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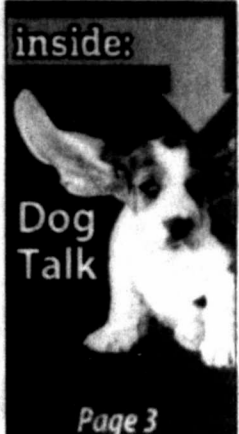
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Good start for band carnival despite incident

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While the Pampa High School band's annual carnival kicked off at the M.K. Brown Civic Center parking lot, a group of band members were half a state away, making sure all that fundraising effort didn't go to waste.

According to PHS band director Joe Barrow, several students turned in good performances at the state solo and ensemble competition in Austin, highlighted by a "First Division" designation for the mallet quartet of Cassie Doyle, Austin Beck, Shannon Leigh and Hannah Smith.

"It went well for us," Barrow

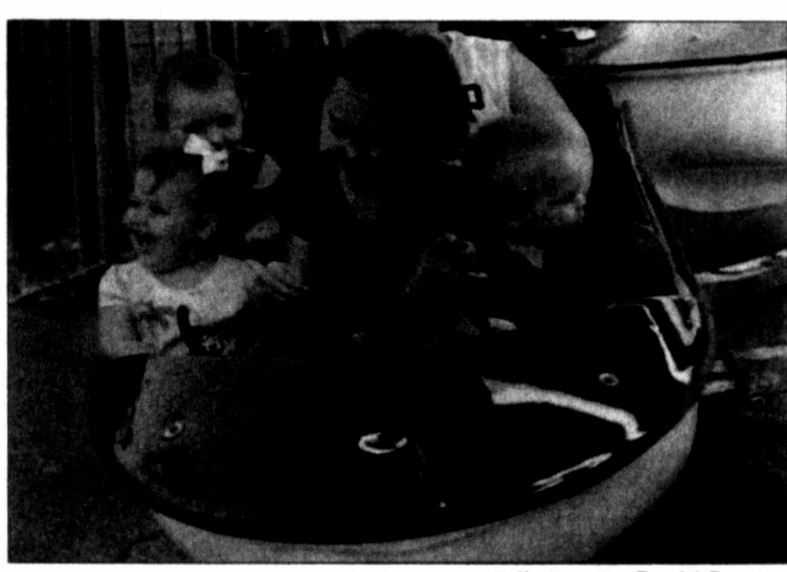
said. "(The mallet quartet) did really well. It was a good trip. I feel like we accomplished what we set out to do."

"We were really proud of all the kids in the contest," Barrow added.

Barrow's only regret was that he missed the start of the annual band carnival back here at home.

"That was the only bad part,"

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staff photo by **David Bowser**

Flanked by Andi Langley, 2 (left), and Carter Jones, 2, Margan Templer, 10, takes the helm of a boat on a ride at the Pampa Band Carnival.

NEVER FORGET

Pampa, VFW salute fallen U.S. soldiers

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Humility and the power of prayer was the theme of the Memorial Day address by Rev. Paul Nachtigall, pastor of Highland Baptist Church in Pampa.

Rev. Nachtigall spoke in Freedom Park at a service sponsored by Pampa's Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1657.

"The men and women who have fought and died for our country must not be forgotten," Rev. Nachtigall said. "The ideals they fought for should hold a special place in our hearts."

He used 2nd Chronicles 7: 14 as the basis for his remarks — "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

"Now more than ever," Nachtigall said, "Christians

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staff photo by **Randy Pribble**

Dr. Keith Black, a member of Pampa's VFW Post 1657, carries Old Glory during a Memorial Day service at Freedom Park. Dr. Black is flanked by Larry Stephens (left) and Frank Diggs, two World War II reenactors in uniforms from that era.

Burn ban extended in Gray County

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Despite an overnight rain in Pampa, Gray County Commissioners extended the countywide burn ban and voted to ban some fireworks for the Fourth of July holiday.

Violation of the fireworks ban is a Class C misdemeanor punishable by a fine of up to \$500.

Gray County Treasurer Scott Hahn, who is also a member of the Hoover Volunteer Fire Department, told commissioners that the fire department patrols the county all night over the Independence Day weekend.

County Judge Richard Peet said the county can only ban certain fireworks, such as sky rockets and bottle rockets. Additional fireworks bans could only be imposed at the state level.

Peet said that with Texas Gov. Rick Perry considering a run for President of the United States next year, he thought it unlikely the governor would ban fireworks.

In other business:

- The commission approved running a water line across on West Line a quarter mile east of O'Neal for agricultural purposes.

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Three thrown in Gray County jail on drug charges

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Three men were in Gray County jail today after being arrested on drug charges.

Jesus Manuel Santacruz Jr., 26; Henry Palacios, 36; and Stephen Tyler Timmons, 26, of Kelton, were arrested Tuesday night by Gray County deputies. They were in jail in lieu of \$25,000 bond each, set by Gray County Justice of the Peace Kurt Curfman on charges of possession or transportation of certain chemicals

with the intent of making a controlled substance.

Timmons is also being held on charges of violation of probation in connection with enhanced possession of a controlled substance charge.

Lt. Joe B. Hoard with the Gray County Sheriff's Office said today that deputies pulled the trio over shortly before 9 a.m. Tuesday in the 800 block of South Sumner on a traffic violation.

Deputies arrested Timmons on an outstanding warrant in connection with probation vio-

lation.

As deputies looked over the white Nissan pickup, they saw a black propane tank and other material they thought could be used in the manufacture of methamphet-

amines. The propane tank was believed to be filled with

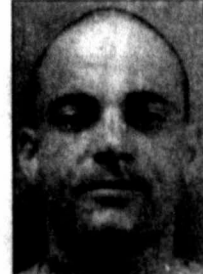
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Palacios



Timmons

Arrested Tuesday night for possession of chemicals

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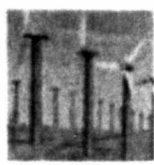
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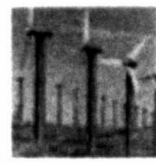


PAMPA FORECAST

Thursday Friday Saturday



High 94
Low 65



High 94
Low 62



High 91
Low 62

Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 66. Windy, with a south wind between 20 and 30 mph, with gusts as high as 40 mph.

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 94. Windy, with a south wind between 20 and 30 mph, with gusts as high as 45 mph.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 65. Windy, with a south wind between 25 and 30 mph, with gusts as high as 45 mph.

Friday: Sunny, with a high near 94. Windy, with a south wind around 25 mph, with gusts as high as 40 mph.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 62. Windy, with a south wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 40 mph.

Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 91. Breezy, with a south wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 62. Windy, with a south wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

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Obituaries

Georgie M. Beasley, 85

SCHULENBURG—Georgie M. Beasley, 85, died May 28, 2011, in Schulenburg.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, June 3, 2011, at Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel in Pampa, with Rev. Thacker Haynes, pastor of United Methodist Church of McLean, officiating.

Burial will be at Hillcrest Cemetery in McLean, under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Beasley was born March 8, 1926, to John and Minnie Van Huss in Tishomingo, Okla. The family soon moved to the Texas Panhandle where she attended school at Samnorwood. She married Guy Beasley in 1945 and they moved to McLean, where they ranched and raised three daughters. Georgie was a talented homemaker and also worked at Marie Foundations. Her focus was always on caring for her family and friends. She moved to Pampa, in 1982 and resided there until moving to Schulenburg in 2005.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John and Minnie Van Huss; husband, Guy Beasley; sisters Goldie Van Huss, Geraldine White, Pauline Smith; brother, John Calvin Van Huss; and nephew, Jimmy White.

She is survived by daughters, Joyce Beasley of Austin, Dorothy Weiser and husband Tom of Las Cruces, N.M., and Martha Skelton of Schulenburg; four grandchildren, Guy Skelton, James Zachary Skelton, Edgar Weiser and Allison Weiser Cito; and five great-grandchildren, Zackery, Danielle, Guy Wesley, Joshua, and Samantha Skelton. She is also survived by nieces, Wanda Reynolds and Arlene Erickson and nephews, John Herron, Jesse C. White, Bobby White, Tommy White, J.B. Van Huss, and Johnny Van Huss. Extended family also includes Gary Joe Skelton, Cherie and Gary Jones, and John and Jay Evans.

The family requests memorial contributions to the American Heart Association or the charity of your choice.

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



Beasley

Graveside services are pending to be held at Fairview Cemetery in Pampa, along with a remembrance service to follow in Oklahoma City for friends and co-workers.

Henry Duane Thompson, 71

Henry Duane Thompson died May 25, 2011.

He was born on August 14, 1939, in Shattuck, Okla., to Henry Franklin and Reva Ruth Eremman Thompson. He graduated from Arnett, Okla. and he proudly served his country in the U.S. Navy for four years. He met and married his wife Sandra Kay Hammond in 1962, and they started their family a year later. He retired from Phillips Petroleum Company after 29 years in OKC, and then became an oilfield consultant for Sierra Engineering Company and Ward Petroleum Company, until he retired in 2008. His hobbies included hunting, fishing, golfing, and spending time with his family. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, brother, and friend.

He is survived by his wife of 48 years; a daughter, Dawn Cornelsen and husband Jerry D. Cornelsen of Yukon, Okla.; a son, Steve Thompson and wife Kim of Pampa; a son, Jared Thompson of Sarasota, Fla.; three grandchildren, Kelsey Cornelsen, Schrade Thompson and Colton Thompson; two sisters, Darlene Johnston and husband Dale of Woodward, Okla., and Faye Morgan.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, May 31, 2011, at Westside Christian Church, 10145 N.W. Expressway, Yukon, OK.

Friends and family may visit our online guestbook at www.smith-turnermortuary.com.



Thompson

Earl Dean Richardson, 54

Earl Dean Richardson, 54, died May 30, 2011, in Pampa.

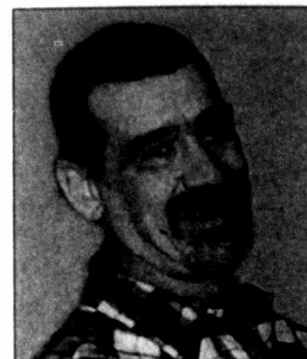
There are no services scheduled at this time. Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Richardson was born November 14, 1956, in Frederick, Okla. He had been a resident of Pampa most of his life. He worked for various pipeline contractors in the Pampa area. Earl was a member of Bible Baptist Church. He enjoyed music, fishing and playing his guitar.

Survivors include his father, Donald R. Richardson of Dewey, Okla.; two sisters, Susan Foster and husband Dan of Milburn, Okla., and Kay Ledford and husband Tony of Tulsa, Okla.; grandparents, H. A. and Lesta Sloan of Pampa; companion, Susan Nabors of Pampa; two stepdaughters, Misty Pulliam and Terra Hembree, both of Pampa; special aunt, Earline Baston of Pampa; two grandsons, three granddaughters, numerous nephews and cousins. Earl was preceded in death by his mother, Sue White; and a sister, Diane Crawford.

Memorials may be made to a favorite charity.

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



Richardson

Sandra Louise Harvey, 62

Sandra Louise Harvey died May 25, 2011, in Midwest City, Okla.

She was born December 12, 1948, at Worley Hospital in Pampa, to Dorothy and James Kenemer. Sandra graduated from Pampa High School and attended East Texas State College. As a bookkeeper, she worked at Cabot, Ethridge Claims Service and Mojave Petroleum, of Pampa. For the last six years she worked as an Auditor for the Oklahoma State Tax Commission.

Sandra is survived by her devoted husband of 42 years, David Harvey of Oklahoma City; sons, James and Scott Harvey; daughter, Amy; and her mother, Dorothy Kenemer. She was proud of her grandsons, Russell and Logan Harvey. She adored animals, especially her dogs. She was a very strong, loving mother and wife. She will be greatly missed.



Harvey

For the record

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Disorderly conduct was reported in the 900 block of N. Mary Ellen.

An alarm was reported in the 2100 block of N. Sumner.

An alarm was reported in the 1500 block of W. Kentucky.

A followup investigation was reported in the 400 block of Doyle.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 200 block of W. Kingsmill.

Theft was reported in the 2600 block of Seminole.

An abandoned vehicle was reported in the 1900 block of N. Christy.

An abandoned vehicle was reported in the 2100 block of N. Wells.

A follow-up investigation was reported in the 200 block of W. Kingsmill.

An abandoned vehicle

was reported in the 2200 block of N. Hamilton.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 500 block of N. Sumner.

A suspicious person was reported in the 500 block of N. Faulkner.

Theft was reported in the 800 block of E. Denver.

Violation of a city ordinance was reported in the 1000 block of S. Nelson.

An alarm was reported in the 1000 block of N. Sumner.

Theft was reported in the 2200 block of N. Christy.

A followup investigation was reported in the 1500 block of N. Williston.

An assault was reported in the 1200 block of N. Hobart.

An information call was reported in the 500 block of N. Naida.

Theft was reported in the

1900 block of N. Hobart.

An information call was reported in the 700 block of W. Brown.

An information call was reported in the 400 block of N. Doyle.

A welfare check was reported in the 1300 block of N. Duncan.

An alarm was reported in the 800 block of W. Kingsmill.

An information call was reported in the 800 block of W. Kingsmill.

An agency assist was reported in the 1300 block of E. Frederic.

A theft was reported in the 500 block of N. Lowry.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 2200 block of N. Christy.

Water was shut off in the 500 block of W. Wilks.

A hit and run was reported in the 1100 block of N. Harvester.

An information call was reported in the 700 block of E. Murphy.

Phone harassment was reported in the 12000 block of N. Wells.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1500 block of N. Coffee.

Burglary was reported in the 400 block of N. Doyle.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1900 block of N. Faulkner.

An information call was reported in the 2700 block of N. Navajo Rd.

A theft was reported in the 1000 block of W. Wilks.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 00 block

of N. Frost.

A follow-up investigation was reported at Finley and Murphy.

Disorderly conduct was reported at One Medical Plaza.

Tuesday, May 31
A suspicious person was reported at Finley and Murphy.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 800 block of E. Browning.

A suspicious person was reported at Finley and Murphy.

A missing person was reported in the 700 block of E. Frederic.

A suspicious person was reported in the 700 block of E. Murphy.

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Man, mother found slain

LUBBOCK (AP) — A man and his mother have been found slain in West Texas days apart on the same property.

Dr. Sridhar Natarajan, who's chief medical examiner for Lubbock County, announced Tuesday that 26-year-old Derek Ryan Hale died of a stab wound and blunt force trauma. The coroner says 49-year-old Joanie Parker had been shot several times.

Her body was located May 24 near Idalou. His body was found Friday night. Hale initially had been sought as a person of interest in his mother's death, until both killings were determined to be homicides.

Lubbock County Sheriff Kelly Rowe says the deaths appear connected. Rowe says two people who know Hale have been questioned.

Judge: No prayer at graduation

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A federal judge in South Texas has banned public prayer at a high school graduation ceremony after the agnostic parents of a senior went to court.

The ruling from Chief U.S. District Judge Fred Biery in San Antonio came as Medina Valley High School in Castroville prepares for Saturday's graduation.

Biery's order, released Tuesday, was in response to a lawsuit filed by Christa and Danny Schultz on behalf of their son, Corwin, to block use of prayer. The judge says speakers cannot call on audience members to bow their heads, join in prayer or say "amen."

Assistant Superintendent Chris Martinez says school officials will follow the order against public prayer, but they do not believe the district has done anything wrong.

Marathon pays \$3.5B for fields

NEW YORK (AP) — Marathon Oil will spend \$3.5 billion in cash to snap up oil and natural gas fields in Texas as the company boosts exploration and production in a highly targeted and energy rich region.

The Houston company said Wednesday that it has reached an agreement with the owner, Hilcorp Resources Holdings, a partnership that includes Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co.

Marathon gets about 141,000 net acres within the Eagle Ford shale formation. The region overlaps Atascosa, Karnes, Gonzales and DeWitt counties the southern part of the state. As of May 1 the land was producing 7,000 barrels of oil equivalent per day. Marathon plans to add new wells and produce 80,000 barrels per day by 2016.

The Eagle Ford formation has become one of the most active plays in the country because it contains not only natural gas, but crude oil as well. And the price of oil is skyrocketing again.

Oil prices have surged more than 30 percent in the past 12 months and a barrel was trading above \$100 Wednesday. Natural gas prices have remained relatively flat.

Marathon said that the 36 wells currently working in the area are producing mostly crude oil and condensate.

The deal is expected to close on Nov. 1.

Busts up at El Paso crossings

EL PASO (AP) — Customs officials say cocaine seizures at the El Paso border crossings have more than doubled over the same period last year, and marijuana busts are up as well.

U.S. Customs and Border Protection spokesman Roger Maier told The Associated Press on Tuesday that agents intercepted 491 pounds of cocaine from Jan. 1 to May 23. That's an increase from 221 pounds during the same period in 2010.

Maier says agents have collected more than 32,000 pounds of marijuana, up from slightly more than 25,000 pounds a year ago.

Drug Enforcement Administration and El Paso police tell the El Paso Times that their cocaine seizures are down this year.

Saggy pants banned from buses

FORT WORTH (AP) — Bus riders in Fort Worth who wear sagging pants have the choice of pulling them up before boarding or finding another way to get around the city.

The Fort Worth Transportation Authority's updated dress code lets bus drivers turn away passengers whose pants sag below the waist.

Joan Hunter, a spokeswoman for the system known as the T, says it's about respecting everyone who chooses to ride city buses.

Posters are being placed on buses and billboards to let riders know that saggy pants are not acceptable, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported Tuesday.

The no-saggy pants campaign began in August 2008, but the T recently made an administrative change to its dress code giving bus drivers authority to deny boarding to violators, Hunter said.

The policy change took effect May 12, and that day drivers asked about 50 riders to pull up their pants before boarding, according to Hunter. All complied, she said.

"They'll mess with our freedom. Pretty soon they're going to ban dreadlocks, too," said Cory Shelby, a tattoo artist who rides city buses.

Man sues over \$1M lottery ticket

AUSTIN (AP) — A North Texas man is suing the Texas Lottery Commission and others for \$1 million in winnings from a lottery ticket prosecutors say was stolen from him in 2009.

Travis County prosecutors say a convenience store clerk in the Dallas suburb of Grand Prairie cheated Willis Willis out of the ticket, redeemed it himself and fled to his native Nepal.

Prosecutors recovered \$395,000 from the clerk's bank accounts and obtained a court ruling that Willis is the ticket's rightful owner. But the lawsuit says the clerk received \$750,000 in prize money after taxes - money Willis says he has coming to him. The clerk remains a fugitive.

The Texas attorney general's office contends the lottery ticket is a "bearer instrument" redeemable by whoever holds it.

The county commission also approved canceling a little more than \$100 in county-issued juror checks that have not been cashed and approving a proposal by Synetra to perform a preliminary computer network and security audit at a cost of \$1,500.

Commissioners deferred action on a bid of \$20 by Lavanda Hill for one lot and part of another in the City of Lefors. While the city and school district have approved the bid, Judge Peet said the county commission needed more information.

They also deferred action on a bid of \$125 by Kerry Hodge for five lots in Lefors after Commissioner Gary Willoughby reminded commissioners of the county's policy of setting \$300 per lot as a minimum in order to cover legal fees.

Commissioners deferred action on the renewal of a contract with Westlaw for about \$15,000 to continue the updating of the county law library.

Peet said that the county maintains one set of law books in the courthouse, but also subscribes to an online service that's available to the public. He said that about a third of the costs were paid for through fees to the legal community, but that there had only been about five citizens using the online law library over the last two years.

The Gray County Sheriff's Office was commended for passing the May 19 inspection of their jail by the Texas Commission on Jail Standards. Peet said that a letter from inspectors was very complimentary.

Memorial

need to be praying for divine intervention in our government at all levels — in our courts, in our schools, in our churches, and in our homes.

"We must turn the tide of apathy that tends to sweep across our land."

He quoted Robert E. Lee, who called intercessory prayer "our greatest weapon."

"It is amazing to me that something as simple as prayer can have such a profound effect on our nation," said Nachtigall. "In its simplicity, we find its profundity."

He said to remember the men and women in the field of combat all over the world.

"We need to bow our heads and pray for them, not for them to just come home whole and healed, but that our nation will once again be whole and healed."

"Abraham Lincoln said in 1863: 'Intoxicated with unbroken success, we have become to self-sufficient to feel the necessity for redeeming and preserving grace. Too proud to pray to the God who made us. It behooves us then to humble ourselves before that offended power to confess our national sins and to pray for clemency and forgiveness.'"

The nation, he said, needs strong Christians more than it needs a strong Dow Jones.

"I believe that prayer is needed in America today. It is time that we stand against the forces that would bring our nation down and kneel before

our God, who can bring our nation up," he said.

The service included special music and a candlelight remembrance of local military members.

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Travel safely with your pet

Dog Talk



Individuals often view their pets as extended members of the family. People want to bring their pets along on vacations or while traveling to visit family and friends.

Until recently, it was more difficult to travel with dogs and cats. But as more and more hotel chains recognize the strong connection between people and pets, those chains are growing increasingly flexible in hosting four-legged guests.

For those who will be traveling with pets, there is a right and wrong way to do so. Having a plan of action is essential to safeguard the safety and comfort of all involved. Follow these tips to ensure everyone enjoys their R&R as much as possible.

- Establish the travel method and route in advance. Go online or scour travel maps to determine the best route to your destination. Depending on the length of travel, layovers may be needed to sleep, refuel and simply stretch the legs. Determine which areas will be safe for walking a dog roadside, and look for rest stops with areas to exercise pets. Experimenting with different routes virtually also enables travelers to choose the most direct, most scenic or another route that fits with their travel plans. Some GPS devices can also alert to lodging and traffic conditions.

- Stock up on supplies. Much as parents would bring along essentials while traveling with children, the same concept should be applied when traveling with a pet. Be sure to pack food, treats,

toys, bedding, and any of the other creature comforts from home. It also may be a good idea to bring along a recent copy of the pet's immunization records to ensure that he or she is up to date on all shots. Bringing records can also serve as a safeguard if the pet needs to be seen by a veterinarian while away from home.

- Purchase bottled water. While on the road, take the time to give pets the opportunity to drink water to stay hydrated. Keep in mind that once a pet grows acclimated to a certain type of water at home, a change in that water may cause temporary digestive upset. To avoid accidents or discomfort, travelers may want to bring water from home or purchase bottled water.

- Contact pet-friendly hotels. Many hotels allow guests to bring along a pet, provided a security deposit is given. Some may have requirements, such as the dog must be caged at night or when left alone in the room. Some pet-friendly hotels can also recommend restaurants that allow leashed dogs.

- Travel safely. When a cat or dog is riding along in a car, it is always best to have the pet restrained. This protects the animal in the event of an accident and also protects the other occupants of the car from injury. Pet seatbelts or harnesses can be used. For motorists with SUVs there are pet gates that can be installed to keep the animal secure in the back part of the vehicle.

Traveling with pets can be an enjoyable experience if proper precautions and planning go into the trip. Be sure to heed the requirements of the establishment where the family will be residing, and inquire as to the pet laws of cities, towns and provinces to act in a responsible manner when out exploring.

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Viewpoints

Today in History

Today is Wednesday, June 1, the 152nd day of 2011. There are 213 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On June 1, 1861, Capt. John Quincy Marr, CSA, was killed during a skirmish with Union cavalrymen near Fairfax Court House in Virginia; he is widely regarded as the first Confederate officer killed in the Civil War.

On this date:

In 1792, Kentucky became the 15th state of the union.

In 1796, Tennessee became the 16th state.

In 1813, the mortally wounded commander of the USS Chesapeake, Capt. James Lawrence, gave the order, "Don't give up the ship" during a losing battle with the British frigate HMS Shannon in the War of 1812.

In 1868, James Buchanan, the 15th president of the United States, died near Lancaster, Pa., at age 77.

In 1909, the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition opened in Seattle. (The fair closed in October the same year.)

In 1943, a civilian flight from Portugal to England was shot down by the Germans during World War II, killing all 17 people aboard, including actor Leslie Howard.

In 1958, Charles de Gaulle became premier of France, marking the beginning of the end of the Fourth Republic.

In 1961, an earthquake measuring 6.7 on the Richter scale shook northeastern Ethiopia, killing 160 people. Regular FM stereo broadcasting began in the United States.

In 1971, American theologian Reinhold Niebuhr, 78, died in Stockbridge, Mass.

In 1980, Cable News Network made its debut.

Ten years ago: The king, queen and seven other members of Nepal's royal family were shot dead by Crown Prince Dipendra, who then mortally wounded himself.

Five years ago: Six world powers, including the U.S., agreed on a package of incentives to persuade Iran to halt its uranium enrichment program.

One year ago: A divided U.S. Supreme Court ruled, 5-4, that criminal suspects had to explicitly invoke their right to remain silent, and that simply remaining silent was not sufficient to stop police questioning.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Richard Erdman is 86. Actor Andy Griffith is 85. Singer Pat Boone is 77. Actor-writer-director Peter Masterson is 77. Actor Morgan Freeman is 74. Actor Rene Auberjonois is 71. Actor Brian Cox is 65. Rock musician Ronnie Wood is 64. Actor Jonathan Pryce is 64. Actor Powers Boothe is 63. Actress Gemma Craven is 61. Blues-rock musician Tom Principato is 59. Country singer Ronnie Dunn is 58. Actress Lisa Hartman Black is 55. Singer-musician Alan Wilder is 52. Actor-comedian Mark Curry is 50. Actor-singer Jason Donovan is 43. Actress Teri Polo is 42. Actor Rick Gomez is 39. Model-actress Heidi Klum is 38. Singer Alanis Morissette is 37. TV personality Damien Fahey is 31. Pop singer-songwriter Brandi Carlile is 30. Actor Taylor Handley is 27.

Thought for Today: "Our age knows nothing but reaction, and leaps from one extreme to another." - Reinhold Niebuhr (1892-1971)



President Obama gains political foothold

JIM KUHNHENN
AP Analysis

WASHINGTON (AP) - Six months after Republicans alarmed Democrats with a midterm election wave, President Barack Obama has shaken off the jitters and found his political footing despite sluggish economic growth and deep public anxiety about the direction of the country.

The White House now displays an air of confidence, bolstered in part by achievements such as the killing of Osama bin Laden by U.S. commandos and the financial success of an auto industry that Obama bailed out over the objections of many.

Obama is also benefiting from the absence of negatives. The economy, while lethargic, is growing. The private sector is creating jobs. Natural disasters, while deadly and plentiful, have not developed into governmental crises. Skyrocketing gas prices, which fed the public's economic fears, are now subsiding. And the GOP's signature budget plan, ambitious in its spending reductions, has lost its luster with the public.

"It is likely he will be re-elected, in my opinion," veteran Republican pollster Wes Anderson says.

What's more, the president appears to be enjoying the still lingering but more intangible effects of his election in 2008, a watershed for the nation. Polls show Obama with strong favorability and likability ratings even as he faces ambivalence over his handling of the presidency.

Former New Hampshire Republican Party chairman Fergus Cullen said the symbolic power of Obama's election as the first black president carries enormous good will that will be difficult for Republicans to overcome.

"Centrist voters and the ones who decide elections are still fundamentally rooting for the guy," Cullen said. "People who don't view politics in ideological terms give him the benefit of the doubt, and that is an incredible political asset to have."

Obama's inner circle, always wary of sounding too self-assured, is not hiding its optimism.

"I would rather be us than them," said one of the president's top political advisers, David Axelrod.

Pollster Andrew Kohut of the nonpartisan Pew Research Center compared Obama's place in 2011 to President Ronald Reagan's at a similar point during his first term, more than a year before he won re-election in 1984.

"They both came from an ideological wing of the party and they are perceived that way. Both were hit with real bad economies and the public turned on them," Kohut said. "Right now, Obama's ahead of where Reagan was in '83."

Still, this view of the president is a snapshot in time. Events can test presidents and sour the public mood quickly. Axelrod is quick to note that it would have been hard to predict the turmoil that erupted this spring in the Middle East and in North Africa or the Greek fiscal crisis last year that caused the stock market to plummet, and led employers to retrench.

"The things that worry me are the things I don't know," he said.

Further instability in the Arab world and increased tensions with Pakistan could create the image that Obama doesn't have control over his foreign policy. Consumer confidence has fluctuated and remains far below the levels that indicate a healthy economy. The Conference Board announced Tuesday that its Consumer Confidence Index, which had risen in April, fell in May amid worries over inflation, job prospects and personal income growth.

Though the private sector has been creating jobs, public hiring by local and state governments is weak and unemployment remains high at 9 percent, a dangerous level for a president seeking re-election. Since the Great Depression, only Presidents Reagan and Gerald Ford confronted unemployment rates as high or higher at some point in their administrations. But the rate has dropped since November's 9.8 percent high. For Obama, the trend line could be as important as the unemployment rate itself.

Presidents Jimmy Carter, Reagan and George H.W. Bush all faced unemployment rates higher than 7.5 percent in the final months of their re-election campaigns. The rates during Carter's 1980 campaign and Bush's 1992 campaign had been on the rise. They lost. Unemployment under Reagan, however, had been declining and he won re-election in 1984.

Axelrod would like to see the declining pace set since November continue for the next six months.

"The progress has to be more than incremental," he said. "If you go from 9 to 8.9, I don't know that that qualifies. But I don't think this is ultimately an arithmetic exercise as it is one of trajectory and momentum."

Anderson, a former polling director for the Republican National Committee, predicted this election would be closer for Obama than in 2008, when he beat Sen. John McCain by 53 to 46 percent and won in 28 states. An economic nose dive, Anderson said, would present real problems for Obama.

But he added: "From a purely political standpoint, I don't think the current state of the economy is enough to beat him. Sluggish growth may be just enough for him."

Obama still needs to seal the deal with the coalition of voters who elected him in 2008. The liberal Democratic base is not as energized as the Republican conservative base that is arrayed against him. Independents and moderates who voted for him in 2008 either voted for Republicans in 2010 or stayed home.

Axelrod said many independents turned to Republicans last year because they perceived that Democrats had used their partisan edge to muscle through legislation, particularly the health care overhaul. Obama has doggedly tried to change that perception since, cutting a deal with Republicans to extend tax cuts in December and reaching another agreement to cut spending and avoid a government shutdown in April.

Axelrod insists that the Democratic base will become invigorated once the Republican alternative becomes evident.

"Elections aren't referendums," he said. "They are choices between two flesh-and-blood candidates with records and visions and approaches. And people compare and contrast those and decide."

So far, the only concrete challenge to Obama's policies has come from House Republicans who approved a budget this year written by Budget Committee Chairman Paul Ryan, R-Wis., that aimed to reduce long-term deficits by more than \$5 trillion over 10 years. The plan's proposal to fundamentally overhaul Medicare became a key issue in a special House election in New York last week, leading to a Democratic victory in a predominantly Republican district.

Senate Democrats promptly called for a vote on the House budget proposal, then defeated it while placing most Senate Republicans on record in support of it.

"Ryan's budget, including the dramatic cuts in Medicare, are now the standard position for the Republican Party and it's going to be very difficult for them to walk away from it," said Jim Manley, a former top aide to Senate Democratic leader Harry Reid, D-Nev.

Some Republicans say it's time for their presidential candidates to propose their own policy choices.

"The challenge to Republicans is to offer an alternative that builds a majority coalition," said David Winston, a Republican strategist. "At this point, where you've heard the policy discussions occurring have not been within the Republican presidential primary but among the Republican members of Congress."

Added Kohut, the Pew pollster, "There's no single voice that people are listening to on the Republican side."

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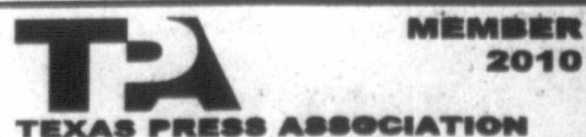
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Arrests

anhydrous ammonia. Santacruz and Palacios were then arrested.

Hoard said deputies were continuing the investigation today.

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Carnival

said Barrow with a laugh. "But it's been really good. I talked to Derek and Teresa Peters, the band booster parent presidents, and they said that so far, it's going really well.

"That's what's so great about our band boosters. When we have to be in two places at once, it speaks volumes about our parent organization to be able to help out."

The only thing that marred the carnival's first evening was a minor incident that briefly sent a small contingent of Pampa Police to the scene.

Some juveniles became involved in a fight, said Officer Stormy McCullar of the Pampa PD, which was subsequently broken up as police arrived.

"No one was arrested," McCullar said. "We had to detain two people until we figured out what was going on. We didn't take anybody in.

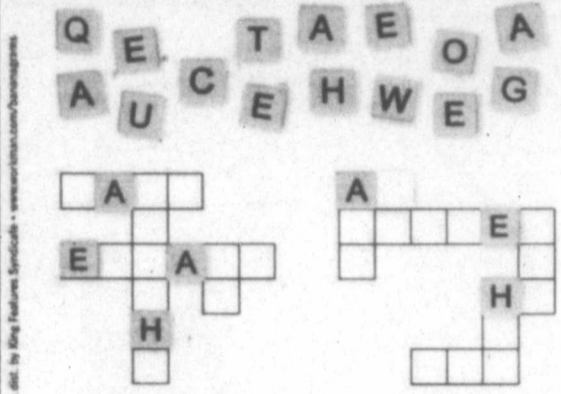
"We're talking about nothing major," McCullar added. "(The carnival) will go on as usual."

The carnival opens at 6 p.m. every night until Saturday.

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BANANAGRAMS!

Use the 15 tiles in this bunch to create words that fit into the grids below. To get you started, a few tiles from the bunch have been placed. Reuse the 15 tiles in the bunch for each grid.



Yesterday's Answer: DOE, ANT; BEE, RAT; CAT, EMU



Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 40-year-old, stay-at-home mom with a 17-year-old and a 14-year-old. Three weeks ago, on my birthday, I found out that I am pregnant. Forty and pregnant — it is truly a miracle. My husband, who is almost 50, is in complete shock.

He has looked like a ghost since he found out. I finally had an emotional meltdown and told him I don't feel like he's very happy for our unexpected bundle. His reply? "Sorry, Hon, I'm not!" He thinks he's too old.

My older child has said only one sentence to me since I told her the news: "You're going to be an old mom." They feel I have ruined their lives. I feel ... happy. How do I get them to warm up to this new addition to the family? — OLD MAMA IN WASHINGTON STATE

DEAR "OLD" MAMA: According to the 2002 National Survey of Family Growth by the Guttmacher Institute, in 2001, 49 percent of pregnancies in the United States were unintended. Among women aged 15 to 44, the unintended pregnancy rate was 51 per 1,000 women.

So remind your husband that this pregnancy didn't happen

"magically"; he was an equal partner. He may have had other plans in mind for the next 20 years than raising another child, so his feelings are understandable. While it would be nice if he felt differently about the latest addition to the family, he might perk up if you point out that there are many older dads these days, and many older moms, too.

As to your daughter's attitude, she will be out of the house and gone soon, so don't take personally that she's not over the moon about the changes that are coming. If you maintain a positive attitude, your enthusiasm will be contagious.

DEAR ABBY: I'm 53, work in an office six to eight hours a day, and then come home to cook dinner and do household chores.

My husband, "Todd," is 48. He works eight to 10 hours a day and expects sex three to four times a week. I'm exhausted and can't do it anymore!

My best friend, "Mavis," has been a widow for five years. She tells me she's going crazy because she hasn't had sex in all this time. She asked if I'd share Todd just one night a week. Mavis isn't pretty, but she has a very shapely figure. Frankly, I'm ready to

agree, but I haven't mentioned it to Todd.

If my husband agrees, it would take a lot of pressure off me and I could sure use the rest. What are your thoughts on this arrangement? — NEEDS A BREAK IN PHOENIX

DEAR NEEDS A BREAK: Please find another way to take a break. What you're contemplating would likely be the beginning of the end of your marriage. You may think you'd be "safe" because Mavis isn't pretty, but to quote Benjamin Franklin, "In the dark, all cats are gray." If you're tired, let Mavis help with the chores — but not this one.

DEAR ABBY: I wish there was some way to make families understand that because someone has been widowed, we don't stop caring about them. So why do they stop inviting us to family functions? Is it because they didn't care for us in the first place? — LEFT OUT IN IOWA

DEAR LEFT OUT: There isn't a one-size-fits-all answer to your question. However, I suspect that in many cases it's because the widow's presence is a painful reminder of the family member who is "missing."

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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12 Fashionably dated
13 44th president

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39 Macramé features
40 Tea-party crusher

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Town Meeting

Thursday, June 2
6:30 pm

Pampa Junior High,
Commons Area

Dr James Hall, President of Emergency Services Foundation of Texas - a 501 (c) (3) non profit, will speak about the progress to purchase Pampa Regional Medical Center. Consultant team member, Dave Clark, will summarize the purchase plan.

Signature Hospital, the current owner of Pampa Regional Medical Center, has announced plans to sell the hospital. As a non profit company currently operating the Pampa EMS, Boys Ranch EMS, and the Pampa Genesis Clinic - Emergency Services Foundation of Texas is asking for public support in making PRMC a home owned and home operated facility.

Please come and learn how you can be part of this endeavor. The floor will be open to questions and comments.

For additional information please phone Emergency Services Foundation of Texas at 665-0900 or Lesli Abbott at 663-6800.

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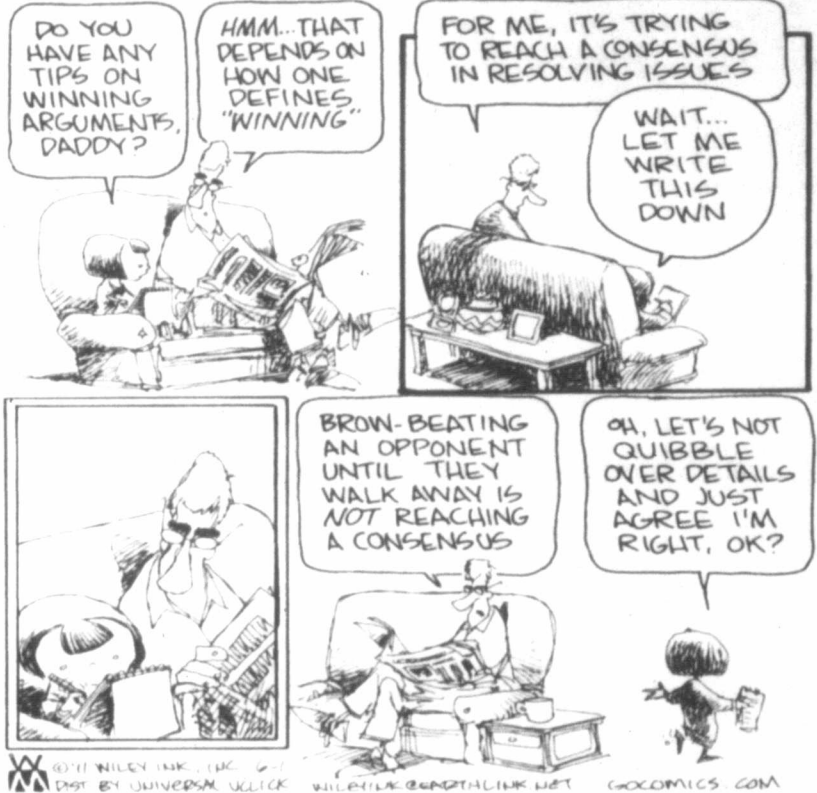
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THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane



"No, you'll have to whisper on my OTHER side — I'm left-eared."

Non Sequitur



Nest Heads



daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, June 2, 2011.

This year, you appear to be an endless source of ideas and suggestions. Sometimes you could be overwhelmed by everything that comes up for you and not know how to funnel this energy. Perhaps keeping a notebook where you can jot down ideas would be helpful. Many of them could be excellent. If you are single, you meet people with ease. Remember, whether attached or single, a relationship is a two-way street — it's not all about you! A younger GEMINI often teases you.

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)
 ★★ You have a lot on your mind; choose to express yourself more. How you deal with someone could be unusually interesting and dynamic. Don't hesitate to ask for more feedback, especially as you are likely to need it. Tonight: Hang out with your friends.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
 ★★ You can only use your budget as an excuse so much. Or can you? Try to rope in the situation and be realistic about your budget. Honor what is happening with a personal matter. Nothing replaces expert advice. You could be surprised by what comes up. Tonight: Your treat.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
 ★★ Now is the time to express ideas that you might have had on the back burner. Others might not have immediate responses, but they will be coming up with ideas. Know what is possible, and be willing to ask for just that. You have that extra clout necessary to hit a home run. Tonight: As you like.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
 ★★ Step back and see a situation for what it's worth. Your ability to read through a personal matter comes through once more. Still, the time to act might not be here yet. Do more for yourself. Take a break, at least mentally, from what was/is going on. Time is your ally right now. Tonight: Distance, please.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
 ★★ Discussions lead to new discussions. You might be surprised by some of the ideas that could breeze in. Don't wonder why. Take time to network in a meeting or two. You can never know too many people. Tonight: Where your friends are.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★ ★ ★ A younger person keeps adding to a conversation. Though this "pipsqueak" might annoy you at times, his or her ideas are excellent if you distance yourself enough to assess what you are hearing. Being reasonable usually comes naturally to you. Let it be so. Tonight: Could be late.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
 ★★ You can talk all you want, but when reality hits, you need more space. Intellectualizing and evaluating happen easily. Make a phone call to a younger person at a distance. Honestly evaluate the possibility of a trip. Perhaps you have been a little too stationary, even for you. Tonight: Open up to positive changes.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
 ★★ You cannot keep making demands with a key person and then sitting back. Eventually this prodding or back-and-forth effect could have him or her yelling about what is going on. Know when you have had enough, and say so rather than manipulate the situation. Tonight: Talk over dinner.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
 ★★ Others seem to need your feedback and approval. You will find out why soon enough. Dealing with another person who you care about could be touchy at best. Know when to back off, for the sake of both of you. Tonight: Only say "yes."

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
 ★★ Discussions within your workplace, home or immediate circle reveal many interesting ideas and perspectives. By the time the talks have ended, you might wonder why this hasn't happened sooner. Tonight: Spend time with a younger person.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
 ★★ Knowing what is expected helps a younger person or child make the correct decisions. Making suggestions rather than demands goes far. Allow this person to grow and express who he or she is. You will like the end results. Just be open to this person's suggestions. Tonight: Share with a favorite person.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
 ★★ A family member or roommate enjoys what he or she is hearing and runs with the ball. If you want peace and quiet, it isn't here. You might need to go elsewhere. Listen and try to communicate your needs as well. Clarity and echoing and expressing yourself work. Tonight: Say "yes" to living.

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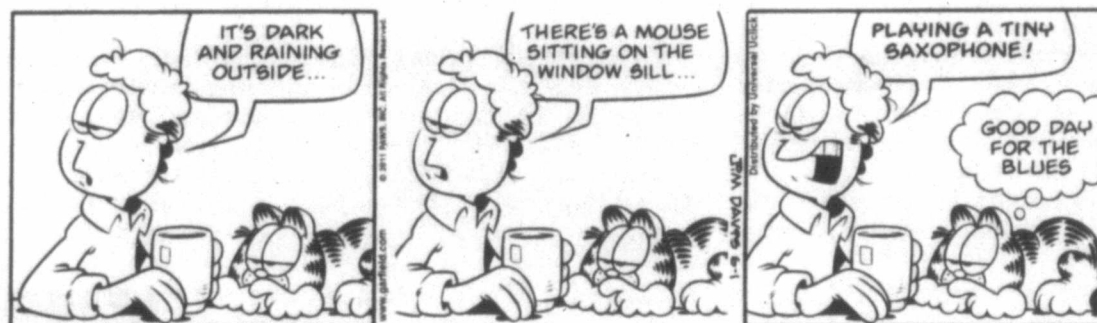
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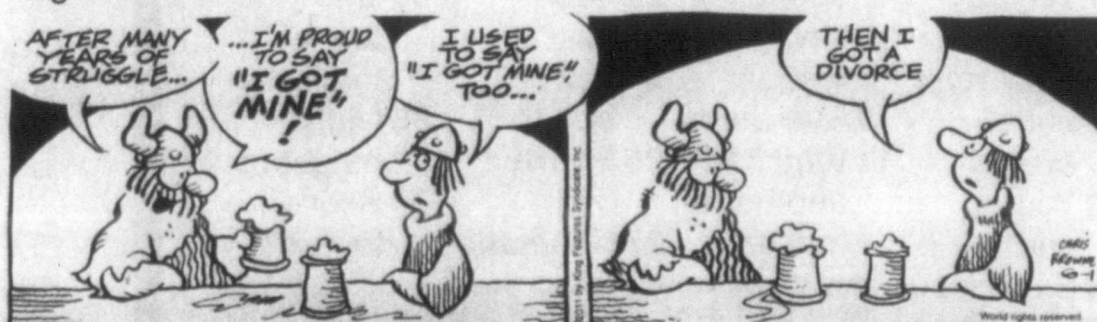
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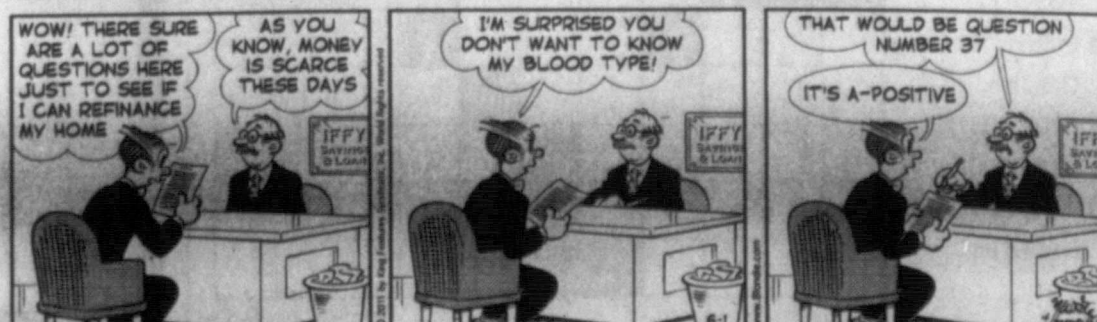
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Sports

British soccer players teaches PSA kids at camp

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The Pampa Soccer Association couldn't have picked better coaches for their five-day camp at their field.

The coaches a quartet of British soccer players come from a company called Challenger Sports which sends people around the world to teach camps. Owen Davies from London said he did camps in California and Texas last year.

"We go to different towns and put on these soccer camps," Davies said. "Hopefully improve the kids ability teaching them stuff we learned over there."

Davies said the camp gives them an opportunity to teach kids things they wouldn't learn in another camp.

"We teach them some morals in soccer and everyday life like respect, sportsmanship, integrity, responsibility and stuff like that," Davies said.

Shenaz Hardy from England said they teach to the children's age.

"We try to make it as fun as possible to help the children benefit from it," Hardy said. "We need to aim every session we do at the children's ability. What we do with the little ones I wouldn't necessarily do with the older ones."

Dale Coyle from Ireland said he was recruited into Challenger Sports at his local college.

"I thought it would be a great opportunity to come out and coach," Coyle said.

"I was in Texas last year. I was in San Antonio, Bellville, Harlingen, all over Texas."

Coyle said it's a brilliant opportunity for the children to learn from them.

"Teaching them general skills of soccer is good for them," Coyle said. "It teaches them things like coordination and they can have this the rest of their life not just this week."

Carl Milo from Scotland said he enjoys teaching kids the sport.

"I enjoy watching them improve," Milo said. "Secondly, we get to stay with families. It's a great experience and we get to meet people every week."

Hardy said she enjoys watching the children learn.

"Within one week you can see a huge development in the kids playing performance," Hardy said. "It's more about the pleasure of watching the kids develop and enjoying themselves while they develop a skill. We play a lot of fun games and they don't realize they are learning."

Davies said he enjoys watching the improvement throughout the week.

"(I was) Watching a kid on Monday who can't even kick a soccer ball, Davies said. "Some of these kids haven't played soccer before. "On Friday, you got kids who can dribble 20 yards keeping the ball in control. You can pass them the ball and they stop it with their foot."



staff photo by **Andrew Glover**
Shenaz Hardy gives instructions to her campers Tuesday. Hardy has coached soccer the last 10 years in the United Kingdom.



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Conner Scott, 10, dribbles the ball trying to keep it from Trevor McVay at the Pampa Soccer Association camp Tuesday. The camp is being coached by four British soccer players from Challenger Sports.

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