to be able to be a part of this program," Morris said.

For more information, contact the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement in Austin, telephone 512-936-7707.



Reed Echols, left, chair of the 2000 Pampa United Way campaign, presents the "Leadership Award" to Steve Springer of Tulsa, Okla., a senior vice president for Williams Energy, in recognition of the company's and employees' contribution of more than \$84,000 to the local fund drive.

United Way celebrates

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
 Staff Writer

Workers and supporters celebrated the most successful annual campaign in history for the Pampa United Way at an annual award luncheon Tuesday.

This year's drive exceeded the goal of \$350,000 by \$41,613 for a total of \$391,613.

Outgoing Chair Reed Echols presented Steve Springer of Williams Energy with the "Leadership Award" in recognition of the com-

pany's contribution of more than \$84,000 to the local 2000 United Way drive.

Springer, a senior vice president with the pipeline company, and Tom Saunders, director of special projects, came to Pampa for the awards event. Brenda Amador of Pampa represented the local Williams Energy office.

"Williams has deep roots in Pampa," Springer said. He explained that Mid-America Pipeline laid its first piece of pipe near Pampa in 1960 with Williams Company as the contractor.

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PHS students in Karen Skaggs' food production class take a break after recently preparing and serving dinner for PISD administrators and board trustees. The occasion was School Board Month. From left, are Caria Newman, Chris Hearron, Daniel Passini, Robyn Lowrey and Camilla Newman.

Reader photo contest returns again this year

It's time once more for local shutterbugs to get out their photos for entry into this year's Images contest which has become a part of the annual Pride edition.

Last year's Pride won second place in the Texas Press Association's special sections contest and the year before the issue was the first-place winner in its division.

The Valentine's Day deadline will be here before you know it so hurry up and enter. It's one of the favorite sections in Pride and its content is 100 percent yours!

Besides maybe seeing your photo in print, the winner in each of three categories receives \$50 in Pampa Bucks to spend locally and gets a free six-month subscription to *The Pampa News*.

The three categories are:

- Family and Friends — at work or play
- Critters — pets or wild ones
- The Countryside — landscapes, buildings, scenery without people

The rules are:

- Each photo must have been taken in Pampa or the surrounding area between Jan. 1, 2000 and Feb. 13, 2001.
- Entries should be submitted with a self-addressed, stamped envelope to allow us to return them.
- On the back of each photo attach your name, address, phone number and a brief description of who or what is pictured.
- One entry per category per person. No Pampa News employees or professional photographers may enter.
- Send or bring photos to *The Pampa News*, 403 W. Atchison, Pampa, TX 79065.
- Every effort will be made to return your photo. However, do not send one-of-a-kind photos that can't be replaced.

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Calendar of events

WHITE DEER LAND MUSEUM
White Deer Land Museum (112-116 S. Cuyler) winter visiting hours are 1-4 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday. No charge for admission; elevator provided.

LAS PAMPA WATER GARDEN AND KOI SOCIETY
Las Pampa Water Garden and Koi Society meets the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at Austin Elementary School. For more information, contact Sharron Andrew at 665-6138 or Lance DeFeaver.

PLANNED PARENTHOOD
Planned Parenthood of Amarillo and the Texas Panhandle is changing its hours. It is now open from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 408 W. Kingsmill Ave., #175-A, in Pampa. For more information or for an appointment, call 665-2291. Planned Parenthood is a not-for-profit health care organization serving women and men in 17 offices covering 26 counties in the panhandle.

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.

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP
The local Alzheimer's Support Group meets regularly at 7 p.m. the first Thursday of each month at Shepard's Crook Nursing Agency, 916 N. Crest. For more information, call Daina Wilkinson, 665-0356.

PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR
Lovett Memorial Library will sponsor a pre-school story hour at 10 a.m. every Tuesday this fall beginning Sept. 5. The free program is open to children 18 months to 5 years of age and will include stories, crafts and other activities. No registration is required. For more information, call the library at 669-5780.

PHS SCHOLARSHIPS
Pampa High School is seeking clubs, organizations, individuals or groups interested in establishing scholarships for high school seniors. The scholarships can be for any amount. The high school will make the scholarships available to senior students at the end of February. For more information, contact Starla Kindle or Billie Lowrey at 669-4800.

GED TESTING
Clarendon College-Pampa Center will conduct GED testing at 9 a.m. Feb. 26 and March 26. Test-takers must bring a government-issued picture ID such as a driver's license and a Social Security card. Pre-registration is not required. Cost is \$45 or \$10 for each re-test.

PHS OPEN HOUSE
Pampa High School will host an Open House beginning at 6 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 1. Students will be bringing home copies of their schedules.

ACT I
ACT I (Area Community Theater, Inc.) will present its winter dinner theater "Natalie Needs a Nightie" at 7:30 p.m., Feb. 8-10 and 15-17 at its auditorium in the Pampa Mall. The event will get under way with a prime rib dinner to be catered by Clint and Sons at 6:30 p.m. followed by the actual production at 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$9 for the meal and \$7.50 for the show. For reservations or for more information, call Computech Computers at 665-3266. Deadline to RSVP is two days prior to the show. The play is under the direction of Gary Hartman.

LOVETT MEMORIAL LIBRARY
Lovett Memorial Library will offer four introductory hands-on computer workshops: "Computer Comfort I" for beginners; "Computer Comfort II" for individuals who can open and close files and use the mouse; "What is the Internet?"; and "Introduction to E-Mail," for individuals who wish to learn how to establish a free web-based e-mail account. All classes are free but registration is required. Class size is limited to 10, so space is limited. For information, contact the library at 669-5780. The workshops will continue monthly through the spring.

EXTENSION WORKSHOP
On March 23 and 25 at Texas 4-H Center in Brownwood, the Texas Agricultural Extension Service will conduct a two-day "Wildlife and Leadership Development" workshop for adults interested in youth development, wildlife and natural resource management. Cost of the workshop is \$50. Topics will include: Quail behavior, ecosystem management, deer aging and evaluating predation. Attendees will participate in a tacky deer survey, a hunter safety skills course and wildlife trivia activities. Registration deadline is March 9. To obtain a registration form or for more information, contact Helen Holdsworth at (210) 467-6575.

LAD N' LASSIE PAGEANT
A new Pre-Teen Pageant is planned in conjunction with the Ninth Annual Lad n' Lassie Pageant to be held at 1:30 p.m. in Shamrock High School Auditorium at Shamrock during the Saint Patrick's Day Celebration. The Lad n' Lassie pageant is open to boys between 0-9 years of age and girls between 0-13. The boys may come dressed in either casual wear or Sunday best. The Pre-Teen Pageant is open to young ladies between the ages of 10 and 13. These contestants will compete in both Casual Wear and Sunday best as well as photo judging, short interview and public speaking. All participants must submit an entry form along with two photos and a \$10 entry fee. The photos will be published in the local paper. Late entries will pay an additional \$5. Deadline for entry is March 1. For more information or to obtain an entry form, contact Betty Lee at (806) 256-5337 or Lynette Kidd at (806) 256-3044.

GRAIN SORGHUM SEMINAR
National Grain Sorghum Producers will host a Regional Grain Sorghum Seminar beginning at 11:30 a.m., Wednesday, Feb. 7 in the Moore County Community Building in Dumas. For more information, call 1-800-658-9808.

TRAVELING EXHIBIT
The Borger branch of Amarillo National Bank will host the traveling exhibit "Experience Your America" Jan. 22-Feb. 2 in the main lobby of the bank. The exhibit is designed to enhance awareness of the more than 380 units that comprise the National Park System including Lake Meredith National Recreation Area and Alibates Flint Quarries National Monument. For more information, call (806) 857-3151.

FSA WEBSITE
USDA's Farm Service Agency has launched a redesigned website located at www.fsa.usda.gov on the Internet. The redesign includes user-friendly features and easily accessible on-line FSA forms.

AMERICAN GENERAL SCHOLARSHIP
American General Career Distribution Group is offering the American General Scholarship to eligible Texas high school seniors. To qualify, a student must place in the top half of their class academically (but not necessarily in the top 10 percent) and present evidence of good character (two letters of recommendation are required: one from a high school official and the other from a community leader). Students will also be evaluated on extracurricular activities and community service. For more information, call (615) 320-3149. Applications must be postmarked by March 1, 2000.

IMMUNIZATION CLINIC
The Texas Department of Health will be offering immunization clinics for vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases including polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps, HIB (haemophilus influenzae type B) and chickenpox (varicella). Flu vaccines will also be offered at designated clinics. The TDH will charge money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay. The following clinics will be offered: 9:30 a.m.-12 noon and 1-4 p.m., Jan. 17, Pampa Family Clinic, 700 W. Kentucky; 10 a.m.-12 noon, 1-3 p.m., Jan. 25, Wheeler School, Wheeler.

RAINBOW POETS
New Jersey Rainbow Poets is sponsoring a religious poetry contest free to everyone. A \$1000 grand prize will be awarded. Deadline for entry is Feb. 17. To enter, send one poem of 21 lines or less to: Free Poetry Contest, PMB70, 103 N. Wood Ave., Linden, NJ 07036.

ARBOR DAY FOUNDATION
The National Arbor Day Foundation is offering a free "Conservation Trees" booklet with colorful photos and illustrations and easy-to-understand descriptions to help people plant and care for trees. To obtain a booklet, send name and address to: Conservation Trees, The National Arbor Day Foundation, Nebraska City, NE 68410.

U.S. LST ASSOCIATION
U.S. LST Association is seeking shipmates from World War II to the present date to participate in its upcoming reunion Sept. 18-24 at Mobile, Ala. For more information, contact: Bob Garner LST 461, HC 52 Box 362, Hemphill, TX 75948; 1-800-228-5870; or e-mail USLST@KMBS.COM

POWER WHEELCHAIRS
Miracle on Wheels is offering Power Wheelchairs to non-ambulatory senior citizens (65 years and up) usually at no out-of-pocket expense if they qualify. No deposit is required. The chairs are provided to those who cannot walk and self-propel a manual wheelchair at their home or independent living quarters and who meet additional qualifications of the program. This service may also be available to the permanently disabled of any age. For more information, call 1-800-749-8778 or visit www.durablemedical.com on the World Wide Web.

FREE BOOKLET
The Free Enterprise Institute in Washington, D.C., is offering a new booklet, "The 100 Most Popular Government Giveaway Programs," to consumers nationwide. To obtain a copy of the booklet, send \$5 to cover cost of printing, postage and handling to: Free Enterprise Institute, 100 Government Giveaways, Dept. 100GG-0816, P.O. Box 96071, Washington, D.C. 20090-6071. For more information, call (202) 595-1031 or visit www.FreeEnterpriseInstitute.org on the Internet.

ANIMALPRINTS.COM
AnimalPrints.com has dedicated \$1 from each sale of a newly released series of artist's prints to benefit animals in need. For more information or to view the prints, go to AnimalPrints.com on the Internet.

BUTTERFLY GARDEN CLUB
The Butterfly Garden Club of America is offering free butterfly garden seeds (with growing instructions). To receive a packet, send a long SASE with two stamps to: The Butterfly Garden Club of America, P.O. Box 629, Burgin, KY 40310. Limit one free packet per household. Additional packets are available for \$1 each.

FREE ENTERPRISE INSTITUTE
Free Enterprise Institute in Washington, D.C., has published "Free Money - Winning the Government Giveaway Game," a booklet which offers information concerning free money, free advice and free services from the government. Consumers may receive a copy by sending \$5 to cover the cost of printing and postage/handling to: Free Enterprise Institute, Government Giveaway Booklet Offer, Dept. GGB-407-1, P.O. Box 96071, Washington, DC 20090-6071 or at www.FreeEnterpriseInstitute.org on the World Wide Web.

TUITION ASSISTANCE
U.S. Commission for Scholastic Assistance - College Bound is an organization with a listing of over 700 different private scholarship sources for college students. Many scholarships pay the entire tuition; other can be applied towards tuition, living expenses and/or other fees. Most scholarships can be used at junior colleges, career and vocational schools, 4-year colleges, graduate schools, medical and law schools. For more information, send a SASE (business size, #10) to: The U.S. Commission for Scholastic Assistance, P.O. Box 668, O'Fallon, IL 62269.

PAMPA PRISON MINISTRY
The Pampa Prison Ministry meets the first Tuesday of every month at Central Baptist Church located at Francis and Starkweather at 7 p.m. sharp. For further information call Bob Andersen 665-4252 or J.B. Walker at 669-2266.

PANHANDLE ALLIANCE FOR THE MENTALLY ILL
A support group for the mentally ill and family members meet the second Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. at 218 N. Russell. There is no charge. For more information or if you need a ride all Sharon King, 665-2818.

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR
Pampa Chapter No. 65, Order of the Eastern Star, has changed their meeting nights from the first and third Tuesdays to the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. Meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. at 420 West Kingsmill.

MACEDONIA BAPTIST
Macedonia Baptist Church, 441 Elm, conducts prayer services at 7:30 a.m., 12 p.m. and 6 p.m. daily for the citizens of Pampa - the churches, the schools, etc. All are cordially invited to come and pray. For more information, call 665-4926.

OPEN DOOR ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS
Open Door Alcoholics Anonymous at 910 Kentucky (across from Albertson's) meeting schedule - seven days a week - two meetings a day - noon till 1 p.m. no smoking, and Tuesday and Thursday 8-9 p.m. call 665-9702 for information.

TRALEE CRISIS CENTER
Women's Support Group for Child Management offers parenting skills to assist parents and children in dealing with anger and behavioral issues resulting from peer pressure, sibling rivalry, family violence and/or sexual abuse from 7-8 p.m. Thursdays. For more information, call Tralee Crisis Center, 669-1131.

MONTHLY GOSPEL SINGING
First Pentecostal Holiness Church, 1700 Alcock, hosts a Gospel Singing from 2-4 p.m. every second Sunday of the month. Pastor Albert Maggard and the congregation of First Pentecostal cordially invites the public to attend. Singers and musicians from area churches participate in this informal congregational singing and enjoy various special vocal and instrumental presentations.

DALLAS CHILDREN'S THEATRE
The Dallas Children's Theatre will present three performances of "Heidi" for local school children in third-through sixth-grade Thursday, Feb. 1 at M.K. Brown Auditorium. Outlying school districts have been invited to attend the program as well. The project is sponsored by Texas Commission on the Arts, the National Endowment for the Arts, Pampa ISD and other small independent school districts and the Nona Payne and H.E. and Inez McCauley Foundations.

Pampa Sheltered Workshop



(Pampa News photo by Dee Dee Laramore)

Pampa Sheltered Workshop Board President Jerry Carlson, left, presents Bill Hallerberg with a certificate of appreciation for his many years of service as a member and officer of the Pampa Sheltered Workshop advisory board. Hallerberg recently resigned from the board after he retired and moved to Amarillo. He was honored as a special guest at the January meeting of the Workshop board. Pampa Sheltered Workshop, 1301 W. Somerville, provides a sheltered environment and employment opportunities for mentally challenged adults.











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Strangers' Intrusive Questions Offend New Adoptive Mom

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have been blessed with a beautiful daughter we adopted from another country. When we go out, we hear a variety of comments from strangers. Some of them — while well-meaning — are potentially hurtful to our little girl.

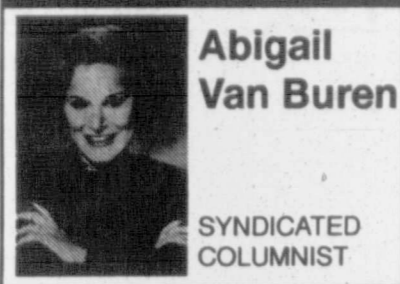
I am writing in the hope that sharing our point of view will help others to be more sensitive to adoptive families:

— Please don't ask if I have children of my own. My daughter is my own. If you must ask about other siblings, a better term is "biological children."

— Please don't ask about my daughter's birth family and why they are not raising her. These are issues I wish to discuss with her privately, in my own time.

— Please don't make disparaging remarks about my daughter's country of origin, regardless of how you feel about their customs or government policies. My daughter needs to hear positive things about her culture of origin. Many of the negative comments I have received have been untrue or one-sided.

— Please don't ask how much my daughter "cost." While adoption fees are expensive, so are hospital bills for labor and delivery. The difference is, many people have either insurance or public assistance to help them pay hospital bills; adoptive families have little equivalent to help to pay adoption fees. I did not "buy" my child through adoption fees any more than a family



Abigail Van Buren

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who pays hospital bills for the birth of a biological child has bought theirs. If you are truly interested in adoption costs, your local adoption agency or an adoption Internet site can provide those answers.

— Please don't tell me I got my daughter the "easy way." Adoption has its own unique challenges. Like any parent, adoptive parents consider their struggles worthwhile, given the end result. However, adoption, like childbirth, can be both wonderful and difficult.

— Please don't ask me about my fertility status. I would rather not discuss it with a stranger.

— And to the many kind, discreet and polite people I have met — thank you for your positive comments and encouraging words. They warmed my heart.

BLESSED THROUGH ADOPTION IN WASHINGTON STATE

DEAR BLESSED: Thank you for telling it like it is. Sometimes people engage their mouths before engaging their brains. Unfortunately, there is

no end to the thoughtless, insensitive questions some people ask — which brings to mind a letter that appeared in my column many years ago. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: Our son is a dark-skinned child whom we adopted when he was an infant. My husband and I are both fair-skinned.

When our son was about 4, we attended a pool party at our town-house complex. I got into a conversation with a woman who was very curious about him — asking how old he was when we got him and where he was from. She looked confused when I answered "Milwaukee" — as I'm sure she expected a more exotic location such as Africa or the Australian outback.

I almost lost my cool, however, when she asked me in all seriousness, "Are you going to tell him he is adopted?"

MIDWEST MOM

What teens need to know about sex, drugs, AIDS, and getting along with peers and parents is in "What Every Teen Should Know." To order, send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Teen Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

For everything you need to know about wedding planning, order "How to Have a Lovely Wedding." Send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Wedding Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

ing to ask for support from a friend. Not everything is as it seems. Remain optimistic. You're on a winning path. Tonight: Among the throngs of admirers. **LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)

**** For answers, look to those you consider authority figures. Anything and everything is possible. Remain optimistic and upbeat about your potential and a relationship. The unexpected continues to mark a relationship that is important to you. Tonight: Burn the midnight oil. **VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

**** Listen carefully to a loved one who has much to share. You find this person's perspective enlightening. Go with the flow at work. You know what you want, and you know where you are going. You can afford to be flexible with others. Tonight: Opt for mental relaxation. **LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

**** Work with someone who has many noteworthy ideas. This person has unusual expertise. You might not always understand what is necessary in a project. You could be surprised by what you hear and what others do. Don't take any unnecessary risks. Tonight: Go for quality time. **SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

**** Allow others to play their cards and see the end results. You really cannot tell anyone what to do. You find others provocative and inclined to surprises. Your imagination becomes an even greater source of fun and ideas. Tonight: Go along with another's plans. **SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

**** Emphasize your accomplishments rather than initiating something.

Recognize when you have done enough or completed what you needed to. Unexpected requests could toss your time into chaos. Your inner voice guides you through ups and downs. You know what works. Tonight: Be a couch potato. **CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

***** Allow your imagination to lead you. Understand what limits you psychologically, and find ways past that obstacle. Brainstorm rather than taking a risk. You pull the financial wild card. Break past self-imposed restrictions. Nothing is impossible. Tonight: Be more playful. **AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

***** Deal with some fundamental issues. You might surprise others more than you think. Emphasize security and family. Understand a financial situation more completely. Ask questions — the answers might be more important than you can imagine. Tonight: Happy at home. **PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20)

***** What happens becomes a source of interesting ideas. Make calls and be more spontaneous. Realize that you just might not have everything under control. Allow your sense of humor to come out when facing an unanticipated situation. Tonight: Go with the flow.

BORN TODAY
Actor Clark Gable (1901), Russian leader Boris Yeltsin (1931), actress Lisa Marie Presley (1968)

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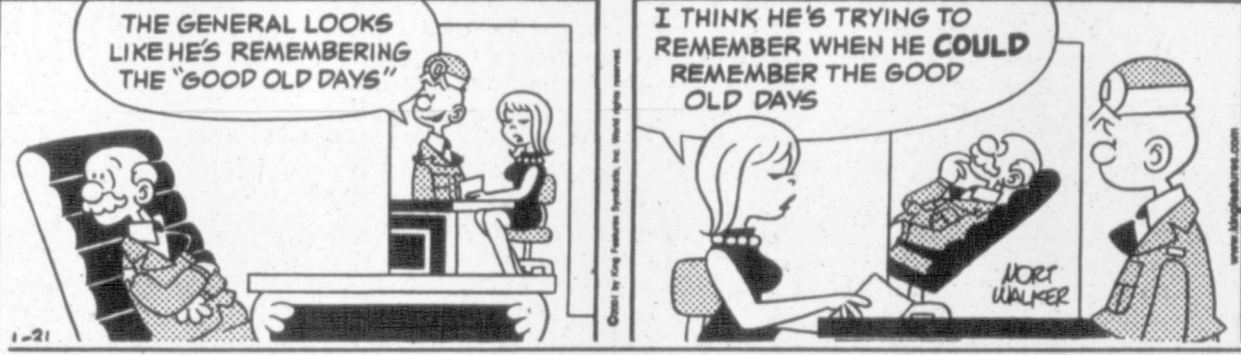
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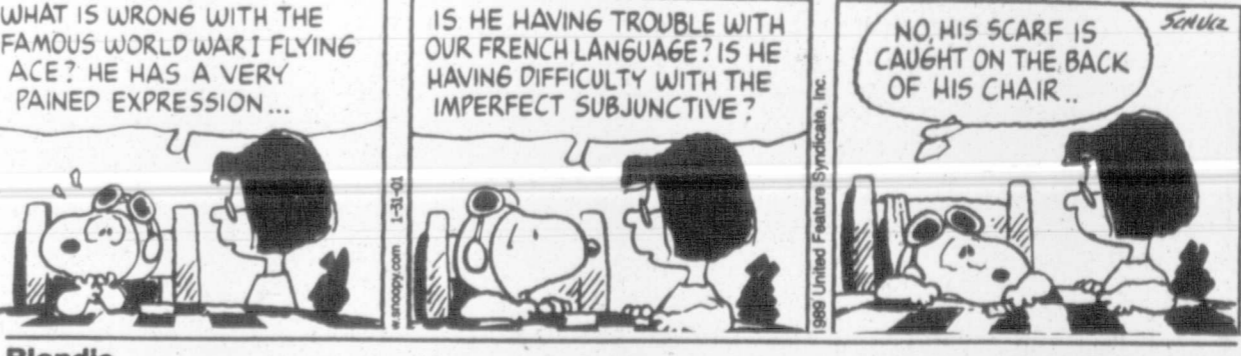
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Horoscope

THURSDAY, FEB. 1, 2001

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)

*** Do a better job of expressing your inner feelings. You have many thoughts that you might be keeping to yourself.

Friends do the unexpected and could cost you financially. Put the brakes on spending if need be. Use your gift for self-discipline. Tonight: Indulge.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

**** You are personality-plus. Understand where another is coming from. Be a better listener when a friend decides to open up. You might not be in sync with an important person in your life. Not everything is as it seems. Clarify anything that seems confusing. Tonight: Let your personality shine.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

** Know when to step back. If you can't get a situation clarified, your stress levels will rise. Unfortunately, you cannot get everything to go the way you'd like. Learn patience. Take your time, and avoid doing anything impulsive. Tonight: Your night to vanish.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

***** Knowing what you want could make all the difference to your success. You need to manage an unpredictable personality in your life. Be will-

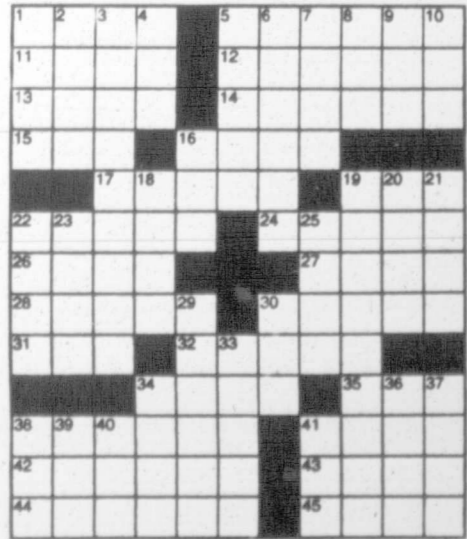
Crossword Puzzle

By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS
- 1 Walk nervously
- 5 Customs book
- 11 Vaccine type
- 12 Portugal's place
- 13 Cherry centers
- 14 Farm beast
- 15 Pouchlike part
- 16 Hospital units
- 17 Monopoly buy
- 19 Joke
- 22 Wing parts
- 24 Dictation expert
- 26 Luxury need
- 27 Director Premier
- 28 Bit of history
- 30 Prepared to be shot
- 31 Road goo
- 32 Value
- 34 Crisply fragrant
- 35 Passé
- 38 New Testament book
- 41 Scope
- 42 Nervous
- 43 Headliner
- 44 Serving need
- 45 PR hoopla
- DOWN
- 1 Boston players
- 2 Silly song
- 3 Elmore Leonard book
- 4 Golfer Ernie
- 5 Secrets place
- 6 Wellings
- 7 Kingsley and
- 8 Affleck
- 9 Annoy
- 10 Winner-less
- 11 Utter outcome
- 12 City vehicle
- 18 Ajar
- 19 Elmore Leonard book
- 20 Pot starter
- 21 W... behaved
- 22 Yard parts
- 23 Vesuvian flow
- 25 Horn sound
- 29 Moral pang
- 30 Be a snoop
- 33 Beginning bat wood
- 34 Gum masses
- 36 Bound
- 37 Challenge
- 38 Balderdash
- 39 Count start
- 40 — culpa
- 41 Baseball
- 42 Beginning bat wood

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"Let's go to another room...it's hard to talk above his snoring."

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"I was so busy I didn't notice if I was havin' fun or not."

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