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Samuel Doores, left, Ben Ziakin and Cameron Snyder jam at the Woody Guthrie Folk Music Center on South Cuyler before heading for Woody Fest in Guthrie's hometown of Okemah, Okla., this weekend.

Road trip to 'Woody Fest' includes museum stop here

By David Bowser
 The Pampa News

When Cameron, Samuel and Ben take to the stage this year at Woody Fest in Okemah, Okla., it will be after soaking up some Woody Guthrie atmosphere in Pampa.

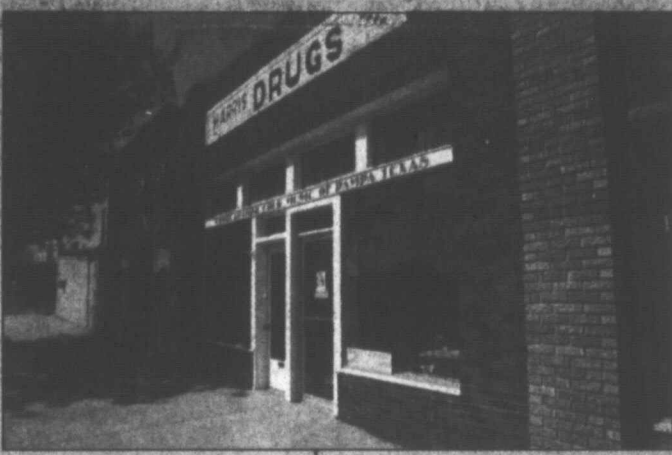
The trio of musicians plans on being in Okemah, birthplace of Woody Guthrie, for the annual summer music festival dedicated to their native son. The festival is held each year on the weekend nearest Guthrie's birthday, July 14. It's a birthday that Samuel shares with his musical

couple of large tents for jam sessions. "You play until six o'clock in the morning," Ben said. "By nine o'clock in the morning, it's too hot to sleep, so you get up and play some more."

"There are some brilliant musicians there," Samuel said.

The three 21-year-olds, Samuel will turn 22 in Okemah, came to Woody Guthrie by different roads, but their enthusiasm for his music is mutual.

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submitted photo by Della Moyer

The Woody Guthrie Folk Music Center in Pampa.

Three named in Hemphill indictments

By Marilyn Powers
 The Pampa News

A Hemphill County grand jury handed up three indictments Thursday. One was for a third-degree felony and two were for state jail felonies.

Juan Marin Garcia Jr., 24, was indicted for driving while intoxicated, third or more offense. Bond on the third-degree felony was set at \$25,000.

On March 30, Garcia allegedly operated a motor vehicle in a public place while intoxicated on alcohol.

On Feb. 25, 2003 and Nov. 16, 2006, Garcia was convicted in Lubbock County Court of offenses relating to the operating of a motor vehicle while intoxicated.

Thomas Ray Saucedo, 35, was indicted for driving while intoxicated with child under 15 years of age. Bond on the state jail felony was set at \$10,000.

On May 2, Saucedo allegedly operated a motor vehicle in a public place while intoxicated on alcohol and while the vehicle was occupied by a passenger

younger than 15 years of age. Christopher Lee Sparling, 25, was indicted for theft of property equal to or greater than \$1,500 but less than \$20,000. Bond on the state jail felony was set at \$7,500.

On March 15, Sparling allegedly unlawfully appropriated U.S. currency valued at \$1,500 or more but less than \$20,000 from the owner with intent to deprive the owner of the property.

EDC to hold hearing

The Pampa Economic Development Corporation will hold a public hearing Thursday concerning a grant to Clarendon College to fund scholarships for their Texas Department of Criminal Justice Correctional Officer Academy.

The economic development corporation is propos-

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CRMWA agenda includes wind energy

SANFORD -- The Canadian River Municipal Water Authority will meet Wednesday morning to discuss the possibility of getting into the wind energy business among other things.

One of the items the CRMWA board of directors will discuss in their quarterly meeting Wednesday is authorizing a feasibility assessment on CRMWA's ownership of wind turbines, according to Kent Satterwhite, general manager of the water authority.

Other business includes the status of Lake Meredith, groundwater purchases, a

well field expansion in Roberts County, repairs to pumps damaged by lightning and possibly participating in fighting a rate hike by Southwestern Public Service.

The board is expected to approve the general operating and maintenance budget for their 2008 and 2009 fiscal year.

The board meeting is scheduled to begin at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, at the water authority offices at 9875 Water Authority Road, overlooking Lake Meredith.

The Canadian River

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Jimmie Clark's T-Bird takes top honors in 'Firecracker' show

The second annual United "Firecracker" Car Show was held the afternoon of July 4. Car enthusiasts, along with Fenton Motors and Culberson Stowers, had a wide variety of vehicles to enjoy.

"There were so many extra special cars and trucks and exotic's represented it was hard to decide on which was your favorite," Debra Duffy, event coordinator for United said.

The winners of the "Firecracker" show were Jimmie Clark in first place with his red T-Bird, Lonnie Shelton in second with his black GTO and Ron Knipp with his classic gray and maroon Chevy pickup.

"United wishes to thank all the participants and guests who came by to partake in a beautiful day of food, fun, music and a lot of automobile eye-candy," Duffy said.



submitted photo

Troy Newton, store director of United in Pampa, Service Manager Nita Wallace and Event Coordinator Debra Duffy enjoy some "automobile eye-candy" at Friday's "Firecracker" Car Show.

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Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		
Cloudy	Cloudy	Partly sunny

Wednesday: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Some of the storms could produce heavy rain. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 81. West-northwest wind around 5 mph becoming south.

Wednesday Night: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Some of the storms could produce heavy rain. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 65. Southwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Thursday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Some of the storms could produce heavy rain. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 83. Southwest wind between 5 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Thursday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 68. South wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Friday: Partly sunny, with a high near 89. South-southwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 70. South-southwest wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

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Obituaries

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Bobby J. Howeth, 79

Bobby J. Howeth, 79, of Pampa, Texas, died July 4, 2008, at Amarillo, Texas.

Graveside services were to be at 2 p.m. today, Tuesday, July 8, 2008, in Memory Gardens Cemetery with Daniel Zuniga officiating.

Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

On July 4, 2008, Bobby went to be with her Heavenly Father. Mrs. Howeth was born Dec. 14, 1928, in Shamrock, Texas.

She married Wayne F. Howeth on Feb. 28, 1949, in

Dalhart, Texas; he preceded her in death on June 14, 1979.

She had been a resident of Pampa since 1960, where she was a member of Calvary Baptist Church and the Moose Lodge.

Meeting her in Heaven is her parents, James T. and Rosie Lee Brown; her beloved husband, Wayne F. Howeth; her son, Jimmy W. Howeth; and two brothers, Harvey Brown and James Brown.



Howeth

Survivors include one daughter, Shirley H. Scott of Pampa; three sisters, Ellen "Sister" Stauffer and husband Jim of Lancaster, Pa., Ruby Bromlow and husband Garland of Pampa, and Earlene Phelps and husband Ryland of Amarillo; one brother, Earl Brown of Amarillo; three grandsons, John W. Howeth and wife Daniell of Fritch, Jerry W. Howeth and wife Amanda,

and Jamie W. Howeth, all of Pampa; one daughter-in-law, Toni Howeth of Pampa; one great-granddaughter, Kharlottie G. Urschel of Fritch; and also by many Monday Night Swingers dance friends and many beloved friends and neighbors.

MEMORIALS: Triumph Hospital, 2828 SW 27th, Amarillo, TX 79109.

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

Marlene Johnson, 74

Marlene Johnson, 74, of Pampa, Texas, died July 7, 2008, at Pampa.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, July 9, 2008, at Fairview Cemetery with the Rev. Kyle Ohsfeldt, pastor of Grace Baptist Church, officiating.

Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Johnson was born Aug. 6, 1933, in Colgate, Okla. She married George Marshall Johnson on Feb. 10, 1955, in Clayton, N.M. He preceded her in death in December of 1987.

Marlene retired from

Homeland Grocery after many years of service. She loved spending time with her family and friends. Her interests included bowling, reading cookbooks, and buying and selling antiques. She played and coached softball, and also taught swimming lessons through the American Red Cross.

She took great pride in taking care of her family and was always willing to put



Johnson

their needs above her own. Marlene's compassion and loving heart are two things about her that will be missed.

The family wishes to thank BSA Hospice in Pampa, and Coronado Health Care employees for all their special care and support.

Survivors include three daughters, Marshella Kersh of Tyler, Jeri Dale Hise of Sandra and Debbie Baldrige of Pampa; one

son, Clayton Johnson of Pampa; nine grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and special friends, Pam and Neal Hinderer of El Reno, Okla.

Marlene was preceded in death by two sisters, Wanda Winegeart and Helen Warner; and one grandson, Marshall Tyler Johnson.

MEMORIALS: BSA Hospice, 800 N. Sumner, Pampa, TX 79065, or Coronado Health Care Center, 1504 W. Kentucky, Pampa, TX 79065.

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Frank J. Kempa, 81

Frank J. Kempa, 81, of Pampa, Texas, died July 6, 2008, at Pampa. Services are pending with Carmichael-

Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Kempa was born May 9, 1927, in Bartlesville, Okla. He graduated from Bartlesville High School and attended Oklahoma A&M University on a baseball scholarship. He had been a resident of Pampa since 1956.

Frank was the manager of the Pampa Oilers baseball team. He was a veteran of

the U.S. Navy, serving during World War II. He was the truck service manager at Bob Johnson Motors in Borger for 25 years, and was employed by Mojave Petroleum Company from 1990 until his retirement in 1999.

Frank married Beverly Russell on Sept. 16, 1960, in Tucumcari, N.M.

He was a member of the

First Christian Church, the VFW Post #1657 and the American Legion Post.

Survivors include his wife, Beverly Kempa, of the home; one daughter, Terry Barnets of Springfield, Ill.; one stepdaughter, Rainell Beck of Jordan, Utah; one stepson, William Russell of Bowie; one brother, John Kempa of Bartlesville, Okla.; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Frank was preceded in death by his parents; one son, Frank Kempa, Jr., in 1979; and two brothers, Ted Kempa and Loddie Kempa.

MEMORIALS: First Christian Church, 1633 N. Nelson, Pampa, TX 79065.

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Emergency Services

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

Saturday, July 5
 Steven Craig Angel, 42, of Pampa was arrested in the 500 block of South Gillespie by Pampa Police Department for possession of marijuana, no valid driver's license, no proof of financial responsibility, no motor vehicle inspection and no motor vehicle registration.

Rickey Wayne Smith, 36, of Tulia was arrested in the 500 block of West Oklahoma by Pampa PD for fictitious inspection or insurance document and wrong/fictitious/alterd vehicle registration.

Caroline Thomas Smith, 55, of Pampa was arrested in the 900 block of Huff Road by Pampa PD for possession of a controlled substance.

Felipe A. Romero, 43, of Pampa was arrested in the 100 block of South Starkweather by Pampa PD for public intoxication.

Sunday, July 6
 Kenyon James Kendall, 21, of Pampa was arrested in the 100 block of South Starkweather by Pampa PD for failure to display driver's license.

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Public input sought on Lake Meredith NRA off-road vehicle management plan

The National Park Service will prepare an off-road vehicle (ORV) management plan and environmental impact statement for Lake Meredith National Recreation Area, according to Superintendent Cindy Ott-Jones. This long-term plan is expected to guide the management of off-road vehicle use at Lake Meredith for approximately the next 10-15 years.

According to the NPS Planning, Environment and Public Comment website (<http://parkplanning.nps.gov/LAMR>), there are two authorized ORV use areas at Lake Meredith: Blue Creek and Rosita (also known as Rosita Flats). The two areas were designated as ORV areas in the 1970s authorizing ORV use from cutbank to cutbank along approximately

275 acres of Blue Creek. ORVs are allowed in Rosita area below the 3,000 foot elevation.

In 2005, Lake Meredith NRA and other park units were sued for allowing ORV use in areas without a special regulation and for failing to monitor ORV use. In response to the lawsuit, the Recreation Area initiated this planning effort in October of 2007 to

address ORV use at both Rosita and Blue Creek.

The public, organizations, and other agencies have an opportunity early in the planning process to suggest issues and alternatives that should be considered by the National Park Service in preparing the ORV plan. The plan will assess potential environmental impacts associated with ORV use and potential impacts on

park resources such as threatened and endangered species, soils, wetlands, wildlife and cultural resources.

Opportunities for public input on the ORV plan will be available at the following times and places: July 8 in Fritch, Tx at the Sanford-Fritch Middle School from 6 to 8 p.m., July 9 in Dumas, Tx at the First State Bank from 6 to 8:30 p.m. and July

10 in Amarillo, Tx at the Ambassador Hotel from 6 to 8 p.m.

Representatives of the NPS will be available at each of the public meetings to discuss issues, resource concerns and the planning process.

For further information, contact Cindy Ott-Jones, Superintendent at 806-857-3151.

Woody Fest

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Their journey to Pampa began last year, like Guthrie's, in Okemah.

It was there that they met Tim Justice, a member of the board of directors for the Woody Guthrie Folk Music Center here in Pampa. He told them about Pampa and Guthrie's connection to the Texas Panhandle town.

"We took a road trip from Washington through California through Nevada and Arizona," Samuel said, "and ended up in Okemah, and Tim told us about this place."

While Cameron and Ben went on to Austin last summer, Samuel came to Pampa and spent a couple of weeks.

"I've never been treated so kindly in my life," Samuel said.

When Samuel told Ben and Cameron about his trip to Pampa, the three of them decided to come to the panhandle before heading to Okemah this year.

Cameron got here on July 1. Ben and Samuel got here on the Fourth.

They've been recording an album in the back room of the folk music center.

"It's been really exciting recording where Woody learned to play the guitar.

The Woody Guthrie Folk Music Center is housed in what was Shorty Harris' drugstore in the 1920s and 1930s when Guthrie lived in Pampa.

It was while working in the drugstore that Guthrie found an old guitar in the back room of the store and his uncle taught him to play it. The slight young man went on to become a legend in American folk music, not only writing and performing songs that reflected the Depression and Dust Bowl of his early years, but inspire the next generation including Robert Allen Zimmerman (who took the stage name Bob Dylan) from Duluth, Minn. Now a new generation of 21-year-olds has discovered Guthrie's music.

"We are honored to have them here," said Thelma Bray, founder of Pampa's Tribute to Woody Guthrie.

Samuel calls New Orleans home now. Cameron is from Bainbridge, Wash. Ben is from Victoria, British Columbia, Canada.

Cameron and Ben went to

school together in Bainbridge. Ben met Samuel at Evergreen State College in Olympia, Wash.

Samuel was working at an ice cream shop in Fairfax, Calif., and playing drums in a band at night when he was first introduced to Guthrie's music.

"I saw Rambling Jack Elliott," Samuel said. "He was right next door to the ice cream shop where I was working."

After hearing Rambling Jack Elliott play some of Guthrie's standards, Samuel said he went to buy a copy of 'Bound for Glory,' Guthrie's autobiography.

"As soon as I read 'Bound for Glory,'" Samuel said, "it was over."

He bought a guitar and was no his way. Prior to that he played drums and piano in gospel groups.

Cameron, growing up in Washington State, said he had always been aware of Guthrie's music.

He elementary music class used to sing Guthrie's songs, particularly 'Roll on Columbia' about the Columbia River.

Of his own interests, Cameron was studying jazz

on the saxophone at nine years of age and bass at 10. He later taught himself to piano and guitar and a myriad of other instruments, including the harmonica.

Ben said he distinctly remembers singing 'Roll on Columbia' in elementary school.

"I never really understood the significance of Woody Guthrie until I took my first real American road trip and started playing his songs," Ben said.

He said that when he played Guthrie's songs, people were incredibly moved by them.

"I couldn't help but be moved," Ben said.

"That was only a year ago. That was when I started realizing the power of Woody Guthrie," he said.

Ben said Guthrie's influence has given him direction in his life.

"I mostly just play banjo with this group," Ben said. "I'm a guitarist first and foremost, but I'm working with two great guitarists."

"Ben's got the fancy fingers in the group," Samuel said.

AG rules school districts must pay

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas school districts will have to pay \$100 million in teacher benefits stemming from a two-year-old state-mandated pay raise, Attorney General Greg Abbott has ruled.

The opinion ends a battle between the state and school districts over who should be on the hook for the required contributions to the teacher pension fund based on the \$2,500 pay raise that teachers, librarians and counselors were given in the 2006-07 school year.

Abbott's Thursday ruling means that school districts have to pay 6.58 percent of each teacher's pay hike, about \$100 million a year, because of the state-mandated raise.

David Thompson, a Houston lawyer who represents dozens of school districts, said Monday that the attorney general issued an erroneous opinion "that was designed to reach a particular result" favorable to the state.

"We believe the law is very clear that the state must pay the Teacher Retirement System on behalf of all school districts an amount based on the minimum salary required by state law," he said, citing the \$2,500 pay raise as a requirement of the 2006 school finance law approved by the Legislature.

Thompson, who represented a group of school districts that successfully sued the state over its school finance law several years ago, said his clients are considering a response to the opinion.

In his opinion, the attorney general said the required state contribution to the pension fund "does not include" the salary increase approved by lawmakers.

Currently, the state con-

tributes 6.58 percent of each teacher's salary to the retirement system, but the percentage is based on the minimum salary for all teachers, which is \$27,320.

When teachers are paid more than the state minimum, as they are in most districts, the district must pay the retirement contribution on the amount above the state minimum.

The debate centers on whether the \$2,500 raise funded by the Legislature should be included in the minimum salary or be considered a supplement to the minimum salary.

Abbott's office determined

that the state minimum salary was not increased because school districts had some discretion in paying the raises.

Thompson said the contribution increase would be particularly hard for districts since the school finance law had sharply curtailed their revenue-raising options.

"Our districts strongly support raises for teachers and other professional employees, but we believe the state should make TRS contributions for its own requirements and not shift those costs to local districts," he said.

CRMWA

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Municipal Water Authority provides water for its 11 member cities, including Pampa.

Pampa is represented on the CRMWA board of directors by Jerry Carlson and Benny Kirksey.

EDC

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ing to make individual grants totaling \$8,400 for up to 24 students wanting to attend the academy.

In other business, the economic development board of directors is also proposing a Gray Pampa Community Fund through the Amarillo Area Foundation. The Amarillo Area Foundation would match local money up to \$50,000. The fund would be governed by a board selected from the city, county and economic development corporation board. Dwight Fiveash, EDC executive director, said the community fund board would include individuals representing Clarendon College, the Pampa Regional Medical Center, Pampa Independent School District, the city and county.

The Pampa Economic Development Corporation board will also hear a monthly budget report.

The board will also hear a report from Fiveash and the results of a Pampa City Commission Update.

The Pampa Economic Development board will meet beginning at 11 a.m. in the Nona Payne Room at the Pampa Community Building, 200 N. Ballard.

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Viewpoints

It may be awhile before my next flight ...

Today's news about price hikes, company takeovers, canceled flights and stringent rules for passengers makes me glad I don't have to fly anywhere on anything approaching a regular basis. It's enough to make me yearn for the good old days.

My introduction to flying occurred while I was in high school. A classmate and long-time friend had earned his pilot's license and was a member of a flying club which owned a small private plane.

The classmate offered to take me up in the plane, and I accepted. Of course, that was before I knew that he was a closet stunt flyer.

We took off in the little plane from the tiny airstrip at our hometown and climbed into the sky. I did fine until the thought occurred to me that there was nothing between me and a long, long fall followed by a messy death except a little bit of metal and plastic that was under the control of my friend.

I thought about his tendency to tease and play jokes, and prayed this wasn't another of them.

He had already shown an interest in getting me airborne by driving his car over a particular spot on one of the streets of our town. The spot featured a roller-coaster dip that, if taken at the right speed, could make a person lose contact with their car seat.

One day, I was riding shotgun and we were talking about school goings-on. I wasn't paying any attention to where he was headed. He saw his chance, and kept me focused on our discussion while he zoomed

over the dip.

My seat belt was the only thing that kept me from becoming a part of his car's headliner. As it was, the top of my head bumped the roof of the car, and my textbooks and notebooks lifted off my lap and landed in various places.

I thought about that trick as we climbed into the sky in the plane, and began to rethink my decision to once again ride with him, this time in the air.

The day was cloudless and warm, without enough wind to fill the windsock at the airstrip, and my friend seemed to be on his best behavior. We aviated around the vicinity of town in a wide, slow, level circle without any other planes nearby to worry about.

My friend had reached the limit of his capacity to behave well, however. He said he was going to show me something "neat" and told me to take off my wristwatch.

I told him I wasn't about to sacrifice my timepiece or even think about opening a door or window at that altitude, and he assured me that wasn't part of the plan.

I took off the watch, and he told me to hold it in front of me and be ready. He then lowered the plane's nose into what I guess would be termed a stall, and told me to let go of the watch.

I let go of the watch, all right, along with almost letting go of all bodily functions. The

watch floated briefly in the air before me, which was interesting, but not in my opinion worth the screaming, eye-popping terror I was feeling.



Marilyn Powers
Staff Writer

To make matters worse, I had a head cold that day, and in his defense, I hadn't mentioned it to him beforehand. Of course, I didn't realize how unpleasant flying could be if one had a stuffy nose and packed sinuses.

When I let go of the watch, I grabbed my head, because the maneuver was the final straw in an increase in the pressure inside my skull.

My aerial chauffeur asked what was wrong, and I told him about having the head cold that had suddenly become so painful. He explained why I felt so rotten and headed for the airstrip.

We landed uneventfully and I managed to get out of the plane without collapsing in a heap on the ground. My legs were a little wobbly, though, and my head was still letting me know I should never get off the ground when I had a cold.

It was a few years later before I had my second flying experience. This time, I was a passenger on a commercial jet headed from Los Angeles to Amarillo.

My husband and I had driven to California in connection with my husband's work, and I had to get home before he would be able to

return, so I boarded a plane at LAX one evening with the thought that I'd be home fairly quickly.

This was in the days of assigned seats and in-flight meals: My seat was a window seat, next to one of the emergency exits.

As we reached a certain altitude, I noticed an eerie whistling sound coming from the emergency exit door next to me. It sounded like the door had a leak and was not properly sealed shut.

I looked around to see if anyone else showed signs of having noticed the noise. No one else was reacting, so I tried to ignore it.

My mind filled with visions of the door suddenly popping open and of me being sucked out into space. Finally, I got the attention of one of the flight attendants and quietly asked if she could hear the whistling.

She said she could, which at least let me know that I wasn't imagining things. She checked the door to make sure it was indeed shut and then went on about her business, telling me not to worry.

Easier said than done. I couldn't enjoy the flight because of that infernal sound and the mental visions it prompted in my head.

The door never did come loose, of course, or I wouldn't be here today writing this column.

But it took me several more years before setting foot on another plane.

People: Earth's ultimate resource ...

Why is it that mankind enjoys cell phones, computers and airplanes today but not when King Louis XIV was alive? The necessary physical resources to make cell phones, computers and airplanes have always been around, even when cavemen walked the Earth. There is only one answer to why we enjoy these goodies today and not yesterday. It's the growth in human knowledge, ingenuity along with specialization and trade that led to the industrialization, coupled with personal liberty and private property rights.

For most of mankind's existence, he has been self-sufficient and spent most of his time simply eking out a living. In pre-industrial societies, and in some places today, the most optimistic scenario for the ordinary person was to be able to eke out enough to meet his physical needs for another day.

With the rise of industrialization and development of markets, and the concomitant rise in human productivity that yielded seemingly ceaseless economic progress, it was no longer necessary for mankind to spend his entire day to meet his physical needs. People became able to satisfy these needs with less and less time. This made it possible for more people to have the time to read, become educat-

ed in the sciences and liberal arts, gain more knowledge and become more productive. The resulting wealth also enabled them the opportunity to develop spiritually and culturally through attending the arts and participate in other life activities that were formerly within the purview of the rich.

Contrary to the myths we hear about how overpopulation causes poverty, poor health, unemployment, malnutrition and overcrowding, human beings are the most valuable resource and the more of them the better. There is absolutely no relationship between high populations and economic despair.

For example, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, formerly Zaire, has a meager population density of 22 people per square kilometer while Hong Kong has a massive population density of 6,571 people per square kilometer. Hong Kong is 300 times more crowded than the Congo. If there were any merit to the population control crowd's hysteria, Hong Kong would be in abject poverty while the Congo flourishes. Yet Hong Kong's annual per capita income is

\$28,000 while the Congo's is \$309, making it the world's poorest country.

What are the chances for the United States to become overpopulated? The population census has us at 304 million.

How many more people could we handle? I don't have an answer, but here are a couple of

facts that suggests we have a ways to go before we have to worry about overpopulation. All urban areas, any commu-

nity of at least 2,500 people, cover less than 3 percent of the U.S.'s 2.3 billion acre land mass. The world's population is 6.7 billion. That means if the entire world's population were put into the U.S., each person would have about a third of an acre. Nobody is talking about putting the world's population in the U.S. It is merely to suggest that neither the U.S. nor the world is running out of space.

Population controllers have a Malthusian vision of the world that sees population growth as outpacing the means for people to care for

themselves. Mankind's ingenuity has proven the Malthusians dead wrong. As a result of mankind's ingenuity, we can grow increasingly larger quantities of food on less and less land. The energy used, per dollar of GDP, has been in steep decline, again getting more with less, and that applies to most other inputs we use for goods and services.

The greatest threat to mankind's prosperity is government. A recent example is Zimbabwe's increasing misery. Like our country, Zimbabwe had a flourishing agriculture sector, so much

so it was called the breadbasket of southern Africa. Today, its people are on the brink of starvation as a result of its government. It's the same story in many countries — government interference with mankind's natural tendency to engage in wealth-producing activities. Blaming poverty on overpopulation not only lets governments off the hook; it encourages the enactment of harmful policies.

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Our readers write
Writer questions headline's clarity ...

Dear Editor,
As an attorney who has represented Mr. Henry Skinner since 2002, I write in strong protest of the misleading headline attached to the ... story ("Skinner's claims unsupported, says former DA" — The Pampa News, Friday, June 13, 2008).

The story in question describes allegations by a Mr. David Fisher of Austin. Mr. Fisher apparently claims that pathologist Elizabeth Peacock, M.D., was not properly licensed when she performed autopsies on murder victims

Ms. Twila Busby, Mr. Elwin Caler and Mr. Randy Busby. The accuracy of Mr. Fisher's allegations is not the concern of this letter. To date, Mr. Skinner has never raised any legal issue regarding the propriety of Dr. Peacock's medical licenses. Nor have the attorneys acting in his name. Yet, your headline clearly and incorrectly suggests that Mr. Skinner has endorsed or promoted Mr. Fisher's allegations.

Robert C. Owen
Attorney at Law
Counsel of Henry W. Skinner.
Editor's note: The story was accurate, but the headline should have read "Fisher's claims unsupported, DA says."

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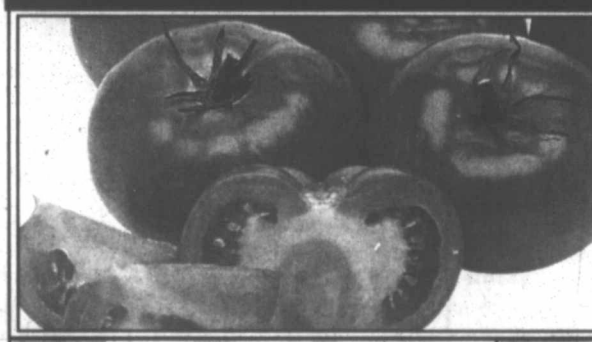
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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: On April 11 you asked what your readers think is right with American society. I'll bet you were inundated with responses to that question, and I hope you allow me to be one of those who answer it. Here in Orange County, Calif., there are more than 5,000 volunteer organizations, supporting everything from the arts to zoos. Thousands of people give their time and money to help others and provide benefits to their community. And this is just one American county. If we counted the number of active volunteers in America doing good works, I'm sure the number would be in the millions. That is just one of the things that we're doing "right."
-- **DIANE J., LAGUNA NIGUEL, CALIF.**

DEAR DIANE: Your hunch was on the money. I was swamped with letters and e-mails from readers wanting to contribute their thoughts. Today I'll share a sample, because I know they will bring a smile. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: What's right with our society? I believe it's our young people. I have been a church youth leader for 30 years. It's the most rewarding job in the world! Their willingness to share their love of life is exciting. They actively offer their opinions, and they have good ideas to express. This world needs color and variety, and I believe our youth are our hope for the future. -- **JOHN T., SPRINGFIELD, ORE.**

DEAR ABBY: I'm thankful for the Bill of Rights that has insured the freedoms we take for granted. I appreciate the safety net of Social Security that is in place for the disabled, the elderly and the orphaned. I'm grateful that medical technology reaches out to people whether in a big city or an

isolated farming community. I applaud a process that allows voters to be informed about the ideas, policies, achievements and opinions of those seeking elected office. But most of all, I'm thankful that transitions in our society which happen almost daily occur without violence or military intervention. It gives me hope for my grandchildren's future in a peace-loving country.
-- **MARIE D., VERMILLION, S.D.**

DEAR ABBY: I'm grateful to live in the United States, where I am free. I'm free to speak and move around the country. I am free to choose whom I elect as president without fear of suppression. I am free to choose my religion. I am free as a woman, not an entity that someone owns and dictates to. Yes, we have our problems that need to be addressed. And now is the time for our voices to be heard. It IS "We" the people. -- **GRATEFUL IN O'FALLON, ILL.**

DEAR ABBY: I am a high school student in Lake Crystal, Minn. What's right about American society is our compassion. Not only do we help other countries in times of crisis, but we also care about our fellow Americans. Having family around the Twin Cities during the 35-W bridge collapse, my mind was at ease. I knew if I had family members in the collapse, they would be helped because I live in a country where people are born with the instinct to help others during a disaster. -- **EVER HOPEFUL**

DEAR ABBY: In our society we have the freedom to be whoever we want to be. The only thing holding anyone back in this country is him- or herself. -- **KATHERINE IN RALEIGH, N.C.**

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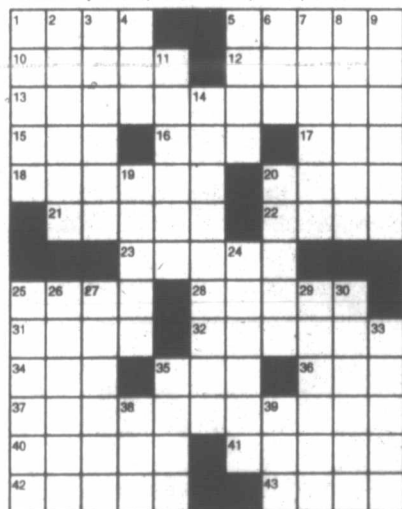
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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 - 5 Vent cover
 - 10 Zodiac ram
 - 12 Indy entrant
 - 13 Be in control
 - 15 Summer in France
 - 16 Floor cover
 - 17 Comic Bernie
 - 18 Deli sandwich
 - 20 Circus sight
 - 21 Velocity
 - 22 Hill insects
 - 23 Razor sharpener
 - 25 Horn sound
 - 26 Put forth
 - 31 Hockey's Bobby and family
 - 32 Maroon article
 - 34 French place
 - 36 Old French coin
 - 37 Take attendance
 - 40 Bewildered
- DOWN**
- 1 Indiana player
 - 2 Makes speeches
 - 3 Accumulate
 - 4 Long fish
 - 5 Goffer Norman
 - 6 Scoundrel
 - 7 Shrewdness
 - 8 Lease signer
 - 9 Puts up
 - 11 Block side
 - 14 Centenarian's birthday
 - 19 Outdoes with a line
 - 20 Uses a VCR
 - 24 Some daisies
 - 25 Big-billed bird
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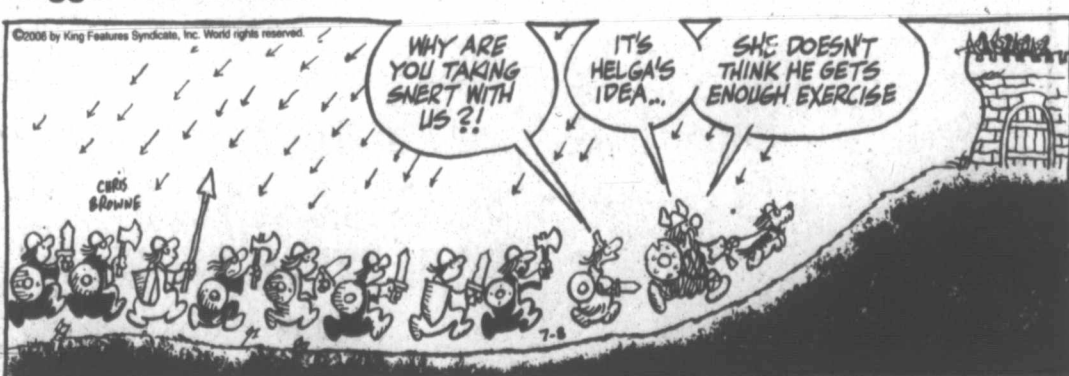
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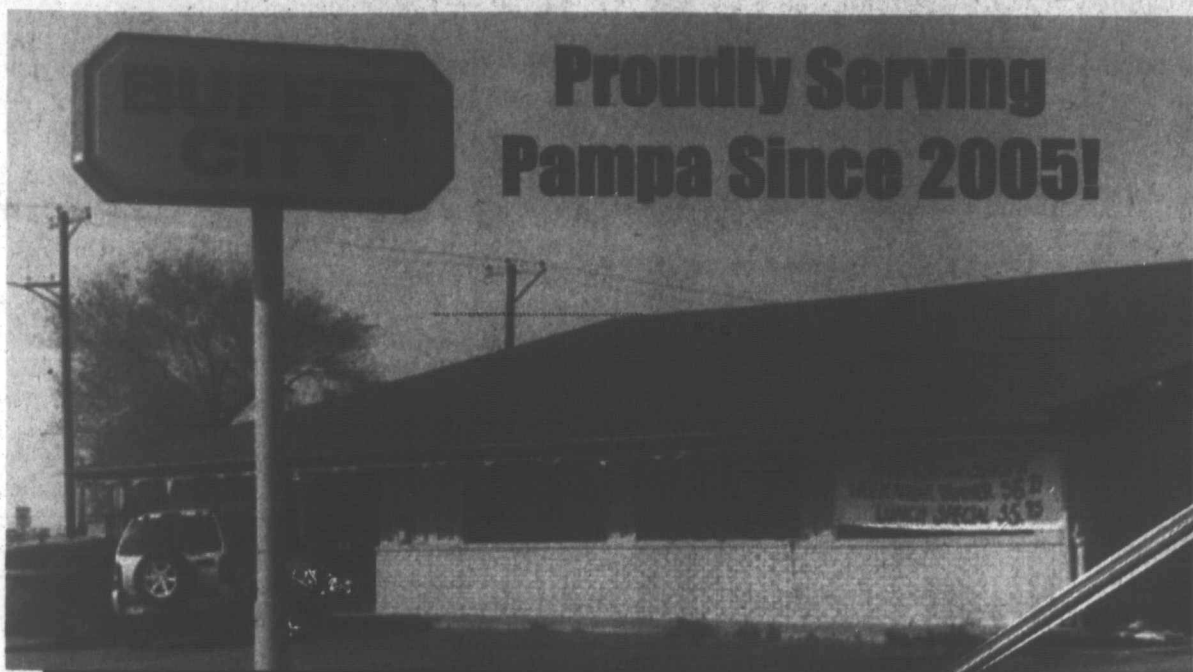
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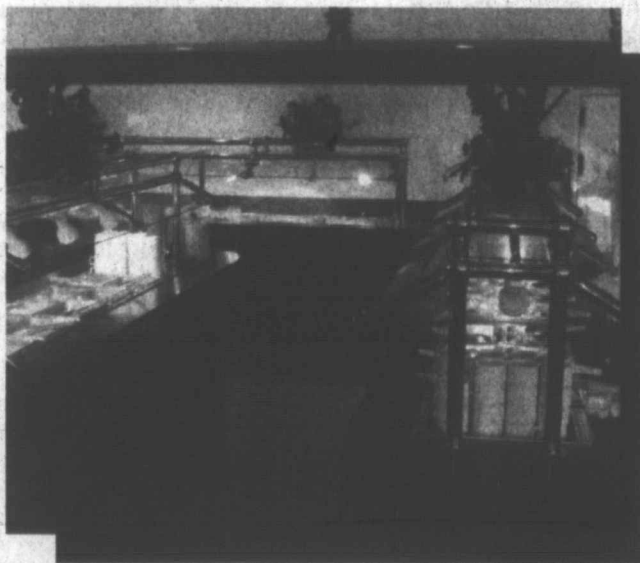
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Tian Wong is from Fuzhou, China. He came to the United States in 2003 where he joined his father working in the restaurant industry. Tian and his father, Qun Wong are the primary cooks at Buffet City. Sherry Liu is from Nan Ning, China. She came to the United States in 2002 where she graduated from Southeast Oklahoma State University with a Bachelor's Degree in Electrical Engineering. She met her future husband, Tian Wong while she was attending college and they were married in New York City in 2005. They have one daughter, Vivian, who is 2 and a half years old.

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Sports



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The above dancers from Madeline Graves Dance and Gymnastics Center all received gold medals from Encore Dance Competition in Oklahoma City. Back row (L to R): Gracey Durham, Jenna Munsell and Addison Hinkle. Front row: Marlee Richardson, Danielle Zuniga and Jenna Gee. The dancers at right will travel to Walt Disney World in Orlando where they have qualified to compete in the National Finals for Dance Masters of America. Front row (L to R): Jenna Munsell and Danielle Zuniga. Back row: Cassie Denton and Jenna Gee.

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One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

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L Q A Q Z C Q
 Yesterday's Cryptoquote: **THE FUTURE BELONGS TO THOSE WHO BELIEVE IN THE BEAUTY OF THEIR DREAMS. — ELEANOR ROOSEVELT**



Pampa, Plainview win big in state tournament

Plainview and Pampa won big here in Monday's action in the West Texas 12-year-old Cal Ripken 70 Foot State Tournament. Plainview shut out North Randall County 10-0 in the early game while Pampa blasted Seminole 13-3 in the night cap. Both games were shortened by the 10-run rule.

Aaron Gonzales faced only 12 North Randall batters in four innings pitching perfect baseball while striking out six to gain the win for Plainview. Brent Silvas struck out two in pitching the fifth inning. He surrendered North Randall's only hit, a single. Neither pitcher walked a batter.

J. J. Perez, with a single, double, home run and three runs scored led Plainview's hitting. Ryan Larralde made two hits, a run and had two RBI for Plainview. Gonzales aided his own cause with a single, a sacrifice fly and three RBI.

Tanner Doucette and Ben Arbuckle combined for a no-hitter for Pampa. Doucette was touched for one unearned run while Arbuckle gave up two runs, both unearned. Pampa committed six errors to eight for Seminole. Doucette struck out five in two innings and did not walk a batter. Arbuckle struggled with his control walking five and striking out four in two innings.

A bases loaded double by Aaron Allen in the first inning gave Pampa a 2-1 lead which it did not relinquish. Doucette, who had doubled, and Krysten Miller, who had walked, scored on the play. A pitch later Brandon Stokes, who had walked, scampered home after an errant pickoff throw went into center field.

Pampa sent 10 hitters to the plate in the second inning. After two were out, Dylan Zawicki reached base on an error. He barely made it to second on a single up the middle by Doucette. Miller beat out an infield single.

The Seminole third baseman was unable to handle a hot drive hit by Jordan Lemons. A bunt by Arbuckle produced a run when the catcher dropped the throw from the pitcher. Stokes' infield popup fell untouched for a hit and another score for Pampa. A pair of wild pitches scored Miller and Arbuckle. Pampa led 8-1 after two innings.

Shelden Reeve walked to open Pampa's half of the third inning, stole second, went to third on a ground out by Zawicki and scored on an errant pickoff attempt pushing Pampa's lead to 9-1.

In the fourth inning Stokes and Allen reached base on errors and Cyler Clifton and Thomas Haley walked. Casey Martindale, who drove in the winning run in the eighth inning Sunday against North Plains, singled in two runs. Haley came across a pitch later on a wild pitch to end the game.

Doucette was not only the winning pitcher for Pampa, but he also was the leading hitter, with two hits, including a double, and two runs scored. Miller reached base on all three at bats with two walks and a single. She scored twice.

Pampa, 2-1, will face North Randall, 1-1, in an elimination game today at 7 p.m. The winner will face Plainview, 2-0, the only undefeated team in the tournament, at 6 p.m. on Wednesday needing to win to force a second game in the double-elimination tournament.

The Pampa Optimist Youth Club is a Pampa United Way agency.

Gladiators advance to Arena conference finals

DULUTH, Ga. (AP) — Raymond Philyaw completed 20 of 29 passes for 295 yards and eight touchdowns to lead the Cleveland Gladiators to a 73-70 victory against the Georgia Force in the Arena Football League playoffs Monday night.

Cleveland will play at Philadelphia in the National Conference championship game Saturday, with a chance to play in the Arena Bowl in New Orleans on July 27.

Otis Amey had six catches for 130 yards and three touchdowns for Cleveland, and Robert Redd added five catches for 43 yards and three scores.

Chris Greisen was 29-for-39 for 343 yards and eight

Harvester soccer camp to begin next week

The Pampa Harvester 2008 soccer camp for boys and girls entering first through ninth grades will be held July 14-17 at the Pampa High School soccer fields and Travis Elementary. The camp will run from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. for ages six through nine and from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. for ages ten and up.

According to Coach John True, the camp will provide quality coaching, technical and tactical instruction and a free t-shirt to those involved.

The cost for the camp is \$35 for ages six through nine and \$45 for ages 10 and up. Concessions will also be available, provided by the PHS Soccer Boosters.

Campers need to bring water, sunscreen, mosquito spray, shin guards, a soccer ball and a great attitude.

The flyer can be viewed and printed off the PISD website (www.pampaisd.net) by going to the "parent con-

Hunter homers twice as Angels beat Rangers

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Torii Hunter homered twice, the first capping a six-run second inning, and the Los Angeles Angels held on for a 9-6 victory over the Texas Rangers on Monday night.

Vladimir Guerrero, Jeff Mathis and Hunter all homered in the big second inning that gave the Angels an 8-0 lead. All three were off in six starts.

David Murphy and Chris Davis homered off Santana in Texas' five-run fifth that nearly erased the eight-run deficit.

Francisco Rodriguez pitched the ninth for his 35th save, the most ever before the All-Star break. Atlanta's John Smoltz had 34 before the break in 2003.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, July 9, 2008:
 As it stands, you have so many opportunities on your plate. Because of the nature of these life windows, you'll feel much better if you simply relax and evaluate. You come up with great solutions and answers. If you kick back and take your time, even if you are running a marathon, you will succeed. If you are single, you will meet someone with ease.

This person could be a substantially meaningful person in your life. If you are attached, the two of you must make time for each other in this overly busy year.

LIBRA serves as an anchor.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have:
 5-Dynamic, 4-Positive, 3-Average, 2-So-so, 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
 Staying on top of your game could create tension, as so much is going on around you. You find that opportunity strikes, and you simply might have too many choices. Is there such a thing? You will be able to say yes or no conclusively after the next few days! Tonight: Listen to offers, then decide.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
 Your efforts are remarkable to many. You accomplish a lot. Others seem to toss you work or extras, which might be fun if you like challenges. You might wonder when this will end as you run from one area of your life to another. Tonight: You deserve to put your feet up.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
 Your playful side emerges when dealing with the many people in your life. How you deal with someone and the choices you make reflect who

you are. Be willing to say enough to a child or loved one who is never satisfied. Tonight: Fun times.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
 You might realize better than anyone else what works and what is necessary. If you are tired, slow down. You don't want to make an unnecessary error. Think positively and create greater security. Tonight: Happily head home.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
 Listen to news and follow through on what you see as pivotal. Not everyone agrees with what you are saying. Opportunities come through animated discussions, even if no one agrees. Tonight: Hanging out feels just about perfect.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
 Even the precise Virgo can go overboard. Today you'll see temptation rear its head. You might not be able to say no, but soon enough you might wish you did. Remember, you are the power and creator of your life. Respond accordingly. Tonight: Say yes.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
 Events succeed in making you feel as if you have too many choices. Worse things have happened. You might want to try something very different that suddenly appears on the table. Why not? Tonight: All smiles.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
 Pull back and don't feel pressured by any situation or person. You might want to rethink a decision. The answer you come up with could be very different from what is being suggested. You know much more than you realize. Tonight: Easy does it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Zero in on what you want. You'll want to think about your long-term goals. If you are open to new information, you will see that something very different could occur. Be open to opportunities, especially financially. Tonight: Zero in on what you want.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
 You might feel as if you are tossed in every which direction. You might not be sure about which way to go. It's as if you are on a merry-go-round. Take your time making a decision. Opportunities are plentiful right now. Tonight: A must appearance.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
 You know what to do and how to approach a situation. Your ability to pull back and do some deep thinking identifies you as a mental maverick. Use just those abilities, and you'll come out smiling. Do nothing halfway. Tonight: Look at what is not being said.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
 Your creativity emerges when dealing with many different people. The most effective interpersonal style will be on a one-on-one level. How you deal with a situation and the choices you make could be determined by not one but several conversations. Tonight: Dinner for two.

BORN TODAY
 Author Ann Radcliffe (1764), inventor Elias Howe (1819), former secretary of defense Donald Rumsfeld (1932)

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Vasa Trollinger, 98

Vasa Trollinger, 98, of Pampa, Texas, died July 6, 2008, at Amarillo, Texas.



Trollinger

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, July 10, 2008, at Memory Gardens Cemetery with Jimmie Cole, pastor of the Church of the Nazarene, officiating.

Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Trollinger was born Jan. 20, 1910, in Gray, Okla. She had been a resident of Pampa since 1938.

She married Cecil Trollinger on Jan. 2, 1927 in Lipscomb, Okla. He preceded her in death in 1991.

She had been a member of the Church of the Nazarene since 1938.

Survivors include three daughters, Beth Mays of Perryton, LaDon Spradlin and husband Weiland of Tulsa, Okla., and Phyllis Gardner and husband Rich of Lake Kiowa; three sons,

Gayle Trollinger and wife Marilyn of Pampa, Larry Trollinger and wife DeAnne of Louisville, Ky., and Bobby Trollinger and wife Susan of Amarillo; 13 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Trollinger was preceded in death by a son, Jerry Trollinger; nine brothers and sisters; one granddaughter, Tonia Cote; and one grandson, Sandy Spradlin.

MEMORIALS: Church of the Nazarene Building Fund, 510 N. West, Pampa, TX 79065.

SPECIAL NOTICE: The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 6:00-7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 9, 2008.

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



Courtesy Photo
Petra Bennett and Sierra Rodriguez helped celebrate the July 4th holiday at Pampa Nursing Center recently.

Services

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Guillermo Gonzalez-Lozano, 32, of Pampa was arrested in the 700 block of Barnes by Pampa PD for wrong/fictitious/altared/obscured vehicle registration.

Zackary Brady Estep, 20, of Pampa was arrested in the 900 block of Scott by Pampa PD for failure to identify as a fugitive/intent to give false information, failure to maintain financial responsibility, no valid driver's license and failure to appear.

Jeremiah Wayne Casey, 30, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO for possession of less than one gram of a controlled substance and a Randall County warrant for theft of property over \$20 and under \$500.

Amber Nicole Graves, 26, of Amarillo was arrested by GCSO for possession of less than one gram of a controlled substance.

Monday, July 7

Larry Lee Johnson, 53, of Linsborg, Kan., was arrested in the 800 block of East Francis by Pampa PD for public intoxication.

Lonnie Dale Fly, 44, of Pampa was arrested in the 1000 block of North Sumner by Pampa PD for possession of less than two ounces of marijuana and public intoxication.

Pampa Fire Department reported the following between 7 a.m. Wednesday and 7 a.m. Saturday.

Wednesday, July 2

3:07 a.m. — Two units and six personnel responded to the 100 block of East Harvester on a fire alarm.

11:44 p.m. — Five units and nine personnel responded to a structure fire in the 2500 block of Evergreen.

Thursday, July 3

No calls.

Friday, July 4

9:50 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 1200 block of East Browning on a call for lifting assistance.

10:28 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 1400 block of North Hobart on a call for medical assistance.

6:26 p.m. — One unit and two personnel responded on a fire standby at Recreation Park.

9:21 p.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to a possible fire in the 900 block of South Finley.

9:57 p.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to a grass fire at an undisclosed location on East Tyng. The fire was reported out on arrival.

11:33 p.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to a grass fire in the 600 block of East McCullough. The fire reportedly involved three acres.

Saturday, July 5

12:39 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 1300 block of West Kentucky on a call for medical assistance.

Sunday, July 6

12:21 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 2300 block of North Hobart on a medical call.

Monday, July 7

5:36 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 1200 block of North Wells on a call for medical assistance.

6:57 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to an arching transformer in the 1100 block of Juniper.

10:28 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 2300 block of Chestnut on an odor investigation.

Guardian EMS ambulance reported the following calls between 7 a.m. Saturday and 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, July 5

1:06 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center. No transport. Call canceled.

3:27 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to a nursing facility in Amarillo.

3:35 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of East Foster. No transport.

11:27 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred a patient to BSA Hospital in Amarillo.

Sunday, July 6

12:46 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing facility and transported a patient to PRMC.

3:56 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1600 block of Somerville. No transport.

10:11 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of West 25th and transported a patient to PRMC.

12:18 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2300 block of Hobart and transported a patient to PRMC.

1:36 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of North Wells and transported a patient to PRMC.

2:18 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to Perry LeFors Airport.

9:16 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Jordan prison unit and transported a patient to PRMC.

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