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## Youth ministry works to remove graffiti



Dustin Neef, a member of Collision, stands on a dumpster to clean a building that had been tagged in an alleyway downtown. The effort to clean the graffiti was a part of REACH, the group's first outreach community service program.

by Rachel Stennett  
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Collision youth ministry of Trinity Fellowship heard the rumor - Pampa is taking a stand against graffiti - and the group decided to be a part of it.

The students of Collision used donated material to clean and paint over many of the downtown businesses that have graffiti on their alley walls and buildings.

About 45 students were organized into groups of six people with adult volunteer leaders and were assigned areas to target for clean up. Some groups were given paint thinner and remover, while others used paint to paint over surfaces that had been tagged.

The students covered many of the downtown business, although Youth Pastor C.J. Frazier feels there is still much more to do.

"We don't want to stop with graffiti. We want to clean up alleys, repaint and clean walls. Our dream is to eventually work on tearing down abandoned buildings, or renovating them for future business owners," he said. Together, the

groups covered six businesses and multiple alleyways.

Business owners had positive reactions to the group's work. Although business owners gave permission to the group to work on their property, some individual employees were not informed. Fraizer said one Hallmark employee asked

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## Reward offered in effort to stop graffiti

by Rachel Stennett  
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The Downtown Business Association (DBA) is working in conjunction with Crime Stoppers to mount an effort against many of the downtown building that have been subject to tagging, the most common form of graffiti and the term for graffiti when it is used for vandalism.

The DBA is planning to donate a \$200 reward for anyone who can report information to Crime Stoppers that may lead to the arrest of a person responsible for tagging.

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## Sale tax receipts running nearly 6 percent above last year

by David Bowser  
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Pampa City Manager Trevlyn Pitner said he's excited about the sales tax receipts that the city got this month.

"It still shows an upward trend," Pitner said.

"So far this year," Bailey said, "the City of Pampa has collected \$3,597,398.27 in sales tax."

The city had \$3,705,750 for the whole year. What's been collected is just for 11 months. There's still a month left in the city's fiscal year.

"Right now," Bailey said, "we're \$197,860.22 over where we were at this point last year."

That's 5.82 percent more than fiscal year 2007-2008.

"We expect our projections to hold," Bailey said, "and we expect to be about \$193,812.96 over budget at the end of September."

Being over budget when it comes to expenses is a bad thing. Being over budget when it comes to revenues coming into the city is good.

"The actual collections were \$4,796,531.02," Bailey said.

Of that, \$1,199,132.76 goes to the Pampa Economic Development Corporation.

Sale tax revenues received by the City of Pampa this month set a new record.

The tax receipts for August were \$442,611.29.

"It's the highest we've ever collected," Bailey said.

There have been only two other months this fiscal year where the revenues have topped \$400,000. In February, sale revenues were \$431,351.97. In May, sales tax revenues were \$434,584.85. Each time, the peak represented income from the end of a quarter.

"August, and the other months, are higher because it represents those taxpayers that pay on a quarterly basis," Bailey said.

The sales tax receipts are based on the money from two months previous. The August sales tax check that the city received are from sales ending June 30.

She said the city is projecting collections to remain pretty much the same.

"We've budgeted the same amount for next year that we budgeted for this year," she

said of the proposed city budget that will be presented to the city commission later this month, "because we feel like we're coming in pretty

close." If the revenues hit higher marks next year than what was budgeted, the city commission can adjust the bud-

get. "We can increase our budget for that," Bailey said.

## Salvation Army launches first after-school tutoring program

by Rachel Stennett  
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The Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club is launching its first-ever after school tutoring program this fall.

The program will serve students ranging in ages from 7-18 and will last from 2:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. five days per week. The cost of the program is a \$20 dollar annual membership fee. The Salvation Army Boys and Girls club has partnered with the Boys and Girls Club of America to provide this program.

Director of The Salvation Army, Capt. Mark Martin, said they decided to launch the new program based upon the response their summer day camp program.

"Our main concern is to find out what kids need and give it to them," Martin said. "Kids need structured programs."

The after school program will provide students an environment to focus on their homework with the help of volunteer tutors, Martin said. The students will

receive a snack once they are dropped off, then there will be time allocated for home work. Once students complete their assigned homework, they will be free to use the facilities to play games or use the computers.

"The program will have multiple (goals), but the main one is education. That is our top priority," Martin said. "We want to promote an environment where kids will be happy doing what they need to do."

The Salvation Army is working with Claredon College to have two students from the teacher education program to help with tutoring. It is also looking for an volunteers for the cause.

Kimberly Thomas, director of The Salvation Army Boys and Girls club, said the two main challenges they face are funding and a lack of volunteers.




"Even if people will come in for one to two hours a night and listen to kids read, that would help us," Thomas said. "We

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**Wednesday Night:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 62. South-southeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

**Thursday:** Partly cloudy, with a high near 86. South wind between 5 and 15 mph.

**Thursday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 67. South wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

**Friday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 91. South wind between 10 and 15 mph.

**Friday Night:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 68. South-southeast wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

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## Some 'wade' out flooded Starr Co.

ESCOBARES, Texas (AP) — Despite the estimated 750 homes in Starr County flooded by more than 13 inches of rain, not everyone was willing to leave them.

"It's a pride thing," Starr County Emergency Management Coordinator Gene Falcon said. Many people will stay with other family in the area or will stay at their flooded homes to keep an eye on things, he said.

For Noelia Lopez, the most pressing concern was her husband who refused to leave, certain that whatever remained would be stolen overnight. She asked Danny Escamilla, a county official guarding the taped off entrance to her street, to call her husband and tell him he had to leave.

Looking at dark clouds on the horizon, Escamilla said he wasn't sure how long it would take for the water to recede.

"A half-inch or an inch and we're in trouble," he said.

Emergency officials on Monday had to use boats to pluck people from their flooded houses.

The water was as much as 3 or 4 feet deep in neighborhoods east of Roma and north of U.S. Highway 83, the Rio Grande Valley's main artery, at dusk. As fam-

ilies emerged from salvage missions to their homes, it became quickly apparent that the disaster's reach came down to a just a few inches.

Natividad Gonzalez, with the Starr County Sheriff's Department, said at least 243 people were evacuated around 8 p.m. on Monday to a shelter at Roma, where an estimated 38 people were already seeking refuge. He said he was not aware of any injuries.

"The water's going down; the main highways are open," Gonzalez also said early Tuesday.

Javier Gonzalez and Nilsa Avila slogged through murky water back to the highway with black garbage bags perched on their shoulders. Their house is built on a high foundation, but Avila showed the distance between the water and her front door with a spread of her thumb and forefinger.

"It's risen in the last three hours," Avila said in Spanish.

"I can't even get clothes," Lopez said in Spanish. "It's up to the mattresses."

Lopez said she had been watching the water start beginning to pool in the yard around noon Monday, then suddenly after 1 p.m. she opened the door and the house was surrounded.

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# Obituaries

## Services tomorrow

**McCOY, Janice Elaine S.** — 10 a.m., First Baptist Church, Childress. Graveside services, 3 p.m., Fairview Cemetery, Pampa.

### Janice Elaine Shults McCoy, 51

Janice Elaine Shults McCoy passed from this life on Aug. 18, 2008, at the age of 51 years. Services will be held at the First Baptist Church of Childress Fellowship Hall at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 20; graveside services will be held at Fairview Cemetery in Pampa, Texas, at 3 p.m. on that day.

Janice Shults was born on Nov. 24, 1956, in Pampa, Texas. She graduated with honors from Pampa High School in 1975 and was a member of the "Pride of Pampa" Band. She later

graduated from Amarillo College with a 4.0 average and became a Certified Shorthand Court Reporter.

She married David McCoy in 1999 in Childress and was a member of the First Baptist Church of Childress.

Other than her children, Janice's first love was quilting and working in the yard. She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Will



McCoy

and Callie Shults of Sundown and H.E. and Alma Lee of Wellington; and a brother, Willie Ray Shults Jr.

Survivors include David, of the home; a daughter, Amy Drinnon

Acosta of Mustang, Okla.; a son, Jerrod of Lubbock; her parents, Willie Ray and Wilma Shults of Pampa; a sister, Lee Ann Conner of Pampa; a brother, Wendell Shults of Pampa; nieces, Caryn Lowery

Parker, Robyn Lowery, Madiyn Shults, and Janice's namesake, Janice Shults of Pampa; and a great-nephew, Chance McLaughlin of Amarillo; as well as her stepchildren, Dianna McCoy, LV McCoy and Roman McCoy; and numerous step-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be to the ALS Division of MDA, 3300 E. Sunrise Dr., Tucson, AZ 85718-3299, www.alsmdausa.org, or to a favorite charity. Sign the online guest book at www.johnsonfunerals.net.

### Jenny Lind Myatt Ralls, 84

SAN ANTONIO — Jenny Lind Myatt Ralls, 84, died Sunday, Aug. 17, 2008, in San Antonio. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Ms. Ralls was born on Dec. 10, 1923, in Konowa, Okla., and was raised in nearby Pampa, Texas. She was a 1941 graduate of Pampa High School, where she was a member of the National Honor Society and recipient of the Best Citizen Award.

She attended Amarillo Business College, where she earned an Associates of Business degree.

As a finance company manager for more than 50 years, she lived and worked in San Antonio, and loved her adopted hometown. Jenny Lind was a member of the First Baptist Church of Universal City. Survivors include a



Ralls

daughter, Karen Salmon and husband David of Spring, Texas; a son, John Everling and wife Debbie of Midlothian, Va.; two sisters, Norma J. Healy and husband Frank of Universal City, and Betty Bohlander of Pampa; three grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews, and devoted friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ben Ralls; her parents, Cecil and Hattie Myatt; two sisters, June Kelp and Mary Myatt; and a brother and sister-in-law, Ed and Rosie Myatt.

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## Emergency Services

### Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the period from 12:01 a.m. Sunday to 7 a.m. Monday.

**Sunday, Aug. 17**  
 Eight traffic stops were made. A stop at the intersection of Brown and West streets resulted in at least one arrest.

Motorist assistance was rendered in the 1200 block of North Hobart.

A traffic complaint was received from the intersection of 19th and Wells streets.

Vehicle accidents were reported in the 900 block of East Browning, the intersection of 22nd and Hamilton streets, and the 1200 block of North Wells.

Calls and stops concerning animals occurred in the 900 block of North Somerville,

the 1000 block of East Francis, 1 Medical Plaza, the 800 block of North Dwight and the 500 block of Tignor.

Lost property was reported in the police department lobby. A wallet was lost.

Found property was reported in the police department lobby.

Welfare checks were made in the 1200 block of East Browning and the 1800 block of North Dwight.

Agency assistance was rendered at the intersection of Frederic and Henry streets.

Warrant service was attempted on one occasion.

A suspicious person call was received from the intersection of Barnard and Henry streets. At least one arrest was made in connection with the incident.

A suspicious vehicle call was received from the 1000 block of North Hobart.

Violation of a city ordinance was reported in the

1000 block of North Frost.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1200 block of Barnes, the intersection of 19th and Williston streets, the 700 block of North Somerville, the 400 block of Jupiter and the 1100 block of East Kingsmill.

Harassment was reported in the 1100 block of Juniper.

Assault was reported in the 600 block of North Nelson and the 600 block of Lefors.

One building check was made.

One alarm was reported.

**Monday, Aug. 18**

One traffic stop was made. A suspicious person call was received from the 200 block of North Russell.

Silent/abusive 911 calls were received from the 2100 block of North Zimmers and the 1000 block of Varnon Drive.

One open door was checked.

### Sheriff

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

**Monday, Aug. 18**  
 Tyler D. Copenhaver, 17, of McLean was arrested by GCSO on a warrant for aggravated assault causing serious bodily injury.

**Tuesday, Aug. 19**  
 Rod Lamont Donnell, 32, of Pampa was arrested in the 600 block of Crawford Street by Pampa Police Department for possession of less than one gram of a controlled substance, possession of less than two ounces of marijuana, no valid driver's license, no proof of liability insurance, and manufacture/delivery of four grams or more but less than 200 grams of a controlled substance.

Diedra Eureka Davis, 27, of Pampa was arrested in the 1100 block of Varnon Drive by Pampa PD for manufacture/delivery of four grams or more but less than 200 grams of a controlled substance.

## State Farm, Allstate raising Texas insurance rates

AUSTIN (AP) — Allstate and State Farm, two of the largest auto insurers in

Texas, are raising their rates, saying the boost is needed to offset a rising number of

claims. In filings with the Texas Department of Insurance, State Farm filed for increases of 2.4 percent and 7.3 percent, respectively, for its two auto insurance subsidiaries, State Farm Mutual and State Farm County Mutual.

The State Farm increases would kick in Oct. 27. Kevin Davis, a spokesman for State Farm, said Monday the increases are the first in nearly five years for State Farm Mutual.

Allstate filed for increases of 3.6 percent for Allstate Indemnity and 5.5 percent for Allstate County Mutual. Allstate Indemnity insures 694,000 drivers in Texas, while Allstate County Mutual covers 435,000 drivers. Those rates rose in July.

Allstate needed to hike rates to account for a greater frequency of collisions and the rising costs of bodily injury claims, said spokesman Bill Mellander. State insurance officials said the market has been stable for some time.

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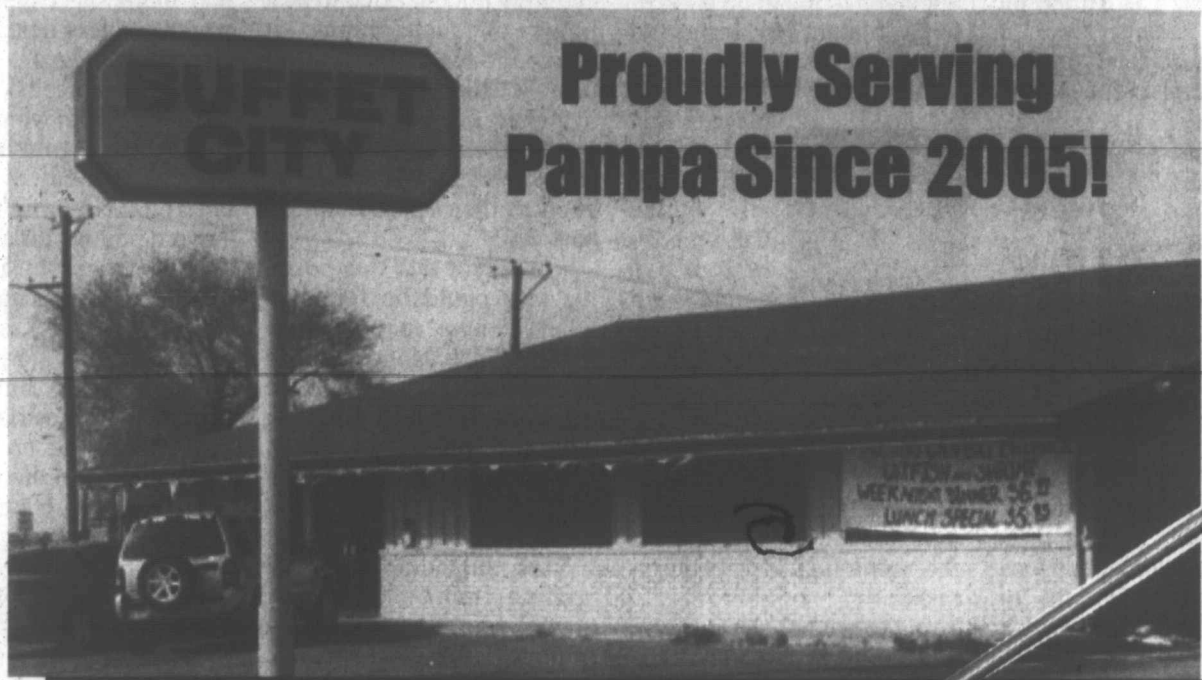
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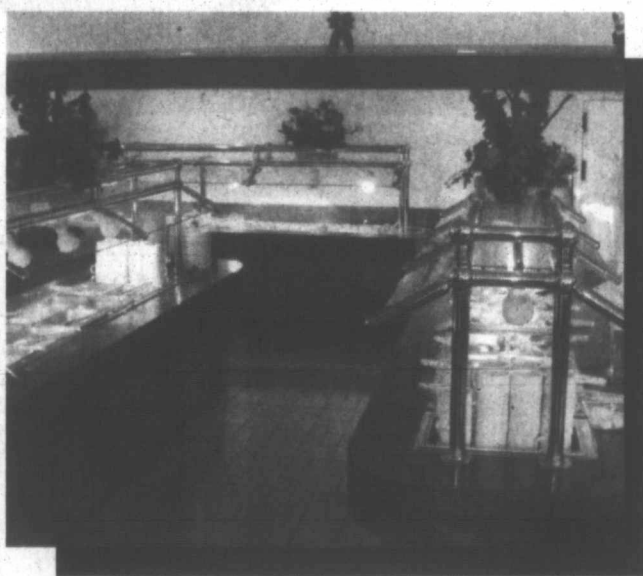
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Tian Wong is from Fuzhou, China. He came to the United States in 2003 where he joined his father working in the restaurant industry. Tian and his father, Qun Wong are the primary cooks at Buffet City. Sherry Liu is from Nan Ning, China. She came to the United States in 2002 where she graduated from Southeast Oklahoma State University with a Bachelor's Degree in Electrical Engineering. She met her future husband, Tian Wong while she was attending college and they were married in New York City in 2005. They have one daughter, Vivian, who is 2 and a half years old.

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# Viewpoints

## What the Olympic games say about nations

I mentioned the Summer Olympics in my column last week, and I am going to mention them again today, so if you don't like the Olympics, you have been forewarned.

It seems to me that the current Olympics competitions are a fairly accurate reflection of several countries' standing in the world, not only in the area of athletics, but in terms of political power, population size, economic status and other factors.

Look at women's gymnastics, for example. The now-defunct Union of Soviet Socialist Republics was once a powerhouse in that category, but their showing in the current Olympics as Russia

is much diminished, it seems.

African nations are holding their own, as evidenced by their perennial success in foot races. They are still racing to reach the future, so to speak, along with other countries such as the island nation of Jamaica.

Not much has been heard of from the European countries in the competitions I have been watching. They have earned medals, but in not-so-publicized events such as the equestrian competitions. I for one love the horse/human Olympic events, but they never seem to get top billing.

The thing that bothers me most about these Olympics is the fact that they are being

held in Beijing, China, and by some strange coincidence, China has earned the most gold medals. The U.S. has the most total medals, but in several events I have watched, our athletes have gotten the short end of the stick in competitions which require

judging, while the Chinese always seem to get the benefit of the doubt.

I have gnashed my teeth and hurled epithets at the television when I've seen these seemingly biased decisions, and of course it does no good, but at least I let off a

little steam.

One area which has appeared to me to be particularly blatant in terms of favoritism is the women's gymnastics. In the first place, I find it hard to believe that all the Chinese women entered in those events are truly

"women." I know that people of different nationalities have different characteristics and sizes, but even so, some of those host-country gymnasts look to be younger than the minimum age requirement.

In the second place, I have

watched several events in their totality, and while I am certainly not qualified to be a judge of such things, it seemed to me that more than once, a Chinese gymnast got a higher score than a U.S. gymnast who turned in a performance that was at least as good as their Asian counterpart.

I also feel that this possible bias could be found in other events, too, such as diving. Once again, I am no expert, but by listening to the commentators and learning what constitutes a great dive, I thought I saw more than one instance of judging that was a little off-kilter.

This suspicion may be nothing more than sour grapes on my part, but I

wonder why the U.S. and other countries seem to have had more success in events which are less dependent on subjective judges?

For example, no one had to "judge" who won Michael Phelps' eight gold medals in the swimming events he entered. No one had to "award points" for any of the foot races won by representatives of non-Asian countries such as Kenya and Jamaica. And perhaps the only reason no Chinese took gold in the equestrian events I saw was that no Chinese were entered in them.

Of course, I know that these judges are from various countries and are cer-

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Marilyn Powers  
Staff Writer

## Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Aug. 19, the 232nd day of 2008. There are 134 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Aug. 19, 1812, the USS Constitution defeated the British frigate Guerriere off Nova Scotia during the War of 1812.

On this date:

In 1807, Robert Fulton's North River Steamboat arrived in Albany, two days after leaving New York.

In 1918, "Yip! Yip! Yaphank," a musical revue by Irving Berlin featuring Army recruits from Camp Upton in Yaphank, N.Y., opened on Broadway.

In 1929, the radio comedy program "Amos 'n' Andy," starring Freeman Gosden and Charles Correll, made its debut on the NBC Blue Network.

In 1934, a plebiscite in Germany approved the vesting of sole executive power in Adolf Hitler.

In 1942, during World War II, about 6,000 Canadian and British soldiers launched a disastrous

raid against the Germans at Dieppe, France, suffering more than 50 percent casualties.

In 1955, severe flooding in the northeastern U.S. claimed some 200 lives.

In 1960, a tribunal in Moscow convicted American U2 pilot Francis Gary Powers of espionage.

In 1976, President Ford won the Republican presidential nomination at the party's convention in Kansas City, Mo.

In 1982, Soviet cosmonaut Svetlana Savitskaya became the second woman to be launched into space.

In 1991, Soviet hard-liners announced to a shocked world that President Mikhail S. Gorbachev had been removed from power. (The coup collapsed two days later.)

Ten years ago: President Clinton spent a quiet 52nd birthday with his family on Martha's Vineyard, Mass., as controversy continued to swirl over his admissions to a grand jury concerning his relationship with Monica Lewinsky.

Five years ago: A suicide truck bomb struck U.N. headquarters in Baghdad, killing 22, including the top U.N. envoy, Sergio Vieira de Mello. A suicide bombing of a bus in Jerusalem killed 22 people.

One year ago: Hurricane Dean, which had already killed eight people on its destructive march across the Caribbean, pummeled Jamaica with gusting winds and torrential rains as a Category 4 storm. French Foreign Minister Bernard Kouchner paid an unannounced and highly symbolic visit to Baghdad — the first by a senior French official since the war started.

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## Patterns of black educational excellence

Most people know the tragic state of black education today. We know that billions of dollars are spent on federal government programs such as No Child Left Behind and the billions spent by state and local governments. If you were to ask an education "expert" to explain the tragedy, you'd get answers such as racial discrimination and under-

funding. My colleague Dr. Thomas Sowell has written volumes on black education and an article worth reading is one he wrote some years ago in The Public Interest (Spring 1976) and reprinted in his book "Education: Assumptions Versus History."

Washington's Paul Laurence Dunbar Senior

High School is one black school that Sowell writes about. From 1870 to 1955, most of Dunbar's graduates went off to college, earning degrees from Harvard, Princeton, Williams, Wesleyan and others. As early as 1899,

Dunbar students had higher scores on citywide tests than students at any of the District's white schools. Dunbar's attendance records were generally better than those of white schools, and its rate of tardiness was lower.

Latin was taught throughout the period from 1870 to 1955 and in the early

decades, Greek was taught as well. Large classes were the norm, 40 students per teacher. It was more than 40 years before Dunbar had a lunchroom, which was then so small that many children had to eat lunch on the street.

Blackboards were old and cracked. It was 1950 before the school had a public address system. Most of the parents of Dunbar students worked in unskilled and semiskilled occupations. White-collar and professional parents totaled 17 percent.

Sowell also writes about Baltimore's Frederick Douglass High School,

whose education tragedy was featured last June in the HBO documentary "Hard Times at Douglass High" and my column "Black Education" (July 23, 2008). Frederick Douglass was founded in 1883 as the Colored High and Training School before it was renamed in 1892. It survived for decades with inadequate support, located in a succession of hand-me-down buildings that whites had discarded, old textbooks used years before by white students, refinished desks from white schools, second-hand sports equipment and so on. Teaching styles at Douglass approximated those of rigorous colleges: discussion rather than lectures, reading lists rather

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## Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:  
■ Aug. 9  
Austin American-Statesman on Texas' school ratings:

The 2008 state report card grading individual Texas schools and districts tells us some very important things about public education.

We know what success looks like: The consistently high-performing Eanes school district, where students come from high-income families and many teachers have master's degrees. Kudos to the district, whose nine schools earned the state's top grade, exemplary the equivalent of an "A." But success also looks like Campbell

Elementary in East Austin, whose enrollment comes from nearly all low-income and minority families.

After several years of earning C's, Campbell earned an exemplary rating this year. The state's grading system largely is based on how well students perform on the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills.

Campbell administrators, faculty and students and their families deserve our applause on this accomplishment. We also congratulate the 14 other Austin schools including a newcomer, the Ann Richards School for Young Women Leaders that earned the state's highest grade.

We all should celebrate the accomplishments of the many schools that earned A's in the Leander, Round Rock,

Dripping Springs, Lago Vista, Bastrop, Hays, Pflugerville, San Marcos, Georgetown and Lake Travis districts.

Those schools were strong performers. But the Texas Education Agency's report cards, the centerpiece of the state's accountability system, also tell us what failure looks like. And there are too many Central Texas schools that aren't making passing grades.

Eleven schools in the Austin district were rated unacceptable, the equivalent of an F, because of lackluster performance on the TAKS.

The report cards tell us, too, that many districts don't have a handle on the dropout problem. The Round Rock, Leander, Bastrop, Lockhart and Elgin

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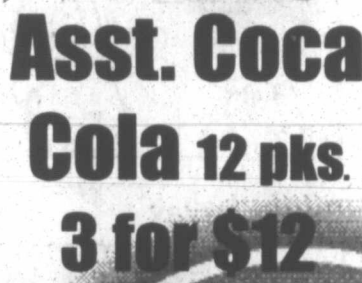
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# Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

**DEAR ABBY:** "Hounded in British Columbia" (May 22) asked you how to discourage religious solicitors. What many people may not realize is that once you accept a piece of literature or have a long conversation with the person, that person will note your name and address so they can "return visit" you. Then not only will you be visited by others in their religion, but the person who gave you the literature will start calling on you regularly, hoping to engage you in future religious conversations and Bible study. The most effective way to discourage these visits is to politely state you're not interested as quickly as possible. Do not take any literature or engage in any discussion if you don't want them to return. You should also tell them to note on their "territory card" that you want no more calls at your house in the future. This can be done kindly and with a smile. - **DOOR KNOCKER IN CALIFORNIA**

**DEAR DOOR KNOCKER:** Thank you for the inside information. Requesting that you be placed on the "No Call" list seems simple enough and can be done politely. The solicitors are supposed to honor the request of those who ask not to be called on anymore. Read on:

**DEAR ABBY:** I was faithful going door-to-door representing my church. And I agree that people have to be firm with someone who is truly hounding them. These solicitors believe they are doing the will of God and are taught that they may be "persecuted" for their faith. Some are chastised for not doing enough "soul searching," as they call it. I can no longer stand going door-to-door, but people who do it deserve respect and a straightforward answer. -- **FORMER RELIGIOUS SOLICITOR**

**DEAR FORMER RELIGIOUS SOLICITOR:** Then it's clear to you how offended some people become when some solicitors won't take "no" for an answer. Many readers offered solutions to handling the intrusion -- including humor. Read on:

**DEAR ABBY:** May I share my method? As soon as I heard the words "Jehovah's Witness," I simply said, "I'm sorry, but I didn't see the accident," and closed my door. -- **AMY IN THE SOUTHWEST**

**DEAR ABBY:** I told the solicitors I would gladly listen to everything they had to say for 50 minutes, and I charge only \$40. Cash, please. As first they were confused, but I explained that this is what my time is worth. They not only went away, they never returned. -- **JUDY IN NEVADA**

**DEAR ABBY:** We hung this sign on our front door, "We love our vacuum, we've found God, and we gave at the office!" This worked for us. -- **LESLIE IN THE WEST**

**DEAR ABBY:** A friend of mine had a unique solution to dissuade religious visitors from dropping by. She told them she was a practicing witch. She said they couldn't leave fast enough. -- **CINDY IN OHIO**

**DEAR ABBY:** My wife and I got those unwelcome visitors every few weeks. We told them politely we weren't interested, but they kept returning. One day, the bell rang as I was getting out of the shower. I answered the door wearing only a towel, stepped back, spread my arms and did my best imitation of Bob Barker, "COME ONNNN INNNN!" They jumped back and beat a hasty retreat. When my wife came home she said it was an awful thing to do ... but we were never bothered again. -- **UNREPENTANT IN RIDGECREST, CALIF.**

## For Better Or Worse



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## Crossword Puzzle

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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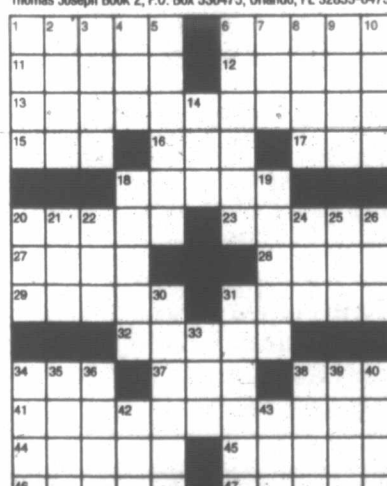
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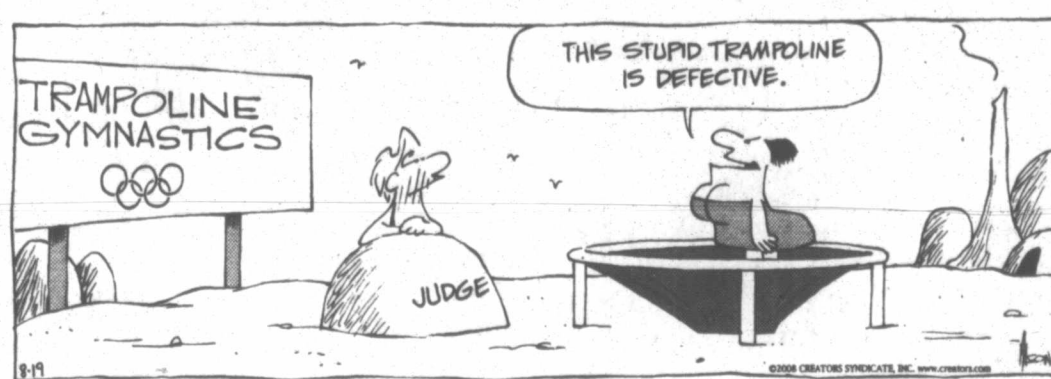


## The Family Circus

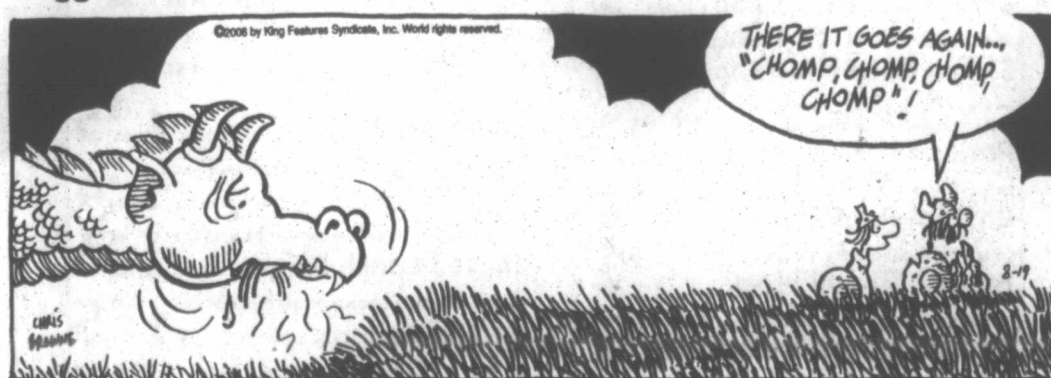
By Bil Keane



## B.C.



## Haggar The Horrible



## Peanuts



## Blondie



## Flo & Friends





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Some of the highschool members of the Collision youth ministry stand together in front of an alleyway that they worked on to remove graffiti from in downtown Pampa. The group was lead by Jackie Burklow (top row, second from the left). They worked with paint thinner and remover to remove the spray paint. The effort to clean the community is a part of the REACH project.

## REACH

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the group questions about what they were doing, and once she found out, she was happy and thankful.

The thankful attitude continued with The Coney Island Cafe. Business owners supplied the students with free food and drink while they worked.

Some of the efforts of the group didn't work as well as planned. Some of the porous brick was resistant to remover and thinner, but the group was still able to blur gang signs and remove expletives from buildings.

Originally, Collision had created the "REACH" project (Responsible Effort And Community Help), in order to help the students become active citizens in the Pampa community.

"The kids needed to take ownership of the city to have an impact on it," Frazier said. REACH originally was organized to clean up trash in parks and streets along Hobart Street. After hearing about the Downtown Business Association's desire to put an end to the graffiti problems downtown, Frazier decided to assign the kids to this problem instead.

"The opportunity arose for REACH to tackle a bigger chore," he said. "Within 24 hours, we had to re-think and reschedule and turn our effort towards downtown."

When assigned the project, students and leaders had mixed reactions. Chance Stater, volunteer adult leader, felt initially the project was not going to have a significant impact on the community.

"At first I thought it was a waste of time and that no one would notice," Stater said.

"Now, I feel completely different. Everyone has jumped into this and is helping."

Stater changed his mind about the project when a local business owner approached him about the project.

"He thanked me for our efforts and told me that we were making a big difference," Stater recalled. "He was touched by what were doing and wanted to offer supplies for the next time we would do something like this. I understand now that if one person cares about making a change, everyone else will step in and we can change downtown."

Stater pushed his group to paint like they were professionals with the motto, "paint smarter, not harder," even though most students were inexperienced painters.

According to an automated weather station near Recreation Park, temperatures

rose to the low 90's in the afternoon when the group began to work. The heat proved challenging for some students like Shay Shook.

"The project was difficult in the hot weather, but worth it," she said.

Other students shared in the pride of their accomplishments.

"C.J. said that we can prove not all young people are destroying their lives. That means a lot to me," Kelsy Watson, a high school Collision member said.

Frazier said that Pampa can expect many more efforts from REACH and Collision. The group plans to have an active role in improving the Pampa community.

"In order to effect the community, you have to be in it," he said. "It will be our continued mission to service the city of Pampa outside of the church walls."

## Reward

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Fred Courtney, program coordinator for Pampa/Gray County Crime Stoppers, said that Crime Stoppers typically offers rewards up to \$1000 for tips that lead to arrests or convictions. In the past, Crime Stoppers has had few tips for property crimes. Usually, tips report drugs or old information. Courtney encourages people that may report tips about tagging to report them accurately, leaving a four digit code at the time of the report or it will not be possible to receive the reward.

Miles Cook, a member of the DBA and spokesman for the association, said the DBA wants to make the public aware of the on going problem and help put a stop to it.

"We are not interested in having our downtown defaced," Cook said.

Cook's business, T-Shirts and More, has been tagged three to four times, he said. They have plans to remove the graffiti but haven't yet out of concern that removing the paint invites other people to come and deface the property again.

Cook said the ultimate goal of the DBA is to keep downtown "a nice shopping place for the public" and because of the amount of tagging that has taken place around the city, the buildings aren't representing the community well, he said.

Trvelyn Pitner, city manager of Pampa, said that the city is putting an effort to find the people responsible for the tagging, but cannot clean or paint over the private buildings downtown that have been defaced. Individual owners of buildings are responsible for their own property, but Pitner agrees with the goal of the DBA.

"We all need to work together to solve his problem and others like it," he said.

The Pampa Police Department is putting in extra patrol time around the areas that are frequently tagged and there have also been detectives staged in an attempt to stop the tagging. The efforts from the Pampa PD are ongoing. Pitner said that locations that

are tagged are treated as a crime scenes, and those responsible for the tagging are dealt with and appropriately punished. In addition to making a preventative effort against the tagging, the Pampa PD also offers alternative resources and solutions for private business who are victimized, like solutions to clean off the paint.

There is a mix of opinions on whether cleaning and repainting property deters taggers from returning, or encourages their return. Pitner encourages business owners to clean their property immediately.

"We encourage cleaning the property because we don't want the tagging to draw any attention. There is ongoing competition between taggers and they will eventually get tired of hitting the same areas over again," he said.

The city has purchased paint to fix areas on public dumpsters that have been tagged using inmate labor. Pitner also would like to see people responsible for the tagging fixing the areas as well if they are caught.

## Powers

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tainly not all from China. So their winnings can't be attributed to "home team" judging.

Maybe the Chinese athletes simply trained harder and longer than anyone else. Maybe they just happen to have more innate talent in the competitions in which they have been awarded medals. Maybe there is something else going on. Maybe it's a combination of more than one factor contributing to their "gold rush."

It is no secret that China aims to be the next world superpower. Indeed, they already are. We would do well to observe how they have reached that position. Perhaps the Olympics is just one example of that strategy.

## Ratings

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districts would have flunked if Texas Education Commissioner Robert Scott had not waived requirements for counting dropouts. In all, 76 districts across the state (including Dallas and Houston) avoided failing grades because of the waivers on dropouts, which Scott said would not be granted next year.

In previous years, districts paid too little attention to the problem of dropouts because of the state's lax reporting system that undercounted students who dropped out of school. The old system essentially hid the problem, at least on paper. While not perfect, the current system for counting dropouts is far more accurate.

Districts no longer can sweep their dropouts under the rug with impunity. That is good. A student who drops out of high school is more likely to be a drag on society than someone who earns a diploma. Proof of that is found in Texas prisons and on welfare rolls.

The state report cards are more than just grades. They offer clues about how to improve schools if school officials, parents and community leaders heed them.

Just take a look at Campbell or the Ann Richards school that opened last year with two grades, sixth and seventh, in South Austin. On the surface, those schools don't look like what might be considered the typical high-performing school. But they share many of the same characteristics: strong leadership from their principals, high expectations of their students and teachers, and a culture that promotes success.

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## Program

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always need volunteers."

The program already has about 50 students enrolled. Martin believes the program is an opportunity for parents and students to do what is necessary to bring scholastics up to par.

"Parents don't always have the knowledge kids need. We are hoping to pro-

vide that," he said.

The tutoring program will provide any tools necessary for students to complete their homework, which may even include library trips, facilitating the internet, and working with a partner on homework.

Martin hopes that this program will be the start of many more to come in the

future. One such program that is scheduled to start in September is the Start Smart Program. The program will be teaching teenagers to make smart decisions and be leaders, Thomas said. Some goals of the program are to teach teenagers to have a positive focus and outlook and not focus on drugs and other problems.

"We want to get rid of the idea of 'the ghetto' or 'growing up on the wrong side of the tracks,'" Thomas said. "Teenagers don't have to act a certain way just because people in their area do. Be different."

Thomas hopes to help students have a change in thinking. "We want to create a new way of thinking that is

different from they way teenagers think they are supposed to be, to a way they need to be to be successful," she explained.

Martin hopes the various programs of The Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club can help support teachers, schools and the community.

"We want to help blend it all," he said.

## Williams

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than day-to-day assignments and papers rather than reliance on "objective" tests. The interest of teachers in the students was reciprocated by the parents. According to alumni, "The school could do no wrong" in the eyes of parents.

Douglass produced distinguished alumni, such as Thurgood Marshall and Cab Calloway, as well as several judges, congressmen and

civil rights leaders. Douglass High was second in the nation in black Ph.D.'s among its alumni. Dunbar High's distinguished alumni included U.S. Sen. Ed Brooke and physician Charles Drew. During World War II, Dunbar alumni in the Army included "nearly a score of Majors, nine Colonels and Lieutenant Colonels and a Brigadier General."

These successful black schools and others contradict what the "experts" say is

needed to improve black education. Today's Dunbar and Douglass High schools' teachers and students have resources that would have been the envy of their predecessors. Class sizes today are a fourth of what they were yesteryear. What about the argument that segregated schools, as in Brown v. Board of Education, are inherently unequal? Or, as argued in Serrano v. Priest, that equalization of expenditures per student is essential for equal education? These

observations are not arguments for segregation or unequal school financing; they merely challenge assumptions that have become gospel.

Former teachers and alumni, whom Sowell interviewed, said that the most basic characteristic of their school was law and order. Respect was the term most used to describe the attitudes of students and parents toward the schools. "The teacher was always right" was a frequently used

phrase. Without a civilized learning environment, academic excellence is impossible no matter how much money is spent.

By the way, out of respect for these two great Americans, Frederick Douglass and Paul Laurence Dunbar, the two schools should be renamed Jesse Jackson and Al Sharpton High.

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

## Texas launches Blue Alert when officers killed

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texas Gov. Rick Perry on Monday ordered a new "Blue Alert" system to help find and arrest suspects when a law enforcement officer is killed or seriously injured in the line of duty.

Similar to Amber Alerts for cases of child abduction and Silver Alerts used for missing senior citizens, Blue Alerts will use Texas Department of Transportation highway message signs to display

information such as a suspect's vehicle description or license plate number.

The Blue Alert system will also coordinate with the Department of Public Safety and Perry's Division of Emergency Management to get the information to television and radio stations for broadcast.

The program "will be a powerful tool that leverages the eyes and ears of many toward the apprehension of criminals who threaten our

protectors," Perry said.

The program would use several criteria to determine if a Blue Alert is warranted:

—A law enforcement officer is killed or seriously injured by an offender.

—The investigating law enforcement agency determines the suspect poses a serious threat to the public or other law officers.

—A detailed description of the suspect's vehicle and tag or a partial tag is available for broadcast.

—The investigating agency requests a Blue Alert. Perry's office said Florida uses a similar program.

Joining Perry at Monday's news conference at the Austin police department were dozens of law enforcement officers from several cities and counties.

Cathy Hill's husband Barry was a Harris County deputy sheriff when he was shot to death in 2000. His killer, Robert Will, is on death row. After killing the

deputy, Will stole a car and drove to Brenham, where he was eventually captured by an officer who had heard about the shooting on the radio, Hill said.

"Families have been saying you've got to catch (them) quicker. ... This will be greatly appreciated," by families of officers, she said. "I believe it will be a nationwide thing. It will catch on."

# Sports

## American Shawn Johnson finally gets her gold

**BELJING (AP)** — Shawn Johnson's smile was a thousand times wider than the balance beam she had just conquered. Finally, it was a golden grin.

The world champion made a habit of collecting silver at the Beijing Games, and she never stopped smiling. But it wasn't exactly what she came to China for. She ended her runner-up streak with a beam routine Tuesday night that blew away the field, including all-around champ Nastia Liukin, behind whom Johnson got one of her three silvers.

"It's crazy," the 16-year-old Johnson said. "I remember seeing Nastia have hers from the all-around and it is so pretty. Silver is really pretty, too."

"It's the best feeling ever."

Johnson won the gold despite a headache earlier in the day.

"This is what we expected to see," her coach Liang Chow said. "The thing I really am pleased with is she was a little under the weather and she still was able to do a wonderful routine."

Wonderful also describes the Chinese men throughout these Olympics. They swept the two events Tuesday, with Zou Kai winning high bar and Li Xiaopeng winning parallel bars. In all, China took all but one men's event, the vault — in which there was no Chinese finalist.

China's men won the team title, Yang Wei took the all-around, and the Chinese also took the still rings, pommel horse and floor exercise.

The United States got its only men's individual medal when Jonathan Horton soared through an energetic high bar routine that drew almost as loud a roar as Zou's performance. Horton was second to Zou and also won bronze with the U.S. men in the team finals.

Even more impressive, Horton changed his routine three days ago, after the all-around final, in which he finished ninth.

"I hit the floor and I looked at Mark," he said of coach Mark Williams, "and said, 'Can you believe that just happened? I knew instantly I was going to medal.'"

Altogether, the Americans won 10 medals; the U.S. women won eight, compared to six for China. The 10 medals surpassed the U.S. total of nine in Athens.

Liukin got a gold, three silver and a bronze to tie the record for an American in one games.

"I'm really happy for her," Liukin said of Johnson, her roommate in Beijing. "Three silvers is kind of hard to take. I couldn't be more proud of her."

National team coordinator Martha Karolyi was ecstatic. After a disappointing start, when the Americans bumbled their way out of a team gold that went to China, they came back with a surge of strong showings.

"This was the right ending to conclude the Olympic Games," Karolyi said. "We proved the supremacy of U.S. women's gymnastics."

"I feel excellent (about Johnson). I think she needed this so much. She proved she is absolutely a great balance beam gymnast."

Johnson occasionally touched the medal during interviews — as if to make sure it was really there. Of course, she beamed every time she looked down at it.

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## Swim team fund-raiser



**Pampa Swimming and Diving Booster Club will kick off its new season with its annual membership meeting at 6:30 p.m. Aug. 21 at The Coffee Shop in downtown Pampa. Anyone interested in learning more about the junior high or high school swimming programs is encouraged to attend and meet Coach Garvin. The swim team and booster club will hold a car wash fund-raiser from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 23 in the parking lot of National Bank of Commerce.**

# HOROSCOPE

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Wednesday, Aug. 20, 2008:

You have optimism, energy and a strong sense of direction working in your favor this year. Many people cannot or will not say "no" to you. In the long run, good feelings develop in an open atmosphere. The more generous or understanding you are, the happier your relationships will be. If you are single, curb a tendency to put someone on a pedestal, if possible. This person can only fall off and disappoint you. Ultimately, you will be causing your own problem. Be realistic. If you are attached, exchange views more often. Make plans just to hang out, as you used to when you first met. Go on dates more often. CAPRICORN could push you hard.

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)

Finally, you feel more like the powerhouse that you are. You discover how many options you really have. With renewed vision, you might have an easier time deciding which way to go. Tonight: Whatever makes you happy.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20)

Knowing when not to talk or share an idea could be important in determining your success. Think through a decision with great care. You might not have all the answers. You also might not care. Tonight: Get some extra R and R.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20)

Groups and meetings, as well as an important partnership, help you create more of what you want. Listen to your instincts with a friend, who might

make a very wild suggestion that seems most enticing. Tonight: Hanging out is fun.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22)

A must appearance could be more important than you think. A more visible you draws very positive results and greater opportunities. You could be surprised by how valued you are. Tonight: Could be a late one. Try to squeeze in a nap.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)

Read between the lines. If you are questioning what is happening behind the scenes, you might need to go and find out! Questions draw out information. Do be empathetic when dealing with others. Tonight: Think big!

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Deal with each person individually, knowing full well what your expectations are. Assume greater responsibility in deciding what is possible or worthwhile. Tap into your creativity. Others meet you halfway when they see that you are looking for a more amenable solution. Tonight: Togetherness works.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Others display their true intentions, and even if you aren't comfortable, accept what you are hearing. You will understand more at a later date. A family member or a situation involving real estate could prove to be most beneficial. Allow more give and take. Tonight: Sort through invitations.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Focus on completion and getting your work done. With any luck, you will be able to lighten up and do something far differently. Let go of a past view, in the face of other information. Tonight: Get some exercise.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Let your imagination come into play. A risk seems clear to you. Trying to convince others could be futile and not as important as you think. Follow your sixth sense; you will gain, ultimately. Trust yourself. Tonight: Frolic away.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Your strength, mixed with a positive outlook toward a family member, could be overwhelming. You might want to back off a bit so as not to incur a problem with others. They need to form their own ideas. Tonight: Home is where the heart is.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Keep communication flowing, even if you stumble over some information. Do not allow someone to become too aware of your perception and thoughts. You might need to hear more from the people who are sharing. Tonight: Talk up a storm.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20)

Become more sensible with finances, even if your friends root you in another direction. Listen to what is being offered more openly. You might not be realistic about what you are hearing. Time, once more, proves to be your ally. Tonight: Your treat.

**BORN TODAY**

President Benjamin Harrison (1833), architect Eero Saarinen (1910), public official, lawyer Sen. George J. Mitchell (1933)

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# US praises Musharraf for help on terror campaign

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice offered "deep gratitude" Monday for resigning Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf's original decision to join the U.S.-led fight against extremists, but she was careful to signal strong support for the civilian government that pushed Musharraf aside.

Her statement marked a public separation from a leader the Bush administration once championed as "indispensable" to holding together a nuclear-armed country deemed crucial to American efforts to battle extremists in South Asia. Musharraf's popularity fell sharply in Pakistan after he ousted dozens of judges and

imposed emergency rule last year, and Washington had been distancing itself from the former army general since the election of a new civilian government in February.

Hours after Musharraf, who took power in a 1999 coup, announced his resignation Monday to avoid impeachment at the hands of his political enemies, Rice said the United States supports Pakistan's elected democratic government.

"We believe that respect for the democratic and constitutional processes in that country is fundamental to

Pakistan's future and its fight against terrorism," Rice said.

She noted that "Musharraf made the critical choice to join the fight against al-Qaida, the Taliban and other extremist groups that threaten the peace and security of Pakistan, its neighbors and partners throughout the world. For this, he has our deep gratitude."

She called Musharraf "one of the world's most committed partners in the war against terrorism and extremism."

Many U.S. lawmakers and Pakistani opposition leaders

had long pushed the administration to stop making support for Musharraf the core of its Pakistan policy. Late last year, Deputy Secretary of State John Negroponte called Musharraf "indispensable" to President Bush's campaign against terror.

State Department spokesman Robert Wood, asked Monday about Musharraf's fall, said, "The war against extremism is bigger than any one person. What's important here is that we work with Pakistan to do what we can to root out these extremists."

Wood, responding to a reporter's question, said he was not aware of any recent contact between the U.S. and Musharraf to discuss where he might go into exile.

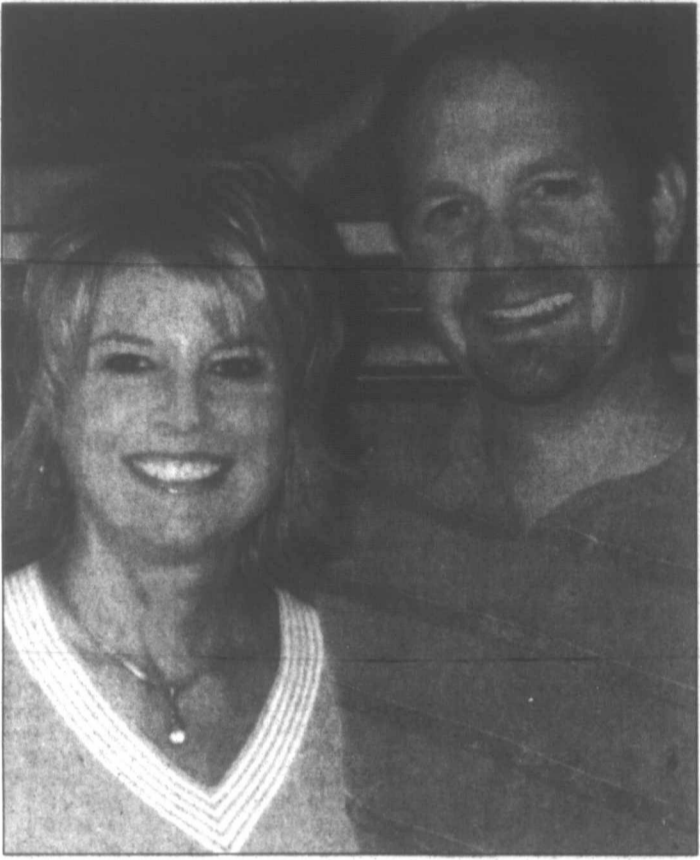
An emotional Musharraf told Pakistanis in a televised speech that he wanted to

spare Pakistan a dangerous power struggle with opponents vowing to impeach him. He said he was satisfied that all he had done "was for the people and for the country."

In Musharraf, the West had a stalwart ally in the fight against al-Qaida and Taliban militants. However, his influence has faded since he stepped down as army chief last year. Pakistan also has faced criticism from the United States that it was not doing enough to fight extremists operating along the Afghan-Pakistan border.

Many Pakistanis blame rising militant violence on Musharraf's use of the army against fighters based in the northwestern part of the country.

## Circle of Friends



Courtesy Photo

Mr. and Mrs. Shawn Clifton of Pampa will host the annual Circle of Friends Backyard Dinner Party and Auction at 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 23 at their home at 2629 Chestnut Drive. Proceeds from the fund-raiser will help fund assistance programs for cancer patients and their families. For tickets or for more information, call Melinda Stowers at 665-3086. Circle of Friends is a non-profit volunteer organization founded to support the philosophy and goals of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center of Amarillo. In case of inclement weather, the party and auction will move to the Starlight Room and Garden at Americinn.

## Daschle: Some questions still not answered on anthrax investigation

WASHINGTON (AP) — Former Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle — one of the targets of the 2001 anthrax attacks — said Monday that FBI evidence against Army scientist Bruce Ivins is convincing, but he is not completely persuaded that the investigation focused on the right person.

In an interview, Daschle praised the investigation and said his two-hour FBI briefing last week was "complete and persuasive." Still, he said, there are some open questions. He said the evidence should be scientifically reviewed.

The former senator's remarks came the same day the FBI was briefing journalists on the scientific data that led them to Ivins, who killed himself as prosecutors prepared to charge him as the lone anthrax killer.

Daschle and fellow Democratic Sen. Patrick Leahy of Vermont both

received anthrax-laced letters in their Senate offices. Both senators have received recent briefings from FBI Director Robert Mueller on the evidence against Ivins.

Daschle said the most compelling evidence to him is the odd, extended hours that the Army scientist kept shortly after the Sept. 11 terror attacks.

"He had no real explanation for the significant increase," Daschle said. "His only response was that he wanted to hang out there, which was not a very compelling reason."

He said they ruled out the other people who had access to Ivins' anthrax based on other information that was available.

"They had stiff alibis or ... they were not in a position to take the material for purposes of this kind," Daschle said. "Each one had a specific disqualifying aspect."

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