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Pampa News photos by David Bowser

C.E. Williams, general manager of the Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District, visits with State Sen. Robert Duncan, who celebrated his 55th birthday Tuesday as he participated in a Senate Natural Resources Committee hearing in Amarillo concerning groundwater issues.

Water focus of hearing

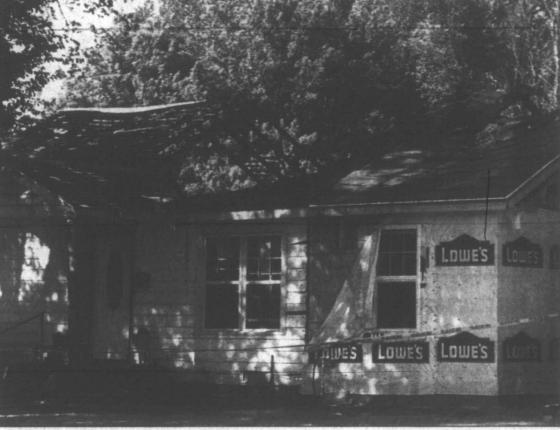
By David Bowser The Pampa News

AMARILLO - "There's real problems with the lake," said Kent Satterwhite, general manager

of the Canadian River Municipal Authority, which provides water to its 11 member cities, including Pampa. "CRMWA supplies

groundwater to half a million people in the Texas Panhandle and Plains," South Satterwhite told a Texas Senate hearing here this week.

Lake Meredith was at the CRMWA's sole supply hearing See WATER, Page 5



Pampa News photo by Marilyn Powers

Early morning fire

A house at 315 Hazel was heavily damaged as a result of a fire which was reported at 2:38 a.m. today. Six units and 13 personnel from Pampa Fire Department responded to the blaze, along with Pampa Police Department. No injuries were reported concerning emergency personnel or the occupants of the home, according to PFD Capt. Jesse Hanes. PFD personnel remained on the scene until 7:31 a.m. No information was available as of press time today concerning where or how the fire started.

Local EDC board member becomes full-time staffer

By David Bowser The Pampa News

Another Pampa Economic Development Corp. board member has been hired by the organiza-

Following a closed-door session Tuesday, the Pampa EDC accepted the resignation of Kathy Cota

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■ Golden Horseshoe hunt continues

As part of its yearly rodeo promotion, Top O' Texas Rodeo Association of Pampa is sponsoring its annual "Golden Horseshoe Treasure Hunt." The "golden horseshoe" has been hidden in the

area and the association has provided the following clue to help contest participants locate

Clue No.2 - Clue can be found at a jewelry store. The Top O' Texas Rodeo will be staged Aug. 14-16 at Top O'

Texas Rodeo Arena.







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Fund to benefit Pampa woman

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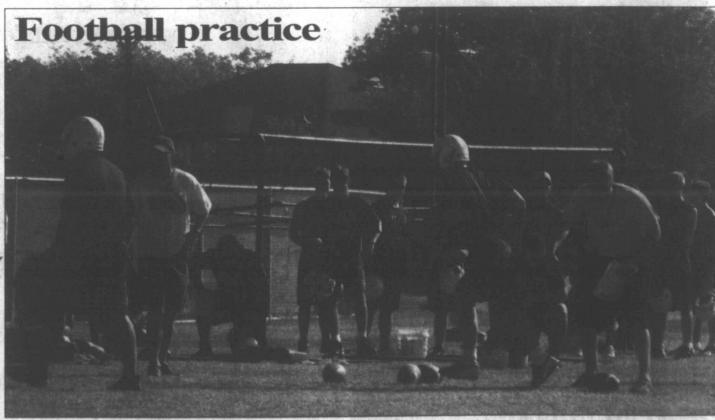
A benefit fund has been established for Pampa woman at FirstBank Southwest under her hus-Brent band's name,

Williamson. Pamela Williamson was paralyzed from the neck down last month when she was involved in a motor vehicle accident. Brent, whose injuries were less severe, was in the hospital for 18 days. Pamela has been in the hospital for almost 40 days.

"We're still waiting for the swelling in her spine to go down," Brent said. "The doctor says chances are she won't walk again, but we're Christians, and we believe that God is going to restore her."

Pamela lost most of the

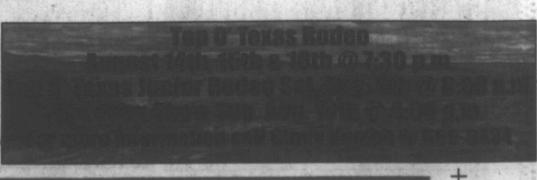
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Pampa News photo by Julie Ann Thompson

Pampa Harvesters started two-a-days on Monday of this week and will continue through this week in preparation for the coming football season. The season will officially kick-off with a varsity scrimmage at 6:30 p.m. Aug. 21 at Dalhart.

Hurry In For The BEST Selection!



NEXT DAY FORECAST

Thursday Friday Saturday Cloudy Cloudy Cloudy

Thursday: Scattered showers and thunderstorms. Some of the storms could produce heavy rain. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 81. Calm wind becoming east between 10 and 15 mph. Chance of precipitation is 30

Thursday Night: A 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Some of the storms could produce heavy rain. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 65. East wind between 10 and 15 mph becoming calm. Winds could gust as high as 20 mph.

Friday: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Some of the storms could produce heavy rain. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 82. South wind 5 to 10 mph becoming north-northeast.

Friday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 64. South southeast wind between 5 and 15 mph.

Saturday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 86. Southsouthwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Saturday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 71.

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Services tomorrow

AMMERMAN, Aiden Micheal Lyndon — Graveside services, 10 a.m., Fairview Cemetery, Pampa. **DITTBERNER**, Edward L. — 10 a.m., First Baptist

Church, Panhandle. **DeWITT,** Rosie — 2 p.m., Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

Catherine Dorsey, 77

ALANREED Catherine Dorsey, 77, died Thacker Haynes officiating. Tuesday, Aug. 5, 2008, at Amarillo. Graveside services are scheduled at 10 a.m.

Saturday at Alanreed

Cemetery with the Rev. Arrangements under the direction of Bailey-Ware Funeral Home in McLean.

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Obituaries

Aiden Micheal Lyndon Ammerman, 1 month, 18 days

Aiden Micheal Lyndon Ammerman, both Ammerman, 1 month, 18 days, died Aug. 2, 2008, at Pampa, Texas.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 7, 2008, at Fairview Cemetery with Leland Lewis, pastor of First Assembly of God, officiating.

Aiden was born June 14, 2008, in Pampa.

Survivors include parents. Tiffiney Britton and Ted

of the home; maternal grandparents, Tamera Books and Glen McGhan, both of Alaska, and Beau Britton of Pampa; paternal grandparents, Cheryl and Jason Lopez, and Dirk Ammerman, Ammerman all of Pampa; great-grandparents, J.B. and Pampa.



Bethel Walker of Pampa, and Patricia Tincher of Alaska; two aunts, Elizabeth Flynn of Alaska and Shailey Britton of Florida; and three uncles, Jeff Twigg of Alaska, James Twigg, Jeremy Goode and wife Liana, all of

MEMORIALS: Central Baptist Church, 513 E. Francis, Pampa, TX 79065, or St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, Attn: Memorial/Honor Program, One St. Jude Place Bldg., P.O. Box 1000, Dept. 300, Memphis, TN 38148-0552.

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Rosie DeWitt, 54

AMARILLO — Rosie Funeral Directors. DeWitt, 54, died Aug. 3, 2008, in Carson County. Services will be at 2 p.m. 1954, at Spur. She Thursday, Aug. 7, 2008, at had Carmichael-Whatley Amarillo resident Colonial Chapel in Pampa with the Rev. Bob Hudson, pastor of Bible Baptist Church of Pampa, officiat-

Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery in Pampa under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley home; three sons, Ron and Rick Velasquez of

DeWitt Mrs. was born June 13. been an for 20 years and worked as a nail technician. had been retired since 2004.

include her hus-

Survivors DeWitt

DeWitt, Jr., of Amarillo; four sisters, Aide Billy Perryton, DeWitt of Amarillo, and Michael Jose Velasquez, of the home; her parents, Guadalupe and Jesus Velasquez of Pampa; three brothers, Jesus

Maria Velasquez Domingo and band, Ralph Iruegas, of the Velasquez, both of Pampa,

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his discharge, he

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Nava of El Paso, Maria Guadalupe Velasquez and Margie Cawthorn, both of Amarillo, and Lolly Carver of Pampa; five grandchildren; and a special friend, Nicole Griffin of Amarillo.

Mrs. DeWitt was preceded in death by a son, Phillip Daniel DeWitt.

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Edward L. Dittberner

PANHANDLE, Texas — Edward L. Dittberner, a lifetime resident of Carson County, Texas, passed away on Sunday, Aug. 3, 2008. Services will be 10 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 7, 2008, at First Baptist Church with the Rev. Joe Zimmerman, Pastor, officiating. Services are under the direction of Minton Chatwell Funeral Directors of Panhandle.

1921, east of Panhandle, to Herman Mary and Dittberner. He attended Hobart School Panhandle High, graduating

in 1938. Ed also attended Amarillo Junior College for two years and was inducted into the United States Army Air Corp in 1942, where he served until 1946. While in the

service, he married Ozella Dunn Dittberner on April 23, 1943,

Ed was born Oct. 21. at March Field, Calif. Ed was stationed in the China-Burma-India Theater and served in Northern Burma and for 13 months. His unit received the Asiatic Pacific



Ed and his family were members of First Baptist Church in White Deer for many years, serving as a deacon in the church. He moved east of

White Deer.

Panhandle in the 1970s and farmed the family farm until his retirement. Ed was a long-time member of the Carson County Farm Bureau, serving as president for three years, and a member of the Texas Farm Bureau Wheat Advisory Committee for four years, acting as chairman for two years. He was also a member of the American Farm Bureau Federation for two

years. Ed received the Pioneer award from the state of Texas in 2001. He was also a member of the McClellan

work with wood in his shop behind the house. His family and friends have many items in their home that he had made.

Survivors include sons, Phillip Dittberner and wife Judy of Fort Collins, Colo., Tommy Dittberner and wife Trena of Andrews, Texas, and Terry Dittberner of Austin, Texas; one sister, Joyce Johnson and husband Jim of Salem, S.C.; seven granddaughters; one grandson; and three greatgrandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Ozella in 2002; daughter-in-law, Carla; one sister, Alberta Anderson; and one brother. Walter. Visitation will be from

5:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 6 at the funeral home.

Please sign our online guestbook at mintonchatwell.com.

Mr. Dittberner's requests were that memorials be made to the First Baptist Church, Box Creek SWCB for 20 years. Panhandle, TX 79068, or the In 2000, he moved to Carson County Farm Bureau Panhandle where he loved to in Panhandle.

Malinda Jackson, 99

Pampa, Texas, died Aug. 1, 2008, at Pampa. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Jackson was born March 1, 1909, in Stephens, Ark., to Rush and Nora Oliver. She had been a resident of Pampa since Dec. 7, 1958, when she and her husband, Earlie Jackson, Sr., moved from Arkansas to help start the Oklahoma Street Church of Christ. She served

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She was a 10-year breast. cancer survivor.

Malinda was preceded in death by her husband of 60 years; three sons, James L. Jackson, Chester L. Jackson and Herdis L. Jackson; her parents; one brother; and one

Survivors include four daughters, Earlene Jackson of Pampa, Mable Jackson and Clara Tucker, both of Fort Worth, and Gladys Jackson of Waterbury, Conn.; one son, Earlie Jackson, Jr., of Pampa; 42 grandchildren who loved her dearly; 109 great-grandchildren; and 15 GRAY CO. Latchkey, Inc. great-great-grandchildren; welcomes old and new famiand a host of other family and lies to our Early Enrollment friends who will remember on Aug. 12, 3:30-7pm. at her for her elegant graciousness and love of people, and serving the Lord faithfully. Bargain prices on all Summer

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Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the period from 7 a.m. Monday to 7 a.m. today. Monday, Aug. 4

Thirteen traffic stops were made. Stops in the 1200 block of North Hobart, and the intersection of 20th and Hobart streets resulted in arrests.

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Traffic complaints were received from the intersection of 23rd and Hobart streets, and the intersection of Crane and Crest streets.

Motorist assistance was rendered in the 1000 block of East Frederic.

Vehicle accidents were reported in the 400 block of East Frederic and the 100 block of East Foster.

Calls and stops concerning animals occurred in the 1800 block of Alcock, the 1800 block of Coffee (twice), the 500 block of North Nelson, the 400 block of North Wells, the 1600 block of Coffee, the 900 block of Wilcox, the intersection of Kentucky and Starkweather streets, the 1600 block of North Christine, the 800 block of West Kingsmill, the 1500 block of North Zimmers, the 1300 block of Duncan, the 1300 block of Garland (twice), the 1900 block of Alcock, the 100 block of West 30th and the 1100 block of Sierra.

Agency assistance was rendered in the 200 block of West Kingsmill, the intersection of Foster and Russell streets, the 1500 block of North Banks and the 1000 block of Huff Road.

A welfare check was made in the 100 block of North Houston.

Civil matters were reported in the 1100 block of Crane Road, the 1600 block of North Nelson and the 2400 block of Rosewood.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 800 block of Barnes, the 700 block of Scott and the 900 block of Fisher.

A silent/abusive 911 call was received from the intersection of 21st and Lea streets.

Criminal trespass was reported in the police department lobby and the 200 block of North West.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 2200 block of North Hobart.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the police department lobby. The incident occurred in the 800 block of North Dwight. No injuries were reported.

Assault was reported in the police department lobby. A person was hit with a board. Minor injuries were reported.

Assault was reported in the 1800 block of Holly and the 800 block of Barnes.

A sexual offense was reported in the 900 block of

reported in the 900 block of Duncan.

Theft was reported in the

1800 block of North Banks.
Theft was reported in the police department lobby. A wristwatch, CDs, DVDs and three prescriptions with total estimated value of \$870 were taken from a location in the 600 block of North Faulkner.

Forgery was reported in the police department lobby. The incident occurred in the 400 block of Purviance and involved forged checks.

Tuesday, Aug. 5
Fifteen traffic stops were

made.
Traffic complaints were received from the 1900 block of North Russell and the 1000 block of North Somerville.

Motorist assistance was rendered in the 700 block of East Frederic.

Calls and stops concerning animals occurred at the intersection of Hobart and McCullough streets, the 2100 block of Hamilton, the 700 block of North Nelson, the 600 block of Reid, the

900 block of Wilcox, the 2100 block of Mary Ellen and the 1000 block of North Hobart.

Welfare checks were made in the 1500 block of North Sumner, the 1300 block of West Kentucky, the 1300 block of Coffee and the 700 block of East Craven.

A civil matter was reported in the 200 block of Miami.

Suspicious person calls were received from the 1300 block of Duncan, the intersection of 21st and Hamilton streets, the 1100 block of Huff Road and the 400 block of Hill. The incidents in the 1300 block of Duncan and the 1100 block of Huff Road resulted in arrests.

A suspicious vehicle call was received from the 2200

A silent/abusive 911 call was received from the 1000 block of Neel Road.

A narcotics violation was reported at Recreation Park, 1600 E. Highway 60.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1100 block of Huff Road. An arrest was made for possession of marijuana in connection with the incident.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 700 block of North Nelson. Three vehicle windows were broken.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 700 block of North Nelson. The windows on the passenger side of a vehicle were broken.

A threat was reported in the 700 block of North Nelson.

A domestic disturbance

was reported in the 100 block of North Wynne.

A sexual offense was

reported from an unreported location.

Burglary was reported in

Burglary was reported in the 1000 block of Darby. A weed eater valued at \$100 was taken.

Wednesday, Aug. 6
Three traffic stops were made.

Suspicious person calls were received from the intersection of Banks and Alcock streets, and the 300 block of North Hobart. An arrest for possession of drug paraphernalia was made in connec-

300 block of North Hobart, A suspicious vehicle call was received from the 400 block of Hughes.

tion with the incident in the

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 900 block of Scott. No injuries were reported. The incident included an estimated \$200 damage to a storm door frame.

Sheriff

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

Monday, Aug. 4
Forrest Britt, 47, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO on a warrant for a parole violation.

Kenneth Dale Putman, 25, of Pampa was arrested in the 900 block of West Kentucky by Pampa Police Department for possession of less than one gram of a controlled substance, displaying a fictitious license plate, no valid driver's license and no liability insurance.

Clayton Lee Nickels, 25, of Pampa was arrested in the 900 block of West Kentucky by Pampa PD for possession of less than one gram of a controlled substance and a motion to adjudicate guilt on a charge of burglary of a habitation.

Adam Ross Slater, 25, of Pampa was arrested in the 600 block of West 28th by Pampa PD for theft of property, \$50 or more but less than \$500.

Barbara Robbins, 54, of Pampa was arrested in the 1300 block of Duncan by Pampa PD for possession of less than one gram of a controlled substance and capias

pro fines for public intoxication and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Ronda Kay Spotts, 42, of Lefors was arrested by GCSO to serve a 75-day sentence for driving while intoxicated, second offense.

Lionel Ray Nash, 24, of Pampa was arrested in the 1100 block of Huff Road by Pampa PD for possession of less than two ounces of marijuana.

Stephaniey Ann Price, 24, of Amarillo was arrested by GCSO for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

Wednesday, Aug. 6
Amy Dominique Carter,
39, of Pampa was arrested in
the 300 block of North
Hobart by Pampa PD for
possession of drug paraphernalia.

Fire

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

Tuesday, Aug. 6
2:02 p.m. – One unit and three personnel responded to a carbon monoxide check in the 1500 block of Sumner.

11:14 p.m. – Two units and six personnel responded to a structure fire in the 300 block of Hazel.

2:38 a.m. – Six units and 13 personnel responded to a structure fire in the 300 block of Hazel. No injuries were reported, and the fire is still under investigation.

Ambulance

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

Monday, Aug. 4
7:39 a.m. – A mobile ICU responded to the 200 block of Mami. No transport.

10:36 a.m. – A mobile ICU responded to Pampa

Regional Medical Center and transferred a patient to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

10:56 a.m. – A mobile ICU responded to the 300 block of Henry and transported a patient to PRMC.

1:59 p.m. – A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of South Barnes and transported a patient to PRMC.

6:28 p.m. – A mobile ICU responded to the 1800 block of North Nelson and transported a patient to PRMC.

Tuesday, Aug. 5
1:44 a.m. – A mobile ICU
responded to the 900 block
of Love and transported a
patient to PRMC.

8:29 a.m. – A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to Golden Plains Community Hospital in Borger.

8.54 a.m. – A mobile ICU responded to the 2200 block

of North Sumner and transported a patient to PRMC.

10:06 a.m. – A mobile ICU responded to Jordan prison unit and transported a patient to PRMC.

10:29 a.m. – A mobile ICU responded to the 1300 block of Kentucky and transported a patient to PRMC.

12:35 p.m. – A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to the 900 block of East Campbell.

4:01 p.m. – A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to the 1300 block of Kentucky.

5:31 p.m. – A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of West 25th and transported a patient to PRMC.

Wednesday, Aug. 6
12:01 a.m. – A mobile ICU
responded to the 900 block
of East Campbell and transported a patient to PRMC.



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More than two dozen cheerleaders rescued

AUSTIN (AP) — Twenty-six teenage cheerleaders tried to cram themselves into an elevator at the University of Texas to see how many would fit, but then they got stuck and had to be rescued.

One girl was treated and released at a hospital and two others were treated at the scene after the Tuesday night prank, officials said.

The group of 14-17 year-olds were attending a cheer-leading camp when they decided to stuff themselves into an elevator at Jester Residence Hall on the UT campus. The elevator went down to the first floor but then the doors of the overloaded elevator wouldn't open, officials said.

After a few panicked cell phone calls, police and firefighters were called to the scene and it took a repairman about 25 minutes to fix the door, police said.

UT officials didn't think the prank was all that funny. "It's dangerous, actually," said UT police spokeswoman Rhonda Weldon. "They're lucky that that's all that happened."

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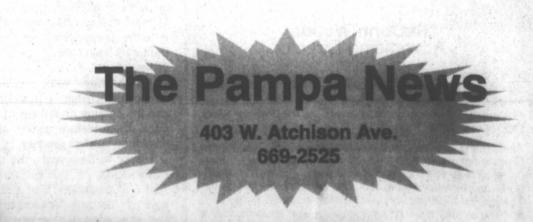
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Viewpoints

Time to stop regulation without representation

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"President Bush is the first president to money just as taxes do?"

accomplish what?"

"He's the first to propose a budget that tops \$3 trillion. Only six years ago, he was the first to propose one that topped \$2 trillion. America is the proud owner of the largest government on Earth."

"That's a lot of government."

"It gets worse. Clyde Wayne Crews of the Competitive Enterprise Institute says that 'the government's reach extends far beyond the taxes that Washington collects and the deficit spending at which it excels.' He's talking about the cost of government regulations. He explains in detail in 'Ten Thousand Commandments: An Annual Snapshot of the Federal Regulatory State."

"How do government regulations cost us

"In some cases the federal government imposes new rules and regulations on lower governments, and those governments must raise taxes to cover the cost of compliance."

"I see – the old bait and switch." "And complying with regulations costs private-sector organizations big money, too. They pass the costs along to us through

increases in the price of consumer goods." "So regulations end up costing us hard writes regulations that define how the law

"Precisely. Crew's report calculates that regulatory compliance costs hit \$1.16 trillion in 2007 - an amount almost half the size of the federal budget itself. Federal regulations gobbled up nearly 10 percent of what the U.S. economy produced last year."

"That's a lot of gobbling."

"In 2007, nearly 3,600 new rules and regulations were added - since 1995 when the 'small-government' Republicans took over Congress, 51,000 rules and regulations

have been added!" "Small government, my eye."

"The Federal Register, which contains all the rules and regulations, is more than 72,000 pages thick - down a touch from previous years, but still massive nonetheless." "Where do all those regulations come

"It all starts with lawmaking. In response to a social or economic need or problem, Congress passes a law. The appropriate regulatory agency then interprets that law and will be implemented."

"Can you provide an example?"

"The FDA creates its regulations under the authority of the Food, Drug and Cosmetics Act, the Controlled Substances Act and several other acts created by Congress over the

years. Based on the acts, the FDA creates specific regulations that determine what food and drug companies can and cannot do."

"Do you mean government bureaucrats, not elected officials, are really the ones determining what peo-

ple and organizations can and cannot do?" "Yep. There are more than 50 regulatory agencies in the federal government and each is empowered to create and enforce rules and regulations that are backed by the might of federal law. Individuals, and organizations, can be fined or thrown in jail for violating

them.' "That sounds ominous."

"It can be ominous, which is why regulators must be kept in check. But where regulations are concerned, Crews says nobody is doing that."

"So how do we keep the regulators in

"Disclosure and accountability. Crews argues that regulatory costs should be accounted for just like federal spending. Cost-benefit analysis should be provided before a regulation is imposed. And when a regulation will cost more than \$100 million to comply with, the Congress should be required to vote on the regulation BEFORE it becomes binding."

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"Sounds like common sense to me."

"He also argues that Congress should create a regulatory report card to monitor regulatory agencies. And while they're at it, the Congress should create a bipartisan commission to expose and eliminate harmful regulations. In other words, we should 'end regulation without representation."

That Crews fellow has some really good ideas, but isn't he overlooking the primary benefit of an incredibly thick Federal

Register?" What's that?"

"If the Iranians don't shape up, we can threaten to drop it on them."

-Tom is a humor columnist nationally syndicated exclusively by Cagle Cartoons.

NATO: It's well past time to pull the plug

Hopefully, the next president, whoever he is, will have sense enough to realize that an anti-missile site in Eastern Europe is not worth rekindling the Cold War with Russia.

Though the press pays little attention to it, the Bush administration has already practically wrecked relations with Russia by insisting on adding the Eastern European countries to NATO and siting his anti-missile system in the Czech Republic and in Poland. The Russians are right that it represents a threat to their security.

President Bush's lame excuse that the system is designed to protect Europe from Iranian missiles is no doubt another deliberate lie. I can't think of any reason whatsoever for Iran to attack Europe, and I'm sure the Iranians can't, either. Iran hasn't attacked anybody for more than 100 years. They would have absolutely nothing to gain by firing a few missiles at Europe. It doesn't make any sense at all.

Nor does it make any sense to add the small countries of Eastern Europe to NATO. This was a war-fighting alliance set up at the end of World War II specifically to deter and, if necessary, go to war with the Red Army. The Soviet Union set up its own alliance, the Warsaw Pact.

When the Soviet Union collapsed, Russia withdrew its army from Eastern Europe and dissolved the Warsaw Pact. The United States should have dissolved NATO. Its sole purpose vanished with the Soviet Union. It has no enemy, unless fools in the U.S. create one. The Charley Reese

Columnist

American politicians have Persian Gulf? used it in the Yugoslavian

Civil War, and now has it involved in the Afghanistan Why insurgency. Europeans put up with this nonsense is beyond me. As for including little countries, that's a strategic blunder. Do you think that if the

Russians one day launched nuclear missiles at the United States that Poland and Lithuania would go to war against their large neighbor? Will France become a nation of teetotalers?

In fact, including small countries in military alliances is worthless posturing. All you do is allow the little country to get you into trouble by its bad behavior. The little country is confident that its big ally will rescue it if it goes too far in antagonizing its larger neighbors. It's like a spoiled brat with a bodyguard.

Sixty years after its founding, Israel is still at war with most of its neighbors precisely because it has no incentive to make a sensible peace. Why should it? It has its American attack dog. The only peace treaties it has signed are with Egypt and Jordan, both of which the U.S. bribed to make peace. Bribe or not, in both cases it's a cold

Believe it or not, we are not at war with any nation at the present. We made war on Iraq, but that has long since become nothing but an occupation. We are occupying or trying to President Bush's war on occupy Afghanistan, but terror is a false metaphor, and other than that, we are not at a dangerous one at that. There war. Why then do we need is no terrorist army or air military alliances? Why do we need troops in Korea,

force. There are some gangs of criminals. What the presi-Japan and Germany? Or, I hasten to add, Iraq and the

dent did when he adopted this specious metaphor about a war on terror was to commit

the United States to perpetual war. Ask your local warmonger how he defines victory in the war on terror. Ask why when Iraq was very violent we couldn't leave, and now that it's less violent, we can't leave. Ask him how he defines victory in Iraq or in 32802.

Afghanistan.

We really have neither a republic nor a democracy. We have a war state and an empire. We should pull the plug on both.

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



Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around

July 27

Houston Chronicle on the cost of the ban on openly gay soldiers:

Capt. Joan Darrah, now retired, served the United States almost 30 years as a naval intelligence specialist. But it was only on Sept. 11, 2001, that she fully absorbed the cruelty of what the U.S. mil-

itary demanded of her. "I was at the Pentagon bus stop," Darrah told a congressional committee recently. " ... The space I had been in seven minutes earlier was completely destroyed. Seven of my co-workers were killed. The reality is that if I had been killed, my partner of 11 years would have been the last to know, as I had not dared to list her in my emergency contact information."

Darrah's testimony and that of other veterans brought flesh and blood intensity to the first congressional review of the military's "don't ask, don't tell" policy in 15 years.

The hearings were revelatory about Americans' change of heart on this topic and the eroding arguments of those who think discrimination against gay soldiers somehow bolsters security.

Unlike in past years, the majority of respondents 75 percent recently told ABC/ Washington Post pollsters that gays who disclose their sexual orientation should be allowed to serve in the military.

In a 2006 Zogby poll of 545 military personnel who have served in either Iraq

or Afghanistan, only 37 percent believed in banning openly gay soldiers from serving. In another indicator of how Americans' workplace views have matured, three-fourths of the servicemen and -women Zogby interviewed called themselves "comfortable" around gays and lesbians.

As Rep. Chris Shays, R-Conn. pointed out, homosexuals have served in every U.S. military conflict. But in the past two decades, research, including a study of Britain's military, shows that the 24 countries with openly gay personnel have seen no decline in preparedness.

Conversely, forcing gay service people to hide a basic fact of identity takes a measurable toll.

The first price is ethical. Sgt. Eric Alva, a retired U.S. Marine, lost a leg and much of his mobility to an Iraqi land mine. It was only years later, Alva testified, "when I realized that I had fought and nearly died to secure the rights for others that I myself was not free to

This is unconscionable treatment of the troops who defend us. The policy's obvious hypocrisy it's OK to have gays in the armed forces, as long as they keep it a

secret corrodes the military. But the most urgent cost of the ban is preparedness. More than 12,000 troops have been discharged since the ban was instated; almost 800 of the dismissed personnel had special skills such as the ability to speak Arabic, a language that can take a decade to master.

Enlightened by the testimony of veterans and guided by current data, the House committee also heard some embarrassing pseudoscience from a leading pro-ban advocate, Elaine Donnelly.

President of the Center for Military Readiness, a nonprofit that conducts no research, Donnelly blundered her way through a series of insults, myths and odd fantasies that prompted repeated rebukes from the bipartisan committee.

Donnelly contended that permitting gays to serve in the military would erode troop cohesion, spread HIV and foment "inappropriate passive-aggressive actions common in the homosexual community."

Rep. Patrick Murphy, D-Pa., an Iraq war veteran, aptly retorted that Donnelly insulted American soldiers with her implication they "aren't professional enough to serve openly with gay troops while successfully completing their military mission."

The military already has clear stanfor disruptive personnel: Regardless of gender or race, soldiers who harass or cannot work with the colleagues chosen for them by the military are disciplined or removed.

It's unlikely that last week's hearings will lead to repeal of don't ask, don't tell. That will have to wait for a Democratic administration, and even then will meet with residual opposition in the military and among the public.

But it was useful to hear the latest data, the heroic voices of gay veterans even Donnelly's confused fears that underlie her advocacy of the ban. Together, the proceedings gave a good sense of how the war on discrimination will finally turn



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of water from the time it was built in the 1960s until late in 2001. Satterwhite said that the timing of the groundwater supply that came on line in 2001 was excellent.

"At that time," he said, "the lake started dropping at unprecedented rates."

Satterwhite said that in 2008, lake water would make up only about 37 percent of the water supplied by the authority. The rest will come from the water authority's' well field in Roberts County.

CRMWA started buying water rights in Roberts County in the 1990s.

"In 2005-2006," Satterwhite said, "we issued \$100 million worth of bonds to add to our water rights."

CRMWA started with about 42,000 acres. Today, it has over 260,000 acres of water rights containing over 15 million acre-feet of high quality ground-

"Our water supply goal," Satterwhite said, "is to use as much of the renewable and evaporating lake water as is feasible."

The water authority, he said, is trying to reserve the groundwater for future use. He said the groundwater is essentially a non-renewable water source.

Speaking to the Texas Senate Committee on Natural Resources, which held a hearing in Amarillo Tuesday, Satterwhite said CRMWA has built its \$180 million project around the Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District rules.

"Our cities rely on being able to pump that water according to those rules," he said. "The district has been very open. We've been really involved with them in the rule-making process. They have listened to our issues, and they have been good to work with."

Satterwhite said, however, that the water district has concerns with regard to possible rule or regime changes at the Groundwater Management Area.

Groundwater Management Area No. One, as mandated by the legislature, consists of White Deer-based Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District, the Dumas-based North Plains Groundwater Conservation District, the Canadian-based Hemphill County Underground Water Conservation District and part of the Lubbock-based High Plains Groundwater Conservation

District.

As the Groundwater Management Areas around the state prepare to set desired future conditions of their various aquifers and depletion limits, there is some disagreement among the different districts in GMA1.

Ultimately, the different districts will have to reach a consensus on rules governing groundwater in the Panhandle. Satterwhite said he's concerned that there may be changes to the rules at the district level through the groundwater management process.

More specifically, Satterwhite said he is concerned that rules governing the western part of the North Plains Groundwater Conservation District, which allows pumping two acre feet of water per acre of water rights owned per year, would harm CRMWA's water

Satterwhite testified at the hearing that CRMWA had based its plans on the Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District's more conservative one acrefoot per year pumping regime with a goal of 50 percent of the groundwater left at the end of 50 years.

North Plains Groundwater Conservation District has set a goal of 40 percent of the water in storage at the end of 50 years for its western counties where irrigated farming is widespread, but a more conservative 60 percent of the water in storage after 50 years for its eastern counties that wrap around the northern tier of counties in the Panhandle, including Ochiltree and Lipscomb.

While Danny Krienke of Perryton, the chairman of GMA1 and a board member of the North Plains Groundwater Conservation District, testified that his district felt its primary objective was to protect agriculture in its rules, C.E. Williams, general manager of the Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District, testified that his district felt its priority was to conserve the groundwater for future generations.

'We've invested a lot of money in this project," Satterwhite said. "The uncertainties involved with rule changes makes us nervous.'

Satterwhite said that CRMWA's project is part of the state water plan, and he asked the Senate committee to consider legislation that would protect projects in the state water plan from changes.

There have also been recent court water.

cases involving historic uses of water rights. If the historic use of groundwater was for irrigation, then sale of those water rights could impact a municipal server such as CRMWA which could lose the use of certain water rights. Satterwhite said he would like to see some protection from those issues.

"This would allow municipalities to purchase water for future needs," Satterwhite said.

Cities wouldn't have to develop them right away, he said. They could develop them when the time is right.

"CRMWA feels very vulnerable right now with so much at stake with our groundwater project," Satterwhite said.

That vulnerability right now is exaggerated, he said, because of the status of Lake Meredith and the uncertainties of the lake level.

In response to a question by Amarillo's State Sen. Kel Seliger, Satterwhite said that if there was no future inflow of water into Lake Meredith, which he termed the worstcase scenario, CRMWA would only be able to pump water from the lake through August 2009.

Satterwhite said the lake is going dry because of two major reasons. The first is the water that's being sucked up by salt cedar, a non-indigenous shrub introduced to the western U.S. about a century ago, and the fact that there has been little rainfall in the lake's water-

"We haven't had the right rainfall in the right area," Satterwhite said. "We've had some rainfall, but it hasn't been of the duration and the intensity that we needed in the watershed area."

He said that with the state's help, CRMWA has embarked on a salt cedar control program.

"We don't call that brush control," quipped Sen. Robert Duncan, who represents Pampa. "It's Municipal Water Enhancement."

Duncan noted that the legislature had appropriated a half million dollars for the salt cedar program and that CRMWA had matched those funds.

There were 33 invited witnesses testifying at the Senate hearing here Tuesday, plus a number of public com-

Committee Chairman Kip Averitt said this was the only hearing the committee was holding concerning ground-



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from the board of directors. She had been the board's secretary. Cota started work this week as the administrative assistant

for the local EDC. Last year, Dwight Fiveash, who was then the president of the economic development board of directors, resigned to become

the executive director of the organization. Fiveash is paid \$60,000 a year. Cota will be paid \$45,000 a

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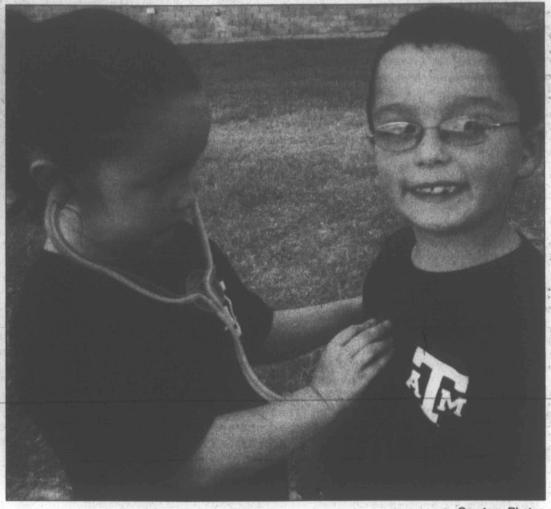
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As part of one of the nightly video skits at vacation Bible school recently at Hi-Land Christian Church, Olivia Reagan and Raylee Jewett (left) took a minute to pray. Blake and Braeden Christen (right) helped with "Power Lab" video. They were "doctor and patient." The Bible school was a cooperative effort of Hi-Land Christian, St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, First Presbyterian Church and First Christian Church.

Many failures clear year after Utah mine collapse

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The collapse three more people dead. of the Crandall Canyon mine one year ago was so extensive, federal officials found no other mining disaster in the last 50 years to compare to it.

Hundreds of coal pillars, overloaded by aggressive mining that carved out too many voids, collapsed within seconds on Aug. 6, 2007, entombing six miners nearly half a mile underground. Satellite radar images show that a 69-acre section of the mine caved in — the equivalent of 63 football fields without the end zones.

The Mine Safety and Health Administration said the mine was "destined to fail" because the mining company made critical miscalculations and didn't report early warning signs. But MSHA itself also was faulted by its parent agency, both for lax e-oversight before the collapse and for its handling of a haphazard rescue effort that left

Regulators acknowledge the rescue tunneling should never have been attempted because it only made the mine more unsta-

Relatives say they now know both the mine company and federal regulators failed the miners.

"The disappointment I have is knowing they'll never be able to get those boys out," said Frank Allred, the older brother of Kerry Allred, a ram-car operator and one of the trapped miners. "I see those bodies in that black hole totally covered in coal."

At each step of the way, starting months before the disaster, Crandall Canyon was doomed, according to 1,400 pages of government and congressional reports.

A day of reckoning came two weeks ago, with the U.S. Department of Labor scolding MSHA for rubber-stamping a risky mining

plan and launching an ill-conceived rescue effort that left nobody clearly in charge.

Earlier that day, the mining agency blamed a subsidiary of Ohio-based Murray Energy Corp. for digging unauthorized coal and its engineers for a series of blunders on Crandall Canyon's supposed stability.

On Wednesday, family members were to mark the anniversary of the cave-in by dedicating a circle of nine tombstones commissioned by mine boss Bob Murray in a serene spot of Crandall Canyon.

Another memorial, a bronze panel now being cast of the faces of the nine dead, will be dedicated in the nearby town of

Huntington on Sept. 14. The miners' survivors have received some company and worker's compensation and Social Security benefits. They've also filed

Federal prosecutors are considering crimi-

nal charges. MSHA cited Murray Energy affiliate Genwal Resources Inc. for negligence. Engineers Agapito Associates Inc. of Grand Junction, Colo., was cited for "reckless disregard." The companies were fined a total of \$1.8 million, the largest fines levied on a U.S. coal-mining operation.

MSHA found that longwall mining had weakened both sides of the so-called Main West tunnels that collapsed, even before Genwal Resources took over in 2006.

At first, city block-size coal barriers — 450 feet wide and three-quarters of a mile long — protected both sides of the Main West tunnels from the extensively mined "gobs" beyond the barriers. The mountain reacted to those gobs by transferring more weight on the crucial barrier pillars, But Genwal's aggressive mining whittled the barriers to as narrow as 135 feet.

Events calendar

 SHARE! High School Exchange Program is currently seeking placements for 39 exchange students to the U.S. For

more information, call 1-800-941-3738. National park rangers will present programs at 8 every Saturday evening through mid-August at Fritch Fortress amphitheater at Lake Meredith National Recreation Area. The following programs are scheduled: Aug. 9, "Silent Invaders: Invasive Plant and Animal Species in the Texas Panhandle"; and Aug. 16, "Staying Alive: Native American Pre-History of the Panhandle Area." Programs are free and open to the public. For more information, call (806) 857-3151.

· Harmon County, Okla., will present ts 20th annual Black-Eyed Pea Festival and Opry Aug. 9 at Hollis. The event will include a parade, a western melodrama, cash drawings, bingo, a silent auction, concessions, a Tractor Rodeo and much, much more. The Opry will start at 3 p.m. at the high school auditorium. For more information, contact Harmon County Historical Museum at (580) 688-9545 or

www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~okhegs on the Internet.

Carson County Historical Commission will convene at approximately 8 p.m. Aug. 11 in the Hazlewood Education Building of Carson County Square House Museum following a meeting of the museum's board of trustees. Topics to be discussed will include historic cemeteries in Carson County and historical markers.

McCain opposes farm policies popular in American Midwest

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) Republican presidential candidate John McCain opposes the \$300 billion farm bill and subsidies for ethanol, positions that both supporters and opponents say might cost him votes he needs in the upper Midwest this November.

His Democratic rival, Barack Obama, is making a more traditional regional pitch: He favors the farm bill approved by Congress this year and subsidies for the Midwest-based ethanol industry. McCain instead has promised to open new markets abroad for farmers to export their commodities.

In his position papers, McCain opposes farm subsidies only for those with incomes of more than \$250,000 and a net worth above \$2 million. But he's gone further on the stump.

"I don't support agricultural subsidies no matter where they are," McCain said at a recent appearance in Wisconsin. "The farm bill, \$300 billion, is something America simply can't afford."

McCain later described the measure, which is very popular throughout the Midwest, as "a \$300 billion, bloated, pork-barrel-laden bill" because of subsidies for industries like ethanol.

It's not a stand that pleases Republican Sen. Charles Grassley of Iowa.

"I would not advise him to take that position," Grassley said. "For sure, he can't lose Missouri and that's in the upper Midwest. Could he lose Iowa, Minnesota and Wisconsin and still be elected president? Yes, but I wouldn't advise him to have that strategy."

Grassley, a conservative Republican, and his Senate colleague from Iowa, liberal Democrat Tom Harkin, have achieved enduring success in this state largely by mastering the politics of farm issues. Harkin chairs the Senate Agriculture Committee, which wrote the new farm legislation.

"I don't see any scenario in which McCain can get to the White House without carrying some upper Midwestern states," said Harkin, an Obama backer. "I've never really understood in all my years why Sen. McCain has gone out of his way to speak against and vote against policies that are important to the upper Midwest."

There's a history of close elections in the region. President Bush carried Indiana, Iowa, Missouri, North Dakota and South Dakota in 2004, earning 35 electoral votes. But his Democratic opponent, John Kerry, prevailed in Minnesota, Wisconsin and Illinois, giving him 41 electoral votes.

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fresh face in this year's presidential election, but nearly half say they're already tired of hearing about him, a poll With Election Day still

three months away, 48 percent said they're hearing too much about the Democratic candidate, according to a poll released Wednesday by nonpartisan Pew the Research Center. Just 26 percent said the same about his Republican rival, John McCain.

WASHINGTON (AP) -

Barack Obama may be the

Obama, the 47-year-old

Poll: Nearly half hearing too much about Obama Illinois senator who would become the first black president, has dominated political news coverage much of the year. According to an ongoing Pew study, Obama has appeared in more news stories this year and more people say they have heard more about him than McCain, the longtime Arizona senator who also ran for president in 2000.

> Two-thirds . of Republicans and about half of independents said they've heard too much about Obama, as did a third of Democrats, a significant

At the same time, nearly four in 10 said they've been hearing too little about McCain — about four times the number who said so about Obama. About half of Republicans, four in 10 independents and even a quarter of Democrats said they've not heard enough about the GOP candidate.

The poll was conducted from Aug. 1-4 and involved telephone interviews with 1,004 adults. It had a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 3.5 percentage points.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, Aug.

This year, you will make a difference. Your emphasis might be more on the personal level. You will want and will work toward increased security and wellbeing. You could wonder why you need to do things a certain way. Think in terms of getting along with others more than manifesting a very strong ego. Others appreciate that you reveal more vulnerability. If you are single, check out someone you meet very carefully. This person might not be everything he or she says. If you are attached, the two of you might add onto your home or remodel. Your focus will be your interpersonal relationship. SCORPIO is intense and can be an

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

**** Allow others to step forward and let you know what they want and think. Though some might feel as if this attitude is too passive, you will learn a lot more than if charging as only a Ram can! Someone expresses his or her caring in a very touching manner. Tonight: Be a duo. TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

**** Others run with the ball, and being the Bull, you might be too slow to catch up! You will think and decide before running. Let others have their way. You might be stunned by what comes down the path. Say "yes" to an offer or invitation. Tonight: So many

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) *** Wherever you turn, you find more to be done. That constant popping of new demands could be tiring and needs to be moderated. Do you say "yes" too much? You answer that question after you leave work. Your caring and willingness might be appreciated, but at what cost? Tonight: Put up your feet. CANCER (June 21-July 22)

*** With your creativity budding, you mi, it want to slow down and evaluate recent choices, when perhaps you felt more limited. You might not have not looked at all the possibilities. Tonight: Act as if you do not have a care in the

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

*** Family and personal concerns could have your mind drifting. You can do nearly anything, and make it happen. Loosen up with your dealings, with the understanding that being open and receptive will work better. Tonight: Happy to

be home VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

**** Communicate in the freshest style possible. You could be overwhelmed by what you are hearing. Investigate what is happening behind the scenes with a family member; he or she might not feel like talking. Tonight: Swap war stories with a friend.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) **** How you deal with others could change dramatically. Listen to news, even if it means you might need to rethink your position or learn to think differently. You might want to understand what makes another person tick. Tonight: Zoom in and get what you want.

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** Understand what is happening behind the scenes. Ask needed questions, and get to the bottom of a problem. Realize that you could be overreacting. Watch your perspective transform. Tonight: Vanish while you still can.

**** Zoom in on what you want. A gentle or kind act could go far. Be willing to break your pattern and do something very different. Listen carefully to what is going on with a friend. Tonight: Zero in

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) *** Your ability to understand outers could come forward in a most unexpected manner. You are lively, happy and full of get-up-and-go. Others easily will defer when you make this type of strong presentation. Tonight: A must appear-

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR READERS: Today's column is a continuation of the one I printed yesterday regarding cheating and ethics -- a topic that clearly touched a nerve with many readers.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a retired teacher. Your response regarding high school honor students cheating shows that you do not understand the current school system. Administration is too busy with REAL problems and chooses to ignore this one. In fact, I had "good" students caught using drugs at lunch and nothing was done because "these students are not causing problems in school." -- LARRY IN **TEXAS**

DEAR LARRY: I disagree with school administrators who pretend that students getting stoned on campus isn't a problem. Those "honor" students may not have been openly disruptive, but they were breaking the law, and that is a serious problem. If there is no accountability, then no solution to a problem is possible.

DEAR ABBY: You're right that ethics have taken a nosedive, but where does it start? It starts in the home. I've seen moms feed their children food at the grocery store and throw the wrapper away without paying for it. Everyone needs to look at the behavior they model for their children and do the right thing. -- DEBBIE IN GREER, S.C.

DEAR ABBY: When I attended college at a small school in Oregon, my English teacher was in her first year of teaching. A few days after the first test I took in her class, she announced that she had proof that someone had cheated. She then discarded those tests and passed out new ones. Frankly, I was glad to have a teacher who didn't look the other way. -- ANNE IN PORTLAND, ORE.

DEAR ABBY: I teach at a state university. If I catch students cheating, they fail my course automatically. In addition, I also have the option of attaching the reason for that failure to their transcripts, which will probably make finding a job more difficult after they leave school, since those transcripts provide proof of their dishonesty to potential employers. Too many people in our society, students included, opt for the easy way out when challenged. If "Valedictorian Contender" feels guilty about turning in cheaters, he/she should consider that getting caught now might be the best thing that could happen to them. Not only are they cheating themselves out of the learning they would have gained by putting forth the effort to learn the material, but they also risk their chances for future success. -- S.L. IN OHIO

DEAR ABBY: If students today were taught the value of morality by studying literature and philosophy, history and economics, they would develop a higher mind and a greater belief in their own need for a sounder character. We are assailed on many fronts by problems that seem insurmountable and insoluble, and it's easy to become discouraged. But so long as some of us strive to emphasize the need for honesty and instill in our young charges a sense of outrage for injustice, dishonesty and chicanery, we can avoid what earlier generations called mountebankery, humbug and fraud. -- C.R. IN HOUSTON

DEAR ABBY: I cannot stress the importance of exposing wrongdoing when it is encountered. To quote Robert F. Kennedy: "Every time we turn our heads the other way when we see the law flouted, when we tolerate what we know to be wrong, when we close our eyes and ears to the corrupt because we are too busy or too frightened, when we fail to speak up and speak out, we strike a blow against freedom and decency and justice." -- KERRY IN MON

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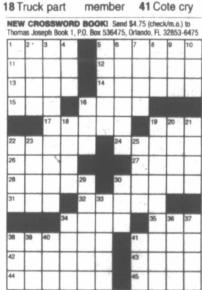
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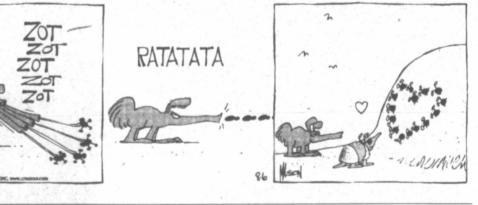
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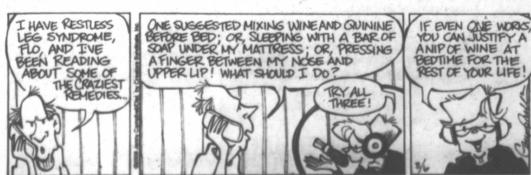
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