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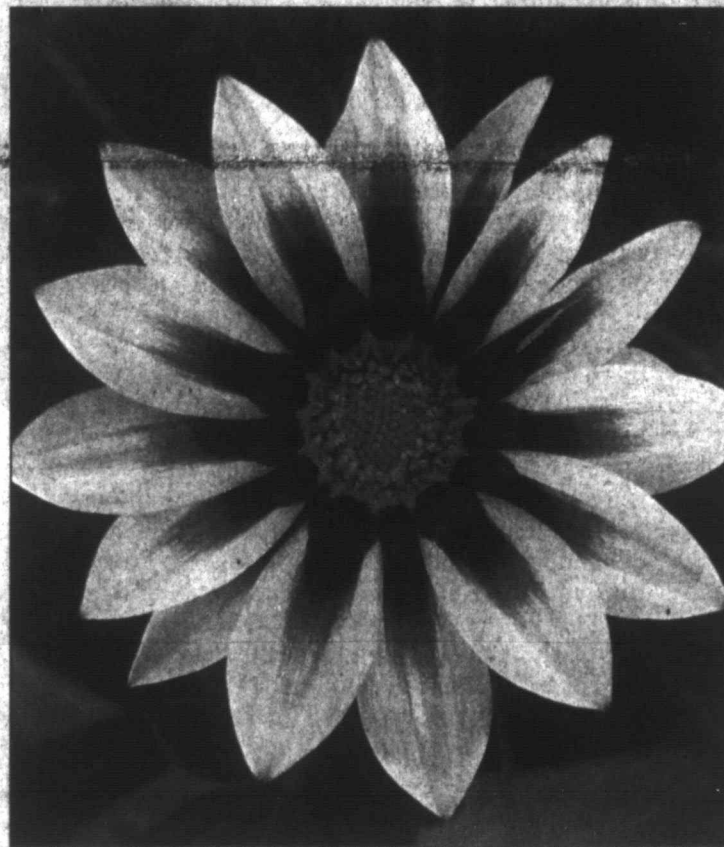
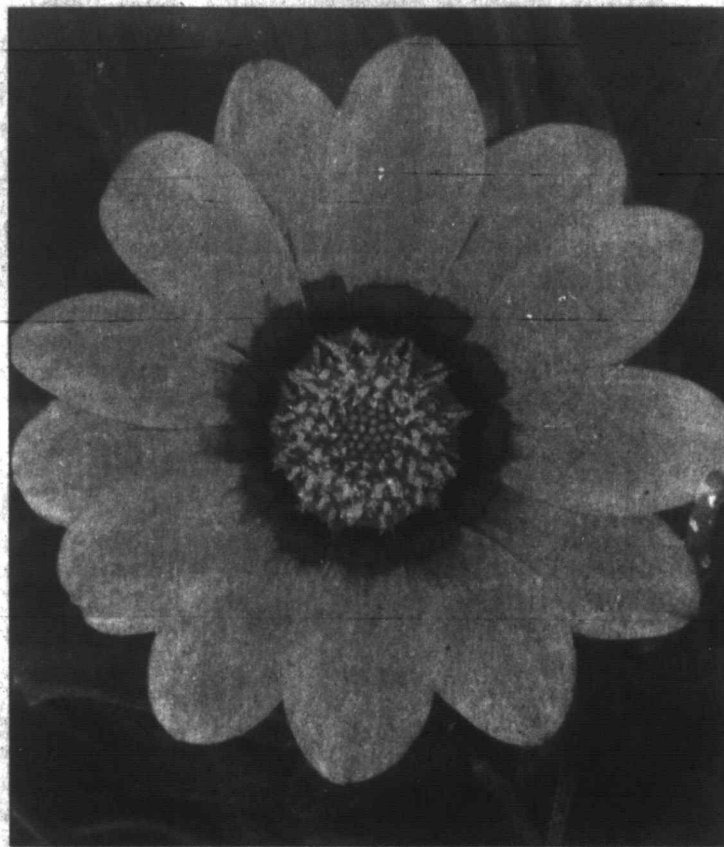
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Pampa News photos by Marilyn Powers
Vivid blooms in a variety of colors brighten the front porch of a Pampa home. Recent rainfall has helped keep lawns and gardens alive and thriving.

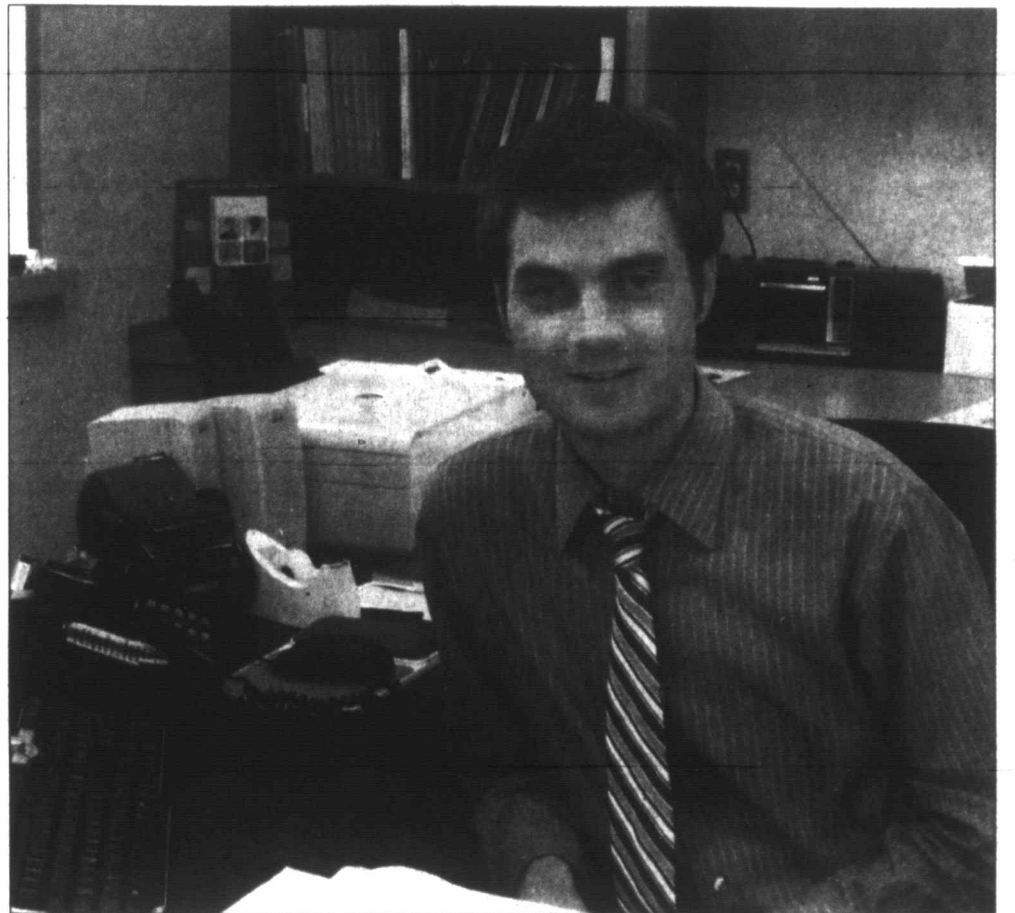


Photo by Julie Ann Thompson
David Hall, Clarendon College-Pampa Center campus's new recruiter and academic advisor, sits at his desk in his office. Hall hopes to connect with more Pampa High School students this year.

New advisor, recruiter busy promoting college

By Julie Ann Thompson
 The Pampa News

Though relatively new to the job, David Hall, 25, has already got some big ideas for Clarendon College-Pampa Center (CCPC). Hall has been acting as the academic advisor and recruiter at CCPC for the past two months.

"We want to do all kinds of things," Hall said. "Eventually we'd like to have dorms and a student center. It has the potential to grow way beyond what it's ever been."

Hall was born and raised in Clarendon. He attended Clarendon College and then trans-

ferred to West Texas A&M University in Canyon to earn his degree in psychology. He's still living there, currently working on his master's, and makes the drive to Pampa Monday through Thursday to get to work by 7 a.m.

"I hate coming to work at seven. I have to get up around 4:45 in the morning to get here on time but that ends Monday. Then it's 8 a.m. to 4:30, Monday through Friday," Hall said.

According to Hall, the Pampa campus has at least 200 full-time students currently enrolled, which is just 100 shy of the Clarendon campus which is equipped with dorms, a

fine arts center, a fitness training center and a library.

"There's a lot of opportunities here. Training beyond high school is the most important thing," Hall said. "Our academic classes transfer 100 percent to other universities, and you're getting a better price than say Tech, WT, AC or Frank Phillips."

The Pampa campus, Hall said, helps train students to be everything from doctors to pipe welders. The campus just added a cosmetology program as well as a new welding program that is generating some interest. Hall hopes to connect with

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Local officials: Pet owners need to keep animals' shots current

By Marilyn Powers
 The Pampa News

Pet owners may wish to make sure that their pets' vaccinations are current to prevent parvo and rabies, as both types of illness have been reported recently in Gray County.

A news release from the Texas Department of Health states that the county's first positive test result for rabies this year occurred earlier this month after two

dogs attacked a skunk west of McLean on July 13. The skunk tested positive for rabies.

"This is the first one we've had in Gray

County in a few years," said local veterinarian Ron Easley of Easley Animal Hospital.

Symptoms consistent with parvo have

been on the rise recently in the area, according to Sandy Burns, Pampa Animal Control supervisor.

"We're seeing it real-

ly, really bad," she said. "People are bringing dogs to the shelter that are infected with it. We've seen a lot of dogs with it."

Rabies can affect both dogs and cats, while parvo can infect dogs but not cats,

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PR rep: No single, easy answer to energy problems

By David Bowser
 The Pampa News

SWEETWATER — Jon Bennett, a public relations spokesman for TXU Energy praised the wind energy industry here this week where tall white wind turbines line the

horizon. The problem, he said, is that there has to be a reliable mix of power.

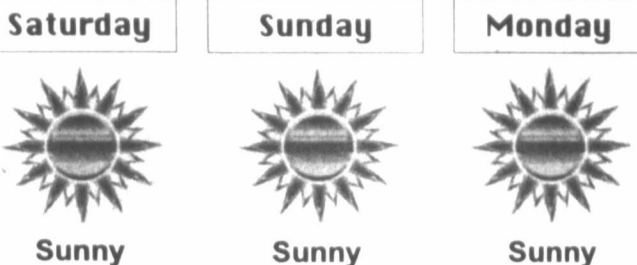
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Sunday: Sunny and hot, with a high near 97. South wind 5 to 10 mph increasing to between 15 and 20 mph. Winds could gust as high as 25 mph.

Sunday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 72. South wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Monday: Sunny and hot, with a high near 98. South-southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Monday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 73. South-southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

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BP PLC ADR	61.57	+0.13
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Obituaries

Services tomorrow

THORNTON, Lora Lee — 11 a.m., Hayhurst Funeral Home Chapel, Broken Arrow, Okla.

Roy Franke, 86

Roy Franke, 86, of Pampa, died Aug. 1, 2008, at Pampa. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa. Mr. Franke was born May 16, 1922, at New Ulm. He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force, serving during World War II.

Mr. Franke had been a Pampa resident since 1946. He married Mona Fitzgerald on Nov. 20, 1946, in El Campo. He had been a member of Zion Lutheran Church since 1950. He was preceded in death by his parents, Max and Emma Franke; three broth-

ers; and two sisters. Survivors include his wife, Mona Franke, of the home; a daughter, Rosalee Jenkins of Gainesville; a son, Stan Franke of Pampa; a brother, Ralph Franke of Killeen; two grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

MEMORIALS: Zion Lutheran Church Memorial Fund, 1200 N. Duncan, Pampa, TX 79065.

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

Marquetta Irene Joiner, 73

Marquetta Irene Joiner, 73, of Pampa, Texas, died July 31, 2008, at Amarillo, Texas. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Joiner was born Oct. 30, 1934, in Shattuck, Okla. She married Robert "Bob" Joiner on Feb. 29, 1952, in Clovis, N.M. He preceded her in death on July 17, 1996.

Marquetta was employed Cabot/Ingersoll Rand, retiring June 1, 1990. She was a

member of Altrusa International, as well as Desk & Derrick Club. Her passion was working in her flower garden.

She dedicated her life to serving the Lord and loving and caring for her family.

Survivors include two daughters, Jeannie Denison and husband W.R. of Lefors, and



Joiner

Margaret Hill and husband Rory of Pampa; three sons, Monty Joiner and wife Darlis of McLean, Dee Joiner and wife Denise, and Warren Joiner and wife Jeri, all of Pampa; 11 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; one sister, RoeJean Dixon of Amarillo; and two brothers, Travis Rush and wife Sue of

Masterson, and Jerry Rush and wife Anita of Amarillo.

Marquetta was preceded in death by her parents, L.W. and Maggie Rush; a granddaughter, Danielle Joiner; and a great-granddaughter, Mickala Miller.

MEMORIALS: Wells Street Church of Christ Building Fund, 400 N. Wells, Pampa, TX 79065.

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

Lora Lee Thornton, 94

BROKEN ARROW, Okla. — Lora Lee (Davis) Thornton, 94, a former longtime Pampa resident, died Thursday, July 31, 2008, at Senior Suites in Broken Arrow.

Services are scheduled at 11 a.m. Saturday in Hayhurst Funeral Home Chapel in Broken Arrow. Interment will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Memory Gardens in Pampa.

Mrs. Thornton was born

Nov. 16, 1913, in Grayson County, Texas, to William Lowery and Essie (Duggins) Davis.

She married to L.O. Thornton on June 15, 1935, at Enid, Okla.; he died Feb. 3, 1985. They spent most of their married life in Pampa.

In 2003, Mrs. Thornton



Thornton

relocated from Pampa to the Tulsa, Okla., area. She belonged to First Assembly of God Church in Pampa.

She enjoyed quilting, sewing and gardening.

She was preceded in death by a grandson, Daryl L. Thornton; three sisters,

Bertha, Eva and LaFon; and three brothers, Eddie, Melvin and Raymond.

Survivors include two daughters, DeAnne Trollingler of Louisville, Ky., and Mary Ellis of Tulsa; two sons, Bob Thornton of Enid, Okla., and Bill Thornton of McAlester, Okla.; 13 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; eight great-great-grandchildren.

Energy

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wind generating group and say wind is not the only

solution," Bennett said. "There are other solutions out there that need to be developed."

How else, he asked, can power be sustained when the wind falls off?

The power industry, he said, is getting better and better when it comes to renewable energy sources, but Texas is very dependent on natural gas for generating electricity.

"That is often what drives the price of power in Texas," Bennett said. "We need to work on how to get the prices of natural gas under control."

It's a big equation, he said, and no one thing is going to fix it.

"We need all of us working on everything," Bennett said.

Speaking at a West Texas Wind Energy Consortium meeting earlier this week, Bennett also praised deregulation of electric utilities in 75

percent of the Lone Star State, saying that without such deregulation the wind energy industry would not have grown like it has in Texas.

"Studies show that prices would actually be higher right now in a regulated market," he claimed.

Actual numbers, however, show that prices in the Southwest Power Pool, the Texas Panhandle and South Plains where the electric market is regulated, is about a third of the rest of the state, which is under ERCOT (the Electrical Reliability Council of Texas) and has been deregulated.

He said the reason the wind energy industry right now is doing so well is that the deregulated market has created a very good opportunity for people to develop the market.

"Coming up in the next legislative session," Bennett said, "you're

going to see a lot of people saying maybe we need to go back to a regulated market where everybody pays for everything. I think you'll see that in the next legislative session."

Bennett said that won't be good for a lot of companies that invested billions of dollars in the retail energy market. He admitted that T. Boone Pickens is making a grand investment in wind energy.

"He's a smart guy," Bennett said. "A lot of people follow smart people, but other smart people have said in many, many cases that the deregulated market in Texas actually has been working."

Bennett said that with regulation, wind power wouldn't have developed as quickly as it has.

"Be careful what you wish for on that one," Bennett said. "It's a complex issue out there."

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Lloyd Neel, right, representing Zion Lutheran Church and Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, recently presented a check for \$500 to Dee Dee Laramore, executive director of Tralee Crisis Center, to assist Tralee in providing crisis intervention and support services for victims of family violence, sexual assault and other violent crimes. The funds come from the church's annual Big Z Barbecue and Chautauqua booths.

Westside to host gospel meeting

Westside Church of Christ will host a gospel meeting with Kyle Pope of Amarillo Aug. 10-15. Pope will minister at Westside at 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. Sunday and 7:30 nightly Monday through Friday.

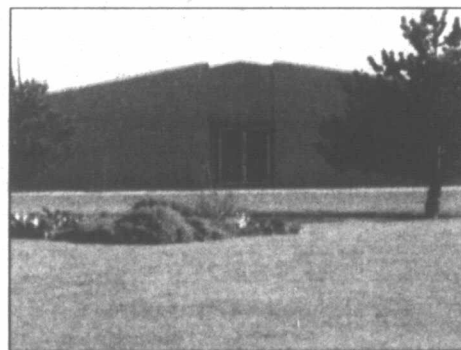
Pope preaches at Olsen Park Church of Christ in Amarillo. His theme for the meeting will be "Who Is Jesus?"

Pope is the author and owner of Ancient Road Publications Web site. He has been a gospel preacher since 1987 and has worked with churches of Christ in Missouri, Arkansas, Alabama, Kansas and Texas.

He holds a master's degree in classics from the University of Kansas (2000) and a Bachelor of Arts degree in humanities from the University of Alabama.

While pursuing his graduate work, Pope taught Greek, Latin and classical mythology as a graduate teaching assistant at the University of Kansas.

"The Lord has blessed him with the opportunity," a news release from Westside stated, "to study Hebrew, Greek, Latin, German and Coptic formally. On his own, Kyle has studied Hittite, Phoenician, Akkadian, Syriac, Gothic, Ugaritic, Proto-Sinaitic, Sanskrit, Mycenaean Linear B, Middle Egyptian, Old Persian and Arabic to some degree."



Westside Church of Christ

In addition, Pope has published articles in "Guardian of Truth," "Christianity Magazine," "Biblical Insights," "Expository Files," "Truth Magazine," "Kansas City Star" and "Amarillo Uptown."

Prior to teaching, Pope operated a freelance art business, producing original paintings and drawings. He continues to use artwork in his ministry and throughout his Web site which includes photos of Biblical sites from a trip he took to Turkey and Greece.

Pope, his wife and his family moved from Kansas City to Amarillo approximately three years ago. He has three children.

For more information, call Michael Laurence at 665-2254.

Good Sam's announces next board meeting

Good Samaritan Christian Services, 309 N. Ward, will hold its next board meeting at 5 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 24. Each of its 17 member churches are eligible to have representation on the charity's board of directors.

The previous July meeting saw nine churches represented by 17 members, the organization's June and July 2008 Newsletter reported.

According to the newsletter, the Inez B. and H.E. McCarley Foundation provided Good Sam's with a grant in the amount of

\$5,000 in June; the High Plains Food Bank provided green peppers, lettuce, sweet onions in June, and watermelons, hamburger meat and hot dog buns in July; the Girl Scouts donated 13 cases of cookies; Zion Lutheran Church of Pampa donated \$500; and a new refrigerator/freezer was donated to the charity's food pantry.

The newsletter listed the following statistics for June 2008: "Families (served) 366, Individuals served 1,316, Food orders 327, clothing orders 116, partial utility aid (\$50) 42, trans-

portation (gas) 6, and Medical Rx 5, Lodging 1."

Good Sam's is currently in need of the following items for August: Men's tennis shoes, men's jeans (30-34), children's shoes, boys' and girls' summer clothing sizes 3-4, brown paper bags, plastic bags, pots/pans, towels, toothpaste, deodorant and blankets.

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Viewpoints

America's drug war futile national effort

About the only industries the American government is skilled at creating are the war industries and the smuggling industries.

The fiasco some people call the "war on drugs" is proof positive that most people learn nothing from history. What happened when the government outlawed the sale of alcohol? It created organized crime, vast organizations that smuggled booze into the country and set up wholesale and retail distribution of it. Since criminal organizations are denied the benefit of the law for settling disputes, you got gang wars for turf and distribution rights.

Prohibition, as it was called, was supported by the same barnyard-style rhetoric that you hear about drugs. Enormous government organizations were formed to fight illegal alcohol. Corruption became rampant. It became a standard joke that the big supporters of prohibition were the cops and bootleggers. The American public finally got fed up with corruption and hypocrisy, and repealed the amendment that had created Prohibition.

The politicians were smarter the next time. They didn't use a constitutional amendment

for outlawing drugs, which would give the people a choice to reject it. They outlawed them by statute, and it is a well-known fact that the group with the least influence on the legislative process is the American people.

The exact same thing happened that had happened with prohibition. Organizations were formed that smuggled drugs into the U.S. and set up wholesale and retail distribution systems. Law enforcement expanded, and so did corruption. Illicit money in vast quantities always breeds corruption.

The illegal drug business boils down to a retail industry. There are suppliers and wholesalers, but in the end the money comes from the individual users. Therefore, if your local gendarmes tell you there are a lot of drugs in the area, but they can't find them, you need to ask this question: How is it the customers can find them, but you can't? You need to look closely at drug arrests. If they are all street sellers, then you've got a prob-

lem. Chances are, the suppliers are paying somebody off.

Never underestimate the power of money to corrupt, especially when it's untraceable and tax-free.

Like the earlier gangs in Prohibition days, drug gangs can't go to court to settle disputes, so you have killings. As long as one drug dealer is killing only another drug dealer, the cops shouldn't even bother to investigate. A lot of today's criminals, however, can't shoot straight and often hit innocent people. Those criminals should be caught and executed.

The real answer lies in one of two alternatives. Alternative one is to crack down hard and levy severe penalties on users. The present policy of giving users a slap on the wrist, especially if they are celebrities, just creates a market. No amount of law enforcement will keep drugs out of the hands of eager customers with money. For one thing, drugs like marijuana, cocaine and heroin are dirt-

cheap to produce. Drugs flow to the market. Eliminate the market and the drug flow will cease.

Frankly, if I were a cop in Colombia, I'd be darned if I would risk my life to stop drugs when I can see celebrity drug users in the U.S. going free with a smirky smile.

The second alternative is to legalize and regulate drugs. These drugs are so cheap to produce that they can be sold legitimately at a far lower price than illegal drugs. The whole illegal-drug business would go bust. If addicts could buy their drugs at a reasonable price from a noncriminal enterprise, then you would eliminate the necessity of addicts having to commit crimes to feed their habit. You could also provide education and treatment in a noncriminalized environment. You would eliminate a lot of corruption, and you would greatly reduce the prison population.

To continue as we are is to fulfill the definition of insanity and chronic stupidity by repeating the same acts that result in the same repeated failures.

—Write to Charley Reese at P.O. Box 2446, Orlando, FL 32802.

Charley Reese
Columnist

Attributes of Quicken and QuickBooks

Whenever a family buys a computer, their reasons can run the gamut — Internet access, educational programs for the kids, games and finances. While the first three are pretty easy to figure out, many adults get in a quandary about the last one. How, exactly, do you "put your finances" on the computer?

Two of the most popular programs used to solve that problem are Intuit's Quicken and QuickBooks.

If anyone ever asked me what computer program I have used the longest, I would have to reply, "Quicken." I've been using this program since the days of DOS when "color monitor" meant choosing

Eric Spellmann
Columnist



between orange or green text. Back then, a 10 megabyte hard drive was "infinite in capacity" and, as Bill Gates quoted back then, "No one will ever need more than 640k of RAM."

That's half a meg, folks. But, I digress...

Quicken has seen many changes over the years, most in the form of interface design. Basically, Quicken was designed for home finance. If all you want to do is "balance your checkbook," get Quicken. You

don't have to worry about "debits" and "credits," accounts receivable vs. payables or double-entry accounting. The data entry screen even resembles a paper check to ease your transition into the electronic world.

Intuit offers four flavors of Quicken: Quicken Starter Edition, Quicken Deluxe, Quicken Premier and Quicken Online.

If all you need to do is balance your checkbook, get the \$29.99 Starter Edition. While lacking many of the bells and whistles of the more expensive versions, it does an excellent job at balancing your checkbook, paying your bills and tracking your spending.

If you need to monitor your investments, prepare for tax time and save for

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Quicken Premier (\$89.99) includes "wizards" that help you maximize your investment portfolio, find tax-saving opportunities and prepare for retirement.

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Ask most accountants what financial software they recommend to their clients, and they will respond with QuickBooks. A true double-entry system, QuickBooks is designed for small business-

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Pro: Adds multi-user capability and integration with Outlook, Excel, and Word.

Premiere: The "Full Meal Deal." Lots and lots of freebies, including the "Complete Guide to QuickBooks" on CD, incredibly detailed report customization and the ability to password protect a closing date.

In a nutshell, if you need invoicing, inventory tracking or payroll management, get QuickBooks. Otherwise, stick with it's easier-to-use brother, Quicken. Find out more at <http://www.intuit.com>. See you in Cyberspace!

TODAY IN HISTORY

By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, Aug. 1, the 214th day of 2008. There are 152 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Aug. 1, 1907, the U.S. Air Force had its beginnings as the U.S. Army Signal Corps established an aeronautical division.

On this date:

In 1714, Britain's Queen Anne died at age 49; she was succeeded by George I.

In 1876, Colorado was admitted as the 38th state.

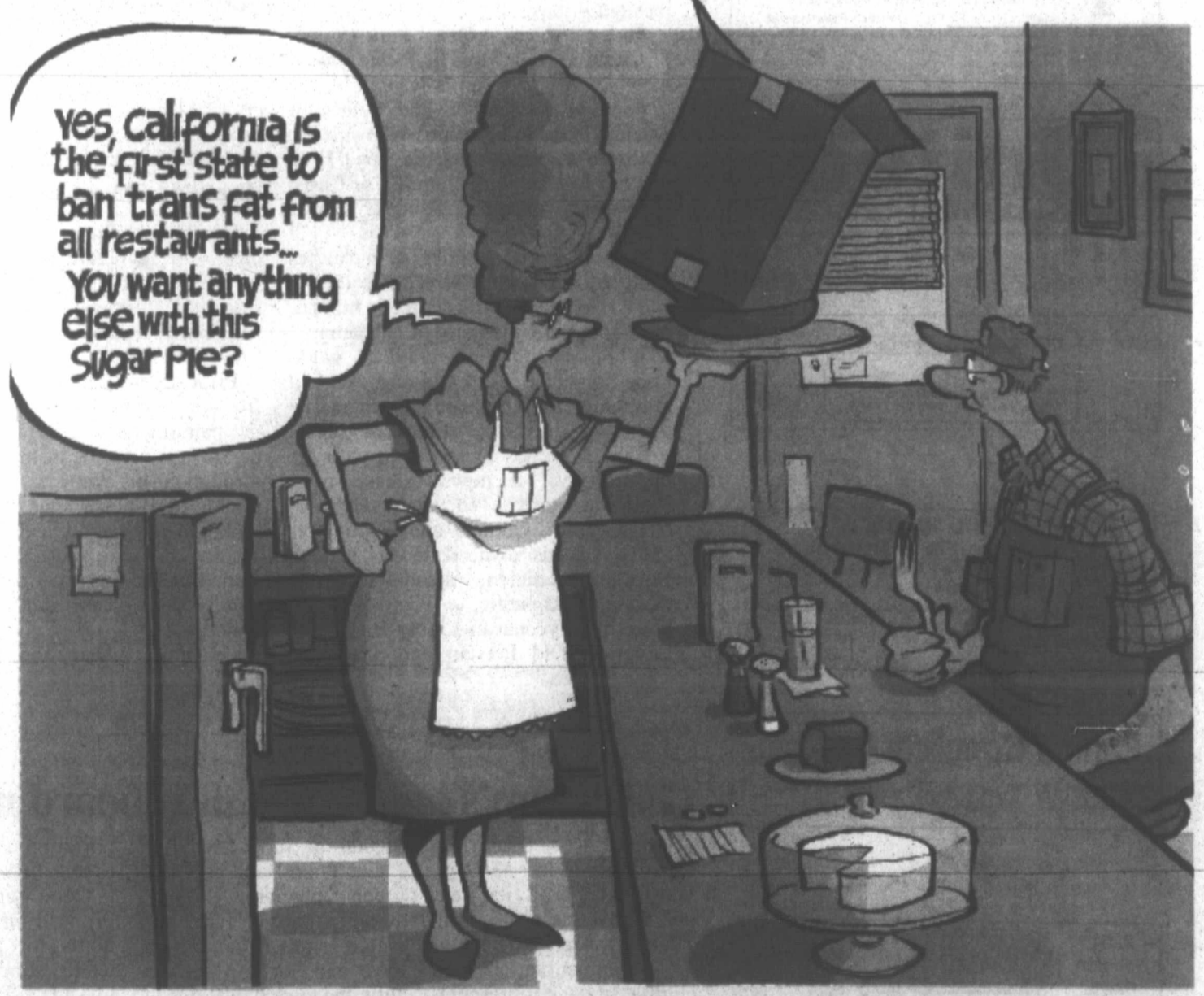
In 1894, the First Sino-Japanese War erupted, the result of a dispute over control of Korea; Japan's army routed the Chinese.

In 1933, the National Recovery Administration's "Blue Eagle" symbol began to appear in store windows and on packages to show support for the National Industrial Recovery Act.

In 1936, the Olympic games opened in Berlin with a ceremony presided over by Adolf Hitler.

In 1944, an uprising broke out in Warsaw, Poland, against Nazi occupation, a revolt that lasted two months before collapsing.

In 1946, President Truman signed the Fulbright Program into law, establishing the scholarships named for Sen. William J. Fulbright.



Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around the nation:

■ July 30
Los Angeles Times, on the recent 5.4-magnitude earthquake:

We got lucky this time. ... And although better building codes have made this a safer region in which to ride out quakes, we are not prepared in other ways to maximize our chances for

both immediate and longer-term survival.

... When hundreds of people wrote in to The Times' Web site within minutes to share their experiences of the quake, among the stories were reports of unsecured bric-a-brac that had fallen or children who had never experienced an earthquake and had no idea what to do. And how many of us, if we ever had a home earthquake kit complete with bottled water, have bothered to update it in

the last five years? ...

It's easy to ignore theoretical reports such as the one released in May by the U.S. Geological Survey and the California Geological Survey warning that a catastrophic quake, like the one that struck China, was inevitable here, and that individuals and governments were not up to the challenge. After all, we have other disasters to worry about these days. ... (The) quake may have provided a useful jolt of reality.

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: A close friend I'll call "Millie" recently confided that she is being sexually harassed at work. The person is a major client of hers, and she could lose her job if this is brought to light. I would like to help Millie, but I don't know what to do. Please help me. This is eating away at me.
-- HURTING FOR MY FRIEND IN CONNECTICUT

DEAR HURTING: It is important that Millie report what has been happening to her boss. It is her employer's responsibility to see that she is not bothered. I have long thought that people who use their position of power to sexually harass are either so pathologically narcissistic they can't believe everyone isn't bowled over by their charm (which, of course, is delusional thinking), or so pitifully unattractive and insecure they must bully their target into submission. Whatever is driving your friend's harasser, it is vital for Millie's emotional well-being that the person is stopped. Laws protect people in the workplace, but only if the harassment is reported.

DEAR ABBY: I would appreciate your perspective on something that has been going on for about five years. When my granddaughter, "Allie," receives a gift, she takes it to her room to open. Allie is no longer a child, Abby. She's an intelligent, attractive college graduate. Later on, she will say thank you for the gift. When I asked why she won't open the gift when I give it to her, her response was, "I don't like to be watched while I open gifts." This leaves me unable to witness her pleasure and makes me wonder why I spend my time purchasing anything for her. Please give me your reaction.
-- GIFT-GIVING GRANDMA, CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA.

DEAR GRANDMA: You are operating under the assumption that your granddaughter likes the gifts you have chosen. Has it occurred to you that she may take the gifts to open in private because she knows you are waiting for her reaction and finds it intimidating? My feeling is that you and she should have a frank talk about this, and you should take your cue from the outcome. It'll clear the air.

DEAR ABBY: Am I doomed to be a "jack of all trades"? I'm 21 and can never stick with a job longer than six months. I get bored and start looking for another one. I have noticed my inability to find satisfaction in anything I do. I pick up and drop hobbies in the span of weeks. I'm currently in college and have switched majors six times. Women drop me because I can't decide on what my "life's work" should be. I know I'm young, but it feels like the years are going fast. What can I do to find my niche?
-- A GUY NAMED MIKE IN OHIO

DEAR GUY NAMED MIKE: The first thing to do should be to head to the student health center, explain your problem and ask for an evaluation. Next, stop berating yourself for being indecisive about your career path. Generations ago, people trained for one career that was supposed to last until retirement. Today, however, workers can expect to change jobs several times over the span of their careers. And that's why a liberal arts education can be helpful, because it exposes students to a wide variety of subjects that can be helpful in the future.

For Better Or Worse



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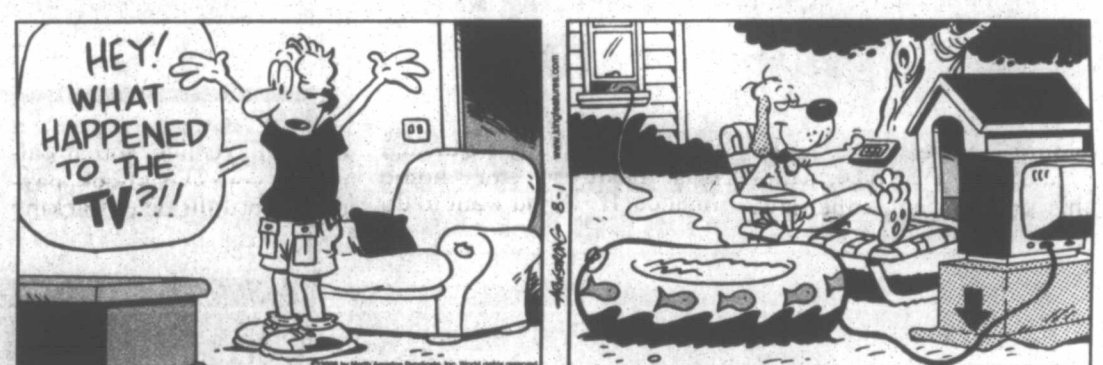
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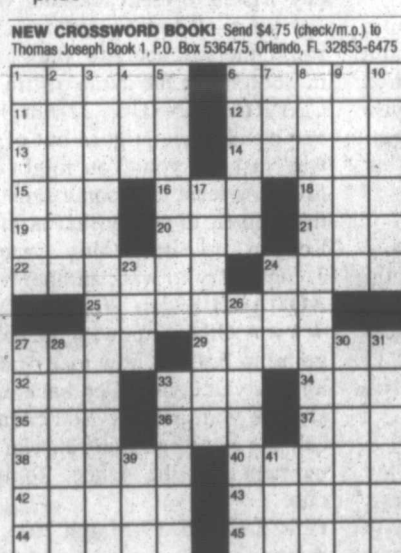


Crossword Puzzle

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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- 1 Fruit-yielding tree
 - 6 Syrup-yielding tree
 - 11 Showed over
 - 12 Slipup
 - 13 Critic
 - 14 Chum
 - 15 Gaul
 - 16 Summer invader
 - 18 Auction signal
 - 19 PC key
 - 20 Simple denials
 - 21 Pool need
 - 22 Handles
 - 24 Cats and dogs
 - 25 Leans on
 - 27 Quick guess
 - 29 Kind of fin
 - 32 Possesses
 - 33 Collins base
 - 34 "CSI" evidence
 - 35 Guitarist's aid
 - 36 Went first
 - 37 Representative: Abbr.
 - 38 Bring up
 - 40 Practical
- DOWN**
- 1 Foot parts
 - 2 Read over
 - 3 C.S.
 - 4 —
 - 5 Under-standing
 - 6 Ham and lamb
 - 7 Hurler's pride
 - 8 Judith
 - 9 Exit a
 - 10 Wears down
 - 11 Under-standing
 - 12 Ham and lamb
 - 13 Blubber
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 - 18 View-site points
 - 19 New news
 - 20 Secluded spots
 - 21 Caesar of comedy
 - 22 Pitch



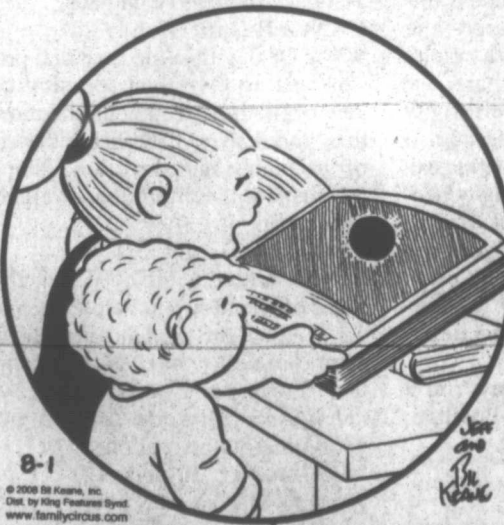
Marmaduke



"The vet called and canceled your next appointment."

The Family Circus

By Bil Keane



"It's called an 'e-clipse' 'cause God does it on His computer."

Flo & Friends



Sports

Some Web sites unblocked for Olympics, but not all

BEIJING (AP) — Olympic organizers unblocked some Internet sites at the main press center and media venues Friday while others remained off limits for journalists covering the Beijing games.

The move falls short of the “free and unfettered access” the organizers and Chinese officials had promised for months. However, it was an improvement from earlier in the week when sites for the likes of Amnesty International or Tiananmen Square could not be opened.

Senior International Olympic Committee officials met late into the night Thursday with their Chinese counterparts and said they reached an agreement to

unblock sites, although the IOC statement said the details were still being formulated.

“We trust them to keep their promise,” the International Olympic Committee said.

Kevin Gosper, the press commission head of the IOC, said the IOC and Chinese officials were working toward “unlocking sites that we believe were unreasonably blocked.”

Gosper acknowledged full Web access was not possible due to China’s authoritarian government and the tight social controls exerted by the Communist Party.

“We have always had an understanding, and we haven’t necessarily talked

about it, that any sovereign government will block pornographic sites and what they might consider subversive, or sites which are contrary to the national interest,” Gosper said.

“I would suggest also that we are not working in a democratic society, we’re working in a communist society. This is China, and they are proud to be a communist society. So it will be different.

“In terms of all other matters,” Gosper said journalists and broadcasters would have the same access as previous Olympics.

“I believe we are now on the way to getting there.”

Gunilla Lindberg, an IOC vice president from Sweden who is staying in the Athletes’ Village, said she thought full Internet access had been achieved, but acknowledged she had not checked many sites.

“I just got the message early this morning that everything had opened up. And I’m very happy about that.”

Amnesty International’s site was open on Friday, but links to the banned spiritual movement Falun Gong remained closed. Some Web sites dealing with Tibet were open, but others tied to the restive region in the west of China were blocked. The BBC’s Chinese-language site was open at times, but frequently unavailable.

Searches for Falun Gong turned up only blank Web pages, and searching for sensitive phrases like

“Tiananmen Square” turned up sites that could not be accessed.

China’s communist government routinely filters its citizens’ Internet access, although an organizing committee spokesman disputed this.

“In China, Internet access is fully open,” Sun Weide said. “And we’re keeping our promises when bidding for the games to provide good environment and a quality service for reporters using the Internet to cover the Olympic Games. And we administer the Internet by law.”

The censored Internet is among the issues tarnishing China’s attempt to use the Olympics to promote an image of a modern, open state. The run-up to the games, which begin in a week, had also been dominated by concerns about Beijing’s choking air pollution, attempts to censor foreign TV broadcasters, and a security crackdown that had discouraged foreign tourists.

Gosper, the Australia IOC member, was caught up in the controversy.

On Thursday, he said he felt like the “fall guy” after promising reporters at the games they would have uncensored Internet access, only to find certain Web sites blocked. He went further by saying he suspected the IOC’s senior leadership — including president Jacques Rogge — probably knew about the change and had worked with the Chinese to engineer it.

Texas League second half at a glance

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South Division					
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Tulsa at Springfield					

China military in massive Olympics security role

BEIJING (AP) — China’s military has deployed tens of thousands of army troops to safeguard the Beijing Olympics from potential terrorist attacks, authorities said Friday.

A force of 34,000 soldiers has been stationed in Beijing and other cities such as Shanghai that are hosting Olympic events, Tian Yixiang, of the Olympics security command center, told reporters Friday.

Tian said the main threat to the Olympics arose from radicals seeking to establish a Muslim state in the western territory of Xinjiang, along with those seeking independence for Tibet.

Beijing claims to have foiled a series of plots by members of Xinjiang’s main Uighur ethnic group and says the sometimes violent anti-government protests in Tibetan areas this year were part of a campaign to sabotage the Aug. 8-24 games.

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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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Horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Saturday, Aug. 2, 2008:

Aries You have fire and energy. Others might interfere with your sense of direction and needs — even if they do not intend this impact. It will be your job to keep your focus on a clear and open field. Understand what is happening, and use your clout and influence. Your creativity peaks in whatever area you plug into. If you are single, you have a lot of appeal. Be willing to use it. You draw many people in. If you are attached, you'll work as a team better if you cut some of your ego and pride. The two of you often overindulge together. **VIRGO** encourages you to be a little more moderate.

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) ★★★★★ Initial confusion is not long term and, for some, might not even be an issue. Use your unique solution-finding abilities to make “most of the people happy, most of the time.” Do not forget about taking better care of No. 1. Tonight: Kick back and relax — finally.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ Running around the home and making the most out of an opportunity to do little might be very appropriate. You usually give 100 percent; now do just the same for R and R. If you are tired, you need to say so. Tonight: Kick up your heels. Remember that it's your time to play too, no matter what age you are!

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ Run errands, make calls and take time for a leisurely visit with a

friend or two. You could easily be overwhelmed by all that is going on. Communicate what is on your mind. Now is not the moment to hold back. Tonight: Invite a friend back.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★ Deal with some financial pressure. You need to investigate possibilities and new beginnings. You could be more tired than you realize. Establish a better sense of grounding and direction. Plan a get-together for the afternoon. Tonight: Chat up a storm.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ Use that sunny personality and sense of friendship to help loosen up others. You might be a bit uptight or feel compromised. Don't. Keep communication flowing and open. If you want to indulge someone, do so. Tonight: The good times go on and on.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ You are the power behind the situation: You initially thought one way, but once entrenched in feelings, you changed, and people change with your new insight. By afternoon, you know what to do and when. Tonight: All smiles.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ Use the daylight hours for errands, friends and making “the schmooze.” Choose who you want as company, and do not be surprised if events propel you in a new direction. Tonight: Go for dinner for two. You might be surprised by what comes up.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ Take charge. You are able to make a big difference just by taking a stand. You are on top of your game. Schedule some fun for late afternoon.

Join friends, and go for a spontaneous party. Tonight: Do nothing halfway.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ If you want to get out of Dodge, the time is now, if only for the day. Listen to feedback later. Make your day yours. Wherever you are, you are a star. Others notice you; they cannot help it. Tonight: In the game of life.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ Someone goes out of his or her way just for you. You might return the favor. At least take some time and thank this person in a way that is meaningful. Loosen up and enjoy yourself too. Tonight: Try to walk another's talk.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ Others run with the ball. You are going to find out how many people actually do value you. Step back and remain clear in your actions. You cannot always call the last shot, but you can enjoy the moment and the dance. Tonight: Be a duo.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ Get into a project with the thought of completing it efficiently and quickly. You might want to understand what makes another person tick. Work on your listening skills, and you will find the answers. Tonight: Say yes.

BORN TODAY
Chilean novelist Isabel Allende (1942), Irish actor Peter O'Toole (1932), novelist James Baldwin (1924)

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Shots

Continued from Page 1 Easley said. Wild canines such as coyotes can also become ill when exposed to the parvo virus.

"We've had several dogs that are possible parvo patients and some that are probables," he said. "There are a number that have symptoms compatible with parvo."

Rabies is a neurological illness with symptoms that may vary, Easley said. The muscles which allow the animal to eat and drink become paralyzed when the animal has rabies. Some animals may exhibit the "furious" form of rabies, in which they are hostile and attack, while others display symptoms of "sleeping" rabies, which resembles a sleeping sickness.

"From incubation to onset of symptoms to death is within 10 days," Easley said of rabies. "Any abnormal action by a wild animal should make a person suspect rabies."

Symptoms of parvo begin with anorexia, in which the dog stops eating and drinking. The dog begins to run a fever and develops vomiting and diarrhea. Death can occur in less than 24 hours in severe cases.

Vaccines are available to protect pets from both deadly illnesses. Young animals should receive their first rabies vaccine at 12 weeks or older, followed by a booster a year later and further booster shots every three years afterward.

Parvo vaccine should be administered monthly for three months, or a total of three injections, for puppies. A booster shot is recommended for one year after the initial three shots, and another booster is recommended every three years afterward. If the dog is an adult when first given the parvo vaccine, only two initial injections are recommended, followed by one a year later and subsequent boosters every three years, Easley said.

One difficulty in confirming that a dog has parvo is the nature of the test available for detection of the disease.

"The test is not accurate unless the dog actually has symptoms. It is not a screening test," Easley said. The cost of the test is approximately \$45.

A veterinarian with Gray County Veterinary Clinic could not be reached for comment concerning this story.

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Continued from Page 1 more Pampa High School students to encourage them to go to the school.

"When I go to lunch I talk about college, and I'll ask people if they're going and most of them say 'no,'" Hall said. "And I'm like, 'why?' There's a college right here. There are ways we can help you pay for it. No student is stretched too thin to go to college."

Hall said that the school recently hosted a barbecue that went over well with the community. He hopes to do more such activities in the future, including possibly hosting an outdoor concert.

"Everyone has an open invitation to come and see me," Hall said. "I help all of our students find the right curriculum path for them. We get admission and registration taken care of and do financial aid out of this office too."

As for connecting with high school students, Hall admitted he's a bit nervous about it.

"I don't know how well I'll relate to high school kids. I'm certainly not going to dress like this," he said, motioning to his dress shirt and tie. "I'll be in a T-shirt and jeans. As for my pitch? I don't know ... maybe I can tell the guys we have cute girls here."

Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the period from 7 a.m. Wednesday to 7 a.m. Thursday.

Wednesday, July 30

Ten traffic stops were made. Stops in the 600 block of North Zimmers, the intersection of Tignor and Barnard streets, and the intersection of Kentucky and Sumner streets resulted in arrests. Driving while intoxicated, second offense, and fictitious registration were reported in connection with the stop at the intersection of Kentucky and Sumner.

A traffic complaint was received from the 700 block of North Frost.

Vehicle accidents were reported at the intersection of Oklahoma and Christy streets, and the 900 block of West 23rd. At least one arrest was made in connection with the accident at the intersection of Oklahoma and Christy.

Calls and stops concerning animals occurred in the 1400 block of North Hobart, the 1300 block of Duncan, the 700 block of North Robert, the 300 block of North Banks, the 1200 block of Wilcox, the 1500 block of North Christy, the 1100 block of South Christy, the 1500 block of North Zimmers, the 400 block of Graham, the 700 block of Bradley Drive (twice), and the 1300 block of Garland.

Agency assistance was rendered in the 100 block of West 30th and on Interstate 40 at McLean. A K-9 search was made in connection with the incident on I-40.

A runaway was reported in the 800 block of Barnes.

Welfare checks were made in the 1300 block of West Kentucky, the 100 block of West 30th, the intersection of Browning and Lefors streets, and

the 1100 block of East Francis. A civil matter was reported in the police department lobby.

A suspicious person call was received from the 2800 block of Charles.

A suspicious vehicle call was received from the 700 block of West Crawford.

A silent/abusive 911 call was received from the 200 block of North Cuyler.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1000 block of South Faulkner, the 300 block of South Cuyler, the 800 block of Municipal Drive, the 1100 block of Huff Road, the 1300 block of Garland, the 800 block of West Wilks and twice in the 1100 block of Prairie Drive.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 800 block of Barnes.

A narcotics violation was reported in the 1100 block of Prairie Drive.

Harassment was reported in the 1300 block of West Kentucky.

Information concerning a verbal argument was received in the 800 block of North Sumner.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1300 block of Plum.

Simple assault was reported in the 2100 block of North Sumner. No injuries were reported.

Assault was reported in the 1000 block of Prairie Drive. At least one arrest was made in connection with the incident.

Four alarms were reported.

One open door was checked.

Forgery was reported in the police department lobby. The incident involved numerous forged checks.

Theft was reported in the 300 block of North Dwight. A bicycle was taken.

Theft was reported at Wal-Mart Supercenter, 2801 Charles. Taken was \$550 in cash.

Theft was reported in the 1200 block of Barnes and twice in the

2800 block of Charles. Burglary was reported in the 2300 block of Navajo. Taken were a table saw, jig saw, drill, cordless drill and three tubs of mud for texturing. Estimated value of loss is \$630.

Burglary was reported in the 500 block of North Sumner.

Thursday, July 31
One traffic stop was made.

A traffic complaint was received from the 700 block of North Russell.

A suspicious vehicle call was received from the 1000 block of Neel Road.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 400 block of Lefors.

One open door was checked.

Fire

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

Thursday, July 31
9:59 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 700 block of Lowry on a call for medical assistance.

2:57 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 800 block of West 25th on a call for medical assistance.

8:10 p.m. — One unit and four personnel responded to the 1100 block of Varnon on a call for medical assistance.

9:10 p.m. — One unit and four personnel responded to a motor vehicle accident and a minor hasmat cleanup at the intersection of Frederic and Barnes streets. No injuries were reported.

11:12 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the alley behind the 1900 block of Beech where a gas meter had been hit. The leak was stopped and personnel stood by for Atmos.

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Saturday, August 9th

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Pampa's Engine Parts (Napa) Store was founded in 1938 by Luke McClelland and Crawford Atkinson. Back then it was known as Motor Inn Auto Supply and was a service station and parts store.

Henry McClelland, a 17-year-old at the time, was working as a soda jerk in Jacksboro, Texas and decided he didn't want to do that for the rest of his life, so he accepted the offer of his brother Luke and his cousin Crawford, and moved to Pampa to work.

The income, Henry said, was enough to pay his bills and go out with his buddies every night. He worked in the business until he was nearly 80 years old.

John McKinley joined the staff after the war when he "mustered out" in 1946. He began working as a parts salesman in the city, but over time his territory included most of the Panhandle. He eventually became a partner and worked in the business until he sold his interest to Howard Reed in 1995.

We moved to our current location in 1948. Howard and Linda Reed became partners in 1980. They have worked hard to build the staff and inventory to what it is today.

Engine Parts is a family business with many faithful employees and customers. We keep our focus on service, availability and inventory.

ENGINE PARTS



The interior of the store as it appeared in 1948.



Familiar faces at Pampa's Engine Parts include (from left) Jonathan Robinson, Marc Reed, Tammye Maple, Kim Tatum, Tyler Hucks, Vona DuBose, Shawn Summers, Barbara Walker, Howard Reed, Henry McClelland and John McKinley.