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# PAMPA NEWS

Nednesday, July 7, 2010

## Jury selection continues for Bolin murder trial

Selection process began yesterday; court picking from juror pool of 340

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It was standing room only in 31st District Court on Tuesday morning as jury selection began for the Mary Lee Bolin murder trial at the Gray County Courthouse.

Jury selection is projected to continue through today, with court officials saying that a full

jury is not expected to be selected before Thursday

Bolin, 30, is charged with capital murder in 31st District Court in the death of her 6-week-old daughter, Kenzee Renae Bolin. According to court documents, The infant was brought from the family home to the Pampa Regional Medical Center with severe breathing problems on May 21, 2007. She died at the

hospital; efforts to resuscitate her were unsuccessful.

Bolin was arrested and charged several weeks later after an autopsy indicated the infant died of blunt force trauma. She has been free on a \$100,000 bond since her arrest.

The case had been delayed, according to court officials, due to scheduling conflicts concerning expert witnesses.

The court had initially called 550 prospective jurors for the start of Tuesday's jury selection proceedings. Court officials said that about 340 showed up. Chairs had to be set up in the aisles of the courtroom for part of the jury panel. The remaining members of the panel had to stand.

Opening remarks of the trial are expected tomorrow morning.

## WELCOME, MATT

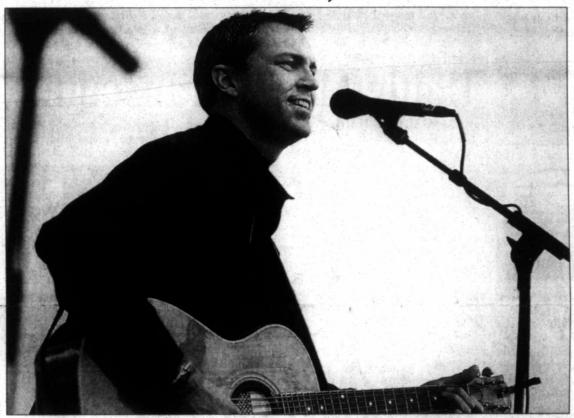


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Homegrown musician Matt Martindale will make a return engagement to Pampa on Saturday.

## Martindale to rock museum street dance

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A street dance celebrating the 40th anniversary of the White Deer Land Museum will be held Saturday in front of the museum on the 100 block of N. Cuyler.

The dance, featuring the sounds of Matt Martindale, will begin at 8:30 p.m. and follows the Chamber of

Boomtoom Commerce's Block Party held the same

"The proceeds will go the the museum's foundation," said Ann Davidson, curator of the White Deer Land Museum. "The foundation provides many exhibits and upgrades for us. For instance, right now we are working on a breezeway that will attach our DANCE cont. on page 3

#### **White Deer Land Museum Anniversary Street Dance**

When: Saturday, 8:30 p.m. after Chamber of Commerce **Boomtown Block Party** 

Where: In front of the White Deer Land Museum

Why: To celebrate the museum's 40th anniversary

## Man in custody after botched July 4 burglary

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One man was in Gray County jail today following the arrest of two men on burglary charges on Independence

Ashley Bryan Sandlin, 36, of Skellytown, and Robert Edward Selvidge, 38, of White Deer, were arrested by Gray County deputies Sunday after pipeline company employees reported at burglary in progress east of Pampa.

Lt. Joe B. Hoard with the Gray BURGLARY cont. on page 3

### Four nabbed on possession over weekend

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Four people were arrested over the holiday weekend following three unrelated traffic stops that resulted in drug possession charges.

Edward Redmond, 58, of Lexington, Miss., and Esteem Demetria Deonna Jones, 21, of Rodeo, Calif., were arrested Sunday by Gray County deputies on Interstate 40.

Lt. Joe B. Hoard of the Gray County Sheriff's Office, said today that the couple was stopped on Interstate 40 near McLean about 10 a.m. Sunday.

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**NEW JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL** 

## MOVE-IN DAY

RIGHT: Librarian Doris Jaramillo begins putting books on the shelves at the new Pampa Junior High School on Tuesday as school officials start moving into the newly completed facility this week. BOTTOM: Marcus Matheson of the Bekins Moving Company loads a moving van at the old Pampa Junior High School building.





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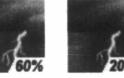
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#### PAMPA FORECAST



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Low 63



High 80 Low 64



High 84 Low 67

Tonight: Showers and thunderstorms likely. Some of the storms could produce heavy rain. Mostly cloudy, with a fow around 65. East southeast wind between 5 and 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 60 percent. New rainfall amounts between a quarter and half of an inch possible.

Thursday: Showers and thunderstorms likely. Some of the storms could produce heavy rain. Cloudy, with a high near 75. Northeast wind between 10 and 15 mph. Chance of precipitation is 60 percent.

Thursday Night: A 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Cloudy, with a low around 63. East northeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Friday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 80. Northeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Friday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 64. East wind between 5 and 10 mph becoming

Saturday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high near 84. Calm wind becoming south southeast between 5 and 10 mph.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 67. South wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

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### EMERGENCY SERVICES

#### SHERIFF

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests over the holiday weekend.

Friday, July 2

Jacob Edward Benegas, 32, of Amarillo, was arrested by deputies on charges of failure to appear in connection with child support payments.

Guin Cordell Garcia, 36, was arrested by deputies for parole violation in connection with a kidnapping conviction.

Timothy Frank Davis, 38, was arrested by deputies on charges of violating a protective order and possession of a controlled substance.

Saturday, July 3

John Daniel Powell, 35, of Canadian, was arrested by deputies on charges of possession of a controlled substance.

Samuel Newman, 18, was arrested by police on charges of public intoxication.

Amador Leal, 56, was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety troopers on charges of driving while intoxicated, third offense.

Nicholas Christopher Warren, 30, was arrested by deputies on charges of possession of a controlled substance.

Sunday, July 4

Edward Redmond, 58, of Lexington, Miss., was arrested by deputies on charges of possession of marijuana greater than four ounces but less than five pounds.

Esteem Demetria Deonna Jones, 21, of Rodeo, Calif., was arrested by deputies on charges of possession of marijuana greater than four ounces but less

than five pounds. Ahsley Bryan Sandlin,

36, of Skellytown, was arrested by deputies on charges of burglary of a building.

Edward Robert Selvidge, 38, of White Deer, was arrested by deputies on charges of burglary of a building.

Jorge Armando Mauricio-Prado, 33, was arrested by deputies in connection with driving while intoxicated charg-

Monday, July 5

Anthony Curry Pendleton, 22, was arrested by police on a grand jury indictment accusing him of engaging in organized criminal activity.

James Michael Brown, 36, was arrested by deputies in connection with charges of theft of property.

Arnoldo Armendariz Castillo, 48, of Canadian, was arrested by deputies in connection with driving while intoxicated charges.

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests during the 24-hour period ending at 8 a.m. today.

Tuesday, July 6

Tahasha Pendleton, 19, was arrested by deputies after she was indicted by a Gray County Grand Jury on charges of engaging in organized criminal activity.

Johnathan Frank Athey, 26, of Fritch, was arrested by deputies for probation violation in connection with a driving while

intoxicated charge. Christopher Lee Allred, 36, was arrested by deputies for probation violation in connection with possession of marijuana charges.

### **Obituaries**

#### Mark Steven Robertson, 53 ins; and his special friend,

ELGIN-Mark Steven ter plumber who designed 53, died Robertson, Saturday, July 3, 2010 in Dallas.

Memorial services were held in Dallas.

Mr. Robertson was born May 25, 1957 in He lived in Dalhart. Pampa from 1966 until 1974 when he moved to Hartley. He was a 1975 graduate of Hartley High School. Mark was a masand installed plumbing for surgical wings in several major hospitals, primarily in Milwaukee, Wis. and Austin. He was a former member of St. Vincent DePaul Catholic Church in Pampa.

Survivors include a son, Brent Steven Robertson and wife Misha of Alamogordo, N.M.; a daughter, Angelia Hope

Coble of Alamogordo, N.M.; his mother, Dorothy Rosenbach of Pampa; a brother, Dr. Randy Robertson and wife Sandra of Elgin; a sister, Lou Ann Robertson of Seabrook; five grandchildren, Austin Robertson, Autumn Andrew Robertson, Coble, Hailey Coble, and Annabelle McDaniel, all of Alamogordo, N.M.; sever-

al aunts, uncles, and cous-

Zoe, his dog. Mark was preceded in death by his father, Claude Robertson, and by his stepfather, Don Rosenbach.

Memorials may be made to St. Vincent DePaul Catholic Church, 810 W. 23rd St., Pampa, TX

## Clark Wesley James, 48

Clark Wesley James, 48, died July 5, 2010 in Pampa.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. James was born June 21, 1962 in Pampa where he graduated from Pampa High School in 1981. He attended Tyler Junior College where he received his Associates degree in computer science. He married Patricia Turner on January 27, 1995 in Pampa. Wesley returned to Pampa in 1998 where he served as vice president for G. W. James, Inc. He was a member of First United Methodist Church of Pampa, and he enjoyed gardening and ham radio.

Survivors include his wife, Patty James of the home; a stepdaughter, Jinger Marie Pajestka of Austin; his parents, Gene and Barbara James of Pampa; two sisters, Jennifer Dorsey and husband William of Bullard, and Heather Close and hus-

band Kenneth of Denton; grandmother, Dorothy Riehl of Tyler; one niece, Melissa Dixon of Bullard; three nephews, Brandon Dixon and Ashton Dorsey, both of Bullard, and Ansel Close of Denton; several aunts, uncles and cousins; and mother-inlaw, Margaret Turner of Temple. He was preceded in death by a grandmother and both grandfathers.

Memorials may be made to a favorite charity.

Sign the online register



James

at www.carmichael-whatlev.com.

#### Hattie Merle Branscum, wife Ruby of Pampa;

Merle Branscum, 71, died July 5, 2010 in Amarillo.

Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Branscum was born May 24, 1939 in Pampa. She was a lifelong resident of Pampa, attending Pampa schools. She married J. C. Branscum in 1967 in Pampa. He preceded her in death on December 15, 1993. She worked at the Worley Hospital for approximate-

AMARILLO-Hattie ly 10 years, and attended church in Pampa. In her spare time, Hattie liked to cook, watch television and spend a lot of time with her grandchildren.

Survivors include five sons, Eddie Musgrave and wife Marsha, Johnny Musgrave and wife Dana, and Rickie Musgrave and wife Terri, all of Dallas, Jimmy Fitzer of Pampa, and J. C. Branscum and wife Candy of Amarillo; two brothers, Bob Gage and wife Gay of Columbus, Mo., and Rex Gage and

seven grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. Hattie was preceded in death by a daughter, Donna Fitzer on March 15, 2001; her parents; and a grandson, David Hale on July 31, 2005.

Memorials may be made to American Cancer Society, c/o Gerry Caylor, 2130 Charles, Pampa, TX 79065.

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Branscum

## Lois Walker, 87

Lois Walker, 87, went to lived in many parts of the be with her Lord on July 4, 2010 at Amarillo.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Walker was born October 26, 1922 in Pine Bluff, Ark., to John and Margaret Meeks Richey. The family moved to Texas when Lois was young, where her father owned a blacksmith and welding shop. She had four sisters who all live in Texas.

Lois married Gerald Walker on October 3, 1943 in Pampa. He preceded her in death on September 3, 1995. Gerald was in the U. S. Air Force and went AWOL to go home to get married. Lois and Gerald U. S. during Gerald's military career. While Gerald flew planes in the Korean Conflict, Lois stayed with her parents. One night, Lois woke in the middle of the night, knowing Gerald was in danger. As Lois prayed, Gerald had lost his engines over the China Sea and was also praying not to crash. The engines finally recovered and Gerald was able to make it to safety.

Lois and Gerald moved to Edgewater, Colo., in 1954, to Arvada in 1962, and back to Pampa in 2007. Lois was involved in Christian Women, Women Aglow, Arvada Sewing Guild and many church activities. She enjoyed

being with and helping others.

Survivors include two sons, Dennis Walker and friend Kim Gatanis of Broken Arrow, Okla., and Jerry Walker and friend Mary Wells of Lakewood, Colo.; a daughter, Willene Parry and husband Paul of San Jacinto, Calif.; three sisters, Johnnie Rohde and June Robbins, both of Pampa, Maxine Suggs of Dallas; and two grandsons, Daniel Parry and Matthew Parry, both of San Jacinto, Calif. She was preceded in death by a sister, Ollie

Miller. Memorials may be made to The Pampa Camp, Gideon's International, P.O. Box 2222, Pampa,



Walker

TX 79066-2222, or BSA Hospice, P.O. Box 950, Amarillo, TX 79105.

Sign the online register at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

### EMERGENCY SERVICES

#### PAMPA PD

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents during the 24 hour period ending at 8 a.m. today.

Tuesday, July 6 Officers attempted to serve legal papers in the 1400 block of North Charles, 1200 block of

East Francis and the 1900 block of Christy. A burglary was reported in the 600 block of

East Craven. Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 1300 block of North Mary Ellen.

An alarm was reported in the 1300 block of North Garland.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 3100 block of North Perryton Parkway. T h e Pampa Fire Department made a goodwill call in the 700 block of North Sumner.

A suspicious person

was reported in the 800 block of Denver.

A runaway was reported to the Pampa Police Department.

An alarm was reported in the 2200 block of Evergreen. An abandoned vehi-

cle was reported at Pennsylvania Hamilton. A threat was reported

in the 200 block of East Brown. Criminal mischief was

reported in the 1500 block of North Faulkner. A burglary was reported in the 2200 block of

Hamilton. A domestic disturbance was reported in the 700 block of North Naida.

Violation of a city

ordinance was reported in the 400 block of North Roberta. A sexual assault was

reported to police. Phone harassment was reported in the 600 block

A suspicious person was reported in the 500 block of Warren.

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was reported in the 100 block of East Harvester. Disorderly conduct was reported in the 300 block of South Tignor.

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was reported in the 500 block of North Nelson. A suspicious person was reported in the 2000

block of North Zimmers. Wednesday, July 7 A suspicious person was reported at Francis

and Hobart. An alarm was reported in the 400 block of North Ballard.

A burglary was reported in the 1000 block of North Sumner.

A suspicious person was reported at Banks and Kentucky.

A suspicious person was reported at Coffee and 19th.

An alarm was report-

ed in the 1300 block of North Hobart.

A 911 hangup call was reported in the 1100 block of South Christy. An open door was reported in the 500 block of West Brown.

An open door was reported in the 1100 block of East Browning.

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## AFTERNOON RUSH

#### Feds ask to reinstate moratorium

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Federal authorities have asked an appeals court to reinstate a moratorium on deepwater drilling declared after BP's oil well blew out in the Gulf of Mexico.

In a filing late Tuesday in the U.S. 5th Circuit Court of Appeals, the government challenged a federal judge's finding the Interior Department did not offer clear reasons for the six-month moratorium.

A lawsuit against the moratorium was filed by Hornbeck Offshore, an oil field service company that claims it would have severe economic consequences.

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Government lawyers said in their filing that the company, and others that later joined the suit, had not shown they would suffer permanent damage. They argued the moratorium should be reinstated while the government appeals the lower court's ruling.

#### Rio Grande flood causes evac

NUEVO LAREDO, Mexico (AP) — Drenching storms have raised reservoirs along the U.S.-Mexico border to their highest levels in decades, forcing officials to dump water into flooded rivers on Wednesday and evacuate tens of thousands of people from homes, with yet another storm on the way.

The dramatic rise of the Rio Grande caused by Hurricane Alex and continuing rains forced the closure of at least one major border crossing between downtown Laredo, Texas, and Nuevo Laredo, Mexico.

Officials evacuated the flood-threatened Vega Verde subdivision in Del Rio, Texas, some 110 miles upstream from Laredo, while high waters in the northern Mexican state of Coahuila have already damaged some 10,000 homes — many swamped in waist-deep water.

"That means there are 40,000 people who don't have any place to sleep," Gov. Humberto Moreira told the Televisa network on Thursday.

#### Group: Exxon violated air laws

HOUSTON (AP) — The largest U.S. oil refinery violated federal air pollution laws thousands of times during the last five years, releasing 10 million pounds of illegal pollution, including cancer-causing toxins, without facing proper fines or being forced to fix equipment, environmental groups claim.

Exxon Mobil Corp., which owns the refinery, is the latest target of Sierra Club and Environment Texas, which recently forced Shell into a \$5.8 million settlement over its Clean Air Act violations and has filed a lawsuit against Chevron Phillips.

The Associated Press obtained copies of the groups' two 60-day notices, which outline violations Exxon measured and reported itself. Among other complaints, the notices accuse Exxon of violating emissions limits on sulfur dioxide, one of the components of acid rain; hydrogen sulfide, a toxic, flammable gas characterized by a rotten egg smell; cancer-causing agents such as benzene and butadiene; carbon monoxide; and the smog-causing agent nitrogen oxide.

#### Don't eat Trinity River fish

AUSTIN (AP) — Health officials are warning against eating fish caught in parts of the Trinity River in Tarrant, Dallas, Ellis, Kaufman, Henderson, Navarro, Freestone and Anderson counties.

Wednesday's advisory is from the Department of State Health Services.

The area includes the Clear Fork of the Trinity River from the Benbrook Reservoir Dam, and the West Fork from the Lake Worth Dam, through the main stem of the river downstream to the U.S. Highway 287 bridge on the Freestone-Anderson county line.

Testing found some fish had elevated levels of dioxins and polychlorinated byphenyls, or PCBs. Long-term consumption may cause cancer and other health problems.

DSHS says elevated levels of PCBs and dioxins in fish do not pose a health risk for people swimming or other water recreation.

#### Chief back after son killed two

DALLAS (AP) — Dallas' police chief returned to work on Wednesday, weeks after officers gunned down his son for killing a fellow officer and a 23-year-old man.

Police Chief David Brown thanked those who supported him following the June 20 shootings, when his 27-year-old son David Brown Jr. shot and killed Lancaster police Officer Craig Shaw, 37, and neighbor Jeremy McMillan, 23. An autopsy showed the chief's son had marijuana and the hallucinogenic PCP in his system.

"I'm dedicated to the department and to the citizens and making it the safest city in the country," Brown said during an appearance at a North Texas Crime Commission event.

The shootings stemmed from a domestic dispute at an apartment complex in Lancaster, about 15 miles south of Dallas. Officers returned fire and killed Brown Jr., whose girlfriend had contacted police.

#### 75-year-old man kills intruder

CEDAR CREEK (AP) — Bastrop County authorities say a 75-year-old man overpowered and stabbed to death an intruder who was about half his age.

A Bastrop County sheriff's spokesman said Tuesday that authorities consider it a case of self defense and no charges are pending against Marion Lee Hill.

Hill arrived at his Cedar Creek home last Friday night to find 38-year-old Jonathon W. Jones at the residence. Investigators say the two struggled and the fight took them into the kitchen, where Hill grabbed a steak knife and stabbed Jones in his left arm and chest.

#### Cedar Creek is about 20 miles southeast of Austin.

Man convicted in infant death

SEGUIN (AP) — A jury has convicted a 34-year-old Seguin man of a lesser charge over the death of his girl-

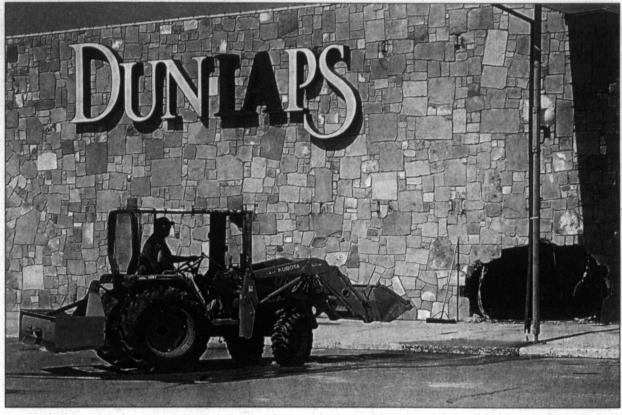
friend's 27-day-old daughter.

Michael League was acquitted of capital murder Tuesday night, but convicted of reckless injury to a child using a deadly weapon, his hands.

The penalty phase was scheduled Wednesday. League faces up to 99 years in prison.

The case involve the 2007 death of Kyndra Billig. A police affidavit indicates League says he shook the baby when she wouldn't stop crying and tossed her on an ottoman.

### DAMAGE CONTROL



staff photo by David Bowser

**Efren Flores** was busy today repairing a hole in the wall at Coronado Center after a motorist driving a 2002 Honda struck a 2001 Chevrolet pickup in the shopping center parking lot and then went on to hit the vacant Dunlaps storefront Tuesday afternoon. The motorist was taken to Pampa Regional Medical Center with what was reported to be minor injuries. No charges were filed and no police report was made concerning the incident. Two police units, a Pampa EMS ambulance and a Pampa fire truck responded to the accident, which happened about 5:30 p.m. Tuesday.

## Spill sparks 'green religion' movement

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Where would Jesus drill?

Religious leaders who consider environmental protection a godly mission are making the Gulf of Mexico oil spill a rallying cry, hoping it inspires people of faith to support cleaner energy while changing their personal lives to consume less and contemplate more.

"This is one of those rare moments when you can really focus people's attention on what's happening to God's creation," said Walt Grazer, head of the National Religious Partnership for the Environment.

Activists in the movement often described as "green religion" or "eco-theology" are using blogs and news conferences to get the word out. Some are visiting the Gulf, inspecting oil-spattered wetlands and praying with idled fishermen and other victims.

And believers in the stricken coastal regions are looking at the consequences of the oil's reach and asking what good can come out of it.

During worship services on a recent Sunday, pastor Eddie Painter of Barataria Baptist Church in the fishing village of Lafitte told his congregation a silver lining in the tragedy might be renewed government commitment to festoring the region's battered coastal marshlands.

"I actually didn't think I would be as deeply affected as I was by seeing oil in the water, the birds with oil stains, the marsh grass that had turned a shiny brown," said the Rev. Jim Ball of the Evangelical Environmental Network, who recently toured Louisiana's Barataria Bay by boat.

Another delegation was scheduled to arrive in New Orleans on Tuesday for an interfaith prayer service and tour. Among the participants are Jim Wallis of the progressive Christian group Sojourners and Rabbi David N. Saperstein of the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism. Both have served on President Barack Obama's Advisory Council on Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships.

Their appearance is being coordiChurches' Web site.

nated with the Sierra Club, which has forged alliances with organized religion since its former director, Carl Pope, acknowledged in a 1997 speech the environmental movement had erred by shunning such ties.

"Different people have credibility with different segments of the population," said Lindsey Moseley, the group's Washington representative. "The oil spill is ultimately a matter of values, which for many people are rooted in deeply held religious beliefs."

Organizations including the National Council of Churches and the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops have issued statements calling for soul-searching. Some are providing ecologically themed online resources—prayers, liturgy, scripture readings—for use in worship services.

"We have used God's creation without regard for the impact our rapacity had on the other creatures with whom we share our earthly home," reads a model prayer on the Council of Churches' Web site.

### **Drugs**

After getting permission to search the couple's vehicle, deputies found a sizeable amount of marijuana, Hoard said.

John Daniel Powell, 35, of Canadian, was arrested about 1:30 a.m. Saturday after deputies stopped him at the intersection of Ballard and Crawford. After obtaining permission to search Powell's vehicle, deputies reported finding a small bag of a crystalline substance on the floor of the vehicle.

Nicholas Christopher Warren, 30, of Pampa, was arrested by deputies about 11.30 p.m., Saturday, on

Ballard. Officers reported that Warren appeared nervous after being stopped. They said they patted him down and found a crystalline substance in his wallet.

Redmon and Jones were released Monday on \$15,000 bond each on charges of possession of marijuana greater than four ounces but less than five pounds.

Powell was released on \$5,000 bond on charges of possession of a controlled substance.

Warren was released on \$3,500 bond on charges of possession of a controlled substance.

## Burglary

County Sheriff's Office said today that employees at the Transwestern Pipeline station east of town called about 3 p.m., Sunday, to report a burglary in progress.

Selvidge was detained by employees of the pipeline company as he reportedly fled east from the station. Selvidge remained in jail today in lieu of a \$4,500 bond in connection with the burglary

Officials said he has also been charged with theft of property.

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Sandlin was arrested by deputies Sunday afternoorn near the pipleline station, Hoard said. Sandlin was released Monday on a \$5,000 bond after being charged with burglary of a building.

## Dance

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two buildings."

Davidson said the street dance is part of a yearlong celebration of the museum's 40th anniversary. The dance will include an antique car display near the bandstand and Dolly's Bar and Grill, right across the street from the museum, will be opened late during the dance to provide refreshments.

"This is about the third or fourth time we have had a street dance," Davidson said. "And they are really fun. People love to dance on that brick street."

Matt Martindale was born and raised in Pampa (his

Matt Martindale was born and raised in Pampa (his parents are Mr. and Mrs. Gene Martindale) and took a detour from a law career (he is the former Assistant District Attorney of Gray County) to pursue his love of music.

He found musical success as the lead singer/songwriter for the band Cooder Graw from 1998 to 2006, opening for such legendary acts as Alabama and Willie Nelson and having a song, "Llano Estacado," featured in a series of Dodge commercials.

The band called it quits after producing six albums, upon which Martindale formed and fronted the Matt Martindale Band. Since, he has also pursued a solo career. His newest CD, "Big Sign," was released in October 2009.

Tickets for the dance are available at the museum, the Chamber and United Food Stores, as well as at the gate the night of the dance.

# viewpoints

## Today in History

Today is Wednesday, July 7, the 188th day of 2010. There are 177 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 7, 1860, late Romantic composer-conductor Gustav Mahler was born in Kalischt, Bohemia, Austria-Hungary (in the present-day Czech Republic).

In 1846, U.S. annexation of California was proclaimed at Monterey after the surrender of a Mexican

In 1865, four people were hanged in Washington, D.C. for conspiring with John Wilkes Booth to assassinate President Abraham Lincoln.

In 1898, the United States annexed Hawaii.

In 1908, the Democratic national convention, which nominated William Jennings Bryan for president, opened in Denver.

In 1919, the first Transcontinental Motor Convoy, in which a U.S. Army convoy of motorized vehicles crossed the United States, departed Washington, D.C. (The trip ended in San Francisco on Sept. 6,

In 1930, construction began on Boulder Dam (later Hoover Dam).

In 1948, six female reservists became the first women to be sworn into the regular U.S. Navy.

In 1969, Canada's House of Commons gave final approval to the Official Languages Act, making French equal to English throughout the national government.

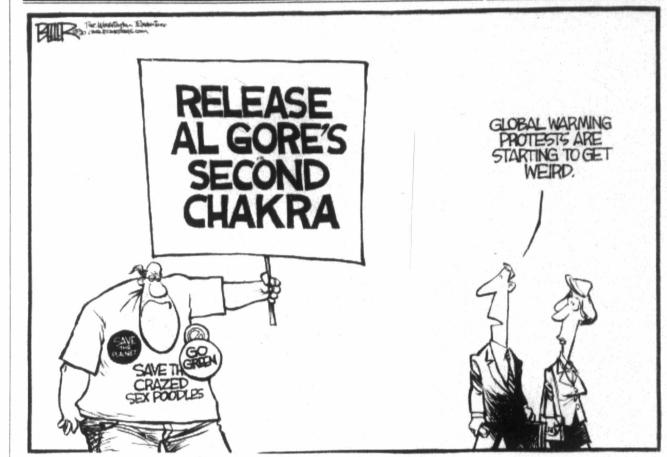
In 1981, President Ronald Reagan announced he was nominating Arizona Judge Sandra Day O'Connor to become the first female justice on the U.S. Supreme Court.

Ten years ago: President Bill Clinton postponed the first federal execution since 1963 so that convicted murderer Juan Raul Garza could ask for clemency under guidelines being updated by the government. (Garza was later executed.) Stock car driver Kenny Irwin was killed when his car slammed into a wall during practice at New Hampshire International Speedway; he was 30.

Five years ago: Suicide terrorist bombings in three Underground stations and a double-decker bus killed 52 victims and four bombers in the worst attack on London since World War II. Al-Qaida's wing in Iraq claimed to have killed Egypt's top envoy, Ihab al-Sherif, who'd been abducted by gunmen.

One year ago: Some 20,000 people gathered inside Staples Center in Los Angeles for a memorial service honoring the late king of pop, Michael Jackson, who was tearfully described by his 11-yearold daughter, Paris-Michael, as "the best father you could ever imagine." Britain unveiled a Hyde Park memorial to mark the 4th anniversary of the London transit system bombings that claimed 52 victims. Pope Benedict XVI called for a new world financial order guided by ethics, dignity and the search for the common good in the third encyclical of his pontifi-

Thought for Today: "It takes people a long time to learn the difference between talent and genius, especially ambitious young men and women." Louisa May Alcott, American author (1832-1888).



## Edison's lightbulb dims as freedom flickers

As the United States of America celebrates its 234th birthday, the plight of a quintessentially American innovation says volumes about the state of the union.

As American as the grand slam, the Mustang convertible, and the constitutional republic, Thomas Alva Edison's incandescent light bulb is among this nation's most enduring gifts to mankind. Granted U.S. Patent No. 223,898 on January 27, 1880 (after enduring some 1,200 experiments), Edison's "Electric Lamp" essentially made night optional for most Earthlings. Days stopped ending at sunset. Simple, convenient, and cheap, Edison's greatest invention also was far safer than the flammable kerosene lamps they replaced.

Today's federal government, naturally, had to hammer something that has hummed along nicely for 130 years. In one of his most shameful acts, former President George W. Bush stupidly signed the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007. EISA establishes performance criteria that Edisonian bulbs cannot meet. As the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) explains: "These standards, which begin in 2012, will eliminate low efficiency incandescent light bulbs from the market."

According to an April 14 fact sheet from General Electric, which Edison founded in 1876, 276 of its incandescent bulbs will start to vanish just 18 months from now. Few Americans realize that federal busybodies plan to snatch their traditional bulbs. Sylvania's December 2009 survey of 302 adults found that "awareness of the 2012 100-watt bulb phase-out is" just 18 percent. (Error margin: +/- 5.7 percent)

EISA has made more common the Compact Fluorescent Lights, those

swirly bulbs with distinct pros and cons. Costlier up front, energyefficient CFLs eventually save money. They also require less frequent replacement than do tra-

ditional bulbs. To discover CFLs' negatives, try setting

a romantic mood with a dimmer switch. This is, at best, a hit or miss proposition.

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Scarier still, just drop one onto your kitchen floor. Its internal mercury is highly toxic. If spilled, it requires something approximating a Superfund cleanup. The Environmental Protection Agency warns that if a CFL breaks on one's apparel or bedspread, "Do not wash such clothing or bedding because mercury fragments in the clothing may contaminate the machine and/or

pollute sewage." (Emphasis added.) CFLs should be discarded at recycling centers. Hundreds of millions of busy Americans, however, will toss these dangerous bulbs in the trash, atop table scraps and junk mail. CFLs will clog landfills from coast to coast. Decades hence, mercury will have leeched into the environment. Americans will wonder why people are suffering brain, kidney, and lung damage. Medical visits will yield lawsuits. And another national disaster will erupt, courtesy of Washington, D.C.

Team Obama characteristically has inherited a big-government jalopy from the Bush-Rove Administration and then turbocharged it.

As June 25's Washington Times

detailed, 91 pages of brand-new FTC rules force manufacturers to label the front of CFL packages regarding brightness (in lumens) and annual energy cost (in dollars). Packages' sides or rears must disclose bulbs' lifespan, color appearance, wattage, voltage, and mercury content.

"I think the incandescent light bulb was one of the great contributions to the art of architecture in the 20th Century," says Howard M. Brandston, a legendary lighting designer renowned for relighting the Statute of Liberty before its rededication on July 4, 1986. "Lighting played a huge role, as essential as the structures themselves. That was thanks to Thomas Edison.

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"Our homes are our castles," says Brandston, a former adjunct professor of architecture at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. "The government should not enter our homes, tell us how to live, endanger our health, and ruin our quality of life."

Republicans and thinking Democrats running for Congress this fall should pledge publicly to repeal the federal ban on Thomas Edison's monumental creation. Why not try something worthy of the Spirit of 76? Keep traditional bulbs, CFLs, halogens, and everything else on the market, and allow Americans to purchase whatever bulbs help them pursue happiness.

In the wake of July 4, it would be a perfect day for such a Declaration of Incandescence.

Murdock writes political commentary Washington Times and his articles have appeared in the Wall Street Journal Philadelphia Inquirer, Orange County Register, Dallas Morning News, National Review, Insight and many more



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## AIN'T LIFE GRAND?





LEFT: Mike Perez (from left) Marianne Hillman, Alice Wilson and manager Josh Hess cut a ribbon at the "Grand Reopening" of the Pampa Wal-Mart Supercenter Friday morning. ABOVE: Hess (right) introduces the Pampa store management team, including (from left) Chaz Olea, Brandon Hill, Summer Falcon, Maria Jimenez and Darlene Pero.



ABOVE: Wal-Mart associates (from left) Jamie Winburne, Sheri Tice, Kelly Vigil and Josh Hess present a symbolic check for \$1,000 to Pampa Junior High School. RIGHT: The Store Planning Team who helped re-envision the Pampa store's layout came from all over the United States and included (from left) Josh Handy, Jeanette Smith, Barb Perron, Arnold Zapata and Josh Hess.

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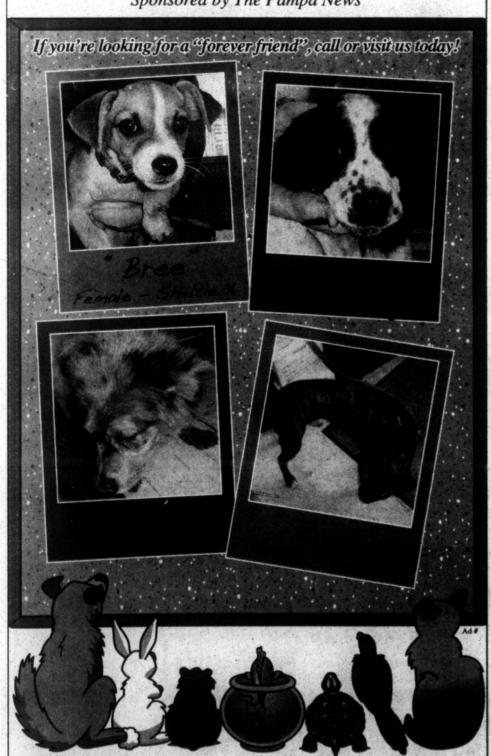
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### Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: "Aaron" and I have been married five years, and I have always tried to keep our sex life "spicy." Letting him take private X-rated photos and yideos of me seemed fun at the time.

I recently learned that my "private" photos and videos have been on the Internet and shared with Aaron's buddies, co-workers and friends. I am shocked, embarrassed and hurt. When I confronted him, he said, "You're beautiful, and I enjoy sharing you with other guys!" I dumbfounded at his response. I have tried talking to him, and he just doesn't see my objections.

Every time I see one of our friends, I wonder if Aaron has shared my "beauty" with him. I'm too embarrassed to talk to my minister about this. I have lost my trust in my husband and don't know what I should do now. -X-POSED IN ILLINOIS

DEAR X-POSED: What your husband has done is the equivalent of inviting his buddies, co-workers, friends, etc. into your bedroom during your most intimate moments. Your trust was violated and your feelings are understandable. That he would disregard your feelings in the matter is, frankly, shocking.

What you should do now is contact a licensed

marriage counselor to figure out if, with professional help, you can help your immature and insensitive husband reorganize his priorities.

DEAR ABBY: Twenty years ago I was in love with "Connie," a girl who was my best friend and soul mate. We had so much in common. Connie was chubby — not fat, just not a size 3.

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Connie had moved on, and I deeply regret my wandering eye, lack of sensitivity and misplaced values. My life would be so much happier had I done what was right instead of being stu-

Connie, I am told, is happily married, and I would not wreck her marriage. I have remained single. I don't know if you can offer me advice, but if my experience can help another young man to recognize the beauty within, he will be happier than I am.

— WISER NOW IN OHIO

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DEAR ABBY: My sister is showing signs of Alzheimer's, but she is in denial and refuses to face the issue. I would like to get her medical help. Our mother had the disease and my sister is probably scared. Any advice? - BIG BROTH-**ER IN FLORIDA** 

DEAR BIG BROTH-ER: If your sister is without a spouse or children, her doctor should be notified about your concerns. You also need to talk to her, to ensure that she has an advance directive for health care and powers of attorney in place in the event that she "might" become unable to make decisions for herself.

While the thought of preparing these documents can be scary, NOT having them is far scarier should any incapacitating health-care crisis arise. This needs to be done while your sister still has the capacity to make rational decisions.

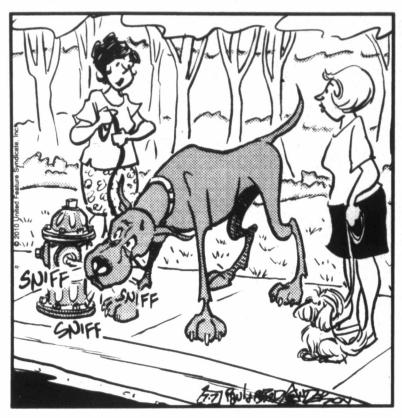
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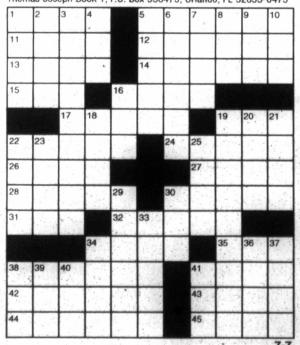
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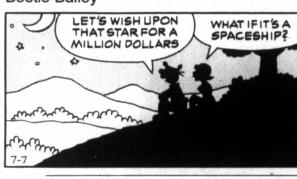
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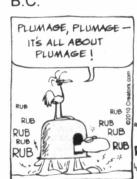


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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, July 8, 2010: This year, you need to do more reflecting and thinking. Sometimes a haze of confusion surrounds your life. Learn yoga or another technique to reduce stress. By centering, you will make better choices. Often others observe your behavior and leadership. Don't think that there is anything but admiration there. If you are single, you could meet someone, or actually two people, through work and/or a public commitment. Each person offers a lot, but who suits you best? If you are attached, the two of you enjoy going out and about together. Share more private

time together. GEMINI makes an excel-The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive;

3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19) \*\*\* You are a sign that is not overly loquacious, though you are verbal. You will need to approach a situation differently. Try all the different ways you can to verbalize the same concept. You

might have to repeat yourself more than

once with an authority figure. Tonight:

\*\* Be aware of how easily you can

act out and overspend. Is that what you

Hang with friends TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

really want to do? A devil-may-care attitude could provide much discomfort later. Try sagesse in reference to spending and feelings. Tonight: Pay bills first. GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

\*\*\* \* You soar with what might feel

like endless energy. Funnel this vitality

where it counts. You could waste this

cycle if you aren't careful. Do you really want that? Tonight: A partner or dear friend remains touchy

CANCER (June 21-July 22) \*\*\* Know when to pull back and do some thinking. The unexpected occurs with a boss, at work or within the community. Try not to feel negative, as there is an opportunity to do so within this situation. Tonight: Get some extra R and R.

results of your particular set of talents. Opportunities come through your intel-

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

lect or through travel. Tonight: Where VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) \*\*\* Deal with key people directly. Don't push beyond what can be absorbed. You might be more comfortable with the facts now, as you have had

more time to think about them. Tonight:

\*\*\*\* Your spontaneity defines a sit-

Have a necessary talk over dinner.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

\*\*\*\* You express your fiery nature

in what could be a quizzical situation.

Respond naturally, and you will see the

uation. You are probably more willing to take a risk than many. You see more of the big picture and don't have the same trepidation. Tonight: A family member could be a bit of a drag. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) \*\*\*\* Defer to others. Deal with key people on an individual level. Your daily life could be going through some unex-

pected changes. Don't fight the inevitable. A discussion could be more

difficult than you anticipated. Tonight: Hang out with others without judging SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

\*\*\*\* Others seem unusually spon

taneous and fun. You might be stunned by a loved one or, if single, by what could blow into your life in the next few days, weeks and months. Remember, as easily as this person enters is as easily as he or she could leave. Tonight: Enjoy the haze created by a special person in your

> sacrifice some elements of your personal life. Be sure that there is not another way or approach. Use care with your finances, and avoid any money agree ments. Tonight: Put your feet up. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) \*\*\*\* You have a unique outlook that sometimes causes you to do something wacky or different. You might not

be comfortable with what you are feeling

finances could be changing rapidly. You

might try to change the situation through

interference. Your instincts could be off.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

\*\* All work and no fun happens with

you more than any other sign. You could

or with what others are responding to There could be a schism here. Tonight Let your hair down. Start the weekend early. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) \*\*\* If you can stay home, do. Your

Stay with the facts. Tonight: Be a couch **BORN TODAY** Actor Kevin Bacon (1958), singer Steve

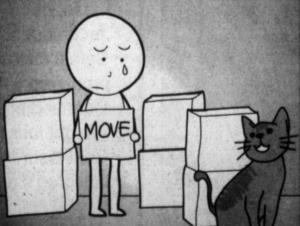
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## Sports

## Hamilton homers to lead Rangers past Cleveland

The Texas Rangers' offense picked up where it left off in June, even though Josh Hamilton's hot streak at home and their 17-hit attack wasn't on the minds of players after a 12-1 rout of the Cleveland Indians on Tuesday night.

Both teams were shaken after the game was delayed 16 minutes in the fifth inning when a male spectator fell about 30 feet Trevor Crowe said. "It's from the second deck while attempting to catch a foul ball.

Nelson Cruz of the Rangers had fouled a pitch into the club level in Section 235 along the first-base line. The ball hit a seat behind the spectator, who was reaching to snag

and tumbling backward onto the seats below.

The man was taken by ambulance to the John Peter Smith Hospital emergency room, where a team spokesman said he was responsive and able to move all of his extremities.

"I looked up and saw him starting to come down. He hit the luxury box area and came straight down," Cleveland left fielder one of the scariest things I've ever seen. All I could think about was to start praying for the guy. There was nothing to brace his fall or anything. I was just scared that he might have killed himself.'

Indians shortstop Jason Donald looked away when sound of the man's body striking the seats told him that something bad had happened.

"My head was turned, but I heard the crowd react and heard the body hit," Donald said. "I was hoping he didn't die. It was really scary. It puts everything in perspective. This is a game and somebody potentially could have lost his life."

Rangers president Nolan Ryan was thankful that the man seemed responsive and was able to move his limbs. The team did not release the man's name.

"The preliminary indications are that it could have been a lot worse," Ryan

Out on the field, Rangers starter C.J. Wilson (7-4) three hits over six innings, and he got plenty of support from an offense that was slumping. Texas was averaging 2.6 runs in the first five games of July after leading the majors with a .311 average in June.

Rangers were The able to refocus after the game resumed. Vladimir Guerrero added a two-run homer in a five-run sixth inning, Cruz and David Murphy also went deep, and Joaquin Arias finished with a career-high four

"We're pros and we had a job to do," Rangers manager Ron Washington said. "As long as we had to go back on the field, we had to get refocused and

Jayson Nix homered for Cleveland, connecting three times in a span of five at-bats including a twohomer game in Monday night's series opener.

Andres Blanco's tworun double in the fourth off Justin Masterson (3-8) gave Texas a 3-1 lead, and Arias' three-run double in the sixth stretched it to 6-1. Masterson allowed seven runs and nine hits in 5 1-3 innings.

Cleveland had won seven of its previous nine.

The trend of hit batters continued after Cleveland's Austin Kearns was plunked three times by three different pitchers in Monday night's series opener. Each team had two hit batters

although the umpires didn't issue a warning to either team.

Young got his first night off this season. Young was the only Rangers player to start the first 82 games -81 at third and one as the DH.

Shortstop Elvis Andrus also rested. Texas went with Blanco at third and Arias at shortstop, and both reserves came through with big offensive nights.

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"They picked us up," Washington said. "I never doubted that they would. Blanco got us the two runs that put us ahead, Joaquin got the three-run double that extended the lead. The rest of the lineup began to fall into place."

## City League Division II kickball scores and standings

Wonder Pets - 9 Sandy's - 6 Wonder Pets - 7 Sandy's - 21 Team CBC-17 Stud Muffins - 4

Team CBC-5 Stud Muffins - 2 Go Go Power Rangers - 1 Tangles - 10 Tangles - 1 Go Go Power Rangers - 1

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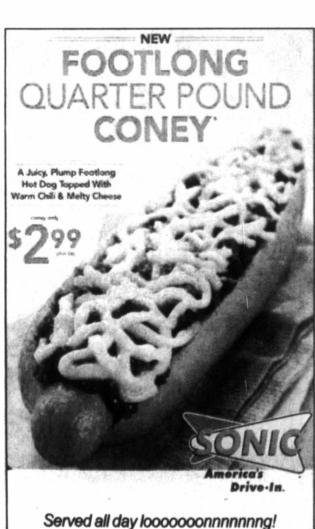
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