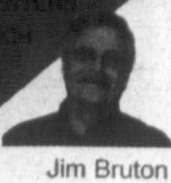


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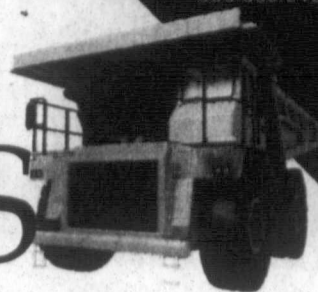
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Resident comes to officer's aid

Two men were in Gray County Jail today following a traffic stop in northeast Pampa this morning.

According to Pampa Police Department officials, at approximately 8:44 a.m. Pampa Police Officer Rick Armstrong completed a traffic stop of a vehicle in the 900 block of E. Kentucky.

The driver of the vehicle was identified as Michael Raleigh Jones, 24, and the passenger was identified as Jose Ray Palacios, 31.

During the traffic stop Jones was asked to step from the vehicle.

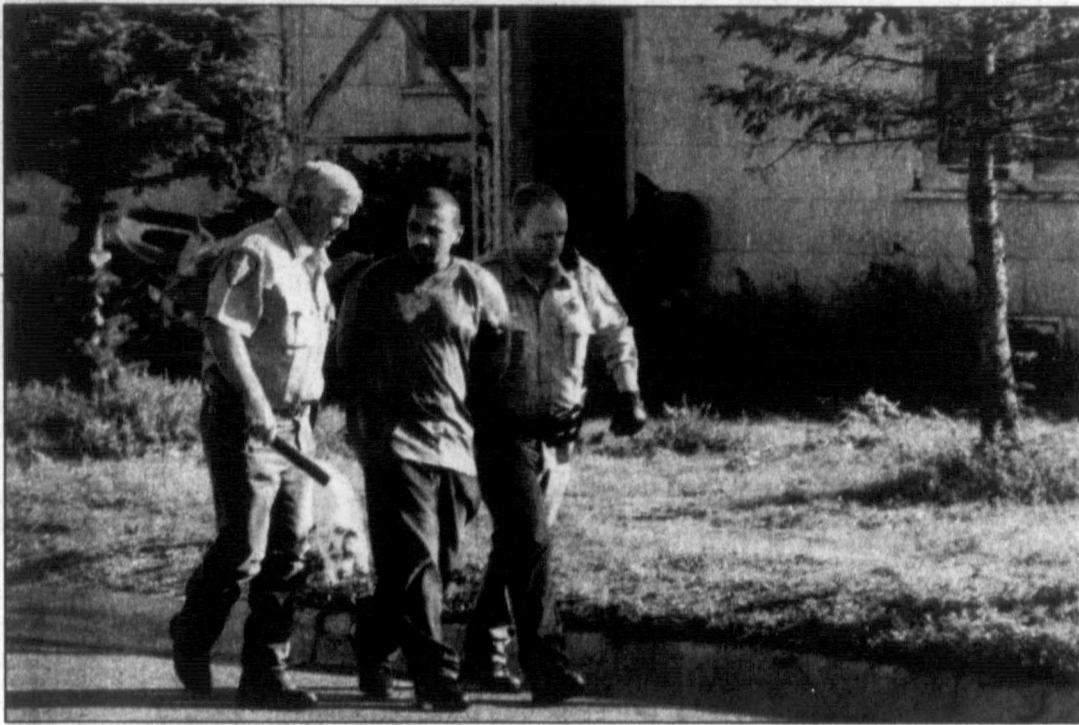
Once outside of the vehicle Jones put an object in his mouth believed to be narcotics. When Officer Armstrong confronted Jones about the object placed in his mouth, Jones attempted to flee the scene on foot.

Officer Armstrong was able to stop Jones, but Jones continued to resist.

At that time Palacios got out of the vehicle and began running to the east.

Officer Armstrong called for assistance and Pampa Police Dispatch received a 911 call about an Officer involved in a struggle. Officers and Gray County Sheriff's Deputies responded to the scene to assist.

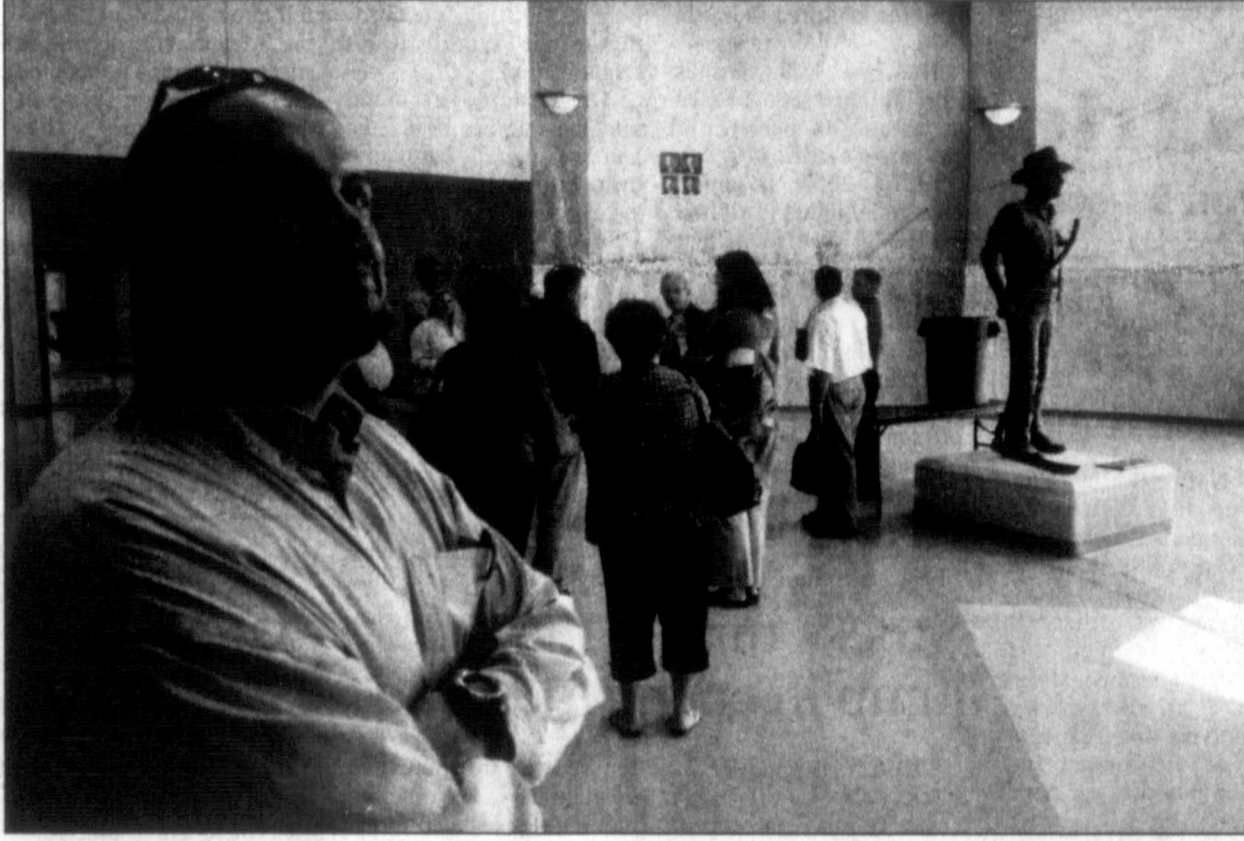
A neighborhood resident stopped and



Jose Palacios, center, and Michael Jones, not pictured, were taken to the Gray County Jail after they tried to flee from an officer during a traffic stop this morning. Palacios had an active felony warrant on previous charge.

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FINAL LOOK AROUND



School Board President Derrell DeLoach smiles his approval at the renovations to Pampa High School as the Pampa Independent School District board of trustees tour the school during a special school board meeting Tuesday night. School begins next week.

Annual sales tax holiday starts Friday

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — In a couple of days the annual Texas sales tax break weekend will be in full swing.

The shopping period is from Aug. 21-23 and comes just in time for students returning to school.

School supplies have been added to the annual tax-free holiday.

The state comptroller's office says the law exempts most clothing and footwear priced under \$100 from sales and use taxes.

The agency says backpacks under \$100 used by elementary and secondary students are also exempt.

Convicted killer escapes from officers in Athens

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ATHENS, Texas (AP) — A convicted killer escaped from law officers in Henderson County just hours after he was found guilty in a 2008 slaying.

A Sheriff's Department spokeswoman said the search continued Wednesday for 32-year-old Donnie Ray Westbrook.

The Athens Daily Review reports Westbrook on Tuesday night fled from transport officers at the Henderson County Justice Center.

Westbrook was convicted of murder in the fatal stabbing of Jerry Jeff Huff.

Westbrook was wearing a white short-sleeve shirt and khaki pants when he fled. He has numerous tattoos on his neck, arms and eyebrows.

Texas sheriff accused of incompetence won't resign

LEVELLAND, Texas (AP) — The suspended Hockley County sheriff said he won't resign and plans on fighting civil charges of incompetence and abuse of power.

David Kinney says he was not aware of nor responsible for the behavior of two of his deputies arrested on drug trafficking charges.

Two Hockley County deputies were arrested last month on federal drug charges related to a major methamphetamine ring. About a third of the deputies are either under federal indictment or investigation or been fired, according to a petition for Sheriff David SHERIFF cont. on page 3

Texas judge's death-row appeal testimony to resume

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A Texas judge who has drawn the ire of death penalty opponents and attorneys for closing her court with a condemned man's last appeal in the works says the move was not a ruling on the merits of the request.

Judge Sharon Keller is telling her side of the story

for the first time — nearly two years after Michael Wayne Richard was executed — from the witness stand at her own ethics trial.

She was to continue testifying Wednesday after being called late Tuesday to answer questions about her refusal to keep the Texas Court of Criminal

Appeals open past 5 p.m. when Richard's lawyers asked for more time to file their rushed appeal.

"I did not believe I was making a decision," Keller, the court's presiding judge, said during more than an hour of testimony Tuesday.

Keller was disputing prosecuting attorney Mike McKetta's choice of words

upon being asked whether Richard's two convictions for a brutal 1986 rape-slaying or his numerous failed appeals mattered in her decision to not keep the court open late.

Parsing words has played no small role in the trial — from the exact words Keller uttered during a 1-2 minute call Sept. 25, 2007 about

keeping the court open, to how "court" and "clerk's office" were interpreted and used in the hours leading up to Richard's execution.

Keller received a phone call about 4:45 p.m. that day from a court staffer who said lawyers running late with an appeal wanted JUDGE cont. on page 3

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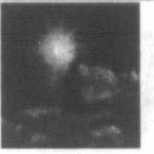
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| Thursday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 85. Northeast wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph. | | |
| Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 62. Northeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming southeast. | | |
| Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 88. South wind between 5 and 10 mph. | | |
| Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 63. Southeast wind between 5 and 10 mph. | | |
| Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 90. South southeast wind between 5 and 15 mph. | | |
| Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 63. South southeast wind between 10 and 15 mph. | | |

Obituaries There are no obituaries today

EMERGENCY SERVICES

PAMPA PD

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents during the 24-hours ending at 7 a.m. today.

Police reported 19 traffic stops and complaints. Officers reported 12 animal calls.

Monday, Aug. 18.

A medical emergency was reported in the 1300 block of North Duncan.

A theft was reported in the 1300 block of North Charles.

A theft was reported in the 900 block of North Mary Ellen.

Medical calls was made at 500 block of North

Wells and 900 block of East Barnes.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 2200 block of North Nelson.

A burglary was reported in the 200 block of East Kentucky.

A motorist was assisted in the 800 block of West Francis.

A medical emergency was reported in the 1900 block of North Russell.

Water was turned off at a house in the 500 block of North Zimmers.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 400 block of North Carr.

A suspicious person was reported in the 100 block of South Starkweather.

A fire investigation was conducted in the 2200 block of North Nelson.

A man was arrested at Medical Plaza for terroristic threats.

A civil matter was reported in the 300 block of South Houston.

Tuesday, Aug. 19.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 200 block of South Henry.

A suspicious person was reported in the 100 block of South Starkweather.

A suspicious person was reported at Browning and Gray.

A suspicious person was reported in the 1600 block of West Alcock.

SHERIFF

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Tuesday, Aug. 18.

James Ray Jennings, 54, was sentenced to 10 days in county jail.

Valentine Carroll Bryant, 33, was arrested by Pampa police officers on a warrant for simple assault.

Bryant David Kettler, 23, was arrested by Pampa police officers on charges of making a terroristic threat.

Life expectancy in America up, deaths not, CDC says

ATLANTA (AP) — U.S. life expectancy has risen to a new high, now standing at nearly 78 years, the government reported Wednesday.

The increase is due mainly to falling death rates in almost all the leading causes of death. The average life expectancy for babies born in 2007 is nearly three months greater than for children born in 2006.

The new U.S. data is a preliminary report based on about 90 percent of the death certificates collected in 2007. It comes from the National Center for Health Statistics, part of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Life expectancy is the period a child born in 2007 is expected to live, assuming mortality trends stay constant. U.S. life expectancy has grown nearly one and a half years in the past decade, and is now at an all-time-high.

Last year, the CDC said

U.S. life expectancy had inched above 78 years. But the CDC recently changed how it calculates life expectancy, which caused a small shrink in estimates to below 78.

The United States continues to lag behind about 30 other countries in estimated life span. Japan has the longest life expectancy — 83 years for children born in 2007, according to the World Health Organization.

The CDC report found that the number of deaths and the overall death rate dropped from 2006 — to about 760 deaths per 100,000 people from about 776. The death rate has been falling for eight straight years, and is half of what it was 60 years ago.

Heart disease and cancer together are the cause of nearly half of U.S. fatalities. The death rate from heart disease dropped nearly 5 percent in 2007, and the cancer death rate fell nearly 2 percent, according

to the report.

The HIV death rate dropped 10 percent, the biggest one-year decline in 10 years.

"It was kind of a surprise to see it go down so much" and it's unclear if it will be a one-year fluke or not, said Bob Anderson, chief of the agency's mortality statistics branch.

The diabetes death rate fell about 4 percent, allowing Alzheimer's disease to surpass diabetes to become the sixth leading cause of death. Alzheimer's has been climbing the death chart in recent years, though that may be partly because declines in other causes are enabling more people to live long enough to die from Alzheimer's, Anderson said.

The nation's infant mortality rate rose slightly in 2007, to 6.77 infant deaths per 1,000 births, but the rise was not statistically

significant. It has been at about the same level for several years.

That's not a shock, some experts said. Medical care improvements can improve infant survival, but they also mean that some troubled pregnancies now make it to infancy before death, said Paul Terry, an assistant professor of epidemiology at Atlanta's Emory University.

Another recent CDC report containing early data for 2008 counted 2.45 million deaths last year. That's an increase of more than 29,000 deaths from the 2.42 million deaths in 2007.

CDC data sometimes changes as more records come in and researchers eliminate duplicate reports. But it's likely an increase will hold up because of the growing number of elderly, experts said.

Stocks turn higher on jump in energy demand

NEW YORK (AP) — Stocks shook off early losses Tuesday and turned higher on a surprise pickup in demand for oil.

News from the government that the nation's oil inventory fell by more than 8 million barrels in the past week sent the price of crude and then stocks higher as investors bet that the slide in energy stockpiles is a sign of an improving economy.

The Dow Jones industrial average, down as much as 86 points on economic concerns before the oil

report, was up more than 70 at midday. The other big market indexes also turned higher.

Stocks have zigzagged all week as investors were torn between worries about consumer spending and signs that the economy, while still extremely weak, is showing improvement. So the surge in oil demand was a reassuring sign.

But there is still plenty of caution among investors. While stocks recovered, Treasury prices held on to most of their gains.

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Cleanup following tornado in Beaumont

BEAUMONT, Texas (AP) — Cleanup continues in Beaumont after a tornado flipped vehicles in parking lots and damaged some stores.

Repairs continued Wednesday from the fast-moving storm that left behind no serious injuries.

Roof damage was reported at a Kohls Department Store and a Wal-Mart from the tornado, which swept into the area Tuesday afternoon.

Montra Lockwood with

the National Weather Service told KBMT-TV that the entire event probably lasted less than five minutes.

Christus St. Elizabeth Hospital received 10 patients Tuesday afternoon. Spokeswoman Jacquelyn Conger says most of the injured suffered minor cuts and abrasions.

Utilities checked for gas leaks and repaired power lines.

Limit eating largemouth bass from Lake Isabell

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — State health officials are advising people to limit their consumption of largemouth bass from Lake Isabell, about 30 miles north of Houston.

The Department of State Health Services on Wednesday said lab tests indicated elevated levels of mercury in largemouth bass in the lake, located in Lake Houston Park.

Adults should limit consumption of largemouth bass from Lake Isabell to no more than two 8-ounce servings a month. Children under age 12 should limit consumption to no more than two 4-ounce servings a month.

The agency says women who are nursing, pregnant or who may become pregnant should not eat largemouth bass from Lake Isabell.

DSHS says elevated levels of mercury in fish do not pose a health risk for people swimming, fishing or doing other water recreation activities at Lake Isabell.

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CBS News pioneer Don Hewitt dies at 86

NEW YORK (AP) — Don Hewitt, the CBS Newsman who invented "60 Minutes" and produced the popular news-magazine for 36 years, died Wednesday. He was 86.

He died of pancreatic cancer at his Bridgehampton home, CBS said. His death came month after that of fellow CBS legend Walter Cronkite.

Hewitt joined CBS News in television's infancy in 1948, and produced the first televised presidential debate between John F. Kennedy and Richard Nixon in 1960.

He made his mark in the late 1960s when CBS agreed to try his idea of a one-hour broadcast that mixed hard news and feature stories. The television newsmagazine was born on Sept. 24, 1968, when the "60 Minutes" stopwatch began ticking.

He dreamed of a television version of Life, the dominant magazine of the mid-20th century, where interviews with entertainers could coexist with investigations that exposed corporate malfeasance.

"The formula is simple," he wrote in a memoir in 2001, "and it's reduced to four words every kid in the world knows: Tell me a story. It's that easy."

Hard-driven reporter Mike Wallace, Hewitt's first hire, became the journalist those in power did not want on their doorsteps. Harry Reasoner, Morley Safer, Ed Bradley and Diane Sawyer also reported for the show.

"60 Minutes" won 73 Emmy Awards, 13 DuPont/Columbia University Awards and nine Peabody Awards during Hewitt's stewardship, which ended in 2004.

After Cronkite's death at age 92 on July 17, Hewitt said, "How many news organizations get the chance to bask in the sunshine of a half-century of Edward R. Murrow followed by a half-century of Walter Cronkite?"

Hewitt often said the accepted wisdom for television news writers before "60 Minutes" was to put words to pictures. He believed that was backward.

A Sunday evening fixture, "60 Minutes" was television's top-rated show four times, most recently in 1992-93. While no longer a regular in the top 10 in Hewitt's later years, it was still TV's most popular newsmagazine.

Upon the launch of "60



In this Dec. 16, 1962 photo released by CBS, newsman Don Hewitt, left, gestures next to President John F. Kennedy in Washington, D.C. Hewitt, 86, the newsman who invented "60 Minutes" and produced the popular news-magazine for 36 years, died, according to CBS. (AP Photo/CBS Photo Archive)

Minutes," Hewitt recalled that news executive Bill Leonard told him to "make us proud."

"Which may well be the last time anyone ever said 'make us proud' to anyone else in television," he wrote in his memoir. "Because Leonard said 'make us proud' and not 'make us money,' we were able to do both, which I think makes us unique in the annals of television."

As executive producer, Hewitt was responsible for deciding each week which stories would make it on the air. Correspondents and producers alike would wait nervously in screening rooms for his verdict on their work.

Among his other jobs, Hewitt directed the first network television newscast on May 3, 1948. He originated the use of cue cards for news readers, now done by electronic machines. He was the first to "superimpose" words on the TV screen for a news show.

Before the 1960 presidential debate, Hewitt asked Kennedy if he wanted makeup. Tanned and fit, Kennedy said no. Nixon followed his lead. Big mistake.

"As every student of politics knows, that debate — like a Miss America contest — turned on who made the better appearance, not with what he said but with how he looked," Hewitt

recalled later. "Kennedy won hands down."

Hewitt did not retire completely. In 2007, he produced a televised version of the "Radio City Christmas Spectacular," bringing the venerable show to a national TV audience for the first time — on NBC.

Donald Shepard Hewitt was born in New York City on Dec. 14, 1922, and grew up in the suburb of New Rochelle. He dropped out of New York University to become a copy boy at the New York Herald Tribune. He joined the Merchant Marines during World War II and worked as a correspondent posted to Gen. Dwight Eisenhower's London headquarters.

After the war and a few brief journalism jobs, he took a job as an associate director at CBS News in 1948.

During his tenure, "60 Minutes" was often a place where people came to make news. Presidential candidate Bill Clinton addressed questions of infidelity in 1992, and Al Gore used the show to announce he wouldn't run for president in 2004.

Hewitt often said he was proud of his show's ability to exonerate innocent people through investigations, such as when a Texas man sent to jail for life for robbery was freed after Safer discredited the evidence against him.

him caving to pressure from CBS lawyers and not airing a whistleblowing report from an ex-tobacco executive. The full report eventually aired.

Although bitter at the former "60 Minutes" producer who became a hero of "The Insider" for fighting to air the story, Hewitt later said he wasn't proud of his actions.

Hewitt had said he wanted to "die at my desk," creating a delicate situation for CBS. The show's ratings were declining and

it had the oldest audience in television, as well as some of the oldest correspondents.

Hewitt, then 80, was persuaded to announce in January 2003 that he would step down at the conclusion of the 2003-2004 season, which he did. In return, CBS gave him a contract that would pay him through age 90.

Hewitt and his wife, Marilyn, had four children.

Judge

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to file after 5 p.m. Keller said no twice in the conversation.

The judge testified Tuesday that at the time she could remember nothing, not even a name, about the person scheduled for execution that night. She also said she never was told of computer troubles that Richard's lawyers blame for their delayed filing.

"I didn't know they were having trouble," Keller said. "I knew they wanted us to stay after and I knew they weren't ready to file."

Keller said she didn't think the request for more time was a substantive question relating to the merits of a filing. Under the court's execution-day rules, any communication about the execution is supposed to be referred to the assigned judge on duty.

"I think it's a close call," Keller said. "I think it was not a substantive matter but I can understand why people say it was."

The never-filed appeal provoked a nationwide outcry against Keller, nicknamed "Sharon Killer" among critics for her tough-on-crime reputation. Lawyers filed complaints to the state and one state lawmaker tried to have

Keller impeached.

Among the five charges of judicial misconduct Keller faces is bringing discredit to the court over the saga. She is the highest-ranking judge in Texas ever put on trial by the state Commission on Judicial Conduct.

Before Keller took the stand, her attorney accused Richard's lawyer, David Dow, of stoking the intense response to the case with an exaggerated and inaccurate narrative of what happened in the hours leading up to the execution.

"If you had been more precise, perhaps Judge Keller wouldn't be going through this right now," said Chip Babcock, Keller's attorney.

Dow defended his comments and his efforts to file an appeal while sparring with Babcock during an intense cross-examination. Dow said that upon being told the clerk wouldn't accept any filings past 5 p.m., he presumed he was out of options.

"I think the clerk's office is the court," Dow said. "I think most lawyers assume the clerk is the court. I don't draw a distinction between a clerk's office and the court the way you do."

Sheriff

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Kinney's removal.

Speaking to supporters Monday on the Hockley County Courthouse lawn, Kinney said for him to "take responsibility for others is crazy."

District Judge Blair Cherry signed an order Thursday temporarily ousting Kinney as sheriff.

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Arrests

assisted Officer Armstrong in subduing Jones. Others in the neighborhood witnessed Palacios run into the residence at 800 N. Lefors.

Officers and Deputies entered the home and took Palacios into custody after a brief search of the residence.

Palacios was found to be in possession of drug paraphernalia.

Pampa Firefighters also responded to the scene after the remnants of a suspected methamphetamine laboratory was found in the alley behind the residence. Jones was taken to the emergency room for evaluation, he was treated and released.

They were booked into the Gray County Jail for the following offenses:

Jones is charged with: Evading Arrest, Class B Misdemeanor (confinement up to 180 days and a \$2,000 fine).

Resisting Arrest, Class A Misdemeanor (confinement up to 1 year and a \$4,000 fine).

Tampering with Physical Evidence, 3rd Degree Felony (confinement up to 10 years and a \$10,000 fine).

Palacios is facing charges of:

Evading Arrest, Class B Misdemeanor (confinement up to 180 days and a \$2,000 fine).

Possession of Drug

Paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor (up to a \$500 fine).

Warrant — bond surrender, Manufacture or Delivery of a Controlled Substance Penalty Group 1 over 200 grams under 400 grams, a Special Felony (confinement up to 99 years in prison and a \$100,000 fine). This warrant stems from Palacios' arrest during a search warrant at his home on 06/24/09.

The Pampa Police Department would like to thank those citizens who chose to get involved and assist in this incident. Such involvement plays a critical role in combating the criminal element within our community.

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Mexico to reassign consul in Texas amid probe

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Mexico's foreign minister says the consul in Dallas, Texas, will be reassigned amid an investigation of irregularities in passport fees at the consulate.

Foreign Relations Secretary Patricia Espinosa says Mexican federal prosecutors are investigating irregularities in the fees charged for the issuing of passports detected by internal controls.

She told reporters Tuesday that Consul

General Enrique Hubbard would be reassigned as part of the department's rotation rules. She wouldn't say where Hubbard is being assigned or whether he is being investigated.

The Dallas Morning News said Saturday that Hubbard faces allegations he allowed staff members to personally profit from selling passport-size photos.

Viewpoints

Today in History

Today is Wednesday, August 19, the 231st day of 2009. There are 134 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

636 - Khalid ibn Walid's forces defeat Byzantine army at Battle of Yarmuk, sealing the Muslim conquest of Syria.

1587 - Pope Sixtus V proclaims Catholic Crusade for invasion of England.

1601 - Michael the Brave, Prince of Moldavia, is assassinated by Hungarian patriots.

1691 - Louis of Baden defeats Turks at Slankamen, Bulgaria, and Grand Vizier Mustafa Pasa is killed in action. The Turks cede a large portion of Hungary in the subsequent peace.

1796 - France and Spain sign Alliance of San Ildefonso against Britain.

1856 - European powers decide to unite Moldavia with Wallachia.

1914 - British

Navy torpedoes and damages German battleship Westfalen in North Sea; German fleet bombards English coast.

1936 - Spanish poet Federico Garcia Lorca is shot by supporters of Franco after being forced to dig his own grave.

1944 - A week before liberation by Allied troops, the

'One can live in the shadow of an idea without grasping it.'

— Elizabeth Bowen, Irish author

French Resistance starts open warfare against the Germans in Paris.

1960 - Soviet scientists safely bring back to earth a 4,600-kilogram (10,120-pound) satellite carrying two dogs into orbit. The dogs were sent into space the day before.

1971 - General Duong van Minh withdraws from presidential elections in South Vietnam, leaving President Nguyen van Thieu unopposed.

1974 - U.S. Ambassador Rodger P. Davies is shot and killed at the American embassy in Nicosia, Cyprus, during a protest by Greek Cypriots.

1979 - Pope John Paul II makes major diplomatic gesture by calling for resumption of ties between Vatican and China's Roman Catholics.

1982 - Svetlana Savitskaya is the second Russian woman to go into space when she is launched with two crewmates aboard a Soyuz T-7 spacecraft.

1986 - Car bomb explodes during morning rush hour in central Tehran, Iran, killing 20 people.

1988 - Hundreds of U.N. observers deploy along Iran-Iraq war front on eve of a cease-fire, the first step toward ending nearly eight years of bloodshed.

1990 - Refugees fleeing occupied Kuwait say resistance fighters are staging attacks including suicide bombings and that Iraq has been unable to wipe them out.

1991 - Communist hardliners stage coup of Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev.

Today's Birthdays:

Bernard Baruch, U.S. financier (1870-1976); Orville Wright, U.S. aviation pioneer (1871-1948); Georges Enesco, Romanian composer (1881-1955); Gabrielle "Coco" Chanel, French fashion designer (1883-1971); Ogden Nash, U.S. poet (1902-1971); Bill Clinton, U.S. president (1946-); Peter Gallagher, U.S. actor (1955); Adam Arkin, U.S. actor (1956).

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HANDICAPPING HEALTHCARE

AP IMPACT: Man says he sold kidney in US for \$20k

NEW YORK (AP) — In 2005, a rebellious and sporadically employed Israeli man flew to New York to give up a kidney to save an American businessman. For that, he says he was paid \$20,000, which appeared in a brown envelope on his hospital bed after the operation.

That payoff would be illegal.

But the kidney donor, 39-year-old Nick Rosen of Tel Aviv, says that doesn't matter. "I smoke pot. That's also against the law."

Rosen believes he did a good deed and that organ donors like him should be compensated. Much of his story can be confirmed, and the case gives new resonance to claims that a black market for kidneys has thrived even in the United States.

Rosen made a video about his transplant experience, and near the end of it, he is seen reclining on a bed piled with cash. A subtitle says: "This is what \$20,000 looks like." It's hard to tell the amount, but the \$100 face of Ben Franklin is visible on the bills.

His tale of organ trafficking might be incredible if he had not made the video — and if the issue of black market organs had not burst into public view with the recent arrest of a New Yorker accused of brokering a kidney sale. Rosen does not know that man, who as far as he knows, had nothing to do with his own transaction.

For years, kidneys have been available on a thriving international black market, but evidence of organ trafficking in the United States is harder to find. However, doctors and others in the transplant field have long suspected an illegal organ market exists here.

Nick Rosen's story — which he says began when he answered a "Kidney Donor Wanted" ad in an Israeli newspaper — may open a window into that world.

Last year, 4,540 Americans died while on transplant lists, waiting for kidneys. The man who got Rosen's kidney says he almost died, too.

"I was on death's doorstep," says Brad Gursky, a 51-year-old balding, beefy man whose left arm vein is thick and hardened from years of intravenous dialysis treatments.

Gursky confirms much of Rosen's story — except for the \$20,000 payment. "It's an embellishment," he said in an interview on his

front porch in Woodbury, a suburb on Long Island.

Is he happy Rosen made a video that essentially accuses him of participating in illegal organ trafficking?

"I have to give the man a pass on the video. He saved my life, and he did a mitzvah," a good deed.

A month before he got Rosen's kidney, Gursky was in end-stage renal failure and had just endured a huge disappointment: One week before Father's Day 2005, this father of three got the happy news that Mount Sinai Medical Center had a kidney for him, a perfect match. He and his whole family went to the hospital. But 24 hours later, all joy was snatched away. A mistake had been made by the donor network, and the kidney was going to someone else.

"Any hope he had of a healthy life was crushed," reads a letter of complaint written by Gursky's wife, Gwen, to the New York Organ Donor Network. A reply from the national organ donation network acknowledges the "unfortunate situation" and mentions "corrective actions."

A month later, in Rosen's video, Gursky is smiling and happy. His hope of a healthy life had been restored by a stranger, Nick Rosen, who Gursky says he found through "a friend of a friend."

Nick Rosen's disjointed, fuzzy video of his transplant experience has been viewable online for several months, if you know where to look. The Associated Press tracked him down through Facebook, the social networking site where Rosen lists his religious views as "jubu," slang for Jewish with an interest in Buddhism. He has 225 friends, including Brad Gursky.

Rosen says he was born in New York, and his family moved to Israel when he was a toddler. In adulthood, he became friends with a playwright who needed a kidney and was writing a play about dialysis. He says he translated the play for her into English and offered to donate his kidney, but she refused.

Rosen was nearing his 35th birthday. So when he saw an ad in an Israeli newspaper seeking a kidney donor, it seemed an appropriate gesture. "I wanted to make a difference." He says he called a phone number and was told he would be paid the

equivalent of \$20,000 for his kidney.

A man who called himself Moti, "an ugly guy" whom Rosen believed to be in charge of brokering the sale, sent him for medical tests in Israel.

"I told him I want to film my story because I'm a video producer-director, and I think this has value," Rosen says. Moti refused "so I don't have him on film."

Rosen says his U.S. passport and universal-donor Type O blood made him an appealing match to the kidney broker.

After months of medical tests in Tel Aviv, Rosen videotaped a meal with his family a few days before his trip to New York for surgery. His father scolds him loudly, shouting, according to subtitles, "You should stand on your own two feet and not ask others to support you! I told you, don't film me about this thing or else."

Ellen Simich, now of New York, was a friend of Rosen's in Israel at the time. She says she knew him to be "extremely intelligent, very open, very resourceful, very creative, a free spirit."

She knew he intended to sell his kidney and "no matter how noble his idea ... it was a huge illegal kind of business behind this thing."

At first, she tried to talk him out of it, she says, but eventually she accepted that he was not going to change his mind.

"I was very concerned about his safety," she says. She happened to be visiting a friend in New York when Rosen arrived for the transplant. She made Rosen promise to call her after he met with his connection, an escort he knew only as Arik who took him for more medical tests. Arik is shown in the video.

Rosen says he met Brad Gursky for the first time a few weeks later in an outdoor parking lot in Queens.

Done at Mount Sinai Medical Center, and some of its doctors appear on Rosen's video. One doctor says, "There are a lot of very important kind of life-or-death issues that we need to discuss." The doctor pauses. "And honestly I don't think we can have a really ..."

The doctor gestures with his hand until Rosen says, "You want me to put this down?" The camera goes off.

Mount Sinai officials refuse to discuss the case and details of their kidney donor screening process.

Dr. Daniel Herron, a surgeon who appears to be on Rosen's video, said he was aware of the video but that he could not talk without checking with the Mount Sinai press office. The next day, the press office said Herron was away and not available for an interview.

On its Web site, Mount Sinai says people may not donate a kidney if they were solicited by advertising or if they have a financial incentive.

Transplant centers in the United States are mostly free to devise their own rules for screening donors to make sure they are not selling organs. Experts suggest that some hospitals do little to block black-market kidneys because transplant procedures bring in so much money.

Rosen says he and "the recipient" (he rarely mentions Gursky by name) made up a story to convince Mount Sinai doctors they were cousins and that no money was changing hands. Rosen says the screening process at Mount Sinai "seemed OK," and he has no way of knowing whether the hospital or doctors suspected anything was amiss.

Rosen told his story in interviews with The Associated Press by phone, through messages on Facebook, and in a television interview in a park in Cologne, Germany, where he was traveling.

He says his video makes the case that organ donors should be "compensated," the word he prefers over "paid." Some doctors and kidney patients believe a legal system for compensating living donors should be created. They believe better incentives for donors could increase the supply of organs and save lives.

Rosen says he counts himself among those advocates and derides opponents as moralists who offer no alternative for kidney patients and potential donors like him who want to help but cannot afford to do so without payment.

"This is months of tests and recuperation. And you can't work, and it makes a lot of sense to compensate," Rosen says.

In the video, Rosen and Gursky are together more than once: at a coffee shop where Rosen gives him a small book of Psalms and posing for a snapshot together at a restaurant, a celebration after the transplant.

Gursky says he is grateful. "Nick is an awesome guy," he says. "He saved my life."

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Chautauqua sign-ups Thursday at chamber

Sena Brainard, Chautauqua Chairman, will be holding an informational and sign-up opportunity for non-profits and individuals who want to have booths at Chautauqua 2009. Food and beverage booths are restricted to non-profit organizations. Booth reservations for food items that are not already reserved will be accepted. There will be a waiting list in case of cancellations for food and beverage booths.

If participants have not received information by mail, or wish to be added to the mailing list, members will be available from 7 to 8 p.m. Thursday, August 20, in the M.K. Brown room of the Chamber of Commerce building, 200 N. Ballard St. (south entrance), or E-mail spotgirl@hot.com, or call 806-662-6777 or Pampa Fine Arts Association, 806-665-0343.

Parents can help kids have a smooth transition to new school

HOUSTON - (Aug. 17, 2009) - Whether it's down the block, on the other side of the city or across the ocean, changing schools can be a difficult adjustment for kids of all ages, according to experts at Baylor College of Medicine (www.bcm.edu).

"Anxiety is a typical reaction in these types of situations," said Dr. Leng Bang <http://www.bcm.edu/psychiatry/?PMID=9398>, assistant professor of psychiatry and behavioral sciences at BCM.

Many children are afraid of whether they will make new friends and fit in at school. Pressure to perform at a certain level in school can also be a source of stress for kids, said Bang, who is also a pediatric psychiatrist at Texas Children's Hospital in Houston.

However, parents can

take an active role in preparing their kids for this change and alleviating some fears.

"You can prepare them by taking them to purchase school supplies and new clothing. Get them on a regular nighttime and morning routine, and talk to them about worries they might have," said Bang.

It's important for parents to maintain open communication with their kids, and it's also just as important to communicate with their teachers and the school.

"If you have a positive attitude towards your child's school and are happy to get involved in school activities, your child will reflect this behavior," said Bang. "If you are involved in school activities, it's a great way for children to make new friends."

Although anxiety is initially typical, it should

fade over time, said Bang. If parents start noticing changes in sleep and eating patterns and grades, and an increase in complaints of anxiety related ailments such as headaches and stomachaches, it may be time to intervene.

"Talk to your child's teacher to see if they have noticed any changes at school as well. You might then want to get the school counselor involved to help your child get through this difficult time," said Bang.

Anxieties can develop about school that may lead to behavioral changes or even school refusal. If this occurs, it is often helpful to seek help from child mental health professionals, said Bang.

In the end, maintaining open communication and staying involved will make the adjustment period easier for kids.

Author to speak at Pampa library luncheon

The public is invited to attend a free luncheon at the Lovett Memorial Library, 111 N. Houston in Pampa on Thurs., Sept. 3rd at noon. The Friends of the Library are hosting the event. Christian-fiction author Terrye Robins will be the guest speaker. She will be greeting guests and sharing information about her writing career and her humorous mystery novels, Trouble in Paradise, Revenge in Paradise, and the newly released Justice in Paradise. A question-and-answer session will follow, and books will be available there for purchase.

All of the novels in the author's popular Paradise series are getting rave reviews from readers all

over Texas. They begin in a charming town called Paradise, and extend to the sunny beaches of Hawaii. The main character is Allison Kane, who is a teacher by day and detective by night. Her quirky Great-aunt Edith adds spice to the stories with her funny antics and keeps readers laughing.

Terrye Robins was born and raised in Oklahoma. She received numerous awards in music and writing while in high school. After graduation, she moved to Aiea, Hawaii, and worked in Honolulu. She served as a pianist and Sunday school teacher at a church in Kaneohe. After returning to the mainland, she married and had two sons.

Terrye obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in elementary education from Northeastern State University and taught school for several years. After leaving the classroom, she continued to share her love of books with others by opening a children's bookstore.

She is active in her church and enjoys reading, walking, playing the piano and organ and spending time with family and friends. She resides in northeastern Oklahoma and is currently working on the fourth book in the series, Secrets in Paradise.

For more information, call the Lovett Memorial Library at (806) 669-5780, or visit Terrye's website at www.terryerobins.com.

TWC Chairman warns of Web sites misleading the public

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Sites supposedly helping out-of-work Texans file claims present inaccurate, confusing information

Tom Pauken, Chairman of the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC), issued the following statement today about misleading "unemployment claims" Web sites:

Unemployed Texans are being misled by online Web sites that encourage people to fill out their forms for a fee in order to qualify for unemployment benefits. These paid advertisements on such sites as Google confuse claimants into thinking that, by filling out their forms, that is equivalent to filing for unemployment.

For example, one paid advertiser on Google

is www.TheUnemploymentAdvisor.com. Its ad reads: "Filing for Unemployment? Easy to use Online Submission Form - Fast Response."

Understandably, unemployed Texans not familiar with the filing process in Texas could easily believe that they could go to that site and fill out the requisite forms in order to apply for Texas unemployment benefits. In fact, some Texas claimants mistakenly have done so, only to find out, to their disappointment, that the site in question has nothing to do with the official process at the TWC for filing unemployment benefit claims. If you read the fine print of sites like TheUnemploymentAdvisor.com, you find out that this site has absolutely no connection with any official governmental entity.

School starts Monday, please drive with caution



Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I have an embarrassing dilemma. I have a baby with a man I am no longer with. Our romance ended before I knew I was pregnant. He is not in our lives anymore -- his decision. I have moved on and am now in a solid, loving relationship.

My problem is my OB/GYN has always been under the impression that my child's biological father and I are together and that we're married. The father attended some of the obstetrical appointments with me and was even there for the birth.

When my doctor initially referred to him as "my husband," I didn't correct him because I didn't feel I needed to spill the beans about such a personal issue. But now when I go for my annual examinations, he always asks me how "my husband" is. I feel it's too late to say, "Oh, by the way, he was never my husband" since I didn't correct him to begin with.

I need a graceful way to finally tell my doctor that we were never married, especially since I am now involved with a different man whom I plan on marrying and will eventually have another child with. Please help me find the words. -- STUCK -- DOWN SOUTH

DEAR STUCK: Here are the words. The next time your doctor asks how your "husband" is, say: "We're no longer together." Period. No further explanation is necessary, and don't offer one.

DEAR ABBY: We are hoping you can settle a small dispute. My husband and I have a soon-to-be 2-year-old. Her birthday is next month, and we will be celebrating at a local park with lots of kids from work and day care.

Is it OK to offer beer and wine to the parents?

The park officials have no issue with it. There is an alcohol permit to sign, which includes no hard liquor and no drinks to be taken off premises. We will abide by park rules. We just want to know -- is it OK to have alcohol at a child's birthday party? We will wait to see what you have to say. -- PARTY PLANNER IN COLORADO

DEAR PARTY PLANNER: I see nothing positive to be gained by a group of parents drinking alcohol at a children's party. Alcohol dulls the senses, and besides, the purpose of the party is to see that the children have a good time. Rather than drinking and socializing, the parents should be concentrating on the kids, making sure they are entertained and closely supervised -- particularly in an outdoor setting that may not be familiar to every-

one.

DEAR ABBY: Is it now acceptable to clip one's fingernails in the workplace?

I work in an office with cubicles, and I hear some of my co-workers (mainly men) clipping their nails! Isn't this a task that should be performed in one's bathroom at home? Am I the only person who thinks this is gross? -- GROSSED OUT IN RICHMOND, TEXAS

DEAR GROSSED OUT: You are not the only person who finds it gross; I think it's "icky," too. And you are correct that personal grooming should be performed at home, before or after work. Because it bothers you, mention it to the office manager, explain how it makes you feel, and suggest that a company memo be sent out discouraging the practice.

Sudoku

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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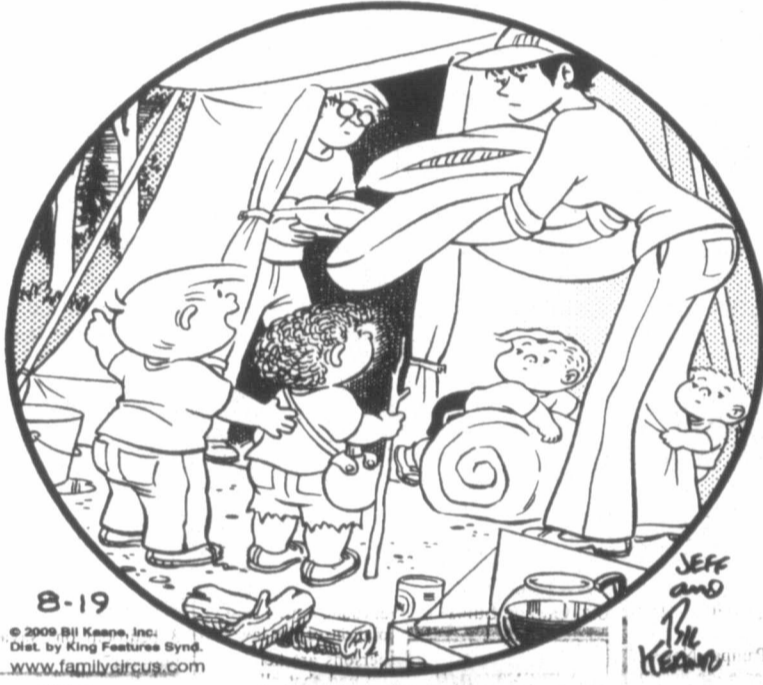
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By Bil Keane

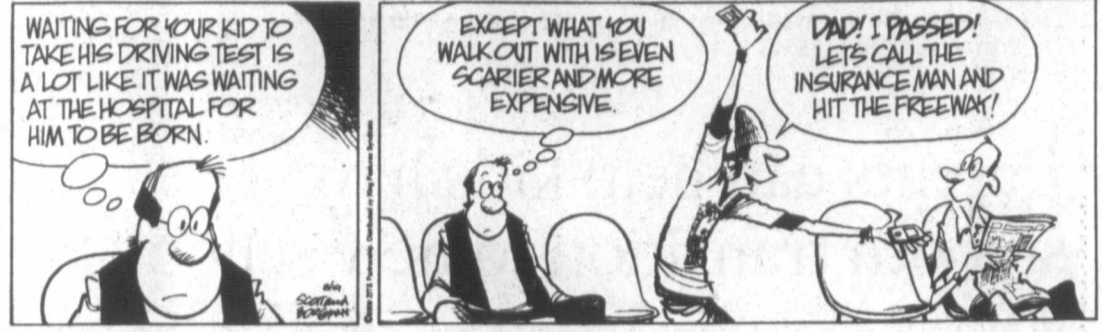


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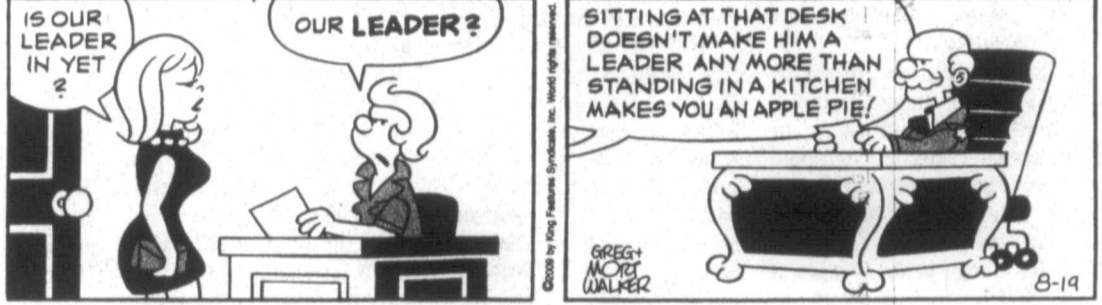
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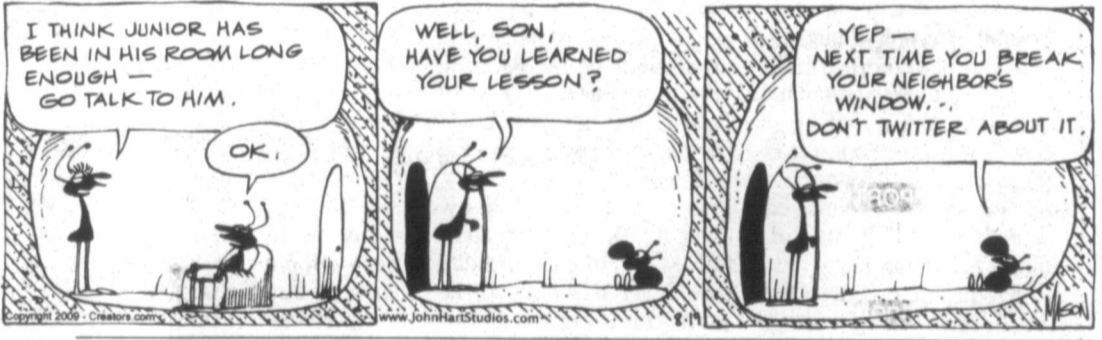
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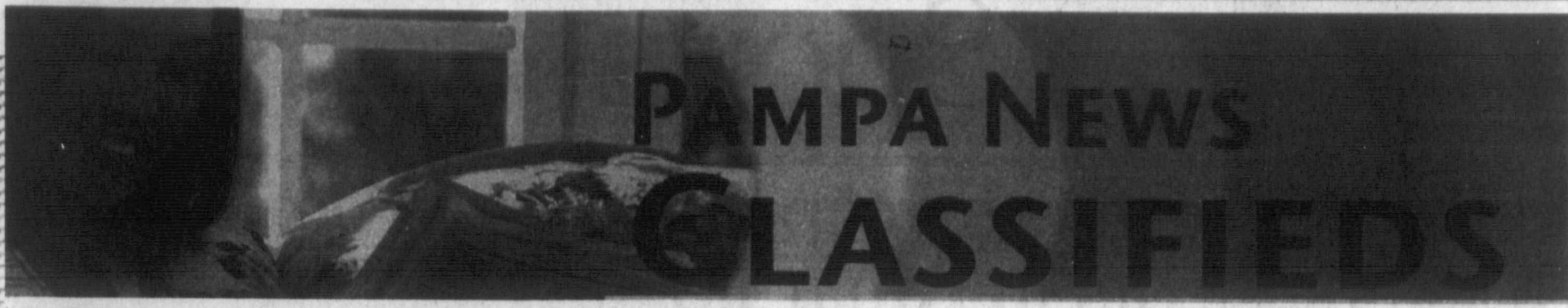
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The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ***** Make a wish with today's New Moon. Verbalizing what you desire is the first step in making it happen. Your drive marks your success. A child, loved one or creative project could make all the difference. Think positively. Tonight: Make it easy.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ***** You have a way that makes others think. Brainstorm with others. Even a boss, though confusing, comes up with ideas. You'll create a unique option that could involve real estate, property and perhaps a home office. Don't nix anything right now! Tonight: Happily head home.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ***** Keep communication flowing, eyeing security and long-term commitment. You don't want to undermine your well-being. Listen to what others share, but still nix a risk. Others cannot make

your decision for you. Your vision and ability to adapt to a demanding partnership or financial situation emerge. Tonight: Mosey on home.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ***** Keep conversations moving, knowing that there is much more to relay. The unexpected does occur. Examine the long-term ramifications of a difficult association. Be careful expressing your frustration. Tonight: Hang out.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ***** Curb a tendency to be possessive. Creativity flows, especially financially, and you could create a new beginning. Be careful if you have a tendency to suppress your feelings and then act on them. Have you been spending a lot? Eating a lot? Tonight: Discipline a wild streak.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ***** Be sensitive to others, as well as yourself. Discipline yourself. You have a strong intuitive sense about a work or health matter. Just because an idea feels good doesn't mean it is good. Check in with the experts. Tonight: Claim your power.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ***** You could easily fizzle early on. Be aware of your energy level; you might opt to work behind the scenes. Detach, and you'll see a situation clearly, or break your pattern, or at least understand your role in the situation. Tonight: Head home.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ***** Emphasize the positives. Listen to the pros and cons of a situation. If you are focused, you could further an important goal. Network and touch base with others. Your ability to make a difference or draw others peaks. Just ask for what you want. Tonight: Where people are.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ***** Be aware of your financial needs, as they could be changing quickly. A new beginning is possible. Listen to news with an eye to potential change. Your way of handling a situation or problem could change. What is occurring behind the scenes becomes clear. Tonight: Burning the candle at both ends.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ***** Your ability to read between the lines marks many of your decisions. An agreement with a partner or associate could force a change or transformation. Know what you want and expect, and you will be well on your way. Detach from hot situations. Tonight: Break past restrictions.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ***** Deal with individuals rather than groups. You discover that eye contact adds to the quality of a discussion. Follow through on a work-related situation that can impact you financially. A partner really understands what is at work here. Tonight: Dinner and talks.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ***** Defer to others and get to the bottom of a problem. Listen to what is being said, as someone might trigger a button that forces you to do a double-take. Your creativity flourishes when dealing with a loved one. As a result, you'll get past a problem with ease. Tonight: Make time for a special person.

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8-19 CRYPTOQUOTE

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Sports

Lady Harvesters sweep Rockets, Scots in Amarillo

BY ANDREW GLOVER
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The Pampa Lady Harvesters swept the Amarillo Rockets (25-14, 25-16, 25-14) and the Highland Park Scots (25-18, 25-16, 25-21) Tuesday evening, August 18 at Highland Park.

Head coach Libby Garza was pleased with her teams performance in the non-district matches, and said they were confident and consistent.

"Our executing on offense was tons better," Garza said. "And it is nice to be able to just sit and not yell and scream the whole match. They didn't even need me tonight they were amazing."

Garza said she had strong play from Kara Stephens, Taryn Eubank, Cheyanne Collins.

"They were playing great and always communicating," Garza said. "They were awesome tonight."

Coach said sophomore Delaney Clendenning was a strong offensive weapon. Garza said everyone of her young players have stepped up.

"Every young player I have up here

is so competitive," Garza said. "They expect perfection from themselves and their teammates, as do our older girls. We are clicking as a whole."

Pampa (5-4) was in control most of the night. The only time they trailed was 2-0 in the first game against Highland Park.

Garza said her team's communication improved from earlier matches this season.

"They were talking on a constant basis," Garza said. "They didn't stop through plays they did it for the entire match both of them."

Garza was impressed with how her team was able to finish games.

"They were relaxed and in control of themselves," Garza said. "We passed well and played great D."

Coach said they are still working out kinks but are playing great.

"We will do great things this year at this pace," Garza said.

The junior varsity also played last night, losing in three to Highland Park (25-21, 22-25, 23-25).

Coach Matt Embry said his team

fought back late in the third game.

"We were trailing 24-15 in Game three and fell short," Embry said.

Embry said his team has a lot of work to do to meet their potential and he did not have a full team last night.

"Once we get all of our girls back (injuries and one was out of town.) "We will be in good shape."

Embry said his team showed a lot of character by fighting their way back into game.

"We had girls playing positions they do not normally play," Embry said. "Our effort was great and the girls can't wait for our tournament, Saturday to redeem themselves."

Embry said his team needs to work on defense, passing and communication.

"Once we fix those things we will be in good shape," Embry said.

The varsity's next game is 4 p.m. Monday, hosting Clinton and the Plainview Triad.

The junior varsity will host a tournament, 9 a.m. Saturday at Pampa High School.

FOOTBALL BOOSTER NEWS

PLEASE COME OUT AND SUPPORT YOUR HARVESTERS!

Thursday, August 20, is the target date for completion of the new turf.

Friday, August 21— Scrimmage against Dalhart here in Pampa with freshman and JV Teams beginning at 5:30 p.m. and Varsity taking the field at 7:00 p.m. The concession stand will be open and admission is free.

Saturday, August 22, 6 p.m.— MEET THE HARVESTERS

Monday, August 24, 7 p.m.— Football Boosters Club Meets in the Ready Room at Val Halla. ALL PARENTS of 7th - 12th grade football players are encouraged to attend.

Tuesday, August 25, Noon— Pampa Harvester Quarterback Club to meet at the Country Club. This is a newly formed club for men, young and old, who are interested in Pampa football. Open to new members.

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The Pampa Lady Harvesters finished 3-3 and won third place in the silver bracket and sixth overall, at the Canyon/Randall tournament last weekend.

Pampa was swept by Dumas (9-25 and 17-25) in the opening game.

The Lady Harvesters lost to Weatherford (25-13, 20-25, and 22-25).

After their opening two losses, the Lady Harvesters swept Arbor Academy (25-16, and 25-18), and Riveroad (25-22 and 25-20).

Pampa lost to Bushland (18-25, 25-16, 25-27), and finished the tourney by sweeping the Amarillo Rockets (25-13 and 25-21).

Head coach Libby Garza said she felt great about her team's performance last weekend.

"We are on the right track to success," Garza said. "We are learning how to finish and taking little steps towards it."

In the three games, the Lady Harvesters won they were ahead most of the time. In the first game against Riveroad, Pampa was behind but came back. The head volleyball coach said her team is growing.

"We are showing signs of maturity and growth," Garza said. "Which is so exciting."

Except for the Dumas game, the Lady Harvesters were competitive in the three games they lost.

"We were not awake or ready for that first match," Garza said. "All of the others we should of won. They came back and beat us."

Garza said her team needs to work on finishing games.

"Well, we need to get better at

finishing against good teams, making adjustments during the game, and getting excited when we do something good," Garza said.

Coach said senior Kara Stephens was her go to player, but Emilie Troxell and Cheyanne Collins played well also.

"Emilie Troxell and Cheyanne Collins really stepped up their defense and were just being good leaders," Garza said.

Garza said her seniors really stepped up in the tournament and it helped her younger players.

"Their leadership was awesome," Garza said. "Our younger girls could really lean on them. And our passing and defense was great."

The freshman played in a tournament at Riveroad. The freshman Lady Harvesters played Dalhart and Childress.

Optimist football sign-ups set for next week

Pampa Optimist Youth Club Flag and Tackle Football sign-ups will be held from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. August 24, 25, 27 at the Pampa Optimist Youth Center.

Flag football fees, for

Western horse race winners announced

The Top O' Texas Rodeo Association's first annual Western Horse Race was held prior to the Saturday, August 15, rodeo performance before a large group of spectators. All proceeds of the race went to the Childrens Miracle Network. Each race was

grades 1 and 2 are \$70. Tackle football fees, grades 3 and 4 and grades 5 and 6 are \$100. All tackle payers must be present at sign-ups to be fitted for equipment.

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PHS renovation nearing final stage

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The Pampa Independent School District board of trustees met Tuesday night to approve the final plans for the renovation of Pampa High School. The board also approved the final budget for the project, which is estimated to cost \$10 million. The renovation is expected to be completed by the end of the year.

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Debate on name of PJHS mascot favors unity

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Earlier this year, after months of debate, the school board had selected the name 'The Harvesters' and had approved several proposed logos for the new mascot. The board is now debating the name of the mascot.

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Gov breaks collarbone in biking accident

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Arkansas Governor Mike Beebe broke his collarbone while riding a bicycle on Tuesday. Beebe was riding his bike on a trail near his home when he fell. He was taken to a hospital where he underwent surgery to repair his collarbone.

Open meetings violation suit filed against PISD

by David Bowman
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A lawsuit has been filed against the Pampa Independent School District (PISD) for allegedly violating the Texas Open Meetings Act. The lawsuit was filed by a group of citizens who claim that the school board has been conducting business in secret.



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