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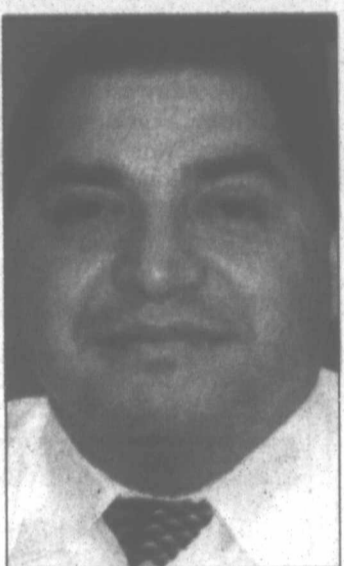
## CC Pampa Center welcomes new dean

**By KERRI SMITH**  
Staff Writer  
Clarendon College Pampa Center now has a new dean, since David Bradford recently resigned to move back to Oklahoma. Raymond Jaramillo will move to Pampa from Clarendon to assume the position just in time for the fall semester. Dr. William Auvenshine, interim president of Clarendon College, said he is very excited to have such a

qualified individual to take over for Bradford at the Pampa campus. "Raymond Jaramillo was an administrative dean at the Clarendon campus for a few years and he did an outstanding job in that position," Auvenshine said. "I think he will fit into the community of Pampa very well. He has a strong background in finances, specifically financial aid, business and recruiting. Of course, we would like to increase the enroll-

ment at the Pampa campus. "He will also bring knowledge of the prison system with him and that is great because we would like to start a program with the prison in Pampa in the near future. I feel he will be an asset to the community and campus." Jaramillo and his wife will move to Pampa soon and are excited to live closer to his daughter and grandson. "My daughter lives here in Pampa and she recently got a

job as an X-ray technician at the Pampa hospital and her son will be in kindergarten this year," Jaramillo said. "My son is with the National Guard and is in Iraq as a gunner or driver of armored vehicles." Jaramillo has two bachelor's degrees, one in finance and the other in management, that he earned at West Texas State University. He also has a master's degree in



Jaramillo

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Jeremy Mears of Pampa was one of 14 in the Boys Group III calf riding during Monday night's Kid Pony Show at Top O' Texas Rodeo Arena in Recreation Park, 1600 E. Highway 60. The final performance begins at 7 tonight at the arena.

Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS

## Kid Pony Show rides tough

**By MARILYN POWERS**  
Staff Writer  
Kid Pony Show entrants displayed their rodeo skills at Monday night's event despite uncooperative livestock which demonstrated minds of their own. No calf riding contestants in Group III stayed on their rides for the required minimum time to earn a score. That would not happen until Yancie McCuiston of Pampa scored a 56 in Group IV.

Horses sometimes proved to be a challenge, also. A few mounts in the flag race seemed bothered by the bright yellow barrels used in the race, or perhaps did not understand what needed to be done. One girl's steed began to fall midway through her pole bending run, but the entrant showed her riding skills by staying in the saddle and getting the horse upright to finish

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## Public hearing on tax rate

The city commission of Pampa will conduct a public hearing at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday to hear comments relative to adopting a tax rate of 69 cents per \$100 of valuation on taxable property to fund the proposed budget for the fiscal year 2007-2008. This hearing will take place on the third floor of city hall, 201 W. Kingsmill, in the city commission chamber.

## Wyoming homicide suspect jailed here

**By MARILYN POWERS**  
Staff Writer  
A suspect in a Wyoming homicide was arrested in Pampa Monday afternoon after Police Chief Trevlyn Pitner just happened to be in the right place at the right time. Pitner had been at Wal Mart Supercenter, 2801 Perryton Parkway, to meet with the store's management concerning an anticipated visit by the suspect. As Pitner left the store's parking lot at about 2:30 p.m., the vehicle described in connection with the suspect turned off Perryton Parkway. "I met the car, and made eye contact with the driver," Pitner said. "I let them pass, then I turned around. They

went inside." Rock Springs, Wyo., law enforcement officers had called Pampa Police Department on Sunday concerning the suspect, Pitner said. They shared information on a homicide which occurred Wednesday in Rock Springs. "They had information that the suspect is Dwayne Keith Myers and that he may be in this area over the next few days," Pitner said. "They sent photos and a description of the vehicle." Myers was reportedly driving the homicide victim's car, a beige 1996 Honda Accord with Wyoming license plates. A

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## B-17 warplane on display

**By MARILYN POWERS**  
Staff Writer  
Area residents will get a chance to see and ride in a World War II-era aircraft Sunday at Amarillo International Airport. The Liberty Belle, a restored B-17 Bomber, will be at the airport and available for flights from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. There are only 14 B-17s that still fly today, according to information from the Liberty Foundation in Tulsa, Okla. Also known as the "Flying Fortress," it carried a crew of 10, which included five gunners. Equipment included 13 .50-caliber machine guns, and bombs could be dropped from the plane. During World War II, the B-17s were operated primarily by the 8th

Air Force in Europe, and flew many missions from England. They were known for their ability to take and withstand heavy combat damage and return safely home, and also earned combatants' respect with their firepower, according to a press release by the Liberty Foundation. Following World War II, B-17s were used in Korea and Vietnam, and Israel used them in the war of 1948. The Liberty Belle that will be in Amarillo Sunday is not the original Liberty Belle, which was turned into salvage in 1945. It is the result of effort by the son of the original Liberty Belle's tail

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Courtesy photo  
Liberty Belle, a B-17 of World War II vintage, will be on display from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday at Amarillo International Airport. The B-17 was known as the "Flying Fortress" and was also used in Korea and Vietnam.

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Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 87. Windy, with a south-southwest wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 70. Windy, with a south wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Thursday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 89. Windy, with a south-southwest wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 70. Windy, with a south-southwest wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Friday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1 p.m. Partly cloudy, with a high near 86. South-southwest wind around 15 mph.

Friday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 69. South-southwest wind between 5 and 15 mph.

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Milo	4.98
Corn	5.67
Soybeans	6.74

The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa	
OXY	55.41 +0.37
BP PLC ADR	64.30 -0.30
Cabot Corp	39.01 -0.22
Celanese	33.23 +0.61
Cabot Oil Gas	32.65 +0.01
Coca Cola	54.48 -0.04
VLO	63.81 -0.22
HAL	32.80 +0.17
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MCD	48.65 +0.36
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Wal-Mart	43.49 -0.10
OKE	45.93 -0.02

New York Gold	666.50
Silver	11.74
West Texas Crude	71.12

**TxDOT to consider allowing cities to permit electronic billboards**

AUSTIN (AP) — Electronic billboards with changeable advertising could be allowed in Texas under rules being considered by the state Transportation Commissioner.

The rules being given preliminary review Thursday would still require home-rule cities to allow the billboards and would not permit them on rural highways. Cities would have the final say whether the signs would be allowed.

Any signs that are allowed could no have moveable images, such as constantly scrolling images. The image on the billboard could not change more than once every eight seconds and the switch to the new message would have to occur within two seconds.

"Movement is the thing we want to prohibit," said John Campbell, the state Transportation Department's right of way division director.

"Movement is the bigger safety concern than anything else. You want to minimize that distracting effect."

Preliminary approval would start a 90-day public comment period, including a public hearing, before a final vote.

Despite the limitations of the proposed rule change, Margaret Lloyd, policy director for Scenic Texas, said her organization will oppose it.

"We think this is very premature," Lloyd said. "The jury's still out on safety; the jury's still out on cost; the jury's still out on public will."

Lloyd contends that the Federal Highway Administration, in a 2006 exchange of letters with the state Transportation Department, said that electronic billboards were not legal under a 1972 contract between the federal agency and the state.

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**Pioneer Cottage**



Tiffany Britton, from left, and Caitlyn Tracy touched up the trim on the porch of Pioneer Cottage recently. Girl Scouts scraped, primed and painted the porch of the historic home as a service to the community.

**Emergency Services**

**Pampa PD**

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Eleven traffic stops were made, resulting in at least one arrest. One stop in the 1700 block of Hamilton also involved possession of drug paraphernalia.

Traffic complaints were received from the intersection of 18th and Lynn streets, the 400 block of North Perry and the intersection of 19th and Hobart streets.

An information report in the 600 block of East Frederic involved an abandoned vehicle. The owner was located and the vehicle was removed.

Vehicle accidents were reported in the 200 block of East Brown and the 2800 block of Charles.

Driving while intoxicated was reported in the 1800 block of Hamilton.

Animal control officers made stops concerning animals in the 900 block of Malone, the 800 block of Beryl, the 1500 block of North Dwight, twice in the 300 block of North Banks, once in the 2100 block of North Russell, the 2800 block of Charles, at an unreported location, the 1200 block of East Foster, the 1800 block of North Banks and the 400 block of North Cuyler.

Welfare checks were made in the 600 block of South Barnes and the intersection of Highways 60 and 70.

A runaway was reported

in the police department lobby. The incident occurred in the 2800 block of Rosewood. The runaway was later found in the 1000 block of North Sumner.

Lost property was reported in the 400 block of North Perry.

Warrant service was attempted on three occasions, resulting in at least one arrest.

A suspicious person call was received from the intersection of Craven and Cuyler streets.

Suspicious vehicle calls were received from the intersection of Magnolia and Francis streets, the 2100 block of North Banks, the 600 block of East Frederic and Recreation Park and the 1600 block of East Highway 60, where an arrest was made in connection with the incident.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 200 block of West 30th, the intersection of Wilks and Faulkner streets, the 200 block of Miami, the 1000 block of South Wells and the 700 block of East Murphy.

Criminal trespass was reported in the police department lobby and in the 1000 block of Sierra.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1300 block of Coffee. A hole was knocked in a wall and a window was broken. Estimated cost of damage is \$100.

Criminal mischief was reported at Top of Texas Ice Co., 1945 N. Hobart. A plate glass window valued at \$250 was broken.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 400 block of Hill. An arrest was made in connection with the incident.

A bomb threat was reported in the 200 block of North Russell.

Two alarms were reported.

One open door was checked.

Theft was reported in the 100 block of North Faulkner.

Two rings and a necklace were taken. Estimated value of loss was \$1,240. The rings were later returned to the owner, but the necklace, valued at \$225, is still missing.

Theft was reported in the 900 block of South Sumner. City of Pampa water valued at \$50 was taken.

Theft was reported in the 200 block of North Nelson. A wallet and contents were taken. Estimated value of loss is unknown.

Theft was reported at Allsup's, 1025 W. Wilks. Two 30-packs of beer were taken. Estimated value of loss is \$46.

Theft was reported in the police department lobby and the 300 block of North Hobart.

A gas drive-off was reported at Allsup's, 1900 N. Hobart. Fuel valued at \$5 was taken.

Credit card abuse was reported in the 1600 block of North Hobart. The incident occurred at an unknown location, and estimated value of loss is \$53.

**Sheriff**

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests today.

**Monday, Aug. 20**

William Alexander Lynch, 31, of Sacramento, Calif., was arrested by GCSO on a bond surrender for possession of marijuana.

Stanley Erle Nash, 39, of Seattle, Wash., was arrested by GCSO on bond surrenders for assaulting a public servant and resisting arrest with a weapon.

Brian Lane Sealman, 24, of Pampa was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety for assault causing bodily injury.

Christopher Lynn McCroskey, 21, of Perryton was arrested in the 2800 block of Charles by Pampa Police Department for theft.

Dwayne Keith Myers, 23, of Perryton was arrested in

the 2800 block of Charles by PPD on a Sweetwater County, Wyo., fugitive warrant for homicide.

**Tuesday, Aug. 21**

Lonny Ray Austin, 50, of Dumas was arrested at Recreation Park by PPD on capias pro fines for three counts of issuing a bad check.

Kenneth Dale Putman, 24, of Pampa was arrested in the 500 block of South Russell by PPD for no valid driver's license, failure to maintain financial responsibility, displaying expired registration, failure to appear and a probation violation for criminal mischief.

**Fire**

Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

**Monday, Aug. 20**

6:58 a.m. — One unit and four personnel responded to the 900 block of Barnard on a call for medical assistance.

8:37 — Two units and eight personnel responded to the 200 block of North Russell on a bomb threat.

9:34 a.m. — One unit and five personnel responded to the 500 block of Doyle on a call for lifting assistance.

6:57 p.m. — Three units and nine personnel responded to the 300 block of Jean on an electrical fire.

**Ambulance**

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

**Monday, Aug. 20**

8:35 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 200 block of North Russell on a standby.

6:27 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the Top O' Texas Rodeo at Recreation Park for a standby.

**European Union urges Texas to halt executions**

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) — The European Union today urged the governor of Texas to halt executions and introduce a moratorium on capital punishment in the United States' busiest death penalty state.

In an unusual direct appeal, the EU said Texas Gov. Rick Perry must "exercise all powers vested in his office" to halt the impending 400th execution since Texas resumed carrying out death sentences in 1982.

The execution of Johnny Ray Conner is scheduled for this week. He is to die for the shooting death of a Houston grocery store owner during an attempted holdup in 1998.

"The European Union notes with great regret the upcoming execution in the State of Texas," the bloc said in a statement.

The death penalty is banned in the 27-nation EU, which also fights for its the global abolition.

"The irreversibility of the punishment means that miscarriages of justice — which are inevitable in all legal systems — cannot be redressed," the EU said in a statement.

# Damaged Endeavour lands in Florida after dramatic mission

By **MARCIA DUNN**  
AP Aerospace Writer  
CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Space shuttle Endeavour returned to Earth today, ending a nearly two-week orbital drama that centered on a deep gouge in the shuttle's belly and an early homecoming prompted by a hurricane.

The space shuttle swooped out of the partly cloudy sky and touched down on the runway at 12:32 p.m.

"Congratulations. Welcome home. You've given a new meaning to higher education," Mission Control told commander Scott Kelly and his crew, which included teacher-turned-astronaut Barbara

Morgan. The main concern for much of the mission was the gouge to Endeavour's protective tiles. NASA did not want the shuttle to suffer any structural damage that, while not catastrophic, might require lengthy postflight repairs. Over the past few days and right up until landing,

NASA had stressed that the 3 1/2-inch-long gouge in Endeavour's belly would not endanger the shuttle during its landing. In 2003, a damaged wing on shuttle Columbia had allowed hot gases to seep in during the re-entry, tearing the shuttle apart. There was zero chance of a Columbia-style catastro-

phe this time, NASA managers insisted, although they acknowledged re-entry was always risky. The damaged area on Endeavour was subjected to 2,000-degree temperatures during the hottest part of atmospheric re-entry, but engineers were convinced after a week of thermal analyses and tests that the

spacecraft would hold up. With its pilots reporting no problems, Endeavour zoomed over the South Pacific, crossed Central America and Cuba, then headed up the Florida peninsula into Kennedy Space Center. Its trip spanned 13 days and 5.3 million miles.

## Cool snow cones



Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS  
**Josh Stevens, Jaylee Barker and Travis Stevens, all of Pampa, beat the heat with ice-cold snow cones. Travis' cone features a pair of pickle slices on top.**

## Texas officials stand down, lift Dean evacuation orders

By **LYNN BREZOSKY**  
Associated Press Writer  
HARLINGEN, Texas (AP) — Texans eased up their storm readiness today as a weakened Hurricane Dean blew westward across Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula on a path that was expected to bring nothing more than higher surf to the state.

The top official for Texas' southernmost county, Cameron County Judge Carlos Cascos, said he would release Texas National Guard soldiers and lift both a mandatory evacuation of trailers and recreational vehicles on vulnerable South Padre Island and a countywide voluntary evacuation.

In neighboring Hidalgo County, Judge J.D. Salinas said he planned to officially deactivate National Guard and other state resources. More than 500 buses were being released from standby for evacuations that were never ordered.

Dean struck land early today just north of the Mexico-Belize border as a Category 5 hurricane with sustained wind of nearly 165 mph.

It quickly lost some of that wind speed over land, but Dean was still the third most intense hurricane to make landfall since record-keeping began in the 1850s, the National Hurricane Center said today.

## Rodeo

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the run. All contestants were awarded blue participant ribbons and bandanas. The final performance of the Kid Pony Show starts at 7 p.m. today at the Top O' Texas Rodeo Arena in Recreation Park, 1600 E. Highway 60. Winners in Monday night's competition, listed in order of first, second and third place, are:  
Calf Riding, Group III: Walker Kennedy, Pampa; Kolton Simpson, White Deer; Brody Isbell, Fritch.  
Calf Riding, Group IV: Yancie McCuistion, Pampa; Paden Watson, Pampa; Zachary Stephenson, Amarillo.  
Flag Race, Girls Group III: Rilee

Didway, Pampa; Holland Poole, Pampa; no qualified time.  
Flag Race, Boys Group III: Christian Leith, Pampa; Brody Isbell, Fritch; Hadley Freeman, White Deer.  
Flag Race, Girls Group IV: Macy Cochran, Pampa; Kelsey Ham, Fritch; Karlee Vigil, White Deer.  
Flag Race, Boys Group IV: Zachary Stephenson, Amarillo; Chance Douglas, Pampa; Yancie McCuistion, Pampa.  
Pole Bending, Girls Group III: Rilee Didway, Pampa; Holland Poole, Pampa; London Lowrey, Pampa.  
Pole Bending, Boys Group III: Brody Isbell, Fritch; Dalton O'Gorman, Shamrock; Christian Leith, Pampa.  
Pole Bending, Girls Group IV: Saige Casey, Dalhart; Macy Cochran, Pampa; Kirstie Kasch, Skellytown.  
Goat Undecorating, Girls Group III:

Holland Poole, Pampa; Rilee Didway, Pampa; London Lowrey, Pampa.  
Goat Undecorating, Girls Group IV: Karlee Vigil, White Deer; Saige Casey, Dalhart; Mace Cochran, Pampa.  
Goat Undecorating, Boys Group IV: Yancie McCuistion, Pampa; Chance Douglas, Pampa; Colten Ensey, Pampa.  
Barrel Race, Girls Group III: Rilee Didway, Pampa; London Lowrey, Pampa; Holland Poole, Pampa.  
Barrel Race, Boys Group III: Brody Isbell, Fritch; Dalton O'Gorman, Shamrock; Christian Leith, Pampa.  
Barrel Race, Girls Group IV: Saige Casey, Dalhart; Kelsey Ham, Fritch; Karlee Vigil, White Deer.  
Barrel Race, Boys Group IV: Yancie McCuistion, Pampa; Colten Ensey, Pampa; no qualified time.

## Suspect

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vehicle matching that description was the one which Pitner met as he left Wal Mart Monday afternoon. A person in the vehicle looked like the same person in the photographs which had been sent by Rock Springs officers, Pitner said. Myers was expected to go to the Pampa supercenter to pick up a money order, according to Rock Springs officers, Pitner said. He had gone to the store to work out a plan with store management for handling the expected visit.

Pitner called for backup after meeting the car and seeing the suspect, and an undercover officer arrived and followed the suspect and the car's other occupant into the store. "They tried to do the money transaction, but failed. Then, when they returned to the car, we arrested them," Pitner said. Rock Springs investigators had been working with Myers' relatives and traced e-mail messages he allegedly sent, according to the Associated Press. Myers, 23, who gave a Perryton address at the time of arrest, was booked into Gray County Jail at 3 p.m. Monday on a Sweetwater County, Wyo., fugitive warrant for homicide. The other occupant of the vehicle, Christopher Lynn McCroskey, 21, also

of Perryton, was booked into the jail on a charge of theft, according to jail records. Myers is accused of the strangulation death of Carrie A. Sullivan, 25, who worked at a Rock Springs motel and whose body was found Wednesday in a room of the motel, the Economy Guest Village, according to the AP. The room had been registered to Myers, according to an affidavit cited by the AP. Sullivan had also been raped. "Rock Springs investigators flew in last night to interview the suspects and process the car," Pitner said. "He's been here before," Pitner said of Myers. "He has some connection to Pampa, but we don't know what at this point."

## Dean

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finance from Wayland Baptist University. "I learned a lot about the community college system since the position of dean of administrative services involved the business office, book store, dining facilities and maintenance," Jaramillo said. Auvenshine said that Clarendon College is starting to discuss the possibility of implementing a maintenance and operating tax which would be used for the staff and physical building in Pampa.

"If we decide to add this tax, it would never exceed 5 cents and would only be used for facilities and staff in Gray County," Auvenshine said. When asked what the college would do to make up for the \$154 million veto that Gov. Perry signed recently for community colleges, Auvenshine said he and others are hoping that the Legislature will have those funds reinstated to Texas community colleges. Clarendon College could lose \$461,000 if the veto stays in place. "Rep. Warren Chisum and Sen. Duncan are working on the behalf of community colleges to try and have these funds restored," Auvenshine said. "Both of these men and others have been great advocates of higher education so we are confident that this

problem will be resolved." Fall classes begin on Aug. 29 and registration is currently under way at Clarendon College Pampa Center from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday. They will also have evening registration for those people who cannot take time off of work to go by the college. Evening registration will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday and next week on Monday and Tuesday. Students can register for fall classes through Sept. 10. For more information on classes or registration, contact the office at 665-8801 or visit the Web site at www.clarendoncollege.edu.

## B-17

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gunner, Elton Brooks. Don Brooks founded the Liberty Foundation, a non-profit museum dedicated to preserving U.S. aviation history, and bought a B-17 in 1992 to be restored. He chose to paint the B-17 as the Liberty Belle of the 390th bomb group

as a tribute to his father. After 12 years of restoration to its full wartime configuration, the current Liberty Belle flew for the first time in 38 years on Dec. 8, 2004. The plane went on its first nationwide tour of more than 50 cities in 2005. Those attending Sunday's event will have the opportunity to take a 30-minute flight in the Liberty Belle. Forty-five minutes is allowed for the entire flight experience, in order to include a pre-flight safety briefing.

During the flight, passengers are allowed to move about the aircraft to the different combat crew positions. The cost of the flight is \$395 for Liberty Foundation members and \$430 for non-members. Passengers may become Liberty Foundation members and receive the member discount for family and friends. For more information on the Liberty Foundation, visit the Web site at www.libertyfoundation.org.

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# Viewpoints

## Everything's peachy while Nature's bounty lasts

This time of year is the favorite of fruit and vegetable lovers.

On street corners and vacant lots, as well as roadside stands along highways, fresh produce is ripe and ready for savoring.

Dedicated gardeners have tended their plants in plots of varying sizes, and the result of all that effort is for sale everywhere you look.

Seasonal fresh produce is available, too, in local supermarkets, in contrast to the lean months when far fewer choices are in the bins.

Many of us get our hands on some of this bounty free of charge. Not a growing

season goes by that doesn't include at least one free mess of okra, green beans, squash, peppers and/or tomatoes for me to take home.

This abundance has prompted some to joke about being inundated with far more fruit and vegetables than they will ever eat.

One variety of vegetable which has been the butt of some of these jokes is the zucchini. I have heard humorous stories about people finding zucchini left on their doorstep during the night, having sackfuls of the green vegetable thrust upon them, and getting heartily sick and tired of the things

before their supply runs out.

Out of curiosity, I checked out some Web sites to see how many different types of zucchini recipes I could find.

I was amazed. I had heard of zucchini bread, and of course it can be cooked as a vegetable dish without any special bells or whistles. But I had no idea it could be everything from an appetizer to a main dish to dessert.

I found recipes for zucchini stuffed with turkey, beef

or any meat of your choice, meat pies with zucchini, Italian pasta with zucchini, stew with zucchini, zucchini pizza, zucchini casserole, zucchini salad, various zucchini muffins and cakes, zucchini Creole, zucchini pickles, zucchini appetizers, grilled zucchini sandwiches, zucchini dip and even zucchini brownies. Wouldn't those be zucchini greenies?

I can see why taste buds might revolt at too much of a

good thing. These days, fewer people can or freeze fresh food for the winter months. Whatever they get right now in the way of fresh produce, they either eat or wind up throwing away.

Still, it is wonderful to be able to get fresh produce that has not ridden thousands of miles to get here. There is just no comparison between fresh and canned or frozen. The flavor is never quite the same, nor is the texture and color.

Another advantage to home-grown goodies is that at least you have an idea how it was raised. In these days of global trade, it has almost

become an act of suicidal daring to eat food grown in another country, where production methods are different.

That brings to mind a thought I've had for some time now. If we can't drink another country's water without getting Montezuma's revenge, why do we think it's safe for us to eat their food?

I'm going to enjoy Nature's bounty as long as it lasts. Soon enough I'll be missing those plump, brightly-colored garden products.

For right now, though, everything's just peachy.



**Marilyn Powers**  
Staff Writer

## Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Aug. 21, the 233rd day of 2007. There are 132 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

Two hundred years ago, on Aug. 21, 1807, Robert Fulton's North River Steamboat set off from Albany on its return trip to New York, arriving some 30 hours later.

On this date:

In 1831, former slave Nat Turner led a violent insurrection in Virginia. (He was later executed.)

In 1858, the first of the famous debates between Illinois senatorial contenders Abraham Lincoln and Stephen Douglas took place.

In 1878, the American Bar Association was founded in Saratoga, N.Y.

In 1911, Leonardo da Vinci's "Mona Lisa" was stolen from the Louvre Museum. (The painting turned up two years later, in Italy.)

In 1940, exiled Communist revolutionary Leon Trotsky died in Mexico City from wounds inflicted by an assassin.

In 1944, the United States, Britain, the Soviet Union and China opened talks at Dumbarton Oaks in Washington that helped pave the way for establishment of the United Nations.

In 1959, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed an executive order proclaiming Hawaii the 50th state of the union, five months after he had signed the Hawaiian statehood bill.

In 1982, a group of Palestinian guerrillas left Lebanon by ship under an evacuation plan mediated by the U.S.

In 1987, Sgt. Clayton Lonetree, the first Marine court-martialed for spying, was convicted in Quantico, Va., of passing secrets to the KGB. (Lonetree ended up serving eight years in a military prison.)

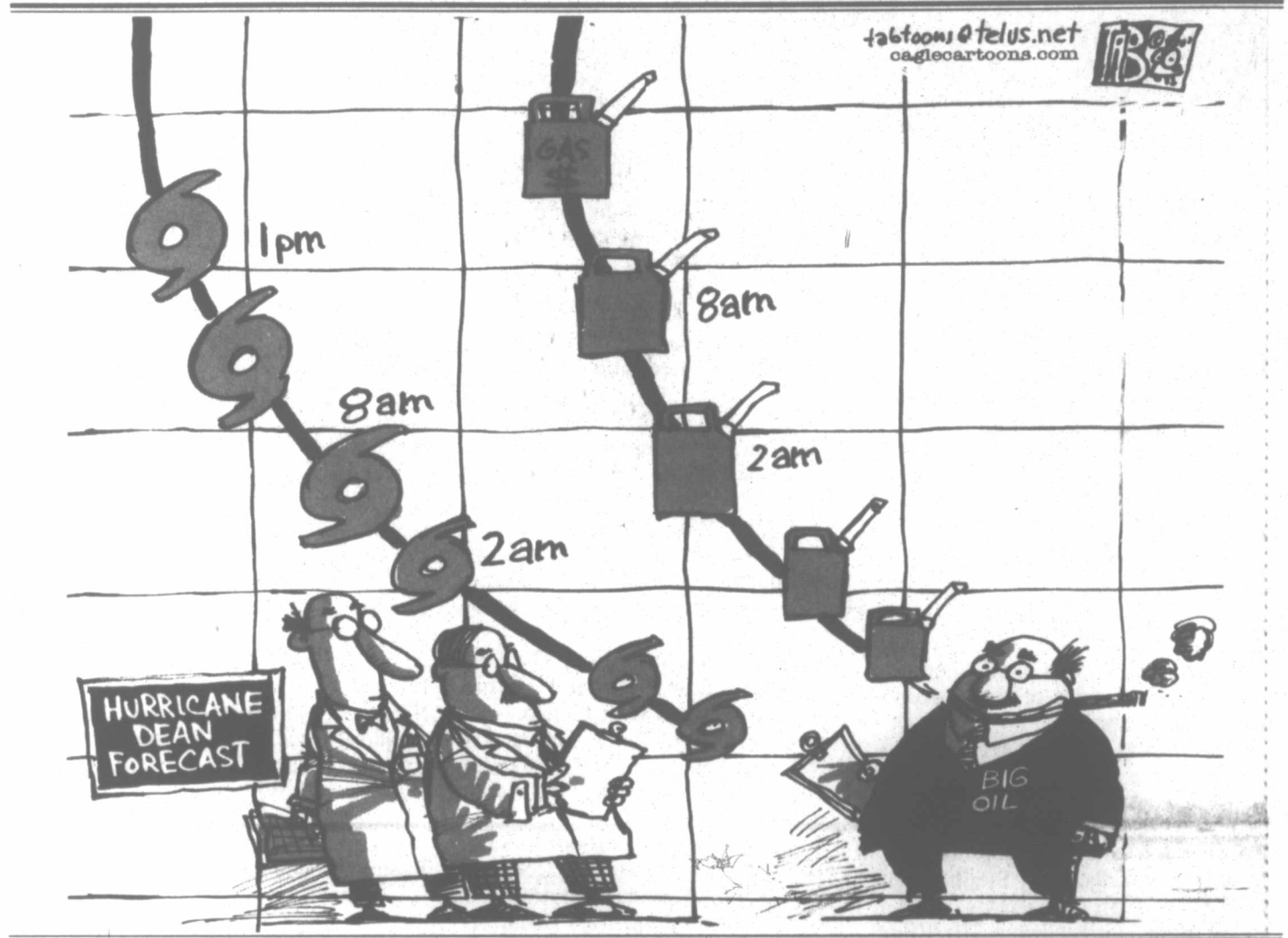
In 1991, the hard-line coup against Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev collapsed in the face of a popular uprising led by Russian federation President Boris N. Yeltsin.

Ten years ago: Hudson Foods Co. plant in Nebraska closed, agreeing to destroy some 25 million pounds of hamburger after the largest meat recall in U.S. history.

Five years ago: President George Bush told reporters at his Texas ranch that ousting Iraq's Saddam Hussein was "in the interests of the world" but indicated the United States was in no hurry. Canadian Prime Minister Jean Chretien announced he would not seek a fourth straight term, and would step down in 2004. A jury in San Diego convicted David Westerfield of kidnapping 7-year-old Danielle van Dam from her home and killing her. (Westerfield was later sentenced to death.)

*'When morality comes up against profit, it is seldom that profit loses.'*

— Shirley Chisholm  
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## Environmentalists disrespect human life

Environmentalists, with the help of politicians and other government officials, have an agenda that has cost thousands of American lives.

In the wake of Hurricane Betsy, which struck New Orleans in 1965, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers proposed building flood gates on Lake Pontchartrain, like those in the Netherlands that protect cities from North Sea storms. In 1977, the gates were about to be built, but the Environmental Defense Fund and Save Our Wetlands sought a court injunction to block the project.

According to John Berlau's recent book, "Eco-Freaks: Environmentalism is Hazardous to Your Health," U.S. Attorney Gerald Gallinhouse told the court that not building the gates could kill thousands of New Orleanians. Judge Charles Schwartz issued the injunction despite the evidence

refuting claims of environmental damage.

We're told that DDT is harmful to humans and animals. Berlau, a research fellow at the Washington, D.C.-based Competitive Enterprise Institute, says, "Not a single study linking DDT exposure to human toxicity has ever been replicated."

In one long-term study, volunteers ate 32 ounces of DDT for a year and a half, and 16 years later, they suffered no increased risk of adverse health effects.

Despite evidence that, properly used, DDT is neither harmful to humans nor animals, environmental extremists fight for a continuous ban. This has led to millions of illnesses and deaths from malaria, especially in Africa. After World War II,

DDT saved millions upon millions of lives in India, Southeast Asia and South America. In some cases, malaria deaths fell to near zero. With bans on DDT, malaria deaths and illnesses have skyrocketed.

Environmental extremists see DDT in a different light. Alexander King, co-founder of the Club of Rome, said, "In Guyana, within almost two years, it had almost eliminated malaria, but at the same time, the birth rate had doubled. So my chief quarrel with DDT in hindsight is that it greatly added to the population problem."

Jeff Hoffman, environmental attorney, wrote on grist.org, "Malaria was actually a natural population control, and DDT has caused a massive population explosion in some places where it has eradicated malaria. More fundamentally, why should humans get priority over other forms of life? . . . I don't see any respect for mosquitos in these posts."

Berlau's book cites many other examples of contempt for human life by environmentalists and how they've made politicians their useful idiots.

In 2001, thousands of Americans perished in the terrorist attack on the World Trade Center. In the early 1970s, when the World Trade Center complex was built, the asbestos scare had just begun. The builders planned to use Asbestospray, a flame retardant that adhered to steel.

The New York Port of Authority caved in to the environmentalists' asbestos scare and denied its use. An inferior substitute was used as fireproofing.

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## Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

■ Aug. 13  
Austin American-Statesman on the Texas Youth Commission:

Those who have watched bureaucracies over time realize that when agencies assume the fetal position, someone usually gets crushed.

The reaction of Texas Youth Commission administrators to bad news and negative attention from the public and the Legislature has not been to work on correcting scandalous treatment of its charges but to find out who is leaking information to the public and the Legislature.

Last week, the American-

Statesman's Mike Ward reported that an American-Statesman article published July 13 sparked the inquiry. In that article, Ward reported that the youth commission had canceled the release of more than 150 teenage offenders after discovering that many had served little time on their sentences for violent crimes that included murder and kidnapping.

Ward reported that just hours after Youth Commission officials announced an immediate review of the agency's release policies, 70 of those names turned up on a list of inmates approved for parole that's after their releases had been canceled. That was not a move that inspires confidence in an agency trying to regain a serious loss of credibility.

Six months ago, the agency was rocked by revelations that top agency officials not only failed to stop sexual abuse of inmates but covered it up. The public and legislators demanded action.

So what was the agency reaction to the July article? Find out who's talking to the Legislature and Ward. At best, it is misdirected energy. At worst, it's rank stupidity. Agencies depend on the Legislature for funding and oversight. Keeping legislators as happy as possible is the key to an agency's survival, or at least its budget.

That's the practical aspect. The more philosophical one is that the public has every right to know how its money is being spent. Either way, the agency

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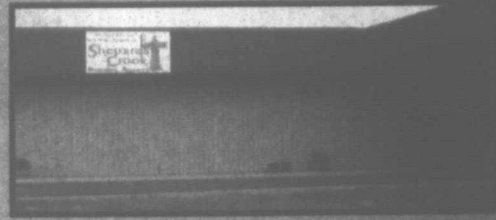
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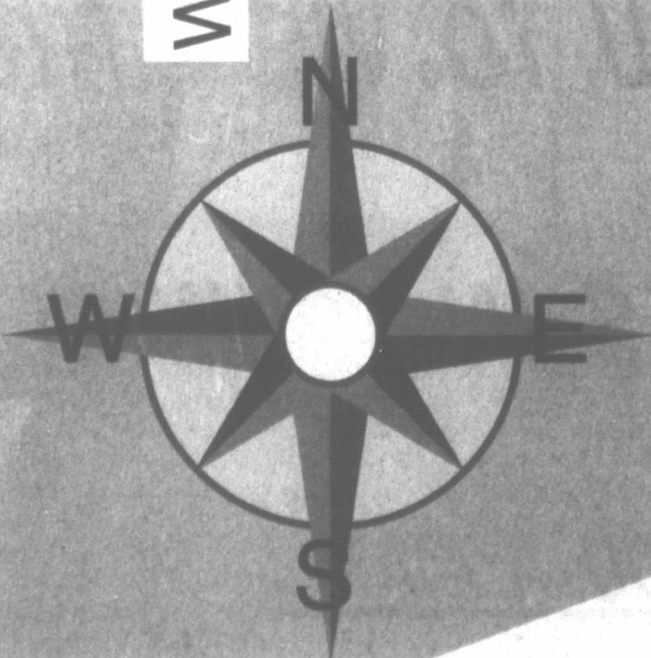
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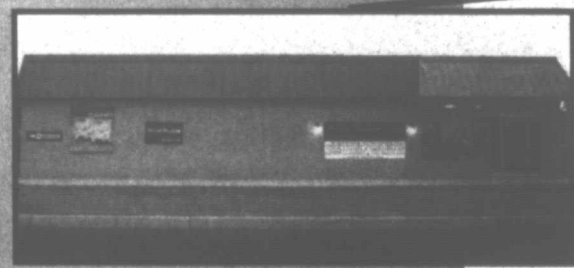
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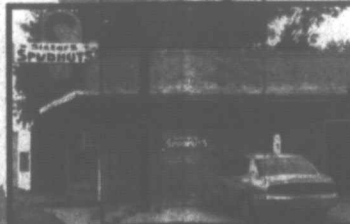
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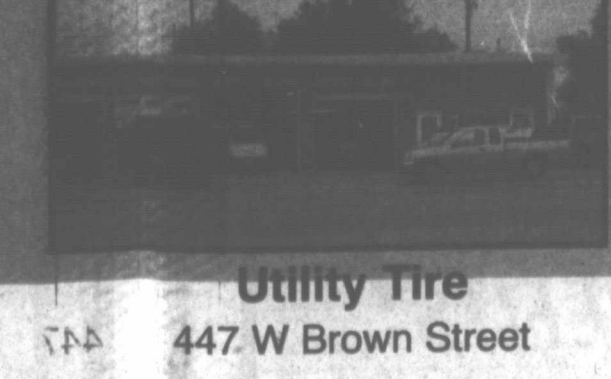
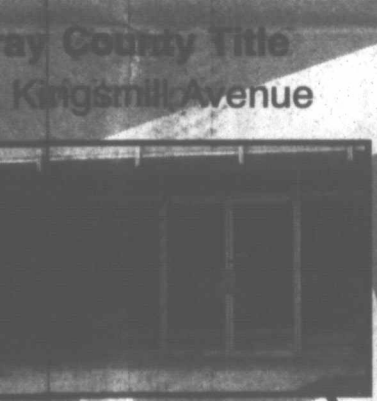
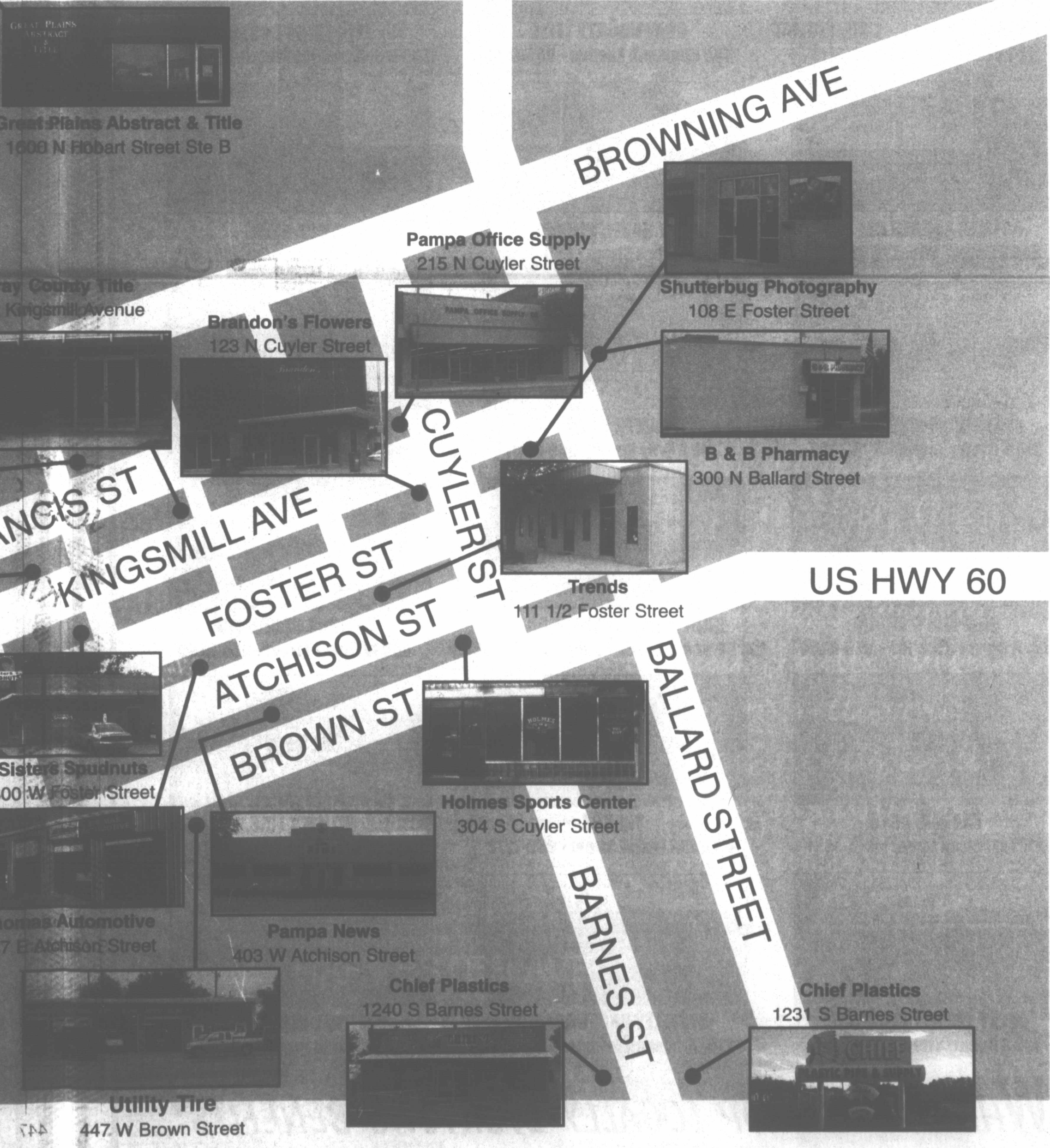
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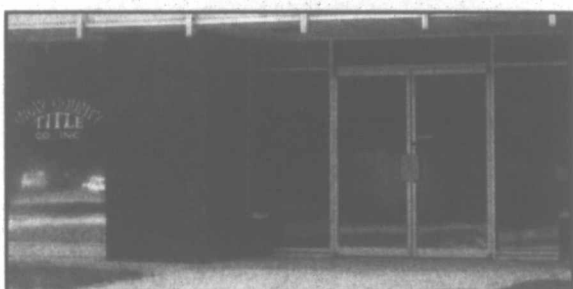
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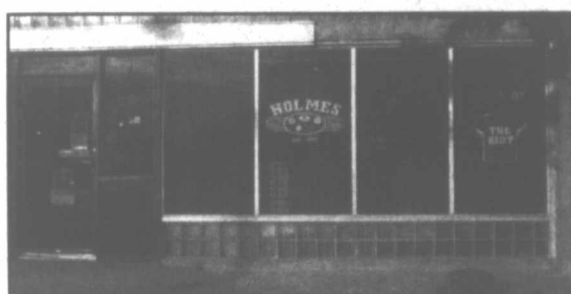
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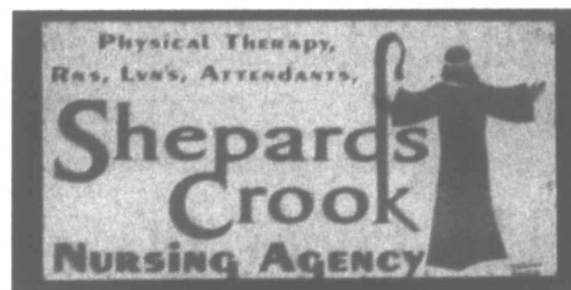
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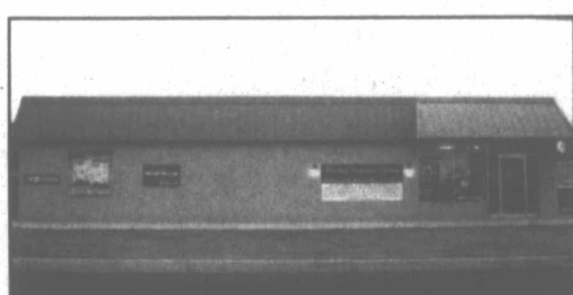
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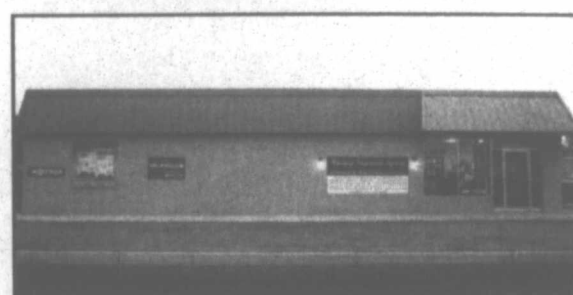
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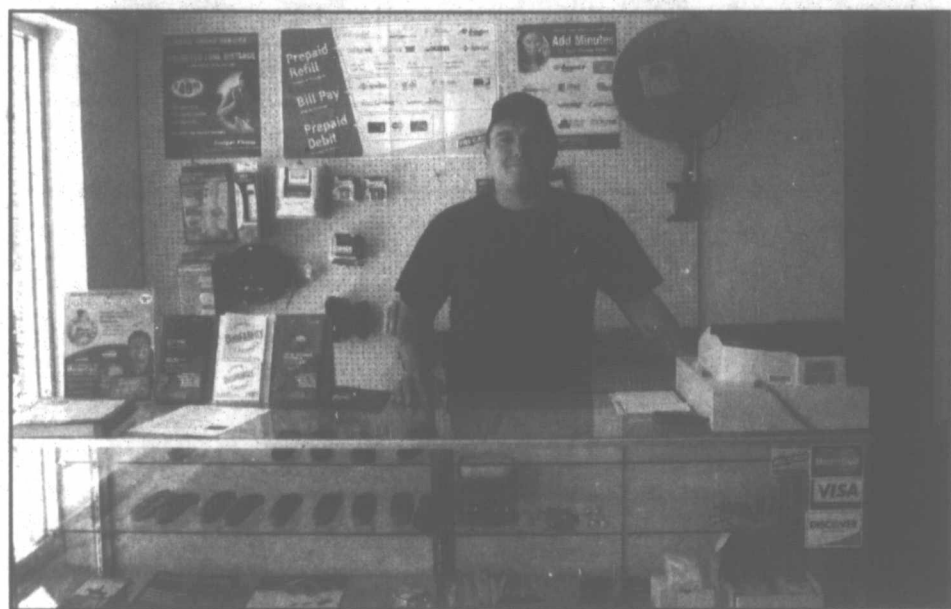


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# Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

**DEAR ABBY:** This letter is regarding "Second-Guessing Myself in New York" (June 9), the young single woman who wants to have a baby by artificial insemination and thinks her dad will be a great role model. My sister had the same idea. Shortly thereafter, I had my first child. My beautiful daughter was born with multiple birth defects and required many surgeries and hospitalizations. Thank God, I was married, and my husband was very supportive. I had to quit my job and stay home to care for our daughter. She is much better now, but will always require some help. Our family had no history of birth defects, and my pregnancy was perfect. No one had any idea that my daughter would have problems. It was a big wake-up call for my sister. It made her realize that, as a single parent, she would have been unable to take time away from her job to care for a child with intensive (and expensive) needs. Readers who are considering the prospect of becoming single parents by choice should remember that sometimes not everything goes as planned. — **MOTHER WHO HAS BEEN THERE IN NEW JERSEY**

**DEAR MOTHER:** Thank you for adding your personal perspective to this issue. The responses I received about the letter from "Second-Guessing" were balanced and thoughtful. Read on:

**DEAR ABBY:** Four years after my first marriage, I decided that if the right man had not come along by the time I was 30, I would have a baby on my own. Then came Steve, the man of my dreams, the one I wanted to share my life and have children with. We began trying to have a child. When it didn't happen, we explored other options, but Steve said he didn't want to raise "someone else's child." I prayed that eventually I'd conceive and my dream would come true. Three months ago, without warning, my "wonderful" husband of 22 years told me he was no longer in love with me. He had fallen for someone else (who has children, by the way!). The shock is still painful, but the truth is, if I had stuck with my original plan I would have my child.

Now at 53, I have no children and my biological clock has stopped ticking. If "Second-Guessing" is financially and emotionally prepared to have a child by age 30, she should not deprive herself of something she desperately wants. — **MARRIED MR. WRONG IN INDIANA**

**DEAR ABBY:** At 28, with no potential husband in sight, I was worried that I would never get to have a baby. It was something I wanted more than anything, and couldn't see happening unless I did it myself. Just before I turned 30, I met my husband. At 31, we were married, and a year later I had my first child. We have been happily married for eight years with two wonderful little boys. I cannot imagine doing it on my own. I have a loving spouse with whom to share all of this joy. I, too, was worried about the high divorce rate and unhealthy relationships I saw around me. My husband and I sought counseling together before our wedding to make sure we were starting out on the right foot, and to learn how to resolve conflicts in a healthy way. My advice: Hang in there and work hard to find the right partner. It is worth the wait! — **PATIENT ONE IN CALIFORNIA**

**DEAR ABBY:** I am the only child of the most loving, generous, hard-working, inspiring single mother in the world. She always wanted to have a child, got pregnant at 30, and made the decision to raise me by herself. My mom and I are a complete family, and I wouldn't trade my relationship with her for anything. — **DAUGHTER OF A SINGLE MOM IN SEATTLE**

**DEAR ABBY:** Has "Second-Guessing" thought about adopting or fostering a needy child? While I am sure that most people think they have something extraordinary to add to the gene pool, the sad fact is that there are countless thousands of children in this country who need a stable family. — **BOTHERED IN SAN FRANCISCO**

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## Zits



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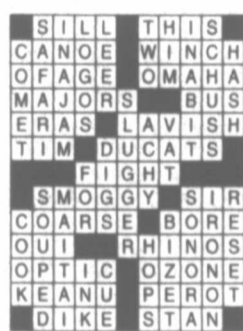
## Crossword Puzzle

### CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

**ACROSS** 44 More

- 1 Some pleasant
- Prado 45 In debt paintings
- 6 Casino machines roles
- 11 To the left, at sea
- 12 Writer Levi
- 13 One of TV's "Desperate Housewives"
- 15 Canadian grazer
- 16 Carnival city
- 17 Golf peg
- 18 Grand Canyon transport
- 20 Go back to base
- 23 Albee creation
- 27 Harbor call
- 28 Work one's incisors
- 29 Origami need
- 31 Niño's mother
- 32 Numeral type
- 34 Fido or Fluffy
- 37 Decimal base
- 38 Guitar accessory
- 41 One of TV's "Desperate Housewives"



**Yesterday's answer**

- 1 Ready and willing
- 2 October birthstone
- 3 Lancaster's rival
- 4 Lob path
- 5 Roll
- 6 Harmony
- 7 Train unit
- 8 Easy gait
- 9 Different
- 10 Medicine amount
- 14 Broadcast
- 18 Store patron
- 19 Church fixture
- 20 Designate
- 21 Cry of insight
- 22 Dems.' foes
- 24 In addition
- 25 Blamish
- 26 Wonderment
- 30 Copter parts
- 31 Tropical fruits
- 33 Chess pieces
- 34 Signing needs
- 35 Wicked
- 36 Food in a shell
- 38 Opera feature
- 39 Tea type
- 40 Book unit
- 42 Permit
- 43 Nocturnal flyer



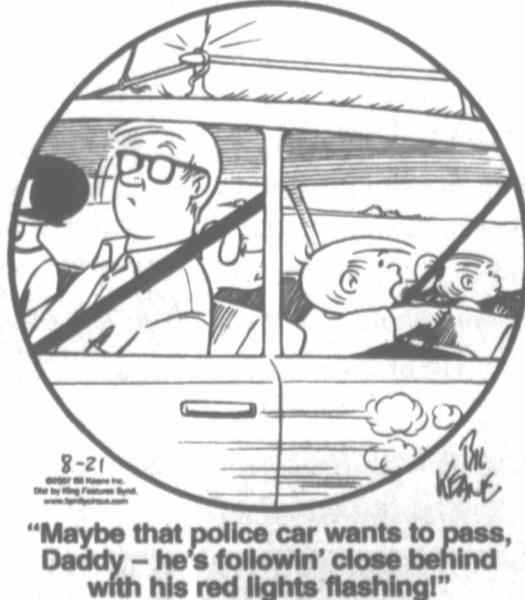
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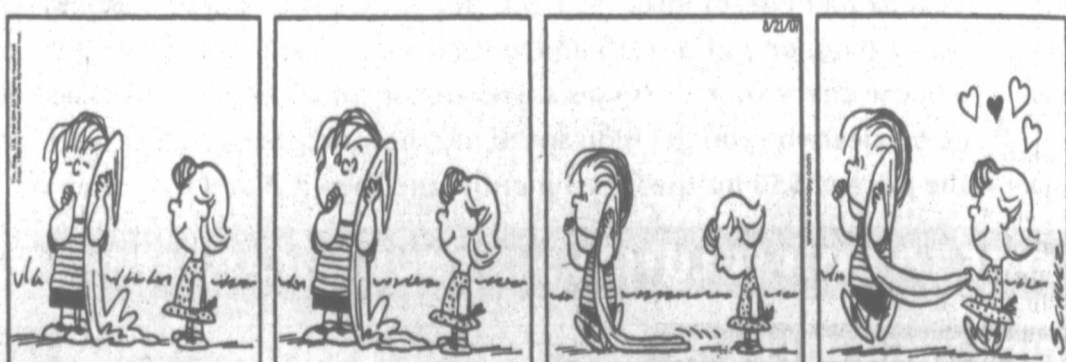
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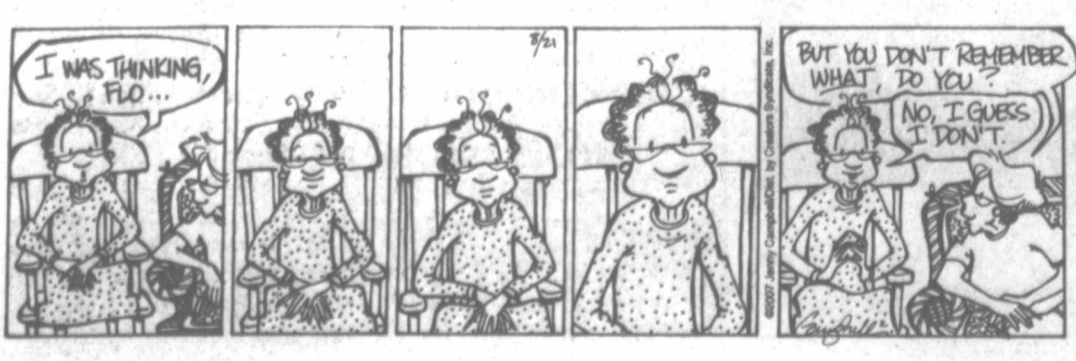
## Peanuts



## Blondie



## Flo & Friends









## Poker run



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Lefors Volunteer Fire Department will host its Sixth Annual Lost in Lefors Poker Run this coming Saturday. This 2007 Vivid Black Ultra Classic Electra Glide Harley Davidson and trailer will be given away in special drawings to be held at 7 p.m. and 6:30 p.m., respectively. Registration for the poker run will be ongoing from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. with the first bike scheduled to leave at 10 a.m. and the last at 1 p.m. The event will include food, hobbies, crafts, a bike show and games. The fund-raiser will culminate with a dance featuring Rock Bottom from 9 p.m.- 12 a.m. The Christian Motorcycle Association will conduct a sunrise church service Sunday morning. Breakfast will be available. For more information, call (806) 835-2217, (806) 663-1094 or (806) 835-2915. For camping or vendor reservations, call (806) 835-2200.

## Rapper accused of lying to police during traffic stop

MAHWAH, N.J. (AP) — Foxy Brown is accused of lying to police during a traffic stop, the latest addition to the rapper's legal woes, according to a published report.

Brown, whose real name is Inga Marchand, was driving a sport utility vehicle on Wednesday when she was stopped for talking on a handheld cell phone and failing to stop at a stop sign,

police told The Record of Bergen County.

After a check showed the SUV's registration had been suspended, the 27-year-old rapper gave officers a variation of her real name and a date of birth that was a year off, authorities said.

When a search for the name she gave turned up no records, the officers asked her again for the information, and she gave her cor-

rect name and date of birth, authorities said.

The officers then learned that Brown's license was suspended, and she was taken to police headquarters, where she was issued seven traffic tickets and released on her own recognizance.

She was told to appear in municipal court in Mahwah on Sept. 4.

Brown's lawyer, John L. Sampson, did not immedi-

ately respond to requests for comment by The Associated Press on Monday night.

The traffic stop came a day after Brown was arrested on suspicion of assaulting a neighbor in New York City's Brooklyn borough.

## Williams

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After the attack, the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) confirmed other experts' concerns about asbestos substitutes, concluding, "Even with the airplane impact and jet-fuel-ignited multi-floor fires, which were not normal building fires, the building would likely not have collapsed had it not been for the fireproofing."

Through restrictions on asbestos use, our naval vessels are more vulnerable to our enemies, a disaster waiting in the wings. The Columbia spaceship disaster was a result of the EPA's demand that NASA not use freon in its thermal insu-

lating foam.

Congress mandates auto fuel mileage standards — Corporate Average Fuel Economy, or CAFE, standards — resulting in lighter, less crashworthy cars. In 2002, the National Academy of Sciences calculated that CAFE standards caused 2,000 additional traffic deaths each year. In 1999, a USA Today analysis of government and Insurance Institute data found that since the 1970s CAFE standards went into effect, 46,000 people died in crashes which they would have likely survived had they been riding in heavier cars.

None of this is news to politicians. It's just that environmental extremists have the ears of politicians, and potential victims don't.

—Walter E. Williams is a professor of economics at George Mason University.

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comes up short in its witch hunt.

State Rep. Jerry Madden, R-Richardson and chairman of the House Corrections Committee, summed it up succinctly: "They should be worried about fixing the problems out there, not about who's giving the Legislature information. ... It's important for people to continue coming forward with information about problems, so those problems can be corrected."

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