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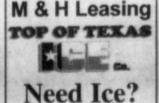






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# Testimony begins in Young murder trial

MOLLIE BRYANT mbryant@thepampanews.com

"Hell hath no fury like a woman scorned."

This familiar line (the beginning of a famous proverb by WIlliam Congreve) was featured in the opening statement from District Attorney Lynn Switzer on Monday, following jury selec-

Switzer set the tone for the trial against Cindy Young, accused of murdering her on-again, offagain boyfriend during a vehicular incident on the evening of



Young

through the week For the accused, the night in question four years ago began with a quest to track down her boyfriend, Terry Boaz. It ended with his death and the serious

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June 6, 2007. bodily injury of Tina Hoskins, Testimony a passenger on his motorcycle. Alcohol came into play before law enforcement the accident involving Boaz' motorcycle and Young's pickup. officials and wit-At 9:30 p.m. on June 6, Young

stopped into the Other Corner Bar to inquire as to the whereabouts of Boaz. "She was pissed," said Keisha

Crain, manager of the bar at the time. Around 10:15, Crain saw Young speeding around the corner of the bar.

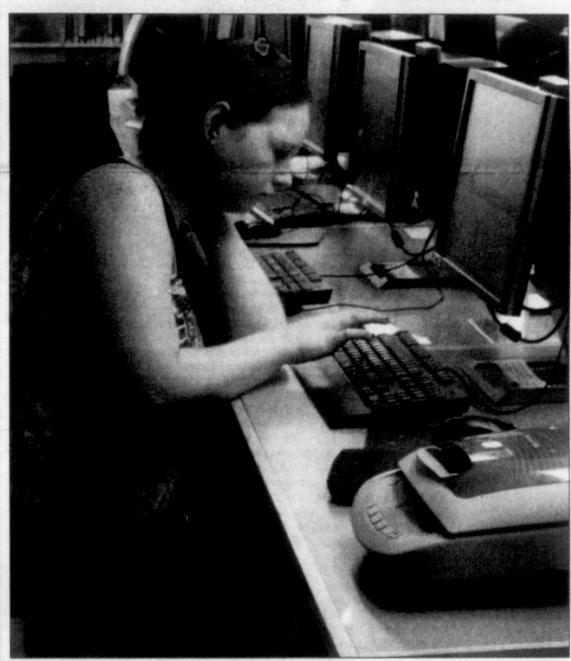
Kambra Boaz, Boaz's daughter, had ridden around town with the defendant prior to the accident. Kambra was 14 at the time

of the accident. During testimony, Kambra painted a picture of a turbulent relationship between Terry Boaz and Cindy Young.

"Some days they got along really well, and some days they would fight," she said. "On good days, they seemed really happy together.'

According to testimony from Kambra, at around 10:30 p.m.. she rode along as Young to Onie's (now Mikey's), the liquor store on Price and Kentucky. TRIAL cont. on page 5

# SCHOOL DAYS AHEAD



staff photo by Mollie Bryant

Jessica Applegate, a student at Amarillo College, prepares for the upcoming fall semester using the available computer terminals at the Lovett Memorial Library.

# City denies **ATMOS** rate increase

MOLLIE BRYANT mbryant@thepampanews.com

The Pampa City Commission voted to deny an ATMOS Energy rate review mechanism filing at its Tuesday meeting in the City Commission Chamber of City Hall.

"ATMOS wanted a substantial increase after telling us last year that they wouldn't need one," said Richard Morris, Pampa City Manager. He said that a consultant brought on by the commission determined that they didn't need the increase.

ATMOS, Morris added, also went outside of the an accord to keep all rates within West Texas equal, by dealing separately with Lubbock.

In other business:

· The Commission discussed the Sam Houston school, which is up for sale. The Super Playground, an extension of the Sam Houston property, may be purchased as an extension of the city's park system.

· The Commission discussed the 2011 budget and the tax rate cal-

· It reappointed Jerry Carlson to the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority Board of Directors for a two-year term. Carlson has served with the Water Authority Board since the 1970s.

· The commission allowed Assistant City Manager Shane Stokes to execute a change order for payment to The Fain Group, Inc., the contractors for Pampa's

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# Pampa Social Security Office to reduce open hours

**ARNIE AURELLANO** editor@thepampanews.com

Starting next month, the Pampa Social Security Office, 2333 N. Hobart, will be reducing its open hours by a half-hour every

Effective August 15, the office will be open from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. from Monday through Friday.

Agency employees will continue to work their regular hours, but the shorter public window will allow them to provide one-onone service with the public without incurring the cost of overtime, according to a release from Jennifer Whitehead, the public affairs specialist for the Area VII Dallas

Congress provided Social Security with nearly \$1 billion less than the president requested for the budget this fiscal year, which, the release states, makes it impossible for the agency to provide the amount of overtime needed to handle service to the public as it has in the past.

The agency is encouraging the public to make use of its resources online and over the telephone.

"Most Social Security services do not require a visit to an office," according to Whitehead.

Anyone wishing to apply for benefits, sign up for direct deposit, replace a Medicare card, obtain a proof of income letter or inform the Social Security office of a change of address or telephone number may do so at www.socialsecurity.gov or by dialing the Social Security toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213.

People who are deaf or hard of hearing may also call the teletype number, 1-800-325-0778.

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#### **PAMPA FORECAST**

Thursday Today

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Low 73

Friday

High 98 Low 73

Today: Mostly sunny and hot, with a high near 106. Breezy, with a south southwest wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as

Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 73. Breezy, with a south wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Thursday: Mostly sunny and hot, with a high near 103. Breezy, with a south wind between 5 and 15 mph.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 73. Breezy, with a southeast wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Friday: Mostly sunny and hot, with a high near 98. South wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Friday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 73. Breezy, with a south southeast wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

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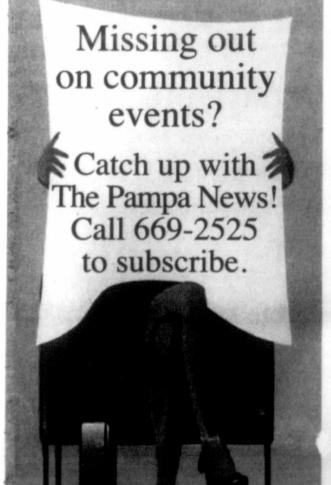
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## **Obituaries**

#### Jo Prock, 78

Amarillo-Jo Prock, 78, died July 26, 2011, in Ama-

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, July 28, 2011, at Memory Gardens Mausoleum in Pampa, with Rev. Rick Parnell, associate pastor of Central Baptist Church of Pampa, officiating.

Burial will be at Memory Gardens Cemetery in Pampa, under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley

Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Prock was born October 13, 1932, in Custer County, Okla. She graduated from West Texas State University in Canyon with a Bachelor's degree in education. She married Bill Prock on May 5, 1950, in Alanreed. He preceded her in death on July 30, 2009. Jo had been a resident of Pampa from 1952 until 2005 when she moved to Amarillo. She taught school at Pampa ISD for 26 years, retiring in 1990. Her love was teaching math to children. She was a member of Delta Kappa Gamma, Who's Who of American Teachers, and Alpha Chi National Honor Scholarship Society. Jo enjoyed gardening and cooking. She was an avid animal lover. She was a strong woman and especially a loving mother.

Survivors include her daughter, Dannie Beth Prock of Amarillo; sister-in-law, Christine Prock of Amarillo; aunt, Lorraine Hunt of Elk City, Okla.; and several cousins. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Memorials may be made to PAWS, P.O. Box 2095, Pampa, TX 79066-2095, Good Samaritan Christian

Services, 309 N. Ward, Pampa, TX 79065, Odyssey Hospice, 6900 I-40 West, Suite 150, Amarillo, TX 79106, or The Salvation Army, 701 S. Cuyler, Pampa,

Sign the online register at www.carmichael-whatley.

#### Jack M. "Rip" Rippetoe, 95

Jack M. "Rip" Rippetoe, 95, died July 26, 2011, in

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, July 28, 2011. at Memory Gardens Mausoleum, with Rev. Lynn Hancock, pastor of Briarwood Church, officiating.

Burial will be at Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Direc-

Mr. Rippetoe was born July 2, 1916, in Ludie. He married Noveline Bockman on November 28, 1947, in Wheeler. He had been a resident of Pampa since 1957. Jack retired from the Texas Highway Department after 20 years of service.

Survivors include his wife, Noveline Rippetoe of Pampa; a daughter, Jackie Lane and husband Michael of Moore, Okla.; a son, Lee "Elmer" Rippetoe and wife Terry of Huntsville; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by 10 siblings and one grandson.

Sign the online register at www.carmichael-whatley.

## For the record

#### Police Department

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents during the four-day period ending Monday, July 25 at 7 a.m.

Police reported 81 traffic related incidents.

Animal control agents and Pampa PD responded to 40 animal related incidents.

EMS and the Pampa Fire Department responded to 25 medical calls.

Thursday, July 21 Police reported a domestic disturbance at the 800 block

of North Nelson. A suspicious person was reported at the 1200 block of

North Hobart. EMS reported an accident on Highway 152.

Police reported a theft at the 1200 block of East Kingsmill.

An accident was reported North Hobart. at the 1300 block North Hobart and the 1100 block of reported at the 700 block of West Kingsmill.

South Varnon A threat was reported at the 1200 block of North Wells.

Disorderly conduct was reported at the 1100 block of West Sandalwood. A burglary was reported at

the 100 block of South Sum-

A suspicious person was reported at the 700 block of reported at the 1400 block of North Hobart.

Harassment was reported at the 200 block of West Kingsmill.

A theft was reported at the 200 block of West Kings-

A DWI was reported at the

800 block of West 25th. Disorderly conduct was reported at the 300 block of North Wells

A theft occurred at the 200

block of West Kingsmill. Police investigated welfare checks at the 500 block of North Magnolia and the 2100 block of North Coffee.

The fire department investigated fires at the 1200 block of East Frederic and the 2200 block of North

Hamilton. Police reported a suspi-

cious person. Disorderly conduct was reported at the 100 block of South Dwight and the 500 block of West Wilks.

A theft occurred at the 900 block of South Wells. Disorderly conduct was

reported at the 400 block of North Wynne. A hit and run occurred at

the 1200 block of North Hobart. Police investigated a wel-

fare check at the 800 block of North Nelson.

A narcotics violation oc-

Disorderly conduct was reported at the 1200 block of

A suspicious vehicle was reported at the 800 block of South Gray.

Disorderly conduct was reported at the 200 block of Sout' Miami.

A suspicious vehicle was reported at the 700 block of North Banks.

tigated a fire at the 200 block South Barnes. of North Nelson. A domestic disturbance curred at the 2700 block of North Comanche.

occurred at the 100 block of North Cherokee. South Faulkner. The burglary of a motor at the 400 block of North vehicle occurred at the 1100 Ballard.

block of Darby. reported at the 1100 block of eric. East Darby.

Friday, July 22 A suspicious person was

reported. Domestic disturbances were reported at the 1200 block of East Kingsmill and

the 1100 block of East Fos-A fire occurred at the 2200 block of Lea.

Police investigated an alarm at the 400 block of of East Darby. North Faulkner. Criminal mischief oc-

curred at the 2600 block of North Perryton.

North Banks. Police investigated welfare

checks at the 1100 block of Crawford and the 400 block of North Ballard. A stolen vehicle was re-

ported at the 100 block of North Hobart. A suspicious person was

South Cuyler. Police investigated a welfare check at the 2700 block of North Perryton.

Disorderly conduct was reported at the 100 block of North Nelson and the 200 block of West Kingsmill.

A suspicious person was reported at the 100 block of South Starkweather and the 500 block of Tyng.

Criminal mischief was reported at the 1100 block of East Foster.

A suspicious vehicle was reported at the 700 block of East Frederic

An alarm was investigated at the 1600 block of North

A domestic disturbance Hobart. occurred at the 1400 block

of West Somerville. Police investigated an alarm at the 1400 block of

North Hobart. A sexual assault occurred

at the 200 block of West Kingsmill. An accident occurred at block of South Purviance.

the 200 block of North Ho-A suspicious vehicle was reported at the 1200 block of

North Hobart. A narcotics violation occurred at the 200 block of

West Kingsmill. A suspicious vehicle was reported at the 1100 block of

East Frederic Saturday, July 23

A prowler was reported at the 500 block of North Le-

1000 block of East Brown-Disorderly conduct occurred at the 1100 block of South Prairie.

A theft occurred a the 1900 block of North Hobart. Disorderly conduct oc-

curred at the 1100 block of South Varnon. A suspicious person was

The fire department inves- reported at the 1000 block of block of West Kingsmill. Disorderly conduct oc-

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fire at the 900 block of North A theft occurred at the 500 block of North Frost.

A burglary occurred at the 2200 block of North Christy. A theft occurred at the 1600 block of East Harvest-

Police investigated a welfare check at the 1100 block

Disorderly conduct oc-A narcotics violation oc-

A suspicious person was reported at the 200 block of

West Browning. A domestic disturbance occurred at the 1000 block

of South Sumner. A burglary was reported at the 300 block of South Anne. A prowler was reported at the 600 block of North Nel-

Phone harassment occurred at the 1200 block of

North Wells. A suspicious person was reported at the 1700 block of North Hobart.

Police investigated a welfare check at the 2800 block of North Charles.

Sunday, July 24 A burglary occurred at the 2300 block of North Aspen.

A suspicious person was reported at the 2300 block of North Primrose.

The fire department investigated a fire alarm at the 2300 block of Chestnut.

A suicide attempt occurred at the 1900 block of North

nance occurred at the 1700 block of West Buckler. Disorderly conduct was

A violation of a city ordi-

reported at the 1300 block of North Starkweather. A domestic disturbance was reported at the 100

A suspicious person was reported at the 1300 block of North Mary Ellen.

A suspicious vehicle was reported at the 1700 block of West Bucker.

A suspicious person was reported at the 1800 block of North Coffee Police investigated an

alarm at the 400 block of Nelson. A theft occurred at the 1200 block of North Wells. A threat occurred at the

A burglary occurred at the

800 block of South Sumner. theft occurred at the 1500 block of North Nelson. A threat occurred at the 700 block of North Dwight.

Criminal mischief oc-

curred at the 2400 block of The Pampa Fire Depart-

fire at the 2100 block of North Banks. Pampa PD responded to a grass fire at the 8200 block

of FM 2300. Lost property was reported at the 200 block of West Kingsmill.

Disorderly conduct was reported at the 900 block of South Reid, the 200 block of West Kingsmill, and the 2600 block of North Navajo.

A stolen vehicle was reported at the 200 block of West Kingsmill. A threat was reported at the

1200 block of North Wells. A hit and run was reported curred at the 2500 block of at the 900 block of North Christine.

Disorderly conduct oc-A suspicious vehicle was curred at the 200 block of curred at the 1400 block of North Hobart.

Police investigated a welfare check at the 500 block of North Magnolia.

Monday, July 25 A suspicious person was reported at the 1800 block of North Coffee.

Identity theft was reported

at the 400 block of Graham. Prowlers were reported at the 900 block of South Faulkner and the 1000 block

of Neel. Suspicious persons were reported at Browning and Carr and the 500 block of Yeager.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 400 block of North Somerville.

#### Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests for the 72 hour period ending Monday, July 25 at 7 a.m.

Joe Anthony Resendiz, 26, was arrested by DPS agents for driving while intoxicated. Kevin Duane Corcoran, 46, was arrested by DPS

Friday, July 22

toxicated. Jeffrey D. Strange, 31, was arrested by police for bur-

agents for driving while in-

Johnny Thomas Bolin, 47, was arrested by DPS agents for driving while intoxicated. Saturday, July 23

J'Mico Amon Mitchell. 20, was arrested by police for capias pro fines times Jamare Dontary Ballard,

17, was arrested by police for capias pro fines times Dante Allen Wilbon, 21, was arrested by police for an

insufficient bond regarding possession of a controlled substance greater than 4 grams but less than 200 grams, with intent to manufacture or deliver.

Rose Mary Soto, 43, was arrested by deputies on charges of aggravated assault on a public servant and forging or altering a prescription. A theft occurre ' t the 200

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### Perry signs ceremonial bill

AMARILLO (AP) - Gov. Rick Perry has visited his native West Texas for a ceremonial signing of a budget bill that slashes funding for public schools and other

Perry, who grew up about 250 miles southeast of the Panhandle city of Amarillo, said Tuesday the tough choices to balance the budget will position Texas for continued economic growth and job creation.

The longest-serving governor in Texas history is touting his credentials as a fiscal conservative as he consid-

ers a run for president.

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Lawmakers scrambled to balance the deficit-ridden state budget without raising taxes or spending the socalled rainy day fund, and did so mostly by slashing education by \$4 billion. Perry was vocal about protecting the state's reserve fund amid calls to tap the money to ease the pain of cuts.

#### Woman found dead in canyon

CANYON (AP) - A 20-year-old girl has been found dead after she went missing while hiking through a canyon in the Texas Panhandle.

Randall County sheriff's spokesman Danny Alexander tells KVII-TV of Amarillo that the girl was an exchange student from Germany who was hiking along Lighthouse Trail in Palo Duro Canyon Monday afternoon when she was reported missing about 4 p.m. Monday. He says some other hikers came upon her body about two hours later.

The woman's identity was being withheld until her family can be notified, but Alexander says heat exhaustion is suspected in her death. Temperatures inside the canyon was reported to be about 120 degrees at the time of the disappearance.

The trail is about 22 miles southeast of Amarillo.

### 17 killed in Mexico prison

CIUDAD JUAREZ, Mexico (AP) - At least 17 inmates were killed in a prison fight in the border city of Ciudad Juarez, authorities said Tuesday.

A deadly clash between two rival gangs erupted Monday night at the state prison when a group of inmates entered the preventive detention area and opened fire on inmates there, said Chihuahua state prosecutors spokesman Carlos Gonzalez.

Gonzalez said the inmates had firearms and that police are investigating who smuggled the weapons into the prison.

Manuel del Castillo, a Ciudad Juarez spokesman, initially said the inmates had taken the firearms from prison guards but Gonzalez said that isn't clear.

He said a woman who was being tried for homicide and kidnapping was among those killed and that four other prisoners were badly wounded.

Soldiers and federal and state police officers took control of the prison early Tuesday, Gonzalez said.

## Roller rink victims to be buried

FORT SMITH, Ark. (AP) - Four of the victims of a shooting rampage at a Texas skating rink will be buried in western Arkansas this weekend.

According to a family relative, Trini Do, her sisters Lynn and Michelle Ta, and her brother Hien Ta will be buried Saturday morning at the Sacred Heart of Mary Catholic Church outside Fort Smith.

Trini Do's estranged husband, Tan Do, opened fire on her and her family this past Saturday during their son's birthday party at a skating rink in Grand Prairie, Texas. He killed five people before fatally shooting himself.

Trini Do's aunt, Janice Tran, says Do and her siblings emigrated from Vietnam to western Arkansas in 1994.

Tran says the fifth victim, Thuy Nguyen, who was Do's sister-in-law, will be buried in Vietnam.

#### Airport projects face shutdown

HOUSTON (AP) - Federal officials say about \$85 million in airport construction projects throughout Texas are being halted because a failure by Congress to pass a reauthorization bill for the Federal Aviation Administration has forced the partial shutdown of the agency.

Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood, Houston Mayor Annise Parker and Abilene Mayor Norm Archibald on Tuesday implored Congress to pass legislation giving the FAA the authority needed for projects to continue.

Congress last week missed a deadline to pass legislation giving the FAA the authority needed for projects around the U.S. to move forward.

In Houston, a \$25 million project for an air traffic control facility has been stopped. In Abilene, construction on a nearly \$16 million air traffic control tower is on hold.

#### Heat drives up border rescues

FALFURRIAS (AP) - The Border Patrol reports its South Texas agents rescued more than 20 people in various operations over the weekend. It credited most to stepped-up search and rescue efforts relating to the ongoing heat wave.

A statement Monday by the Rio Grande Valley Border Patrol Sector says agents rescued 12 undocumented immigrants were rescued from a sweltering moving van Saturday at the patrol's Falfurrias checkpoint, where temperatures reached 102 degrees. That same day, agents responded to a 911 call from a group of people who had become lost on a ranch near Falfurrias, 60 miles southwest of Corpus Christi.

The patrol has posted warning signs along the Rio Grande as part of "Operation Heat Wave," warning immigrants trying to avoid detection of the torrid, arid conditions between Corpus Christi and Brownsville.

### Police seek cabbie after shooting

IRVING (AP) - Police are searching for a taxi driver suspected of gunning down two men in a store parking lot near a suburban Dallas mall.

Irving police say there did not appear to be any criminal activity before the attack Sunday afternoon in a parking lot across the street from Irving Mall.

Police on Monday identified the victims as 35-yearold Mehboob Pirani of Euless and 35-year-old Rahim Merchant of Missouri City. Pirani died at a Dallas hospital, while Merchant was dead at the scene.

Witnesses told police that the driver of a yellow or gold cab opened fire, then he fled. Police have not released his name or any possible motive.

# AFTERNOONRUSH Orleans pattern registered in U.K. in 1898

#### ANNE MCCOLLAM

Q: The enclosed photo features a bowl with a matching lid. It belonged to my grandmother who came to the United States from England in the 1800s. I assume the set is a chamber pot. Marked on the bottom is a crown above a circle with the words: "John Maddock and Sons - Royal Vitreous -England." Also included, the mark contains the words: "Orleans -Rd — No. 327626.

What can you tell me about this

A: John Maddock and Sons Ltd. made your chamber pot. They have made ironstone and earthenware in Burslem, Staffordshire, England, since 1855. "Orleans" is the name of the pattern, and the Rd. No. shows the pattern was registered with the British Government in

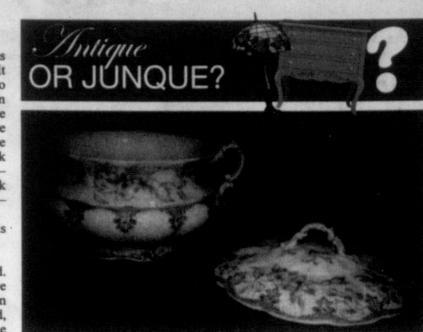
Chamber pots were originally part of a wash set that included a wash bowl, a water pitcher, a soap dish, a smaller pitcher, a tooth brush holder, a slop dish and a covered chamber pot.

Your chamber pot set would probably be worth \$75 to \$125.



Haviland and Co. is located in Limoges, France.

Q: I inherited a set of dishes from my great-aunt. The enclosed mark is on the back of each piece. The set is a service for 12 and includes all the serving pieces. Each dish is decorated with flowers and birds.



John Maddock and Sons Ltd. has been in business since

I treasure this heirloom and would like to know more about its

A: David and Daniel Haviland were New York importers of porcelain. In the 1860s, they established a porcelain factory in Limoges, France. They not only produced china, but they also created their own studio staffed with trained decorators. Haviland and Co. is still making fine porcelain dinnerware today.

Your set was made around 1930, and the set would probably be worth \$1,000 to \$1,500.

Q: A friend gave me a print by Irving Amen. Titled "Don Quixote," it measures 12 inches by 18 inches without the frame. Years ago I was enamored by the "Dear Don," and my friend thought I would like to have the print.

I would appreciate whatever you can tell me about my print.

A: Irving Amen is an accom-

plished American artist who was born in 1918. He studied at Pratt Institute and became an exceptional printmaker and sculptor. Amen's style can be characterized as New Realism. Michelangelo's influence can be seen in his sculpture. People, chess, Judaism, music, Italy and Don Quixote are themes that inspired him.

Amen was an artist in residence at the University of Notre Dame in 1962. He was commissioned to create the Peace Medal that commemorated the end of the Vietnam War as well as a series of stained-glass windows depicting the Twelve Tribes of Israel for the Agudas Achim Synagogue in Columbus, Ohio.

Your print is circa 1970 and can be found selling in the range of \$200 to \$500.

If you have any antique inquiries, address your questions to Anne McCollam, P.O. Box 247, Notre Dame, IN 46556, Items of a general interest will be answered in this column. Due to the volume of inquiries, she cannot answer individual

# Some would-be Jeffs jurors heard enough

SAN ANGELO (AP) - More than 100 wouldbe jurors in the sexual assault trial of polygamist sect leader Warren Jeffs said Tuesday they'd previously heard enough about his background to no longer presume him innocent — meaning seating a jury in this rural corner of West Texas may prove even more difficult than

expected. A pool of 207 was onhand for the second day of jury selection in the case of the ecclesiastical head of the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, an offshoot of mainstream Mormonism that believes polygamy brings exaltation in heaven. About 60 would-be jurors were excused Monday because of scheduling conflicts, or

for other routine reasons. The 55-year-old Jeffs faces two counts of sexual assault of a child. If convicted, the maximum sentence for both is 119 years to life in prison. He will have a separate trial for bigamy in October.

Jeffs appeared in court wearing a dark suit and spent much of the day whispering instructions to his lawyers, who say he plays an active role in all motions they file. Followers see Jeffs as prophet who serves as God's spokesman on

Eric Nichols, a special prosecutor for the Texas attorney general's office, asked those assembled if they'd heard enough about Jeffs previously to affect his guilt or innocence in their minds. Eighty-three people raised blue cards stamped with their juror numbers.

After a brief recess which was made a bit more uncomfortable because of a water main break that affected water pressure in the courthouse — defense attorney Deric Walpole referenced those who indicated they had already

"Y'all, that's getting off to a bad start," he said. "Which is fine, as long as you're identified."

Walpole then asked if anyone no longer presumed his client innocent. "If you don't, raise your cards," he said. "Get 'em up high. Don't be shy."

That drew an objection from Nichols, but the number of cards raised eventually increased to 101.

Walpole labored the point because he has already said he plans to file for a change of venue out of the oil and gas town of San Angelo, once a jury is seated. If a jury can't be drawn from the existing pool, it will be easier to argue that the case should be tried somewhere else.

When Walpole asked how many people had read or seen nothing about the Jeffs case, about 60 people raised their cards.

Jury selection isn't expected to be completed until at least Wednesday.

The charges against Jeffs stem from an April 2008 police raid on a church compound known as Yearning For Zion outside the town of Eldorado,

made up their minds about 45 miles south of who lives there. Only who believed girls were mous marriages removed more than 400 children living at the compound, and TV images of women in frontier-style dresses and 19th century hairdos were

shown across the country. The original call to a domestic abuse hotline that sparked the raid turned out to be a hoax. Most of the children seized from the compound have since been returned to their families, but the evidence collected sparked charges including sexual assault and bigamy against Jeffs and 11 other FLDS men.

Even with Jeffs in prison, hundreds of people still live on Yearning For Zion, and construction crews continue at breakneck speed, erecting buildings which include a fourstory, limestone temple. The FLDS controls a land trust worth more than \$110 million.

When asked Tuesday, none of the would-be jurors said they had ever visited the heavily guarded Yearning For Zion compound, and only four were acquainted with anyone

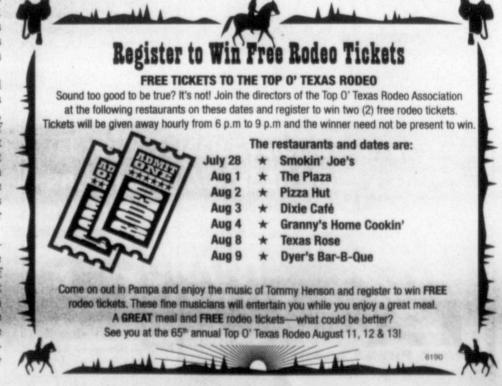
San Angelo. Authorities about a dozen said they'c had contact with 14 Texas being forced into polyga- businesses the FLDS

Since December 2009 all seven FLDS members to face prosecution in Texas have been convict ed, receiving prison sen tences of between six and 75 years. Nichols served as lead prosecutor in al past church cases, but he was quick not to mention the word polygamy Tuesday.

Still, questions from both sides provided hints abou the building blocks each will use to argue its case Nichols asked about how reliable would-be juror: believed DNA evidence to be. Walpole indicated tha Jeffs would not take the stand in his own defense saying "I typically don' have my clients testify."

"It's their show, they have to present evidence, Walpole said, pointing to prosecutors. "Not guilty That's our side of the story. Is anyone going to hold it against Mr. Jeff: if that's all we say is, 'no guilty?"" Only one potential juro

raised his card in response.



# Viewpoints

# Today in History

Today is Wednesday, July 27, the 208th day of 2011. There are 157 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On July 27, 1861, Union Maj. Gen. George B. McClellan took command of the Army of the Potomac during the Civil War.

On this date:

In 1789, President George Washington signed a measure establishing the Department of Foreign Affairs, forerunner of the Department of State.

In 1866, Cyrus W. Field finished laying out the first successful underwater telegraph cable between North America and Europe.

In 1909, during the first official test of the U.S. Army's first airplane, Orville Wright flew himself and a passenger, Lt. Frank Lahm, above Fort Myer, Va., for one hour and 12 minutes.

In 1940, Bugs Bunny made his "official" debut in the Warner Bros. animated cartoon "A Wild

In 1953, the Korean War armistice was signed at Panmunjom, ending three years of fighting.

In 1960, Vice President Richard M. Nixon was nominated for president on the first ballot at the Republican national convention in Chicago.

In 1974, the House Judiciary Committee voted 27-11 to adopt the first of three articles of impeachment against President Richard Nixon, charging he had personally engaged in a course of conduct designed to obstruct justice in the Watergate case.

Ten years ago: A judge in West Palm Beach, Fla., sentenced 14-year-old Nathaniel Brazill to 28 years in prison for second-degree murder in the fatal shooting of teacher Barry Grunow at Lake Worth Middle School.

Five years ago: Floyd Landis' stunning Tour de France victory just four days earlier was thrown into doubt when he tested positive for high levels of testosterone during the race. (Landis was stripped of his title for doping.)

One year ago: BP announced that its muchcriticized chief executive, Tony Hayward, would be replaced by Robert Dudley as the company reported a record quarterly loss and set aside \$32.2 billion to cover the costs of the massive Gulf of Mexico oil spill.

Today's Birthdays: TV producer Norman Lear is 89. Actor Jerry Van Dyke is 80. Sportscaster Irv Cross is 72. Actor John Pleshette is 69. Singer Bobbie Gentry is 67. Actress-director Betty Thomas is 63. Olympic gold medal figure skater Peggy Fleming is 63. Singer Maureen McGovern is 62. Actress Janet Eilber is 60. Actress Roxanne Hart is 57. Country musician Duncan Cameron is 55. Comedian-actress-writer Carol Leifer is 55. Comedian Bill Engvall is 54. Jazz singer Karrin Allyson is 49. Country singer Stacy Dean Campbell is 44. Rock singer Juliana Hatfield is 44. Actor Julian McMahon is 43. Comedian Maya Rudolph is 39. Rock musician Abe Cunningham is 38. Singer-songwriter Pete Yorn is 37. MLB player Alex Rodriguez is 36. Actor Seamus Dever is 35. Actor Jonathan Rhys (rees) Meyers is 34. Singer Chevenne Kimball is 21

Thought for Today: "A minority may be right, and a majority is always wrong." Henrik Ibsen, Norwegian dramatist and poet (1828-1906).



# A lesson in Norway's tragic shootings

In 2007, Norwegian Justice Minister Knut Storberget proposed extending Norway's absolute maximum criminal sentence of 21 years to 30 years for genocide, crimes against humanity and terrorism. That proposal didn't go anywhere. The maximum criminal sentence in Norway is 21 years.

Now 32-year-old Anders Behring Breivik stands accused of killing 76 individuals, many of them teenagers, in a vicious rampage that began with a bombing in Oslo Friday. If convicted, he can expect to be a free man in his 50s

On Monday, Breivik pleaded not guilty. He also told the court that he carried out Friday's attacks to "save" Norway. If he is convicted and still wants to "save" Norway and is deemed at "high-risk" of reoffending, authorities could add five years to his sentence. Or they could parole him when he becomes eligible in 10 years. If Breivik gets the 21-year maximum, he will end up serving about 101 days per victim.

Norway is an idyllic country. Norwegians know best what works for them. It will be interesting to see whether Norwegians want to keep the 21-year prison-term cap after Breivik uses his trial as a megaphone to shout out the antimulticulturalism, anti-Muslim and anti-Marxist message of his 1,500page manifesto.

There is a lesson for Americans

in this tale. Politicians in some including California, are pushing to end their respective states' penalties. There are consequenc-

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**DEBRA SAUNDERS** 

Our "betters" in Europe got rid of capital punishment decades ago. Next, western European leaders went after life

without parole. As Eurocrats focused on the redemption of offenders, they seemed to forget their obligation to protect the innocent and serve as a voice for silenced victims.

Hoover Institution legal fellow Abraham D. Sofaer sees the 21-year cap as "absurdly inadequate" for this type of heinous crime. "I'm sure it's well-intentioned. Maybe it works in most cases," he added. "But then you get these cases, where one would think almost anyone would agree that 21 years is an insult."

This wouldn't be the first time a modern terrorist won short time for a long list of victims on European soil. In 2001, three Scottish judges found former Libya intelligence operative Abdel Basset Ali al-Megrahi guilty in the 1988 bombing of Pan Am Flight 103, which killed all 270 aboard. Scotland's life sentence made him eligible for parole in 27 years.

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But after eight years, Scottish Justice Minister Kenny MacAskill granted Megrahi "compassionate" release on the grounds the Libyan had terminal cancer and was not expected to live more than three months. Almost two years later, Megrahi is alive and living large in Libya -- having served mere weeks per victim.

When a country's justice system dispenses with the death penalty and then life sentences, it has no mechanism to redress evil. Prime Minister Jens Stoltenberg actually used the word "evil" at a heartbreaking memorial service. Stoltenberg pledged that his country would respond to the evil with "more democracy, more openness and more humanity, but never naivete." It's clear where he should start: Eliminate the 21-year maximum sentence.

In his manifesto, Breivik wrote, "Once you decide to strike, it is better to kill too many than not enough, or you risk reducing the desired ideological impact of the strike." Oslo police say that when they confronted him, he laid down his weapons and surrendered without a fight.

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# Political opponents, but personal friends

In what is almost certainly not news to anyone, more American voters than ever -- some 63 percent of them -- now tell the Washington Post-ABCNews Poll that rather than "vote to re-elect (their) representative in Congress" in the 2012 election, they instead "are inclined to look around for someone else to vote for.

Sadly, this Congress does seem to have cornered the world's known reserves of bile. Consider the recent "debate" between two South Florida House members, Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz -- who doubles as the chairwoman of the Democratic National Committee -and freshman Republican and tea party favorite, Rep. Allen West.

In a statement on the House floor when West was not present --Wasserman Schultz characterized West's support of the GOP plan to cut federal funding for Medicare 'unbelievable," when he "represents thousands of Medicare beneficiaries, as do I ..."

Rejecting any advice to turn the other cheek, Republican West, by e-mail and in statements, called Democrat Wasserman Schultz "vile, unprofessional, despicable" "characterless." For the defense, Rep. Mike Honda, D-Calif., compared West to Terry Jones, "the pastor in Florida who burned the Quran" to provoke "a media frenzy." Regardless of where you might stand, you'll agree that the preceding is not to be confused with the Lincoln-Douglas debates.



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Washington, believe me, has not always been poisonthis ous. There was a time, not that long ago, when fierce political opponents could still be personal friends.

In House Speaker Thomas P. "Tip"

O'Neill had announced he would retire from the Congress. Friends and supporters planned a testimonial dinner to honor the nation's longestserving speaker and to raise money for his beloved alma mater, Boston College.

But there was a big problem. The leading Democratic money men in Washington disparaged the idea of a big dinner: Everybody liked Tip, but he was on the way out of office and unable to deliver on any future

The two women organizing the dinner understood that to overcome such attitudes, they needed a Big Name to chair the dinner. The call was made to former President Gerald R. Ford, who had been House GOP leader when O'Neill had been House Democratic leader and, more importantly, was a close personal friend.

Gerry Ford did not hesitate. Of course he would be happy to chair the event, and, yes, he would be there. His personal check was in the mail. With Ford on board, the next call was to Mike Deaver in President Reagan's White House. Yes, the Republican president would attend the dinner honoring his political

nemesis, the Democratic speaker. It was one of Washington's grandest evenings. A paid crowd of 2,200 (at \$1,000 a ticket) filled the Washington Hilton ballroom to hear Ronald Reagan observe: "To be honest, I've always know Tip was behind me -- even if it was only at the State of the Union Address. As I made each proposal, I could hear Tip whispering to (Vice President) George Bush: 'Forget it. No way. Fat chance." He continued, "Mr. Speaker, I am grateful you have permitted me in the past, and I hope in the future, the singular honor of calling you my friend."

But the man who made the memorable evening -- and \$2 million to Boston College -- at all possible was Gerry Ford, who stepped up and who had so much personally in common with Tip O'Neill. Both men were total strangers to selfimportance. Neither man had even a trace of hate in him. They wasted no time at all worrying about what the media were saying about them.

President Ford and Speaker O'Neill, great political adversaries and great personal friends in a Washington, D.C., I really miss.

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# House votes to speed decision on pipeline

WASHINGTON (AP) - The House voted Tuesday to speed up a decision by the Obama administration on a contentious plan to send oil from western Canada to the Texas Gulf Coast.

By a 279-147 vote, lawmakers endorsed a Nov. 1 deadline for the State Department to decide whether to approve the \$7 billion project. A Canadian company wants to build a 1,900-mile pipeline to carry crude oil extracted from tar sands in Alberta, Canada, to refineries in Texas.

Rep. Fred Upton, R-Mich., chairman of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, said the proposed Keystone XL pipeline would create thousands of jobs and help cut nearly \$4-a-gallon prices at the gas pump. If the United States does not act soon, the oil is likely to go to China or other countries, Upton said.

"Are we going to stand by and watch China receive imports from our ally while we are forced to rely on imports from unstable countries? I sure hope not," Upton

Environmental groups say the

pipeline would bring "dirty oil" that requires huge amounts of energy to extract and could cause an ecological disaster in case of

The pipeline planned by Calgary-based TransCanada would travel through Montana, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas and Oklahoma before reaching refineries in Houston and Port Arthur, Texas.

The project would double the capacity of an existing pipeline from Canada, and supporters say it could significantly reduce U.S. dependence on Middle Eastern

The State Department has authority over the pipeline because it crosses an international boundary. The Obama administration calls the House bill unnecessary. Officials have pledged to decide on the project by the end of the year.

The State Department is expected to complete an environmental analysis next month, and officials have scheduled a series of public meetings this fall in affected

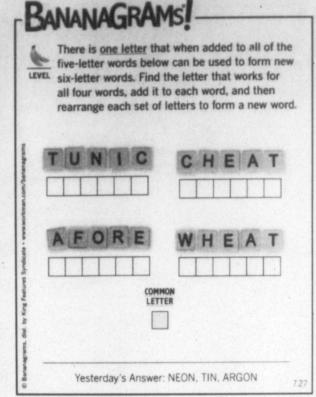
Project opponents contend an earlier report by the State Department glossed over crucial issues such as pipeline safety and the risks posed by the proposed route over the massive Ogallala Aquifer, which supplies drinking water to people in eight states.

Opponents point to a July 1 spill in Montana's Yellowstone River as an example of the dangers pipelines pose.

A 12-inch ExxonMobil Corp. pipeline ruptured beneath the river, spilling an estimated 50,000 gallons. The cause has not been determined.

"While the pipeline disaster on the Yellowstone River in Montana is still unfolding, we should not approve a pipeline that isn't needed, will raise gas prices and threatens drinking water and other resources from the Great Plains to Texas," said Susan Casey-Lefkowitz, international program director of the Natural Resources Defense Council.

The bill now heads to the Democratic-controlled Senate, where it is unlikely to pass.



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where Young purchased a bottle of Crown Royal, which she added to her soda. Kambra and Young drove around town, looking for Terry and trying to reach him by phone. After Young received a call from a friend who told her that Terry was riding around town with a woman, Hoskins, on the back of his motorcycle, she dropped Ms. Boaz off at home around 11:30 p.m., and drove to the Allsup's on Price and Alcock in pursuit of Terry Boaz.

Boaz Young, and Hoskins were involved in a chase from the Allsup's, first heading east on Alcock, then turning north on North Wells, and continuing past Gwendolen, the eventual site of the

accident. The wreck threw Boaz and Hoskins from the motorcycle.

Several witnesses who lived on North Wells testified that Young appeared to have been drinking, and that beer cans littered the scene of the accident. Young asked one witness to let her sober up before calling the police, and also asked for help picking up the beer cans. Lenna Roberts, who

lived on North Wells at the time of the accident. stayed with Hoskins until emergency care professionals arrived.

"She was in a bad condition," Roberts said of Hoskins. "She was choking, trying to breathe. I kept telling her, 'Breathe baby, just breathe.""

Roberts also noted that

Hoskins' shirt had been torn, and that she had tire tracks on her back.

Around this time, several witnesses testified to seeing Young standing over Boaz. From her spot next to Hoskins, Roberts saw Young hitting him in the chest. Young then began to approach Hoskins in an aggressive manner, but was blocked by Roberts' husband.

She testified that Young asked her not to call 911, and described her condition as "not right."

"Who wouldn't want someone to call 911? Roberts said.

Lieutenant Colby Brown of the Pampa Police Department also provided testimony. He described the scene of the accident, which he thought at the time to have resulted from a chase. He said he could smell alcohol on Young, and portrayed her behavior as "hysterical."

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By midnight, Boaz was pronounced dead. Hoskins would spend several weeks in the hos-

# Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

venomous old woman who roams through our neighborhood looking for victims to embarrass, humiliate or annoy. She told a neighbor's 11-year-old granddaughter she looked like a slut because she was wearing shorts currently in fashion for the young. She habitually cuts in front of people in line at the supermarket, puts 25 items on the 15-item service line,

A new neighbor thought she should be treated with a little kindness. She had her opportunity recently when rather than at the diswe were out to breakfast at a restaurant. The harridan sat alone (her husband refuses to be seen in public with her), and my friend commented to her on the beautiful day. Her response? "Don't waste my time with meaningless inanities!" She then proceeded to abuse the server by repeatedly sending her room has always been plate back, each time becoming more unpleasant. The girl ended up in tears.

At that point, my friend walked over and said quietly, "I hope you don't think forward to the next phase your advanced age justifies your meanness." The witch accused my friend of "slandering" her and left vowing never to return. This ship. We haven't spoken ily with you. But it won't elicited a round of applause for the past two weeks, and from the customers and

Why do some people what to do. I have always

being so hateful? - PUZ-ZLED IN SAN DIEGO

DEAR **PUZZLED:** Ruling out the idea that the person you have described may be mentally disturbed, it's possible she may be so unhappy in her personal life that she's trying to make herself feel better by abusing others. She's a sad HAMPSHIRE case. I'd like to think that when the other diners applauded, it was directed in support of your friend agreeable woman as she left the restaurant.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 34-year-old man, I have been divorced for a couple of years and have no children. I have been dating an incredible woman, "Nikki," who is a bit older than I am. She has three children.

The elephant in the whether or not Nikki would want more children. We finally discussed it, and she confirmed that she does not. She said she's looking of her life as her kids get older, which I understand. That conversation has led to a break in our relationit seems like two years.

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DEAR ABBY: There's go through life behaving so wanted to be a dad. Would outrageously? How can she being a stepdad be as fulderive satisfaction from filling for me? Is being in a good relationship more important? Having kids doesn't automatically make things great, right? Could I find someone as wonderful as Nikki, but who wants to

Abby, I'm conflicted, and you're the only one I could think of for advice. JUMBLED IN NEW

DEAR JUMBLED: Only you can decide whether being a stepfather to Nikki's children would be enough for you. For some men, it would be. For others, it wouldn't be enough. Of course, the primary relationship must be between the husband and wife. Children grow up, leave and establish lives of their own. And you're right, having kids doesn't "automatically" make things great if there is trouble in

the relationship. While there are no guarantees you will find someone as wonderful as Nikki, the odds are very good that you will meet a woman - or more than one - whose goals are similar to yours and who would love to have a famhappen until you firmly decide exactly what you

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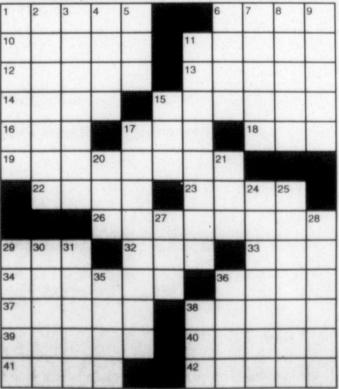
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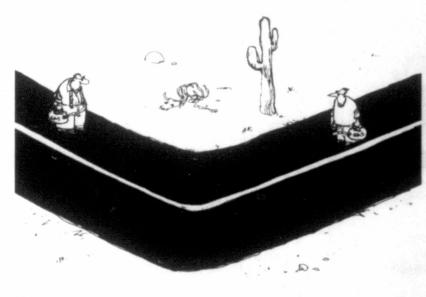
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, July 27, 2011

This year, zero in on what you want Your luck factor increases right before your birthday in 2012. Take an active stand in your profession and/or community. The end result might be different from what you desire, but ultimately will work for you. If you are single, you attract many people. Making choices that work takes skill. If you are attached, the two of you have much to celebrate. You also need time alone. Close off a tie that isn't working this year. CANCER can cause trouble.

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)

★★★★ Verbalize your concerns as well as the positives. Others need to know your priorities. By not sharing them, ultimately, you could cause a problem. Be responsible for your side of an issue or your opinion. Don't try to control what happens. Let events flow. Tonight: Hang close to home

#### TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ Finances continue to be important. Please don't dismiss the importance of your innate assets. Sometimes you undermine yourself. Schedule a talk over dinner or for as late as possible. Know what your expectations are. Don't undermine yourself. Tonight: Visit with friends.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) \*\*\* You are pushing hard to get where you want. Others might not understand the unpredictability of the moment. You could have too much energy for your own good. Speak your mind and communicate. Don't close off. Tonight: Treat a

friend to dinner. CANCER (June 21-July 22)

\*\* An insight could stop you cold. At first you might not understand the nature of someone's emotional behavior. You will get important feedback. Willingly assume the limelight. Curb a need to spend when you are stressed. Tonight: Nap, then out. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

\*\*\* Use the daylight hours to the max. Stay in tune with your true goal. Sometimes it is easy to get tossed off kilter by so many people and their individual agendas. An important piece of news heads your way. Tonight: A little mystery shroud-

ing your plans could add excitement VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★ Assume a position of leadership, knowing full well where your goals vary from the collective. You might need to make that difference known before executing plans. Opinions might be interesting but not helpful. Tonight: Do absolutely what you want.

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

\*\*\* Keep reaching out. A key person will respond with delight when he or she hears from you. This person might need to hear your feedback. The unexpected weaves through interpersonal relationships. Tonight: Accept the spotlight.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ Willingly work with a partner. You'll come up with unusual solutions together. An associate's reaction might stun both of you. Detach. Try to walk in this person's shoes, and much more will make sense. Have a much-needed conversation. Tonight: Go with your imagination.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) \*\*\* Others let you know that they don't want or need your help. Grab this opportunity and further a personal project. You might not need to say a lot. Let others assume some responsibilities that you have always handled. Tonight: Togetherness.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) \*\*\* Clear out as much as possible. You could be overwhelmed by everything that you need to do. Look at your goal and just start doing. You have much more en-

ergy than you realize. Schedule a meeting

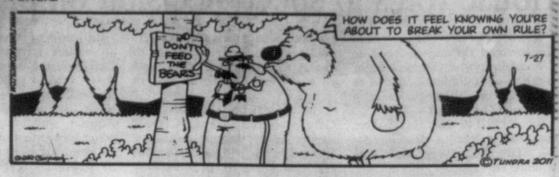
for tomorrow, if possible. Tonight: Out on the town AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) \*\*\* Be as playful as you can be. Understand what is happening within a relationship. Someone's aggression is coming from insecurity, hurt and anger. Thinking it is cute, much less sharing that

situation. Tonight: Let the fun happen. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

thought, could inflame an already difficult

\*\*\* You are coming from a solid place. Though you might be uncomfortable with someone's assertive manner, know that you are not changing it either. Schedule a talk as late as possible, when you might be more relaxed. Your creativity soars late today. Tonight: Midweek

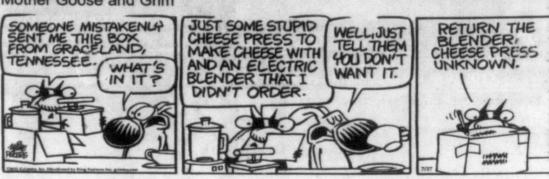
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# Concussions limit PHS grad Burns in 2010-11

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In 2009, Pampa High School graduate John Burns had to adjust to college level wrestling at Great Falls University in Montana.

Last year, Burns showed improvement but his season was cut short by concussions.

Burns said he suffered his first in mid-November in practice, Then he suffered another four of five weeks later. The second one ended Burns season.

Burns said it was a tough year for him.
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"I was out most of my second year," Burns said. "It was a big bummer. I spent a lot of time preparing for the season. It wasn't easy."

Last season, Burns finished 4-7 with two pins. He said the game was easier in his sophomore season.

"I felt a lot better," Burns said. "Things got smoother and coach (Caleb Schaeffer) got excited a couple of times. In my first year, I had to relearn how to wrestle, last year things started to click."

Schaeffer said the staff had high expectations for Burns going into last season but his injuries prevented him from achieving them. catching up with
PHS grad John Burns

"We get to see him twice this season," Schaeffer said. "It was kind of a down year. (Burns) wasn't able to get on the mat much."

Schaeffer said Burns took his injuries in stride.

"He had high expectations for himself," Schaeffer said. "It was kind of rough on him, which maybe why he isn't returning. He stayed upbeat but wasn't able to get cleared to get back on the mat."

Burns said he doesn't have any lingering issues from the concussions. He transferred to Wayland Baptist and is unsure if he will wrestle again but is preparing for the future.

"My fiancée, Kara Kidd, and I are expecting a child in September," Burns said.

The 2007 Pampa graduate finished with an 8-12 record in two seasons at Great Falls. Burns posted a 96-13 record at Pampa High School.



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#### **NFL BACK IN BUSINESS**

# Jones: Cowboys can make any deal

IRVING (AP) — Jerry Jones said Tuesday the Dallas Cowboys can clear enough space under the salary cap to sign anyone they want, and he's already delving into the work.

Jones arrived at team headquarters about 40 minutes before the official start of post-lockout activity. It appeared that he started with his top priority, the offensive line

Left tackle Doug Free, who became a free agent under the terms of the lockout, and right tackle Marc Colombo, among the players likely to be cut to clear cap room, both showed up early and were gone within an hour.

Colombo's status is likely tied to Free. If Free leaves, the Cowboys would need another starting tackle; if Free stays, top pick Tyron Smith has practically been given Colombo's starting job. Right guard Leonard Davis said Tuesday that he met with offensive line coach Hudson Houck, perhaps to discuss the possibility of playing at tackle.

"My goal is to play here," said Colombo, who was among the veterans who helped run offseason practices. "If it works out in the next day or so, it works out. If it doesn't, it's been a great six years here with the Dallas Cowboys and I appreciate it."

To get under the cap, the Cowboys are expected to renegotiate several contracts and shed players with bloated deals. Running back Marion Barber and cornerback Terence Newman are other candidates likely to get dumped.

Jones vowed that finances won't slow him.

"We can get well under the cap, and we plan to and still sign players we want," Jones said. "We will be able to do what we want with the cap. ... Before the day is over, we will have contact with any player we have an interest in."

The Cowboys open training camp in San Antonio on Wednesday, so it was possible that players weren't going to flock to the facility on Tuesday. However, Jones said he invited several players for meetings, including those who could be cut once that's allowed on Friday. There's no point in them going to training camp just to be released, and Jones said he wanted to personally deliver the news.

Starting Tuesday morning, all NFL teams were allowed to re-sign their own free agents and to sign draft picks and undrafted players.



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