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Fund news not good for Lefors ISD

'School records will indicate where every penny went."

— Joel Henry Lefors superintendent **By MARILYN POWERS** Staff Writer

Independent Lefors School District, like school districts across the state, is facing a financial challenge, according to its new superintendent, Joel Henry.

Henry addressed last night's school board meeting, at which his employ-

was approved, on the school district's current financial foot-

"There is a projection of a deficit for next year, not this vear. But through prudent management on the board's and my part, it can be overcome," Henry said in a telephone interview this morn-

"We've gone through a lot of funding. I don't have the information at present of what funding was done prior to my coming here," he said.

"What people would see as a great deal of spending, in my estimation, is not a great deal," Henry said. "School records will indicate where every penny went."

Improvements to the

school's ball park, a new bus and other projects were financed with reserve funds during the past five years, he said.

"Decisions were made (on spending). Whether those were right or not right, I can't tell you. What I'm trying to do is bring the public

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Custody case reset for boy found alone

By MARILYN POWERS

A child custody hearing was set for 1:30 p.m. today concerning an 11year-old Pampa boy who was found to be living alone for at least a month.

Judge Phil Vanderpool, who hears child abuse and neglect cases in Gray and surrounding counties, rescheduled the hearing, along with another case, after it had originally been set for 9 a.m. today in the ground-floor non-jury courtroom at Gray County Courthouse.

Temporary custody of the child was taken by Child Protective Services after Pampa police responded to an anonymous call Aug. 13 to Pampa emergency services that the boy was living alone at a house at 414 E. Browning. When officers arrived, the boy admitted them to the home, which was filled with debris, fleas, animal feces and urine, and dirty clothing, police said.

Police estimate the child had lived alone at the house for anywhere from one to two months. His mother would bring food to the house for him once or twice a week, according to police. The boy also has two adult sisters living in Pampa, one of whom had taken him to register for school.

Margaret B. Stevens, 44, identified as the boy's mother in the press release, was free on \$2,500 bond after turning herself in to Gray County Jail Aug. 17 on a charge of abandoning/endangering a child.



Pampa News photo by DAVID BOWSER

Board member Dalton Lewis, right, talks with PEDC President Doug Locke about selling a section of land during Monday's PEDC meeting while board members Gary Sutherland, left and Steve Phillips listen.

PEDC to lease land to dairy

By DAVID BOWSER Staff Writer

A couple from Southern California has leased a section of land belonging to the Pampa Economic Development Corp.

PEDC board of directors in a special meeting Monday afternoon approved the leasing of a section of

land near the Jordan Unit of the diary heifers and the cropland to Texas Department of Corrections to Richard and Linda De Vuyst, who have Red River Dairy.

The couple moved here from California and bought the Roden Dairy east of Pampa.

Richard De Vuyst, in a letter to the PEDC, indicated that he planned to use the pastureland to graze his

raise hav.

The only other bidder wishing to lease the land was Louis Davis of Pampa. Another bidder, Durwood Dunlap, withdrew his bid.

The De Vuysts offered the PEDC \$10,000 a month for seven years

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Pokey the Clown hands out chocolate milk samples to his little riders at the 2003 Chautauqua. Pokey's train of longhorns will include a newcomer - Milk Angel, a cow riding a Harley - for this year's Chautauqua celebration from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Central Park here.

Labor Day celebration features kids' activities

By DARLENE BIRKES For The News

A variety of activities await children attending the 23rd annual Chautauqua on Labor Day, Sept. 6, in

Central Park. Fishing at St. Matthew Support Group's duck pond for prizes, creating designs with stamps at the Pampa Fine Art tent, watching gymnastic students do cartwheels and young dancers tap a rhythmic tune at the free stage will bring the community and families together in celebration of Labor Day.

Chautauqua fun for kids

- Duck pond
- Stamp art
- Face painting Story reading
- Radio-control cars
- Coloring projects
- Music and dance

Climbing wall

ASTRA members of Pampa High's service club will try their skills at face painting while a Carson County Square House Museum staff member will provide an all-day craft at the PFA art tent. At that same tent from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m., Ed Day plans to demonstrate the ancient Indian art of

making arrow heads called flint knapping, a skill he learned during his years with the National Park Service at the Lake Meredith area's ancient Alibates flint quarry. Ronny Brownlow of 4B Hobbies will demonstrate radio-control cars. Lovett

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Dolores Drake Moore, 69

Dolores Drake Moore, 69, of Pampa, Texas, died Tuesday, Aug. 24, 2004, at Pampa.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Obituaries

Mrs. Moore was born Nov. 7, 1934, in Pampa where she was a lifelong resident. She married Leo Moore on May 22, 1955, in Clovis, N.M. He preceded her in death in

She was a member of the First Baptist

Survivors include one daughter, Kim and

Randy Hinds of Pampa; two sons, Terry Moore of Arlington and Rick and Kathy Moore of Las Vegas, Nev.; one sister, Marceline Rogers of Pampa; and three grandchildren, Jennifer Hinds, T.J. Moore and Leo

The family requests memorials be to a favorite charity.

The family will be at 625 N. Wells in

-Sign the on-line register book at: www.carmichael-whatley.com.

Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department today reported the following incidents.

Sunday, Aug. 22

Two mixed breed puppies were reported stolen from the 900 block of Fisher. Estimated amount of loss was \$25.

A possible domestic disturbance was reported in the 1000 block of South Dwight. No injuries were reported.

A female was committed Northwest Hospital's Pavilion in Amarillo for a psychiatric evaluation.

Monday, Aug. 23

Assault was reported in the 1200 block of Wells. The incident reportedly occurred on Aug. 20. No injuries were reported.

Disorderly conduct/language was reported in the 1200 block of North Hobart.

Theft was reported in the 600 block of South Barnes. An estimated \$2,500 in cash was taken.

Tuesday, Aug. 24

An unattended death was reported in the 600 block of North Wells. The death was due to natural causes, according to the police

Telephone harassment was reported at Pampa Regional Medical Center.

Sheriff

Gray County Sheriff's

Office today reported the following arrests. Monday, Aug. 23

Laura Stacy Selvidge, 35,

1232 E. Browning, was arrested on a fugitive warrant out of Oklahoma.

Fire

Pampa Fire Department responded to the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Monday, Aug. 23

10:53 a.m. – One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 2500 block of Perryton Parkway.

1:08 p.m. - One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 500 block of Lefors. When they arrived, no one was at the residence.

10:13 p.m. – One unit and two firefighters responded to 500 block of North Dwight. There was no vehicle fire, a barbecue grill was in use next to the house. Tuesday, Aug. 24

12:01 a.m. - One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 600 block of North Wells.

Ambulance

Guardian EMS ambulance reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Monday, Aug. 23

10:52 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 2500 block of Perryton Parkway and transported a patient(s) to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

6:07 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 200 block of North Wells and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

9:51 p.m. – A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient(s) to Baptist-St. Anthony's West, Amarillo.

11:59 p.m. – A mobile ICU responded to the 600 block of North Wells. No transport.

Tuesday, Aug. 24

2:29 a.m. - A mobile ICU a reported vehicle fire in the responded to the 900 block of South Schneider and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

Report: Rumsfeld, Pentagon officials share blame for prisoner abuse scandal

WASHINGTON (AP) The Pentagon's most senior civilian and military officials share a portion of blame for creating conditions that led to the Abu Ghraib prisoner abuse scandal in Iraq, according to a new report.

The report, by a commission appointed by Defense Donald H. Secretary Rumsfeld, was briefing Rumsfeld on its findings and recommendations Tuesday in advance of a Pentagon news conference to release the details.

The commission was by James

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headed Schlesinger, a former secretary of defense.

A person familiar with the report said it implicitly faulted Rumsfeld and Gen. Richard Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, by finding that those responsible for the military prison system in Iraq were operating under confusing policies on allowable interrogation techniques.

The person discussed some aspects of the report on condition of anonymity.

Ricardo = Gen. Sanchez, who

was the top field commander in Iraq at the time of the reported abuses last fall.

Sanchez also takes a portion of the blame in a separate Army investigation which looked specifically at the role of military intelligence soldiers.

That probe has been completed and is expected to be publicly released as early as Wednesday.

White House spokesman Scott McClellan, with President Bush at the president's ranch in Crawford, Texas, had no immediate comment on the Schlesinger

"I think we'll wait until we see the full report," McClellan said. "I fully expect the president will be briefed on any and all reports from these investigations."

The Army report, initially headed by Maj. Gen. George Fay, says at least two dozen lower-ranking military intelligence soldiers, as well as civilian contractors, were responsible for the abuses, which were depicted in photographs and videos taken by U.S. soldiers.

The New York Times said in Tuesday editions the report also blames Brig. Gen. Janis Karpinski — Also faulted is Army Lt. mander of the 800th Military

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spokesman

Police Brigade at Abu Ghraib for faulty leadership.

She has been faulted expect the president other investigation reports but has denied knowing about any abuses until Scott McClellan they become White House public.

> T h e Schlesinger

commission interviewed Rumsfeld twice during its investigation,

which began in May. The three other commis-

sion members are former defense secretary Harold Brown, former Republican Rep. Tillie Fowler of Florida, and retired Air Force Gen. Charles Horner.

When he chartered the commission, Rumsfeld told its members that he wanted independent advice on a wide range of issues related to the abuse allegations.

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with a three year renewable option. The PEDC will rebate \$5,000 a year back to them for three years to pay for three miles of a five-wire barbed wire fence with Tposts and reinforced corners and gate posts. The PEDC will pay up to \$1,000 for weed control.

"It's pretty weedy," Sutherland said.

Board member Dalton Lewis objected to spending money on the land, saying that all of the money from the lease should go back to the taxpayers.

The PEDC board leased the land after rejecting an offer by Frank Daugherty of Pampa to buy the land for \$150 an acre with 50 percent of the water rights or \$250 an acre with all water rights.

Board member Gary Sutherland said the offer to buy was below market value. Still, board member Lewis voiced his opinion

that the PEDC should sell the land with the proceeds going to pay off debt. Pampa City Commission has expressed their view in

the past that they would like to retain ownership of the section of land for the water

"The city has no authority to prevent selling that property," Lewis said.

Pampa voters have dictated the PEDC be dissolved and the PEDC board is try- noting that he did not dising to liquidate all assets before closing down their operation next spring.

Attorney General's opinion says the PEDC board can sell the property.

B i 1 1 Allison, PEDC board member, said the city had an Attorney General's opinion say-

ing the PEDC couldn't sell land. the property.

"I'm not going to spend taxpayers' money suing someone in order the sell the property," Sutherland said,

agree with Lewis.

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Dalton Lewis

PEDC board member

The PEDC board had requested a meeting with the Lewis said that a Texas city commission concerning

> the matter, Pampa City Manager John Horst said he had polled the commission and they had rejected the idea of a

meeting and had repeated their desire to retain the

The section of land, donated to the PEDC by Celanese, will revert to the city when the PEDC dis-

Henry believes that Lefors ISD's bank account can once more become healthy.

"It's going to take time. It didn't happen yesterday, and it's not going to get fixed tomorrow," he said.

"I think last night's meeting was the beginning of rebuilding trust and confidence in Lefors ISD," Henry said. "If people have questions, they're welcome to

Linda De Vuyst said she and her husband had discussed buying the land, but leasing would better fit their operation at the moment.

"We'd rather lease it right now," she told the PEDC board.

Sutherland said that Rex McAnelly, who had leased the land and installed a well on it, had agreed to sell the well, pipe and electric lines for the well to the PEDC for \$2,500. Sutherland estimated that was about half of what McAnelly had spent installing it.

"I think that's probably fair," Sutherland said.

Again, Lewis objected spending money for improvements on the land.

"He spent his money improving our property," Sutherland said. "I think it's in our best interest."

"In a way," said PEDC President Doug Locke, "it's an obligation."

A motion McAnelly passed with Locke, Sutherland, Steve Phillips and Bill Allison voting to pay McAnelly, and Lewis voting against.

The next meeting of the PEDC will be Sept. 9, in the Pampa City Commission Chambers in city hall.

Lefors

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and the school board up to speed on where we sit. "We're not where we need

to be. We could go into a deficit fund balance. We've already gotten a letter from TEA, and I've been in contact with them," Henry said.

TEA, or the Texas Education Agency, recommends that Texas school districts maintain 20 percent of their fund balance, or approximately three months' worth of operating costs, in a reserve fund.

The recommendation has

become increasingly difficult for school districts to follow as money for school funding financial footing, he said.

with costs. "There are a lot of school districts going through a lot of this. This is not something restricted to Lefors ISD,"

hasn't kept up

Henry said. He said he has seen no indication that school

been made, however, which affect the school district's

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> — Joel Henry Lefors superintendent

take, but it was corrected. There approximately a \$300,000 overprojection

> for the 2003-04 school year. I don't know why the overprojection occurred," he said. The pro-

"Our auditor

district's money crunch is the jected amount of funds availresult of any wrongdoing, or able for 2003-04 was \$1.8 that any funds are not million, but actual income for the year was \$1.5 million.

those with a sweet tooth might find their way to the Girl Scout cotton candy

Families can attend Chautauqua at a minimal cost by bringing a picnic lunch or feasting on some of the two dozen food items to be sold by non-profit organizations. The proceeds will find a multitude of service projects benefiting the area through the year until next year's Chautaugua.

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Memorial Library librarians will read children's stories and Pampa Crime Stoppers members hope to fingerprint children and entertain with McGruff, the Crime Dog, all while selling bottled salsa.

Gray County 4-H promotion booth will provide an egg-to-chick educational Baptist Church bouncer.

display. Tralee Crisis Center has promised a coloring craft with their display. Children can step by the Woody Guthrie tent and listen to musicians playing Guthrie's songs, some of which they have learned in

accounted for. Mistakes have

school. Braye souls can join Trinity Church's climbing wall crew or the hawkthrowing Royal Rangers of New Life Assembly. After jumping on the Cornerstone



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Viewpoints

Notes about noses and Michael Jackson

I was absent from last are associated with smells, still says he has had only one Tuesday's Viewpoints page thanks to a nasty sinus infec-

I started feeling blah over the weekend and by Monday was running a fever. So Tuesday I went to the doctor, and didn't even realize until late in the day that I had not submitted anything for the

Now some people may say I might have expected such a thing to happen, seeing as how I'd tempted fate the week before by writing about Friday the 13th. I

Scientists say the most

which we get through our

The nose has the power to save our lives when it senses a poisonous odor such as leaking natural gas.

The sense of smell is also an enhancement to the sense of taste.

The nose is also a good indicator of illness. It can make us miserable when we have colds, allergies, the flu and sinus infections.

The nose is important to our physical appearance. Just ask Michael Jackson. think it's just the power of He apparently hated his nose so much that he just about doesn't have one left, powerful human memories although the last I heard, he

or maybe two plastic surgeries. If that's the true total, that one or maybe two must have been a doozie.

The nose is a popular plastic surgery site Marilyn for others, You too.

Powers can get Staff Writer your nose shortened, straight-

ened. upturned, narrowed, and otherwise reshaped. Just be

careful to figure out when to The nose also figures prominently in our language.

Figures of speech featuring

the nose can describe a wide range of situations. If you are conceited, you

are said to have your nose up in the air. A less elegant nasal description is to say you.

"snotty." If you are curious and to trying

find out about something, you are said to

be nosy. The act of being curious can be called nosing around. And if you're really curious and it involves another person, especially their private, personal world, you are said to be sticking

your nose into somebody else's business.

If you want to ingratiate yourself with the boss or some other authority figure, such as a teacher if you are a student, your attempts to curry favoritism are called brown nosing. I am not going to go into detail about how that name came about. You figure it out.

Someone who is inexperienced, untrained or inconsequential can be referred to as a snot-nosed kid. Actual kids with actual snotty noses are also called this. It's not what a person wants to hear, regardless of their age, if they want to be taken seri-

A journalist who knows where to look for the interesting and important information that the public needs to know about is said to have a nose for news.

Last but not least, if you are determined to do something that will ultimately rebound on you and hurt you more than anyone else, you are said to be cutting off your nose to spite your face.

Sounds like we're talking about Michael again.

Marilyn Powers is a staff writer for The Pampa News. She can be reached by email at reporter lathepampanews.com.

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Aug. 24, the 237th day of 2004. There are 129 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

Twelve years ago, Hurricane Andrew smashed into Florida, causing record damage; 55 deaths in Florida, Louisiana and the Bahamas were blamed on the storm.

On this date: In A.D. 79, long-dormant Mount Vesuvius erupted, burying the Roman cities of Pompeii and Herculaneum in vol-

canic ash. An estimated 20,000 people died. In 1572, the slaughter of French Protestants at the hands

of Catholics began in Paris. In 1814, British forces invaded Washington D.C., setting

fire to the Capitol and the White House. In 1932, Amelia Earhart became the first woman to fly non-stop across the United States, traveling from Los Angeles to Newark, N.J., in just over 19 hours.

In 1949, the North

Show me a man who cannot bother to do little things and I'll show you a man who cannot be trusted to do big things.

 Lawrence D. Bell Aircraft manufacturer Atlantic Treaty went into

In 1954, 50 years ago, the Communist Control Act went into effect, virtually outlawing the Communist Party in the United States.

In 1968, France became the world's fifth thermonuclear power as it exploded a hydrogen bomb in the South Pacific.

In 1970, a bomb planted by anti-war extremists exploded at the University of Wisconsin's Army Math Research Center

Madison, killing 33-year-old researcher Robert Fassnacht. In 1981, Mark David Chapman was sentenced in New York to 20 years to life in prison for slaving rock star John

In 1989, Baseball Commissioner A. Bartlett Giamatti banned Pete Rose from the game for gambling.

Ten years ago: Israeli and PLO negotiators reached agreement on an accord to give the Palestinians control of health care, taxation, education and other services in West Bank areas still controlled by Israel.

Five years ago: The Federal Reserve raised borrowing costs for millions of Americans, increasing its target for the federal funds rate by a quarter point to 5:25 percent, and hiking the discount rate a quarter point to 4.75.

One year ago: The Justice Department reported the U.S. crime rate in 2002 was the lowest since studies began in 1973. Israeli missiles killed four Hamas fighters, including a fugitive commander. Hurricane Ignacio sideswiped the southern tip of the Baja California peninsula.

FOCUSING ON THE RELEVANT, UP-TO-DATE ISSUES ... YOU WERE YOU WERE I HAD TO TAKE CAREOF BUSINESS! YOU HAD TO YOU DIDN'T DESERVE THOSE GOT YOU OUT

Riding out Hurricane Charley

Hurricane Charley, I can tell you that there is nothing more inconvenient than losing your power in Florida in August - except, of course, losing your entire house, and consider losing your home is not an nature inconvenience. It is a tragedy. It is especially tragic if you are on the far side of youth and short of resources.

Thousands of people did lose their homes, nor were schools and businesses exempt from damage that ranged from slight to terrible. My own little condo shimmied and shook, but all

Having sat through I lost in addition to the Our choice is to run or hunpower was a tree in the back yard. So many people, especially the elderly, were not that lucky.

I don't Charley Reese cruel. It is simply Columnist indifferent to human

life. This indifference can have cruel consequences. Once the waters rise, the winds roar or the earth shakes, all the advantages of modernity disappear, and we are like people in primitive times.

ker down. Our fate is entirely out of our own hands.

The Interstate 4 corridor

in Central Florida and the coasts of Southern Florida practically consist of condos, theme parks

and trailer parks – or, as the public-relations people like to say, communities of manufactured homes with a little bit of grass and palm trees scattered here and there. The interior of the peninsula is

largely agricultural. Even a hundred years ago, a hurricane could cross the Florida peninsula, and the odds were good it wouldn't hit anything but trees, a shack now and then, and maybe some cows. No more. All powerful hurricanes that hit Florida are now multibillion-dollar disasters. The development is so intense that there is simply no place a hurricane can make landfall without causing a lot of economic losses. The early damage estimates for Charley are \$11 billion, and that's sure to

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What about ensuring patient safety?

Victoria Advocate on let's heal our hospitals:

If terrorists succeeded in destroying hundreds of jumbo jets filled with passengers every year, the U.S. government and the American people would spare no expense or effort in working to increase airline, safety and security. The Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks involved only four airliners, and a massive restructuring of homeland security and the invasion of Afghanistan resulted.

Yet too little is being done to improve the safety of hospital patients, as many as 150,000 of whom die every year because of preventable errors.

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patients. In 1999, the Institute of Medicine counted 98,000 patient deaths across the country resulting from hospital errors. HealthGrades, which ranks hospitals and

parison with local data, but mates that the annual death victims of mistakes," The both Victoria hospitals did toll from 2000 to 2002 was Boston Globe reported. That well in the last report from almost twice that. The differ- at a time when runaway the Joint Commission on ence is caused by how the increases in medical costs Accreditation of Healthcare studies define medical Organizations, which meas- errors, but even the more system of delivering health conserva-

tive, narthat the two hospitals Texas Thoughts rower approach approach showed an Victoria Advocate unacceptable problem.

> And if lives lost are not enough of a justification for working harder to reduce the frequency of fatal medical errors, the dollar cost should be. The HealthGrades study "estimated that Americans paid an extra \$19 billion in

There is not a direct com- doctors nationwide, esti- medical care costs for the are undermining the nation's

care. While the HealthGrades estimates are questionable because of the broader definition of medical errors and also because of its methodolusing billing data from Medicare patients nationwide — it is painfully obvious that the 1999 Institutes of Medicine report, which was bad enough, and other studies done in the past decade have

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Charley

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go higher.

Insurance companies are like bookies. They lay off the big bets to other bookies, in this case the big reinsurance funds. Thus the economic impact of Hurricane Charley will be felt in Europe, where a lot of those strophic." big reinsurers are located.

When Hurricane Andrew rules haven't hit Florida back in the changed. We 1990s, a number of insur- conform and ance companies were bank- adapt rupted, others left the state nature, not the never to return, and still oth- other way ers restricted the amount of around, or we insurance their agents could pay the penalwrite. Naturally, the rates ty. It is marwent up. Fortunately, so did the building standards, over the loud protests of most developers. The tougher building codes were vindicated, however, in this latest storm. The newer buildings conforming to the tougher codes weathered the storm with relatively light damage, while older structures close by were smashed to pieces.

Ours is a wonderful planet. It sustains life. It is nevertheless a hazardous environ-

ment. We are bombarded tains where they can be with radiation. Some parts of the Earth are radioactive. We have to play tag with hurricanes, tornadoes and tsunamis. We hope we're someplace else when earthquakes happen or volcanoes erupt, and there is the danger that sooner or later a comet or an asteroid will hit us and the grass again.

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the debris is cleared, people will build again in the same low, vulnerable places, betting that the odds are good that another storm will not hit that particular spot. And they are right. The odds are good. That's why people live on the sides of volcanoes, on the seashore, on barrier islands, at the feet of moun-

buried by avalanches, and, yes, why they dare to eat fast food in roadside restaurants.

I'm certainly not going to move. I wasn't especially fond of the tree that blew down anyway, and even with sandy soil, it will be a good while before I have to water As for no

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... the rules haven't changed. We conform and adapt to nature, not the other way around ...' — Charley Reese

Columnist

electricity, air sistent gamblers. As soon as conditioning and still-functioning restaurants. That's the best way to deal with the aftermath of a hurricane, but you have to be lucky, and this time I was.

> Charley Reese is a retired journalist and syndicated columnist for King Features. Write to him at P.O. Box 2446, Orlando, Fla., 32802.

Patients

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not resulted in the kinds of changes needed to make hospitals safer.

shown that medical errors are into little more than assemwidespread, harming up to bly lines for treatment. As one in 25 patients who are doctors and hospitals have to

admitted to the hospital, according to The Globe.

Some of this results the from incompetence or inattentiveness of hospital medical personnel. State boards certify that

doctors and better so they more effectively weed out those who should not be practicing medicine or treating patients. Insurance companies also need to do their part to shut down substandard health care providers.

But more of the problem appears to come from how health care is delivered in the United States. Focusing too much on the bottom line, as both many insurers and many health care providers do, instead of on the quality "Study after study has of care has turned hospitals

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and more patients to Study after study remain solhas shown that vent and hosmedical errors are pitals have to reduce staffs widespread, for the same harming up to one reason, it is surprising in 25 patients ...' more medical Boston Globe errors do not

occur. There is no nurses need to do their jobs easy answer to this problem because it is an integral part of a much larger crisis facing the nation's health care system. As we have noted before in this space, the growing number of uninsured Americans and prescription drug costs rising

much faster than the inflation rate are other important components of this impending breakdown.

None of these individual problems can be solved individually, isolated from the larger set of interrelated issues.

The only real way to bring about a solution to medical errors in hospitals, to the increased number of the uninsured, to ever-escalating drug prices and to the other problems facing the nation's health care delivery system is to address them together.

Doing that requires the active involvement of every group of stakeholders in the health care system health patients, providers, insurers, hospital administrators, the pharmaceutical industry, employers, government at all levels.

This would be a Herculean effort of unprecedented proportion. It would be even larger in scope than the post-9/11 efforts to bolster homeland security. Yet the cost of not doing so — and soon is no less and ultimately could be far greater.

Preparations to cap natural gas well blaze continue

ing to cap a blaze at a natural authorities said. ing since last week.

Houston once soared as high facility in Liberty County.

MOSS BLUFF, Texas as 1,000 feet, but diminished (AP) - Experts were prepart to about 300 feet Monday, woman Frances Jeter said the

gas well that has been burn- - Authorities have revised housed at area hotels is still the number of evacuees from being calculated. She said The fire shooting up from one family to 30. All live residents who lived outside the underground natural gas within a mile of Duke the one-mile radius and felt storage cavern east of Energy's Moss Bluff storage

Duke Energy spokesexact count of evacuees threatened by the fire were also provided lodging.

Expert: Texas school-funding system uses outdated methods

account for uncontrollable dents an adequate education. cost differences between school finance expert testified appealed. Monday.

Colbert, a school finance

Colbert, testifying at a trial challenging the constitutionality of the state's schoolfunding system, said studies have been conducted repeatedly for the Legislature, but "the state ignored them and did not make changes."

In some cases, the Legislature adopted adjustments that were 75 percent of the recommendations, he

said. Hundreds of school districts are suing the state, calling the over-reliance on local property taxes unconstitutional. The districts argue that the

adjustments still used to money to guarantee all stu-student. Exemplary is the

Monday marked the beginschool districts were arbitrari- ning of the third week of the ly chosen by lawmakers 20 trial, which is expected to last years ago based on money until mid-September. Any rul-

For example, the percent- 58 of the 62 school districts vide levels of education, that ages used to compensate for that have been rated exempla- if you have bilingual students, higher costs for bilingual stu- ry for the past three years did you can have consistent dents are a fraction of the rec- not report having any bilin- exemplary status," Colbert ommended costs, said Paul gual students. Two of the said.

AUSTIN (AP) — State state is not providing enough remaining four had only one state's highest ranking.

Colberg called the statistic "startling."

"You either have to assume that nobody in the state cares that the Legislature had to ing by state District Judge about bilingual students or work with at the time, a John Dietz will likely be you have to assume ... that the districts don't have the Later, Colbert testified that resources to be able to pro-

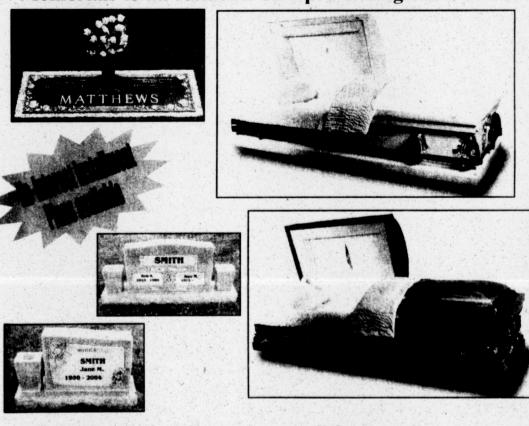


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Dear Abby...

printing the letter from "Wants to Work in Milwaukee," who is HIVpositive, living on disability, and who asked how to explain the 10year gap in her work history. Your response about her privacy was correct. However, as a person living with HIV, and an employment services director at Positive Resource Center (in San Francisco) for people with HIV, I can tell you that many interviewers would regard the "personal reasons" explanation as a red flag.

"Wants to Work" should contact both her local AIDS service organization and her local vocational rehabilitation service. She may need to update her job skills, and she may also need more information, preparation and support. She faces some big hurdles, but with guidance and support she can clear them.

The newly formed National Working Positive Coalition is bringing together the best information about effective services, education and research on HIV and employment. Your readers can find more general information at www.workingpositive.net. Individuals seeking specific advice may want to visit the Workplace forum of TheBody.com.

MARK MISROCK, PRESI-DENT, NATIONAL WORKING POSITIVE COALITION

DEAR MARK: Bless you for reaching out and offering such helpful resources to other HIVpositive readers who are ready to re-enter the workforce. Yours is one of several I received. Read

DEAR ABBY: Please advise "Wants to Work" (and others with a gap in work history, regardless of NIA the reason) that an excellent way to re-enter the job market is to first begin working at a temporary agency. There are many opportunities in temping -- secretarial work, project management, accounting, technical writing and engineering, to name a few.

After staying home with my children for seven years, I found

DEAR ABBY: Thank you for temping a great way to transition back into the job market. I also made wonderful business contacts who gave me excellent (and recent) references when I applied for my current job as an executive director of a nonprofit organiza-

WORKING WOMAN, NOBLESVILLE, IND.

DEAR WORKING WOMAN: Thank you for another practical suggestion.

DEAR ABBY: There are several ways that "Wants to Work" can include information in a resume without revealing that she has been out of the workforce for 10 years. She can find resume-writing books at most bookstores, and she should look for "functional" resumes. These documents focus on job skills, rather than the dates and types of positions held. This strategy allows writers to showcase their abilities, rather than their age or specific places of employment.

- ENGLISH TEACHER IN THE EAST

DEAR **ENGLISH** TEACHER: There are also businesses that help people create strong resumes.

DEAR ABBY: The dilemma faced by "Wants to Work" is not unusual in this day and age. She should contact her local AIDS services organization. There are advocates available to help people make the transition from being disabled to returning to work, and to go over the benefits, medical coverage, and how to make the transition without unnecessarily jeopardizing their coverage or health.

TERRI IN PENNSYLVA-

DEAR TERRI: That's valuable information. The Social Security Administration also has booklets on returning to work after being disabled.

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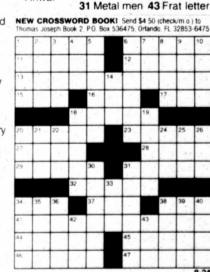


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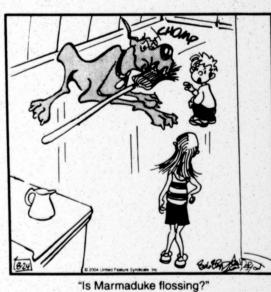
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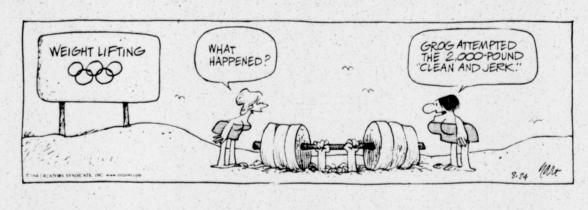
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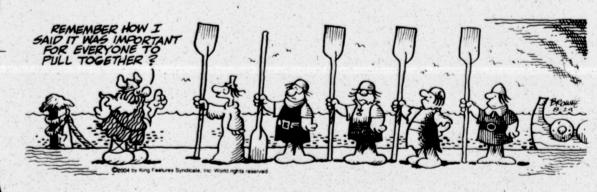
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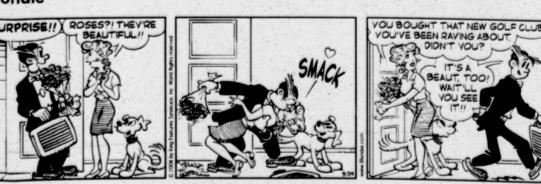


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B&B Pharmacy offers personal service

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Home-owned and operated, B&B Pharmacy is dedicated to providing personal service to all of its customers. Dennis Roark and his wife Donna have owned the local pharmacy since 1988.

The pharmacy offers a full line of medical needs, including ostomy supplies. Special orders can be obtained in one day. Crutches, canes, braces and wraps are always in stock. Medical needs for sportsrelated injuries can also be found.

Customers at B&B Pharmacy receive personal service from the Roarks. "We try to make our customers feel comfortable and

A small town pharmacy free to ask any questions Roark.

> The staff at B&B Pharmacy strive to provide the personal service a big chain cannot provide.

"We try to stay away from the personalities of a big chain where you are just a number," he said. "Drugs have some interactions that can cause serious medical problems. We welcome our customers to come to us with any concerns about interactions with their medications. It is important to us to know them and their needs."

"If any person has questions about the over-thecounter medications and possible reactions with their prescriptions, I would be more than happy to assist them."

Long time customers offers services a larger pharthey might have," said know that the staff at B&B Pharmacy will do all they can to meet the needs of their customers. New customers will find the personal service appealing to them.

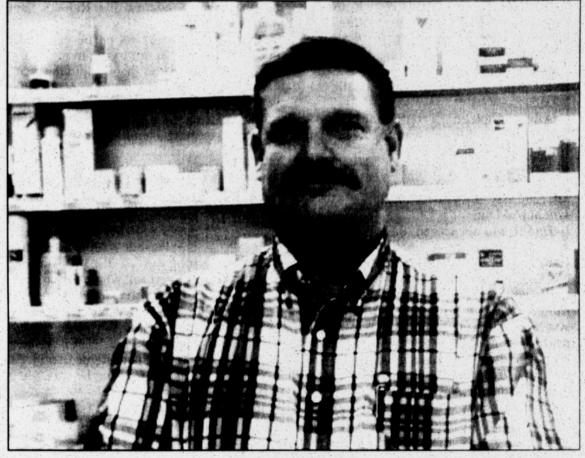
"We want to provide our customers with their needs," said Roark. "New customers are always welcome."

The store covers almost all insurance plans.

B&B also provides free prescription delivery serv-

The pharmacy is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., on Saturdays. The business is closed on Sundays and holi-

B&B Pharmacy is located at 300 N. Ballard, and their phone number is 665-5788.



Pharmacist Dennis Roark provides friendly service to customers at the local B&B Pharmacy at 300 N. Ballard. Business phone for the pharmacy is 665-5788.



▲ Located at 300 N. Ballard, B&B Pharmacy has been owned by Roark and his wife Donna since 1988. Customers at B&B Pharmacy receive personal service from the couple and their staff that a large company cannot provide.

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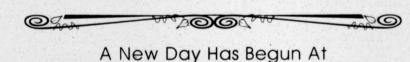
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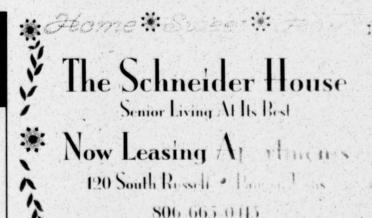
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Levelland player hospitalized

football player has been paralyzed from the neck down after suffering a neck injury in a caught a helmet on the top of his head and that may have compressed his vertebra and

supposed to spike the ball to stop the clock, not dive into the end zone for the gamewinning touchdown.

"He made a mistake there, but he got away with it," coach Bill Parcells said

After completing a fourth-and-9 pass to rookie tight end Sean Ryan to the 1, Romo

lined up his team. But instead of spiking the ball, he scored on a keeper with six seconds left Saturday night in the 21-20 win at Oakland.

Had Romo not scored, there wouldn't have been enough time to reset for another play.

"Romo communicated to the team, so the team was on the same page. Unfortunately, it was the wrong page," Parcells said. "He got them up there right, but then ... It was a good learning experience. He got away with it. And we are laughing about it."

Those are the kind of mistakes to smile about, especially in the preseason.

The Cowboys resumed practice Monday at Valley Ranch after three weeks of camp in California and two exhibition games on the road. There are three weeks and two home games until the regular season opener. Sept. 12 at Minnesota.

Parcells said he is looking for steady progress on offense and saw it in the second game. Then again, the Cowboys were shut out and had four turnovers in the exhibition opener.

The first-team offense with Vinny Testaverde still hasn't scored a touchdown, settling for field goals on all three of its

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — A Levelland

Jeremy Green, a senior cornerback at

Levelland, was injured Friday while mak-

ing a tackle in a srimmage in Hobbs, N.M.

He's the 10th Texas high school football

player in five years to suffer a spinal cord

Green made a tackle and it was hard to say

Levelland coach Brad Thiessen said

PLAYER PARALYZED

scrimmage, his coach said.

how he got hurt.

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Tony Romo was first-half drives against the Raiders. But that's not a concern for Parcells.

"It's not like we're on an all-out attack here," he said. "I'm not trying to make any excuses. We did better than we did the week before. I get the sense here from people that you expect us to turn from an average offensive team to a juggernaut after two weeks of training camp. We're not doing that.'

Testaverde, who helped Parcells' New York Jets team get to the AFC championship game in 1998, was 13-of-17 passing for 124 yards. Parcells is pleased with the steady progress of the 40-year-old quarterback who hasn't played a full season since 2001.

"That's what encourages me to give him more work," Parcells said. "I think he's through that fatigue period. At least he told me he was. He's not really tired.'

 Bill Parcells Parcells hasn't determined Head Coach, Dallas if Henson or Romo — neither Cowbovs of which has played in a regular-season game — will be

> the backup. Henson, away from football the past

three years while pursing a pro baseball career, was solid again by hitting 7 of 9 passes for 53 yards.

"Well, I'm giving him some more work. I think he is improving," Parcells said. "His execution is OK. His game management is still a little rough around the edges, just getting the plays, the formations.'

Henson said he is confident about what he has done so far and hopes to have eased concerns about his time away from football.

"His head may have been too low and

cracked his neck," Thiessen said in a story

for Tuesday's Lubbock Avalanche-Journal.

in critical condition in surgical intensive

care and is on a respirator. His coach said he

has been awake and alert since he was hurt.

Levelland players Saturday to help them

deal with Green's injury.

Thiessen said counselors met with

Green remains hospitalized in Lubbock



Photo by STEPHEN ROGERS

I'm waiting

Sophomore Kenzi Nickell awaits a serve at a recent Lady Harvester JV match. The Lady Harvester JV team travels to Borger this Saturday and Sunday for tournament play. The varsity squad will be taking part in the Graham Varsity Tournament this weekend.

Clemens pitches through pain for win

hurting and his heart was aching, Roger Clemens pitched through the pain.

The Rocket lasted long enough for his first win in almost a month — the 323rd victory of his career — and Carlos Beltran hit a three-run homer to lead the Houston Astros over the Philadelphia Phillies 8-4 Monday night.

Clemens, who left in the fourth inning of his start against the Phillies last week after injuring his right calf, hobbled around on the injured leg throughout much of his impressive seven-inning outing. He also revealed after the game that he has been mourning the death of his college roommate earlier this week.

"It was a little bit of a heavy heart for me out there," said Clemens, limping noticeably around the clubhouse. "The calf was in a state where it was giving me problems. At that point, it's all adrenaline."

Clemens (13-4) fought through the discomfort, allowing only two runs and five

HOUSTON (AP) — Though his leg was hits in his first win in five starts since July 28 against Arizona. He also had eight strikeouts — his most since the win over the Diamondbacks — and two walks.

The 42-year-old right-hander trails Hall of Famers Nolan Ryan and Don Sutton by one win for 12th place on the career list.

Clemens even drew a standing ovation when he fielded a comebacker by Jason Michaels and scampered over to first base to tag Michaels for the inning's final out. The Rocket barreled over Michaels, knocking off the left fielder's hat and tumbling to the ground as he completed the play.

"Once I made eye contact, I knew had to get him," Clemens said. "I knew I couldn't afford to let him get to the base.'

Michaels angrily popped up off the turf after the play, but Clemens quickly gave him a pat on the back to diffuse any trouble.

"I knew he didn't mean to do it that hard," Michaels said. "But I was (upset) anyway. He apologized afterward and I knew he just couldn't stop."

2004 Olympic Medal Table

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Through Aug. 23 184 completed medal events

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Johan Santana is becoming a top contender for the AL Cy Young Award.

enth straight decision, and the Minnesota = Twins padded their lead in the AL Central 'I'm just doing with a 7-4 victory over the Texas Rangers on

Monday night. "If he keeps pitching like that, he's got a serious shot," Twins manager Ron

Gardenhire said. Santana (14-6) gave up four hits, struck out

11 and walked one to help the Twins win for the seventh time in eight games, stretching their division lead over Cleveland to eight

Santana, who hasn't lost since July 11, struck out Brian Jordan in the second inning end of the season. to give him 200 this season — the first Twins pitcher with that many since Bert Blyleven had 215 in 1986. Santana has 10 double-digit strikeout games this year, 13 for his career.

"He has three quality pitches - a good fastball, changeup and slider - and that makes for a very good pitcher," Gardenhire said.

Santana already has his most career victories and has gone at least six innings in his last 13 starts. He insists he's more concerned about team achievements than postseason

"I'm just doing my job," he said. "If you're healthy and

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — With each stellar outing, perform, a lot of things will take care of themselves. Winning will take care of things at the end of the season."

Santana said his ability to throw his fastball for quality Santana allowed one run in eight innings to win his sev- strikes makes his other pitches even more effective. The majority of Santana's strikeouts Monday

night came on changeups set up by his fast-

"That's the difference between this year and last year," Santana said. "If you locate your fastball, it helps all the other pitches. My changeup is very good. I'm getting ahead in the count and that gives me more pitches to things will take care work with. I'll throw any pitch at any time."

The Rangers started the night third in the majors in homers and extra-base hits, but Santana limited Texas to one homer. care of things at the

"He had a great night," Texas' Alfonso Soriano said. "He was very awesome. He had a great fastball and a very good breaking ball. - Johan Santana I think right now he's the toughest pitcher in Pitcher, Minnesota the league."

Twins Shannon Stewart and Henry Blanco homered for the Twins in their first matchup with the Rangers this season. The teams began a

stretch of seven games in 11 days.

Kenny Rogers (15-6) allowed nine baserunners during the first three innings and remains two short of matching his career high for victories set in 1995. Rogers gave up six runs and 10 hits in 5 2-3 innings.

United States draws Spain in quarterfinals

By CHRIS SHERIDAN The Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece (AP) - When a day of drama had ended and the quarterfinal pairings were set, the news was not great for the United States.

In order to get to the semifinals and possibly the gold medal game, first the Americans will have to defeat Spain the team that left the widest wake of impressed and defeated opponents during the preliminary round.

"I don't know anything about them," Tim Duncan said of Spain after the Americans cruised past Angola 89-53 to finish the opening round with a

record of 3-2.

Here's the scoop, Timmy: The Spaniards have finesse yet are physical, they're led by an NBA player who's tougher than he looks, and they usually shoot 3-pointers the same way your teammates do - not all that well.

Spain's players had an opportunity Monday to take it easy against New Zealand, lose a game and thereby knock Serbia-Montenegro out of medal contention. Instead, they banged bodies as though it was a wrestling match, won by four points and let Serbia-Montenegro selfdestruct later in the day.

"This is the Olympic stage, the setting for miracles," China guard Liu Wei said after his team stunned the defending world champions 67-66 to advance to the quarterfinals and relegate Serbia-Montenegro to Tuesday's 11th-place game against winless Angola.

In other games with medal-round ramifications, Greece defeated Puerto Rico 78-58 and Italy edged Argentina 76-75.

The matchups for Thursday's quarterfinals are Lithuania-China, Italy-Puerto Rico, Greece-Argentina and Spain-United States.

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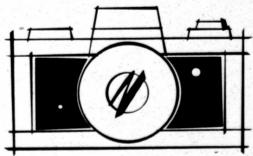
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self and your decisions. If you are sin-

gle, you might find yourself in a very

romantic relationship. This person could

attached, your sweetie will become

more independent, but also equally

intense and exciting. Learn to talk

through issues rather make the decision

on your own. You also might add to your

domestic count, whether it is a child,

grandchild or animal. CAPRICORN

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll

Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-

★★★ When all's said and done, you are

the person who makes a difference and

has an impact at work or wherever you

choose to be today. Your ideas come from a logical place, though you might

just be choosing to express thoughts you

have been mulling over. Tonight: Follow

your instincts about a boss or a must

**** Express willingness to do

whatever is needed to make the grade, at

work or in whatever realm of your life

necessary. You are full of life, vivacious

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LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ A lot goes on behind the scenes. Either personal matters are involved or a crucial work decision might be coming up. Do research; go within to find out how you feel intuitively. You'll gain insight and note a forgotten conversation or detail. Shake up the status quo if necessary. Tonight: Trust yourself.

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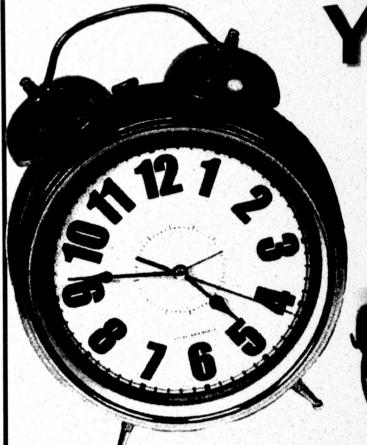
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