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Juneteenth celebration today at Southside SCC

Commemorative event will feature barbecue cookoff, children's activities

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Southside Senior Citizens Center will host its Juneteenth celebration today from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

"We'll have a barbecue cook-off at noon with all types of barbecue, and we'll have activities inside and outside," said Moreline Cash of the center.

The celebration will include activities for kids, like water balloons and a bounce house, as well as basketball.

Juneteenth marks the date on June 19, 1865, when news of the Emancipation Proclamation reached Galveston. Since then, the date has been celebrated as commemoration of the end of slavery in Texas and the rest of the country.

"It's a nationwide day of celebration, and it's next week, but we decided to celebrate this weekend," said Cash. "It's nice to celebrate history with kids, JUNETEENTH cont. on page 2A



- · Oldest national celebration of the
- ending of slavery in the United States · Also known as "Freedom Day" or
- "Emancipation Day"
- Official state holiday since 1890
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BASIC TRAINING



Pampa High School head girls basketball coach Gene Valentine (far right) instructs campers on a shooting drill during the Lady Harvester Basketball camp Friday at Pampa Junior High. The camp started Monday and ended Friday. Full story in **SPORTS**, page B2.

County gives final OK to runway fix

Project to cost about \$4.5 million

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Gray County Commissioners gave the final go-ahead to a project to revamp the runway at Perry Lefors Airport yesterday morning during the regular Commissioners Court meeting at the Gray County Courthouse.

The project will cost an estimated \$4.5 million, with the bulk of the cost to be covered by a 90/10 grant from the Texas Department of Transportation. Since the runway was most recently reconstructed in the late 90s, TxDoT engineers have recommended an overlay for one runway and a slurry seal or other type of surface treatment for the second runway.

Commissioners also approved a contract to compensate the Lefors EMS for service runs into the area outside of the McLean city limits, to provide ambulance coverage as McLean's EMS was disbanded last year for lack of volunteers.

In other business, the commission approved the 31st District Attorney's forfeiture expenditures.

City of Pampa to start Sealcoat Maintenance Program

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The City of Pampa will begin its annual Sealcoat Maintenance Program next week and will continue until all streets are completed, according to Jildardo Arias, Pampa's engineer-in-training.

Sealcoating, a routine maintenance operation designed to prolong the life of paved asphalt, consists of applying a layer of oil above the existing road, then adding a layer of crushed rock to provide a surface.

The project contractor will be leaving door hangers to inform Pampans of the date work is to be performed on their streets. Residents are being asked not to park their vehicles in the road and to eliminate runoff from their sprinklers on the day their street is scheduled to undergo

The list of streets to be sealcoated during this project

- · Randy Matson Avenue from Dwight Street to zimmers Street;
- · 22nd Street from Hobart Street to Lea Street; 22nd Street from Lea Street to the alley;
- Crescent Drive from 23rd Street to Northcrest Road;
- · 17th Street from Hamilton Street to Williston Street; · 20th Street from Russell Street to Charles Street;
- · Mary Ellen Street from 19th Street to 21st Street;
- · Nicki Avenue from Charles Street to Duncan Street;
- 22nd Street from Aspen Drive to Evergreen Street; Jorden Street from Jupiter Street to the alley;
- · Jorden Street from Red Deer Street to Jupiter Street;
- Twiford Street from Lowry Street to Powell Street; Scott Avenue from Tignor Street to Barners Street;
- Campanella Drive from Crawford Street to the dead
- · Octavus Street from Oklahoma Avenue to Elm
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- · Crawford Street from Huff Road to Barrett Street; Barnes Street from U.S. Hwy. 60 to Albert Street;
- · Campbell Avenue from Barnes Street to Finley
- Zimmers Street from 18th Street to 21st Street;
- Craven Street from Finley Street to Barnes Street; Henry Street from Beryl Street to U.S. Hwy. 60;
- Starkweather Street from Tyng Avenue to U.S. Hwy.
- · Charles Street from Harvester Avenue to Pennsylvania
- - · Hobart Street from 23rd Street to the dead end; · Charles Street from 25th Street to 26th Street;
- · Evergreen Street from 25th Street to the dead end at
- · Beech Lane from 25th Street to the dead ens at 30th

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Today





High 96 Low 66

High 97 Low 67

High 92 Low 69

Today: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1 p.m. Mostly sunny, with a high near 96. South wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Tonight: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 66. South wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Sunday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1 p.m. Partly sunny and hot, with a high near 97. Southwest wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 67. Breezy, with a south southwest wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as

Monday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 92. South southwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Monday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 69. South wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

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Dewhurst, Cruz spar over credentials

Texas Republican Senate rivals debate who's 'more conservative'

KERRVILLE (AP) — The two Texans embroiled in a white-hot battle for the state's Republican U.S. Senate nomination each addressed the same GOP women's group Friday and claimed they were more conservative than their opponent.

Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst and former state Solicitor General Ted Cruz sat at tables separated only by a raised podium, but were careful not to cross paths before and after their dueling speeches in Kerrville, about 60 miles northwest of San Antonio.

The pair is vying for the GOP nomination to replace retiring Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison. They face a runoff July 31 after neither got a majority of the votes cast in a crowded Republican field during last months' primary even though Dewhurst bested Cruz by about 10 percentage points.

The winner of the runoff looks sure to prevail in November's general elec-

Serving as powerful lieutenant governor since 2003, Dewhurst is the establishment Republican favorite. But the younger and more fiery Cuban-American Cruz is backed by tea party

The race took a turn for the nasty at last week's Texas Republican Convention, when delegates booed Gov. Rick Perry, himself a conservative darling, for endorsing Dewhurst.

Speaking to about 200 members of the Kerr County Republican Women's Club in a hotel conference room, Dewhurst said, "I'm the only proven conservative in this race. I'm the only one who's done all the things my opponent is talking about."

He championed his work overseeing the Texas Senate, which on his watch approved a series of tax cuts, as well as laws requiring women to undergo a sonogram before having an abortion and voters to show ID at the polls.

"If you like Texas, that's what I've done for the last nine years," Dewhurst said. "You'll love the job I'll do for you in Washington."

When he said President Barack Obama had trampled on the U.S. Constitution, that drew a cry of "Amen!" But Dewhurst also noted, "I'm even madder at the Republicans who had a chance before Obama to pull America out of this financial ditch.

Dewhurst added that "we've got some who are attacking Texas," but wouldn't give specifics - saying he wanted to stay positive.

That was likely a shot at national groups including the Tea Party Express and anti-tax Club For Growth that are backing Cruz and have bankrolled negative ads branding Dewhurst as too moderate because he sometimes worked with Democrats in the state

Dewhurst has a net worth of more than \$200 million thanks to his oil and gas business and, in response, has pumped more than \$10 million into nis own campaign.

"I'm a real fighter," Dewhurst said. He said that before seeking elected office or starting his own business, he volunteered for the U.S. Air Force and worked in Latin America for the CIA.

Cruz later took the podium to whoops and a shriek of "Go Ted!" Seated nearby, Dewhurst stared into space, then took a long swig of iced

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Cruz said America was ready for new leadership, drawing "Amens," and ironically referenced reports the tea party was dead, sparking boos.

"We weren't supposed to be here. There wasn't supposed to be a runoff,"

Cruz took his own swipe at the GOP, saying of the sluggish national economy, "It's been career politicians in both parties who got us in this mess."

He claimed the lieutenant governor outspent him five-to-one during the campaign thanks to lobbyists in the state capital of Austin as well as Washington. But Cruz added that "there was one thing that my opponent said a minute ago that I very much agree with.

... That this runoff is a referendum onwho decides elections in Texas."

"Do you want every lobbyist in Austin to decide, everyone who makes their living keeping the government gravy train going?" he asked. "Or do you want this race decided by conservative grassroots?"

Asked afterward if it was awkward to attack his opponent with him sitting nearby, Cruz responded, "I say the same thing whether David Dewhurst is in the room or 1,000 miles away.

"What Texans want is a straightforward comparison of myself and my opponent," he told The Associated Press. "That's what we give them."

Disruptive pilot competent to stand trial

AMARILLO (AP) — A JetBlue Airways pilot who left the cockpit and ran through the cabin, screaming about religion and terrorists, is mentally competent to stand trial, a federal judge ruled Friday. Clayton F. Osbon, 49, has been charged with interfering

with a flight crew, which is defined as assaulting or intimidating the crew, interfering with its duties or diminishing its

He recently underwent a court-ordered psychiatric evaluation at a medical facility to see if he could assist properly in his defense and to determine if he was sane at the time of the alleged offense. U.S. District Judge Mary Lou Robinson ordered the eight-page evaluation sealed Friday after finding Osborn competent.

She did not set a trial date.

Robinson read from an agreement between Osbon's attorney, Dean Roper, and U.S. Assistant Attorney Denise Williams, stating that Osbon "is not now suffering from a mental disease or defect which would interfere with his ability to meet the legal criteria of competency to stand

Osbon, who appeared thinner than at his first court appearance in early April, responded, "Yes, your Honor," when Robinson asked him if he agreed with that assessment. Roper and Williams both declined to comment after the

Roper previously filed a motion notifying the court that he plans to use an insanity defense at trial.

Osbon, whose feet were shackled during the hearing, remains in custody. He faces up to 20 years in prison if con-

Osbon, of Richmond Hills, Ga., has been with JetBlue since 2000. He was charged in relation to a March 27 flight from New York to Las Vegas, during which passengers and crew said he ran through the plane's cabin yelling about Jesus and al-Qaida. The first officer locked him out of the cockpit and passengers wrestled him to the floor before the plane made an emergency landing in Amarillo.

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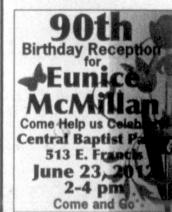
the elderly and everyone."

"We try to let (kids) know that it goes back to your roots, and shows how we've become free, into the world and part of everything," she added.

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Texas sending wildfire help to NM

'COLLEGE STATION (AP) — Emergency responders from Texas are headed to New Mexico to help in recovery efforts from a wildfire that has destroyed more than 200 homes.

The Texas Forest Service said Friday that 11 emergency personnel from Texas will be among 15 visiting New Mexico this weekend to aid in recovery efforts from the Little Bear Fire near Ruidoso, a vacation spot popular among Texans.

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omeronado The group assembled by forest service official Bob Koenig will organize meetings, establish relationships with homeowners and government officials and do damage assessment.

The Little Bear fire has burned about 59 square miles and destroyed at least 224 homes.

Last year, more than 16,000 emergency responders from all 50 states helped Texas through a devastating fire season.

Battleship Texas to get repairs

LA PORTE (AP) — Battleship Texas will close next week for repairs after the 100-year-old vessel began flooding.

Ship manager Andy Smith tells the Houston Chronicle the ship will remain open to visitors this weekend, but is set to close Monday.

The battleship, which fought in World Wars I and II and now serves as a memorial and museum to those who sacrificed their lives, will likely remain closed through June 22.

The battleship developed a leak last weekend that quickly flooded the bilge areas beneath the engine room. Officials said Friday that the battleship was still taking on water, but the amount decreased from about 850 gallons per minute to about 100.

Smith says salvage and dive teams will inspect the ers are seeing more grass-hull Saturday to come up with a repair plan. hoppers and fewer hon-

Ex-medical leaders get prison

LUBBOCK (AP) — Two men who ran a West Texas medical center have been sentenced to five-year prison terms and must repay \$5 million in taxes.

A federal judge in Lubbock on Friday sentenced 64-year-olds Herschel A. Breig and James Cheek.

Both pleaded guilty in February to failure to submit payroll taxes to the government. Breig and Cheek also were convicted of aiding and abetting related to operations of Highland Medical Center in Lubbock.

Breig and Cheek were indicted last August over failure to pay more than \$1.8 million in payroll taxes withheld from employee checks. "The drought damaged range and pasture grasses thus creating areas with

U.S. District Judge Sam Cummings also ordered each ex-administrator to pay \$10,000 fines. Breig and Cheek already have made \$120,000 in restitution to the victims.

Breig and Cheek currently live in Springfield, Mo.

Conviction in fake drugs case

HOUSTON (AP) — A Puerto Rican man accused is of selling fake drugs in Texas has been convicted of a to dozen counts related to counterfeit prescriptions.

Sentencing has been scheduled for Aug. 30 in quicker, which limits the Houston for 41-year-old Luis Angel Garcia Torres of fungus, with the result of a larger proportion of eggs

A federal jury Thursday convicted Torres of conspiring to traffic in counterfeit goods, causing the introduction of misbranded prescription drugs and causing the introduction of counterfeit prescription drugs into interstate commerce.

He was also convicted of trafficking in counterfeit goods, plus misdemeanor counts on misbranded drugs and fake trademarks.

Undercover investigators determined Torres in 2010 used the Internet to obtain and distribute counterfeit drugs for erectile dysfunction.

Torres faces up to 10 years in prison and a \$2 million fine. He's free on bond.

Ex-CFO sentenced for fraud

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (AP) — The chief financial officer of what had been one of the nation's largest private mortgage companies has been sentenced to five years in prison for his role in a \$3 billion fraud scheme.

Forty-one-year-old Delton de Armas of Carrollton, Texas, was CFO of Florida-based Taylor Bean and Whitaker until its 2009 collapse. He is the eighth person convicted in one of the biggest fraud schemes to emerge from the nation's housing crisis, including company founder Lee Farkas, who received 30 years.

The five-year term was less than the seven years

Taylor Bean executives hid billions in debts with phony accounting and by double-selling mortgages it held to various banks.

Taylor Bean's collapse also helped bring down Alabama-based Colonial Bank, the sixth-largest bank failure in U.S. history.



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Texas hosts about 150 grasshopper species, according to Texas AgriLife Extension Service entomologists. This one is a last instar nymph female of the *Boopedon gracile* species, a grass feeder.

Drought still affecting insect populations

ROBERT BURNS
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Service

COLLEGE STATION – Last year's drought is the most likely reason producers are seeing more grass-hoppers and fewer honeybees this year, according to a Texas AgriLife Extension Service expert.

High grasshopper populations are tied to hot, dry weather for a number of reasons, said Dr. Chris Sansone, associate department head and AgriLife Extension program leader for entomology, San Angelo.

"The drought damaged thus creating areas with no to little grass," Sansone "Hatching explained. grasshoppers use these areas to warm up in the spring. The open areas also slow the insect fungus that normally controls grasshoppers. The fungus is one of the main threats small grasshoppers, and the open areas dry out a larger proportion of eggs surviving.

But grasshoppers, being cold-blooded, also thrive with warmer temperatures, he said. Hot weather means their metabolisms run faster, so they eat more and grow faster.

On top these factors, the grasshopper hatch came early this year because of the relatively warm spring, Sansone said.

The best way to control grasshoppers is to spray

when the hatches first start, when control is very inexpensive.

"Insecticides like Dimilin prevent the insects from molting," Sansone said. "The product must be sprayed when the grasshoppers are

product must be sprayed when the grasshoppers are young, before they form wings."

But even in a normal year, "what usually happens is that people aren't paying attention to development, and by June and July we have large grasshopper numbers leaving their habitat in search of food resulting in a constant invasion, and we have to spray every seven to 10 days," he said.

And it was easier to get behind this year as the hatch came a couple of weeks early in many areas due to unseasonably warm weather, Sansone added. "Normally, we said we

need to treat in mid-April, but this year, we needed to treat in mid-March to the first of April," he said. But grasshopper issues,

though horrendous in some areas, still vary throughout the state.

"The state is big enough,

and the conditions are different enough that infestations are not very consistent," Sansone said. "So we have traditional hot spots such as Central

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Texas and around the Stephenville area."

There have also been regional reports of poor honeybee honey-production and low brood numbers. Sansone said this too is most likely a result of the drought.

"There was a large decline in hive strength because of that drought, in my opinion," Sansone said. "I don't think the numbers were high coming into 2012, and I think that is what the beekeepers are experiencing. We had good flower production so you would have thought that nectar production would have been good, but the bee numbers just weren't there."

AgriLife Extension district reporters compiled the following summary:

PANHANDLE: Most of the region received rain, from a trace to as much as 3 inches. Soil-moisture levels ranged from very short to surplus, with most counties reporting short to adequate. Most corn was in good condition; most sorghum fair to good. Cotton was in poor to excellent condition, with most areas

reporting good to fair. About 1,000 acres of cotton was lost in Deaf Smith County to hail last week. Corn was also beaten up,

but very little was a total loss. Wheat was in very poor to excellent condition, with most reported as being fair to good. The wheat harvest will be short in some counties as many acres were harvested as hay or chopped for silage. Rangeland and pastures were in very poor to excellent condition, with most reported as poor. Cattle were in good condition. Thrips were reported in cotton.







Viewpoints

Today in History

Today is Saturday, June 16, the 168th day of 2012. There are 198 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On June 16, 1812, the City Bank of New York (later Citibank) opened for business.

On this date:

In 363, Emperor Julian marched back up the Tigris and burns his fleet of supply ships. During the withdrawal, Roman forces suffered several attacks from the Persians.

In 1567, Mary, Queen of Scots, was imprisoned in Lochleven Castle in Scotland. (She escaped almost a year later but ended up imprisoned again.)

In 1858, accepting the Illinois Republican Party's nomination for the U.S. Senate, Abraham Lincoln said the slavery issue had to be resolved, declaring, "A house divided against itself cannot stand."

In 1903, Ford Motor Co. was incorporated.

In 1904, Irish author James Joyce began a relationship with Nora Barnacle and subsequently uses the date to set the actions for his novel "Ulysses"; this date is now traditionally called "Bloomsday."

In 1911, IBM had its beginnings as the Computing-Tabulating-Recording Co. was incorporated in New York State.

In 1932, President Herbert Hoover and Vice President Charles Curtis were renominated at the Republican national convention in Chicago.

In 1933, the National Industrial Recovery Act became law. (It was later struck down by the Supreme Court.)

In 1941, National Airport (now Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport) opened for business with a ceremony attended by President Franklin D.

In 1952, "Anne Frank — The Diary of a Young Girl" was published in the United States for the first time by Doubleday & Co.

In 1962, The New Yorker published the first of a three-part serialization of "Silent Spring" by Rachel Carson.

In 1963, the world's first female space traveler, Valentina Tereshkova, was launched into orbit by the Soviet Union aboard Vostok 6.

In 1978, President Jimmy Carter and Panamanian leader Omar Torrijos exchanged the instruments of ratification for the Panama Canal treaties.

In 1987, a jury in New York acquitted Bernhard Goetz of attempted murder in the subway shooting of four youths he said were going to rob him; however, Goetz was convicted of illegal weapons possession. (In 1996, a civil jury ordered Goetz to pay \$43 million to one of the persons he'd shot.)

Ten years ago: French conservatives won a landslide victory in legislative elections. A runaway winner again in the U.S. Open following his victory at the Masters, Tiger Woods became the first player since Jack Nicklaus in 1972 to capture the first two major championships of the year.

Five years ago: A North Carolina State Bar disciplinary committee said disgraced prosecutor Mike Nifong would be disbarred for his disastrous prosecution of three Duke University lacrosse players falsely accused of rape. Six people were killed, 22 injured, when a car driven by Australianborn professional drag racer Troy Critchley plowed into a parade crowd in Selmer, Tenn. U.S. astronaut Sunita "Suni" Williams set a record aboard the international space station for the longest single spaceflight by any woman, surpassing the record of 188 days set by astronaut Shannon Lucid at the Mir space station in 1996.

One year ago: U.S. Rep. Anthony Weiner, D-N.Y., announced his resignation from Congress, bowing to the furor caused by his sexually charged online dalliances with a former porn actress and other women. Osama bin Laden's longtime second-in-command, Ayman al-Zawahri, took control of al-Qaida.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Bill Cobbs is 77. Author Joyce Carol Oates is 74. Country singer Billy "Crash" Craddock is 73. Songwriter Lamont Dozier is 71. Rhythm-and-blues singer Eddie Levert is 70. Actress Joan Van Ark is 69. Actor Geoff Pierson is 63. Rhythm-and-blues singer James Smith (The Stylistics) is 62. Boxing Hall of Famer Roberto Duran is 61. Pop singer Gino Vannelli is 60. Actress Laurie Metcalf is 57. Model-actress Jenny Shimizu is 45. Actor James Patrick Stuart is 44. Actor Clifton Collins Jr. is 42. Actor John Cho is 40. Actor Eddie Cibrian is 39. Actress China Shavers is 35. Actress Missy Peregrym is 30. Actress Olivia Hack is 29. Singer Diana DeGarmo ("American Idol") is 25. Pop-rock musician Ian Keaggy is 25.

Thought for Today: "Our memories are card indexes consulted and then returned in disorder by authorities whom we do not control." - Cyril Connolly, British critic (1903-1974).



A little love for our voting process

Primary Colors

The primary election is long past now, so it almost seems superfluous to comment on it.

I help work the election in voting precinct 6 — that's the one held at Zion Lutheran Church — and it's always an impressive day for me.

It's a long day. The polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., and the workers have to set up and take down, so it ends up being about thirteen hours. Several things help to make it an enjoyable day.

To begin with, the people at Zion are so gracious. They see we have everything we need to be comfortable - ice, coffee, access to refrigerators and microwaves, etc. We are not allowed to leave the premises, so this is more important than it may seem on the surface.

Secondly — and these are not ranked in order of importance are the fellow election workers. It can be hectic at times, but everyone keeps their cool. We have training, but it seems like every election there arises at least one incident that's unique. I cannot imagine a better person for the position of Joint Elections Administrator than Gray County's Linda Lewis. (She is responsible for every voting precinct in Gray County, which also includes school districts, water districts, municipalities, and probably others.) She reminds me of a swan — on the surface, a swan glides effortlessly across the water, but underneath its feet paddle like crazy. Linda never appears ruffled, though I know at times she must want to tear her hair out.

Its fun to see people, some of whom I haven't seen in quite some time. I like to see voters come in with their children. And about the most thrilling thing is to see first time voters, many as young as 18. I don't understand people that don't vote. "It doesn't make any difference," they say. "They're all crooks." I agree with them to a degree, but I believe that if I don't

vote, that gives "them" the authority take it away and I won't allow that. Finally and I know this

sounds a little corny - I love watching the process of voting in America.

People line up in an orderly fashion, cast their ballot, and leave to go about their business. Once in a while, an issue arises, but it's usually a misunderstanding of the process. There are no armed guards, no arguments, no fights — just the American system as it was designed to work. I am not naive enough to think that there are no problems with voting anywhere or at any time in America, but generally it is a peaceful process.

WEAVER

Great Day in the Morning

One of the greatest days in American history was March 4, 1797. That was the day John Adams was inaugurated the second President of the United States. George Washington — the father of his country, the leader of his people, the most popular and beloved men in the country — was out, and Adams was in. The whole world watched as the leadership of our great republic passed from one man to another. Not a coup, no dictator with a powerful army of thugs, just a peaceful transfer of power as laid out in the Constitution, and it has been ever thus. May it always be.

Rock Around the Block

Have you driven down Ballard lately? You might be distracted by the construction going on at

First United Methodist, but about a block north there's some excitement, too. Eagle Rock Energy has acquired the former Energas/ Atmos/Mesa Energy building just north of the Chamber of Commerce in the 200 block. I dropped in this week, just to see what was going on. Surprised that there was no receptionist or front office, Bud Taylor informed me they are still in the preliminary stages of getting moved in. It is great to see activity in that building. Kudos to Eagle

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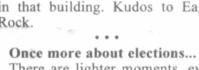
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There are lighter moments, even in the midst of what appears to be

In 2010, we had set up the booths, logged into the computers, posted the electioneering markers, and, at 7:00 sharp, received our fisrt voter. There was some sort of computer glitch. We tried everything we couold think of. We were frantic. Linda Lewis came running (hobbling, actually, as she was on crutches at the time) as soon as she could.

It turns out that there was a code letter defaulted into the computer program that kept it from functioning unless removed by someone with the correct password. The code letter was a "P" for precinct, and Linda — the only one with the password — had to go to every precinct that day and delete that "P" so that everything would work properly — which it did.

I told her we were going to give her the title of Gray County Urologist. Everything started functioning once she got the "P" out!

Joe Weaver is a Pampa resident and a great storyteller. He may be reached at warp.woof@yahoo.com. This column and other observations can be found at http:// warpwoof.livejournal.com

Letter to the Editor

Support PRMC

To the Editor:

Pampa has been my home for fifty years. I have been involved in health care since 1974. During this time Pampa has seen many hospitals in charge of the health care Pampa citizens received.

These past weeks many of my friends have experienced a stay in our "new" local Pampa Regional Medical Center hospital. All were very impressed with the care and attention they received. I personally know many of the staff that served these patients; they are all well trained

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a break, support our new hospital owners. Support your neighbors who work there, seek help in a clean safe hospital. Support a new company willing to

Support Pampa Regional Medical Hospital.

Suzie Wilkinson CEO, Shepard's Crook Nursing Agency, Inc. Pampa

We welcome your letters

To ensure publication, please adhere to the following guidelines:

· Letters should be brief and to the point. All correspondence will be edited for length and clarity.

· All letters must be signed. Submit your name, address and telephone number with the letter for verification. Only your name and city will be published.

 Defamatory comments will not be published. · E-mail submissions are welcome.

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The Pampa News or its staff.

Let's Eat!

Texana's Kitchen: An apple a day...

CHRISTINE FRIESENHAHN Texana's Kitchen

I know that an inordinate number of my posts have lately made reference to boys' piecesparts. It isn't because I have a perverse interest in such things. Rather, it's because when you have boy children, their bits are always getting them into some sort of trouble. It's just always there, in the way, tempting them to mischief. And sometimes it even gets them into trouble without their knowledge or consent.

When Reagan was three, he drank a lot of apple juice. Like a quart a day. Yes, yes, I know. That's a lot of sugar. You don't need to tell me about the damage that so much sugar can do to a kid's teeth. But I bet I can tell you something about it that you didn't know.

Apple Juice...

A Cautionary Tale One day, as I was getting him up and dressed for daycare, I noticed that Reagan had a case of, not sure how I can put this delicately, but his little bits were standing at attention — like a little toy soldier.

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Now, the first time I ever noticed this, I was freaked out. I grew up in a house full of girls, so I didn't know much about those things but I thought I knew enough. Why would a toddler have this, um, situation? I thought this was reserved for males that had reached a certain level of maturity and/or had bikini posters in their room. Not for my baby boy, still sleep-

ing with his teddy bear. But this was not the first time, and by now I was used to this "condition", had figured out it was normal, and no longer questioned my prenatal choices — had I eaten too many eggs, and not enough fruit? So as usual, I got him "situated" in his pull-ups, and dressed, and off we went. Ninety minutes later, as we neared his daycare, he was attempting to stand up in the car, grabbing at his snappycrotched jeans, and looking generally uncomfortable. So I pulled off the road, into a parking lot, and he popped up out of his seat like a jack-in-thebox. He was doing this odd little dance, squirming around. I dropped his drawers only to discover, to my horror, that his little soldier was still at attention. I am not a boy, but

not normal, and probably wasn't a good thing.

I drove past the daycare, and to the emergency room at the Children's Hospital. His triage was curiously short, which should have told me that there was reason for concern. After a while, they hooked his bits up to a plastic bag. Then they plied him with popsicles and Gatorade in an attempt to see if his pipes were working properly. Waiting. More Gatorade. More waiting. More Gatorade. Then finally, the flood gates burst wide open and this tiny child tinkled enough to overflow an adult-sized bag. Almost immediately, his soldier was at ease, and he was happy and

comfortable again. He was released, but had to return the next day to be catheterized. He had to drink that funky radioactive liquid so they could make sure his pipes were functioning properly, and that there were no obstructions or damage from the previous day's festivities. Thankfully, he got a clean bill of health.

As traumatic as the ordeal was for me - it was nothing compared to my shock when I learned the cause. Apple juice. Did you hear me? APPLE

Apparently, his consumption of apple juice led him to develop little sugar crystals in his kidneys. In effect, my baby was passing kidney stones. And while these

I felt certain that this was little crystals were trying to pass, his little bits were in a constant state of stimulation, causing his predicament. From that day forward, his apple juice was diluted 50/50 with

Over the years, as the story has been told, and retold, men hearing it all have the same reaction. Cringe-inducing, wouldn't you think?

Nope, not quite. Usually they look over at their wives and say "Honey, go buy me a bunch of apple juice!"

Cider Glazed Pork, **Parsnips and Carrots** Serves 8

• 1 3-4 pound pork loin roast

• 1/4 cup olive oil

· 6 carrots, peeled · 4-6 parsnips, peeled

· 1 small onion, chopped

• 1 tablespoon salt 1 tablespoon coarse

black pepper

· 4 cups apple cider

· 2 cups water

Heat oil in a large, oven proof dutch oven over medium high heat. Sprinkle roast liberally with salt and pepper, pressing in with your palms. Place meat in hot oil, and brown on all sides. Add vegetables and liquids. Place in 250* oven for 6 hours, or until meat is tender. Remove from oven, and place meat and vegetables on a platter. Slice meat. Bring juices to boil over high heat, and simmer until reduced a bit. Serve over the meat and veg.



The incorrect caption ran with this photo in Friday's edition of The Pampa News. The correct cutline appears below. The Pampa News apologizes for the error.



staff photo by Mollie Bryant

Lori Voss peruses the selection at the new Steele's location that opened Thursday in the Coronado Center.



Vacation Bible School 2012

First Baptist Church Pampa

July 9-13, 2012 9:00 am to 12 Noon 4yrs-6th grade (as of Sept 1, 2011)

Refreshments

Everyone is welcomel Call 669-1155 if you need transportation or if you have questions

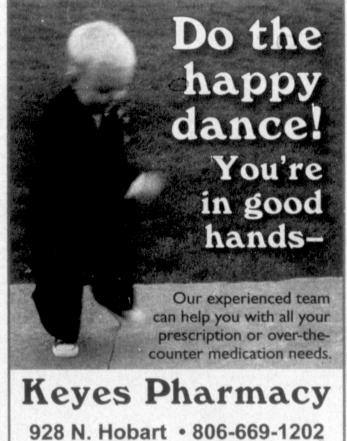
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> Exciting Bible Stories * Music Bible Activities* Crafts



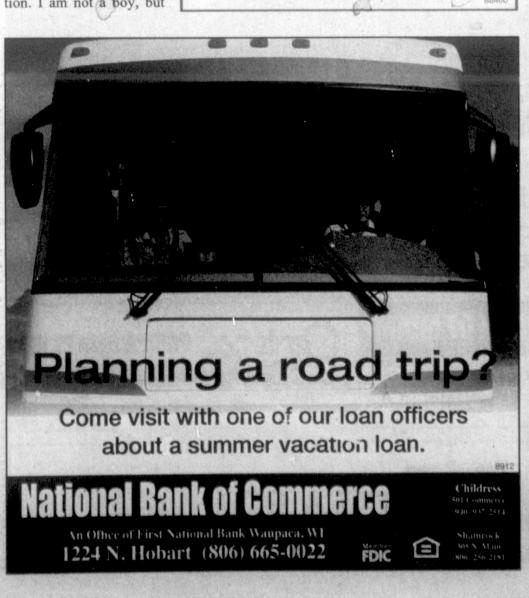
Reregister by July 8 and name will be entered in drawings held during family night.

Call the church office to schedule pick up by one of our vans/buses!



Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

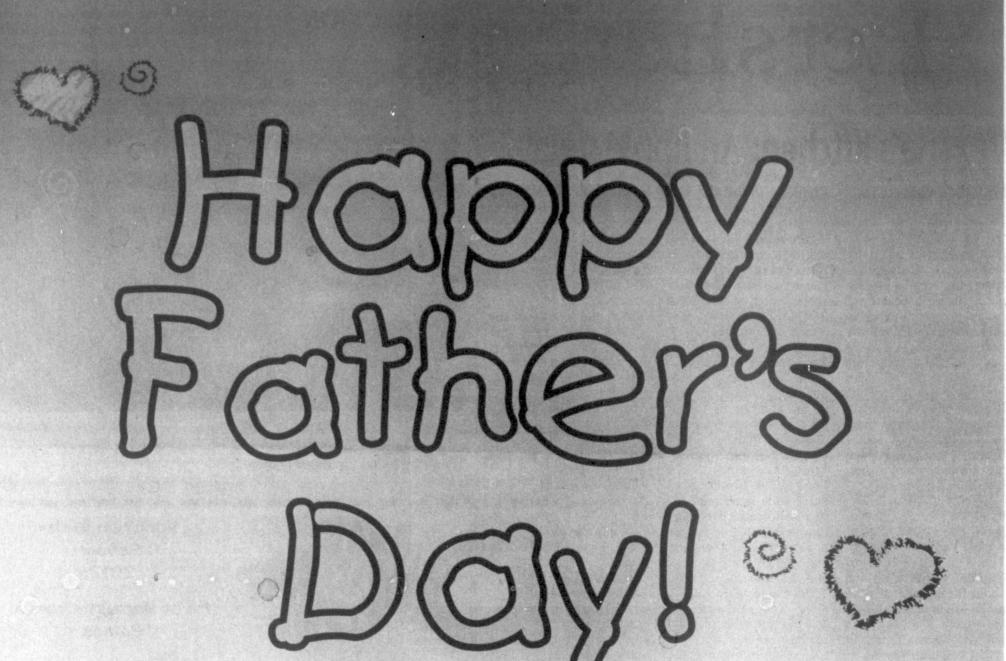
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CHEER EXCELLENCE



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Not even threatening skies could stop Gymnastics of Pampa's competitive cheer squad, House of Cheer, from attending its final competition last month at Frontier City in Oklahoma City. They competed in the Level 2 Small Senior Co-ed Division, earning a first place trophy. Competing for House of Cheer were (back row, from left) Misti Bowers, Vanessa Ontiveros, Madison Meyers, team captain Alexis Valenzuela, Shay Shook, Brian Yates, Kelsey Henry and Casey Sark; and (front row, from left) Analysa Rios, Abigail Ramirez, Samantha Clancy, Gabby Lopez, team captain Victoria Valenzuela, Tristen Winkler, Adamari Lopez and Celeste Ortiz.

CLUB NEWS

Altrusa International. Inc.

Altrusa International, Inc. of Pampa met Tuesday, June 11, 2012 at the First United Methodist Church with President, Pat Johnson presiding. Members recited the Altrusa Grace and the Pledge of Allegiance to the

flag. Kitty Hall and Brenda Guess served as greeters. Shelby Carr attended as a guest of Judy Warner.

The accent was given by Carol Fields about Flag Day on June 14, and proper treatment and disposal of the U.S. flag.

Letters of resignation were received from Sue Pribble and Susan Winborne. Dana Whinery was recommended for membership.

The 2012-2013 budgets for both the Altrusa Club and the Pampa Altrusa Foundation, were approved.

Recommendations from the Board were given on ways to improve attendance, and approved by the member-

Rochelle Lacy, immediate past president announced that final reports for 2011-2012 and award applications have been sent to Altrusa District Nine, and to Altrusa International, Karen Linder, Linda Weaver, Pat Johnson and Evan Smith for assistance on the "Communications" award application. She also thanked Linder for work on keeping track of member volunteer hours. A request for a \$50 matching book grant was also sent to the International office.

Committee Reports:

Allison Watson reported on the ASTRA Installation of new officers on May 31 at the First Presbyterian Church. Parents and six Altrusa members were guests.

Melodie Dosch announced that the Relay

for Life Survivor's Dinner will be Monday, at 6:30 p.m. June 18 at Briarwood Family Center, 1800 West Kentucky. Altrusans will serve, with Barbara Cox Catering providing the

Except for July 4th, Altrusa and ASTRA members will serve "Lunch in the Park" at Lovett Library Inc. Special thanks went on Wednesdays through August 1.

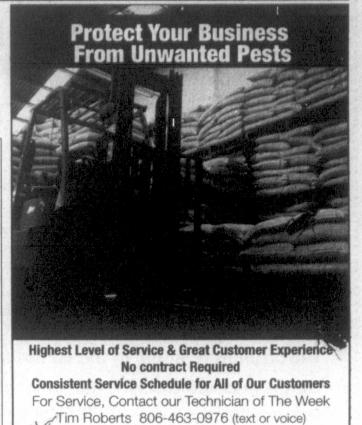
Linda Weaver reported that Altrusa's first annual "Taste of Pampa" fundraiser was successful with 13 vendors and over 200 attendees

Brenda Tucker announced the PHS winners of the Billie Dixon Memorial ASTRA scholarship and the Altrusa scholarship were Elizabeth Terry and Harley Mayfield. The recipient of the ASTRA Club's own scholarship was K'Lyn King. The community winner of the Geraldine Rampy Vocational Award will be presented at the Program

Kitty Hall announced that individuals who are interested might consider attending the Interim Health Care Hospice Training on June

The Brag Basket was passed, then the meeting closed with members recit-

ing the Altrusa benediction. The program meeting will be held Tuesday, June 26 at 6:30 p.m. at First United



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Pampa ISD will hold a public meeting at 5:30PM, June 28, 2012 in The Board Room, Carver Center, 321 W. Albert, Pampa, Texas. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice

Maintenance Tax

\$1.040000/\$100 (proposed rate for maintenance and operations)

School Debt Service Tax Approved by Local Voters

\$0.287900/\$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories.

Maintenance and operations

Debt Service Total expenditure -0.04 % decrease 5.01 % increase

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)

Preceding Tax Year Current Tax Year

\$1,411,485,462 Total appraised value* of all property \$1,299,464,204 \$15,656,280 \$14,291,160 Total appraised value* of new property**

Total taxable value*** of all property \$1,048,894,056 \$1,129,865,702 \$15,656,280 \$14,291,160 Total taxable value *** of new property **

Appraised value is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code. ** "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.

** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$49,518,000

7	Maintenance &	roposed Rates wi	tii Last Teat 5 I	Local Revenue	State Revenue
	Operations	Sinking Fund*	Total	Per Student	Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$1.040000	\$0.328800*	\$1.368800	\$2,424	\$3,767
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$1.040000	\$0.287900*	\$1.327900	\$2,617	\$2,840
Proposed Rate	\$1.040000	\$0,287900*	\$1,327900	\$2,617	\$2,840

The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

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	Last Year	This Year
verage Market Value of Residences	\$49,330	\$50,055
verage Taxable Value of Residences	\$34,330	\$35,055
ast Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$1.368800	\$1.327900
aves Due on Average Residence	\$469.91	\$465.50
ncrease (Decrease) in Taxes		\$4.41

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a rson, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person

votice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.327998. This election will be automatically eld if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.327998

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds essary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment

nance and Operations Fund Balance(s) rest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)

\$7,558,225





photo courtesy of Myrna Orr

The officers of the Twentieth Century Club for the 2012-2013 club year were installed by Nancy Coffee (from left) as follows: Louise Bailey, parliamentarian; Myrna Orr, treasurer; Mary McDaniel, vice-president and Ruth Riehart, president. Not pictured are Barbara Vanderpool, secretary, and Pat Terry, reporter.

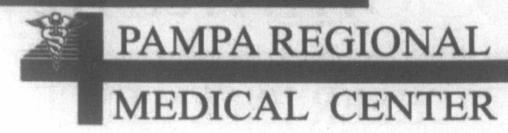


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To the Pampa Regional Medical Center Community:

Prime Healthcare takes great pride in its mission of saving hospitals, saving jobs and savings lives, and we are truly thankful for the welcome that so many in your community have bestowed upon us.

Unfortunately, some in the community have recycled distorted, misleading and since discredited information that is peddled by California unions. We refuse to bow to the unions' unreasonable demands, which would financially destroy critical hospitals that Prime Healthcare saved, and so one union (SEIU-UHW) began a malicious anti-Prime Healthcare campaign. For the union, it's about the money, not the medicine. Now some of the same propaganda has been perpetuated in Texas.

We would like to give you the indisputable facts only:

- Prime Healthcare was recognized in 2012 as one of the 15 Top Health Systems in the nation, based on quality of care, efficiency and patient satisfaction. This is the second time in four years Prime Healthcare was recognized.
- Five Prime Healthcare hospitals in 2012 were rated among the Top 100 Hospitals in the nation.
- Nine Prime Healthcare hospitals were among 14% of hospitals nationwide to be recognized as Top Performers on Key Quality Measures by The Joint Commission

What does that mean? It means that Prime Healthcare, compared to its peers, saved more lives, caused fewer patient complications, made fewer medical errors, followed recommended standards of care more closely, released patients half a day sooner on average and scored better on patient satisfaction surveys. These honors, given by Thomson Reuters, were based, not on flawed union studies, but from public data, using peer-reviewed methods. Hospitals and health systems can't apply or pay for consideration in these studies.

What the negative news about Prime Healthcare didn't report is that SEIU and certain media organizations have made allegations against some Prime Healthcare hospitals, regarding the coding and diagnoses of certain conditions, as part of the union's extortion campaign.

The California Department of Public Health, Joint Commission, the largest Medicare organization in the nation, Healthcare Facilities Accreditation Program (HFAP), the second largest Medicare organization, Health Services Advisory Group (HSAG), a Medicare quality improvement organization, Medicare Recovery Audit Contractor (RAC) and Palmetto, a Medicare fiscal intermediary, have reviewed these allegations and found no evidence to support them.

In addition, the "investigation" regarding patient privacy is related to an isolated incident at one hospital, and we believe that the hospital will be fully vindicated after all of the facts (including the patient's public disclosure of the information) are considered.

Prime Healthcare hospitals are committed to patient privacy and upholding the highest standards of quality healthcare, which is reflected in the numerous awards they have earned, and have not received any adverse findings from federal and state agencies other than findings that all hospitals receive in the ordinary course of business.

Pampa Regional Medical Center is important to the community and important to Prime Healthcare. We are committed to making Pampa Regional Medical Center a true regional medical center for the entire area, so people can receive care locally rather than driving long distances. To this end, Pampa Regional Medical Center and Prime Healthcare have:

- Recruited two board certified OB/GYNs to serve the community;
- Recruited a board certified pediatrician to serve the community;
- Commenced efforts to recruit two primary care physicians and other specialists to the area;
- Reached an agreement to acquire the Genesis Clinic so that it will remain open and accessible to the poor and elderly who rely on it for care;
- Affiliated with a distinguished group of gastroenterologists who have committed to maintaining an office in Pampa and performing GI procedures at Pampa Regional Medical Center; and
- Committed at least \$10 Million for capital improvements at Pampa Regional Medical Center, including a new IT system and new patient care equipment, all of which are designed to improve the quality and efficiency of patient care.

All we ask is that you hold off believing the smear campaign that the California unions are spreading and see for yourself how we transform the Medical Center. Measure us on the merits, not on a union's self-serving media campaign.

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PHS grad Ericson transfers to LCU for basketball

ANDREW GLOVER aglover@thepampanews.com

Garrett Ericson was a talented athlete at Pampa High School being a star in football, basketball and baseball. After graduating in 2011, and attending McMurry University to play baseball, Ericson found that it wasn't his true passion.

"It just didn't pan out like I thought it would," Ericson said. "Once the season got rolling, it was fun. Towards the end, I prayed about it a little and decided it was time for a change."

year, transferring to Lubbock Christian University.

The former Harvester pitcher only appeared in one game, pitching two innings and recording two strikeouts. At his signing, Ericson was promised playing time.

"I was a freshman," Ericson said. "There's a learning curve to it. I wasn't upset with the playing time as I was with the coaching staff and stuff."

Ericson said he put together a basketball highlight tape and drew interest from

Ericson will return to the hardwood this LCU and Wayland Baptist, getting an offer from LCU. The last time Ericson played basketball competitively was at the Golden Spread All-Star game last year representing Pampa.

Ericson said he switched back to basketball because he enjoyed it.

"I always liked coming to the gym and shooting," Ericson. "I enjoyed that more than (baseball and football). All through my freshman year, I played recreational league. I played pick-up games and got five-on-five going."

Ericson didn't lose a year of eligibility, ERICSON cont. on page 3

catching up with

PHS grad Garrett Ericson

so he will be a freshman at LCU and will start on the junior varsity. It's something that Ericson doesn't mind.

"I'm not concerned with what team I'm on or what

CORRECTION

In Friday's boys basketball camp story ("PHS coach Embry excited about Harvesters' future"), Pampa High School basketball players Cory Ponce and Gabe Garcia were incorrectly identified as assisting with instruction at the camp. Ponce helped with the concession stand and did not help with the instruction, while Garcia was not at the camp. The Pampa News apologizes for the error.

We would like your scores

Has the weekly scoreboard looking pretty small lately? That's because we need your scores and stats.

If you are coaching Optimist baseball, softball or any sport, send the stats of your games to The Pampa News to run in the weekend scoreboard. Email stats to sports reporter Andrew Glover by noon Friday at aglover@thepampanews.com.

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Epilepsy Seizure Dog Fund

Schedule of Events

Pancake Benefit 7:00-9:30 am Registration 8:00 am - noon 1st Bike Out 10:00 am Last Bike Out. 1:00 pm Last Bike In 4:30 pm Pulled Pork Feed ... begins at 5:00 pm Awards & Raffles 5:30 pm

In July of 2012, Kathryn began having seizures. After testing, it was determined she suffers from epilepsy. For the past 8 months, doctors have tried numerous medicines to control her seizures and nothing has helped; the seizures became more frequent, up to ten a day, and lasted as long as nine minutes. As a last option, the decision was made to do surgery and remove part of her right frontal and right temporal lobes in an effort to control the seizures. Since surgery on May 8th, the seizures have spread to the left side of the brain, and the medicine is still not working. Kathryn's condition will continue to worsen and she needs a seizure dog to help alert her parents and to help prevent her from falling. Also, her family is facing extreme medical bills, and a move to a house without stairs, as stairs are a danger to Kathryn.

We are so grateful for you help and support!! Call Linda Stanton at 806-835-1400 or Lindy Forsyth at 806-835-2200 for more information.

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Sports

PHS coach Valentine sees improvement in campers

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When Lady Harvester head basketball coach Gene Valentine was in his first year as an assistant, he met what is now his 2013 senior class at Lady Harvester basketball camp.

Now as a head coach, Valentine looks to continue to develop talent in his fourth camp.

"Now, I'm finally starting to see girls go through camp and go through the program," Valentine said.

The camp went from Monday to Friday and about 40 children showed up at Pampa Junior High.

Valentine

"I had more older girls than in the past," Valentine said. "I had some girls that played on traveling teams. It was good."

Valentine said he's had several returning campers, some from out of town.

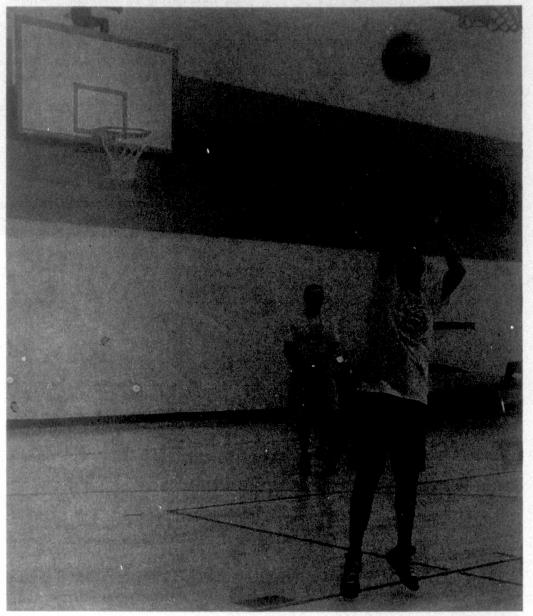
"I got one that came from McLean," Valentine said. "I got one that came from Round Rock that comes every year."

The camp focused on fundamentals. The older children got to learn the Lady Harvesters' offense and defense formations. Valentine said he's noticed development in campers that have previously participated.

"I've gotten to see them mature, grow up and help the program," Valentine said. "That's why we do it."

The Lady Harvesters have made the playoffs twice in the last three seasons. Valentine said he's excited about the program's future.

"I've got a good group this year," Valentine said. "We are playing summer leagues on Tuesday nights. ... I've got a group of fourth and fifth graders that do some traveling in the fall. That starts their understanding of the game and speeds up everything."



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Darin Harkcom, 13, shoots a jumper during a drill at Lady Harvester Basketball camp on Friday at Pampa Junior High as PHS girls head coach Gene Valentine looks on

Fisher's taxing season ends with shot at sixth NBA crown

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — A long, taxing year is coming to a familiar finish for Oklahoma City Thunder guard Derek Fisher.

It all started with him being front and center during the NBA lockout as the president of the players' union. It grew more complicated when the Los Angeles Lakers traded him away after he'd won five championships with the franchise.

Fisher signed on with Oklahoma City, and he's three wins away from achieving his ultimate goal of winning a sixth title. Only 13 players in NBA history have been a part of that many championship teams.

"What it would mean to win a championship means enough by itself without adding what has happened before now," Fisher said. "I think for this particular team and group of guys, this particular organization, there's a lot of meaning that would come from us finding a way to win three more games. So, that's primarily my focus right now. And then for me personally, there are a number of things I just won't choose to reflect on or look into until after this is long done and I can step away from things for a minute."

Fisher was heavily involved in the league's labor dispute, engaging in the conference room discussions that eventually were able to save a season that was in peril. His season took an unsettling turn when the Lakers unexpectedly traded him to Houston and he decided not to go.

Instead, he looked around to identify teams he thought gave him the best chance to win a title and he settled with the Thunder.

Even then, the turbulence wasn't over. The leadership of the NBA Players Association asked for Fisher to resign as president in April, and he refused while questioning the union's business practices under executive director Billy Hunter.

That dispute still looms as Fisher and the Thunder prepare to play Game 3 of the NBA Finals on Sunday night in Miami, with the series tied 1-1. Fisher doesn't expect any resolution until later this summer and he has done his best to keep his sights on the playoffs.

"All in all, for me, these are good problems to have. When you think about how tough it is for people every day, this is not hard at all to be able to try to figure out a way to be able to focus on playing basketball," Fisher said. "I'm healthy. My family's healthy. So, at the end of the day,

if these are the things that I have to deal with to be called tough days, I'll take it."

While Fisher wasn't pleased with how the Lakers handled shipping him out, he made the best of the situation by joining the Thunder — who would eventually eliminate L.A. in the second round of the playoffs. Fisher spent all but three of his first 15 years in the league with the Lakers, winning a handful of championships.

Of the players to win at least six championships, nine — including all-time leaders Bill Russell (11) and Sam Jones (10) — played with the Celtics during their dynasty in the 1950s and '60s. The others are former Fisher teammate Robert Horry (7), Kareem Abdul-Jabbar (6), Michael Jordan (6) and Scottie Pippen (6).

"This is his eighth NBA Finals in 16 years. As a player you wish you can get there once," Thunder coach Scott Brooks said.

"A lot of players have never been there, and he has five championships."

Fisher said he considers Horry — who won titles with the Lakers, Spurs and Rockets — in a "stratosphere all alone." And he says he's not going to rub it in if he's able to win another title and surpass longtime teammate Kobe Bryant, who remains his friend.

"To me, it's kind of sacred ground," Fisher said. "I'm not going there. Some people will but not me."

Yet he still has something to prove. Once he signed with Oklahoma City, he chose the jersey No. 37— the same as his age— to highlight that his advancing years would not be a factor. Brooks says he's still making important contributions on and off the floor.

"I've never been around a player that communicates as well as he does with his teammates, never have. The guy has an incredible knack for saying the right things at the right times," he said. "He's helping this team win this year, and he's going to help this team win many years with all the things that they've took from him this past two or three months."

Whether Fisher will remain with Oklahoma City remains to be seen.

"I'm for sure enjoying my time here. I know for sure that I want to play beyond this year but from there, I haven't put a lot of pressure on myself about thinking about where that is and how that's going

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Paronto, with help from Anguiano, was the winning pitcher. He gave up two runs on three hits in three innings. He struck out five and walked two. Anguiano allowed four runs on one hit. He struck out one while walking three in one inning. Chase Voss and Fry pitched for Glo-Valve. Glo-Valve had the outstanding defensive plays of the game with a catch of a fly ball in deep right field by McCarn to stave off a bases loaded threat in the second inning and a pickoff of a runner at second by catcher, Logan Martindale in the first inning. Duncan, Fraser & Bridges Insurance Agency and Glo-Valve will play Thursday at 5:45 p.m. with the winner to face Cabot at 7:45 p.m. If another game is needed in the double-elimination tournament, it will take place Friday at 5:45 p.m The Pampa Optimist Youth Club is a Pampa United Way agency.

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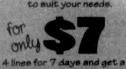
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The Pampa Tomboys pose after winning the 10U Rebel Roaster fast pitch tournament in Amarillo last weekend. Team members include (from left) Preslee Alvey, Brooklyn Hall, Zoe Fry, Emma Gill, Kambry Smith, Karson Parnell,, Allie O'Brien, Mikaela Gonzales, Bethany Jo Roden and Maggie Gill.





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to happen," Fisher said. "Next year is so far away until we figure out a way to win that trophy. Once you win it, of course, the first question out of somebody here will be, 'Can you guys do it again? And

what's going to happen?' That part comes after the job is done and right now we still have a big job ahead of us to try to figure out how to win three more games."

Ericson

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rank they are," Ericson said. "I just want to get the opportunity to play.'

Ericson said he's excited about playing for a solid program.

"They just had a coaching change," Ericson said. "The coach from Lubbock Trinity (high school) took over. He's excited about it. They got some good players"

LCU missed National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) tournament for seven consecutive seasons,

last making it in 2005. Ericson was Harvesters' second leading scorer in 2010-11

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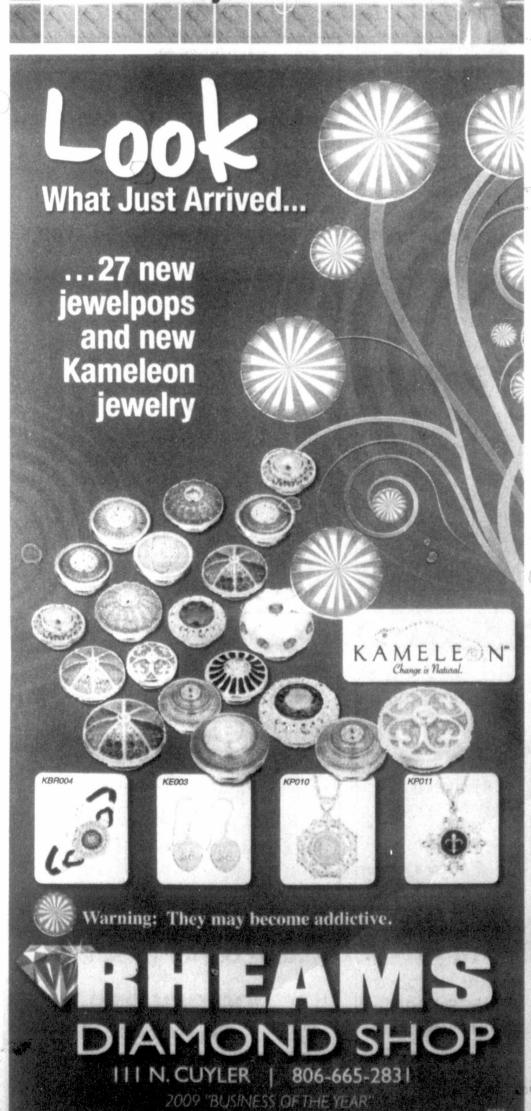
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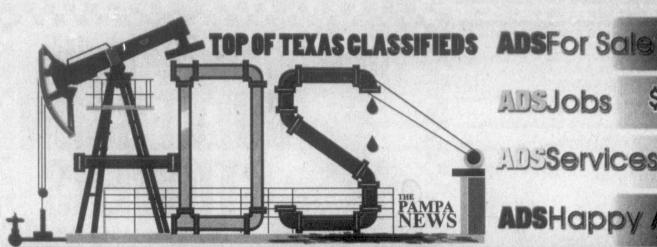
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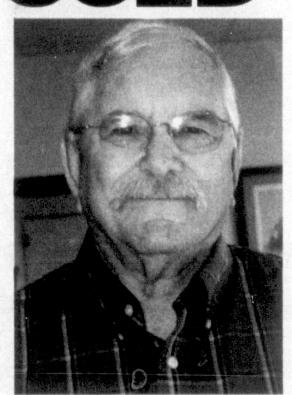
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2241 Charles 1	60,000.	3/2	2685
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1130 Williston St	\$139,500	4/2/2 - 2711 SF/GCAD
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804-806 W. Jackson Ave, WD	. \$120,000	4/2/2 - 2536 SF/CCAD duplex
708 Daffodil, WD	. \$115,000	3/2/2 1772 SF/CCAD
705 E 6th St, Lefors	\$87,900	3/2.50/0 2128 SF/GCAD
		3/1.5/2 1534 SF/CCAD
420 Grove St, McLean	\$75,900	3/1/1 1077 SF/GCAD
400 Wiliston St, WD		
600 W 3rd Av, WD		3/1/1 1104 SF/CCAD
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0	500 W Harvester Av\$350,000 Lots south of United
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	Harvester St
200	FM 2300 & 1-40, Groom .\$145,000 Quonset & 6+/- acres
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	523 W Foster Av\$85,000
	301 & 305 W Foster Av\$75,0003,500 SF/GCAD each
2	23rd & Crescent Dr\$65,000Lot 4 Blk 1 North Crest Sec 1
	Chaumont Addition\$35,000 Lots 1 & 2 Block 2
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	Wall St
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the following request: Christine Griffin requests a specific use permit for a site lying in part of N/2 of section 100. Block 3. I&GN Survey, more commonly known as 3409 N Duncan Street. The applicant proposes to use the permit to install a new mobile home. This property is currently zoned for "agricultural" use and the requested use requires that a specific use permit be granted by the City Commission following a recommendation to grant such a permit by the City's Planning and Zoning Commission.

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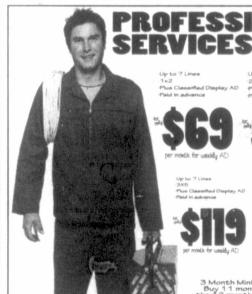
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Sunday, June 17, 2012: This year you naturally are single, you could meet someone who might not in your court. be all that he or she presspending more special time together. A fellow GEMINI might seem very your same veracity.

ARIES (March 21-April

Make long-distance calls early in the morning. Maintain a sense of humor when presents a new beginning. someone gets confused, or you could have a misun-

a situation with boxing gloves, especially around Wednesday.

TAURUS 20-May 20)

research before you donate other party any funds or make an important purchase. Rest assured that you probably naturally. Play it low-key can find a better buy. The question is: Do you want to go through the hassle? Be honest with yourself. Tonight: Your treat.

GEMINI (May 21-June

*** Your energy seem to attract more opti- is irresistible to many mistic people. You also people. There is an aura demonstrate an ability to of confusion, as people handle whatever you must. might not be complet-You gain insight about ing their thoughts. A paryourself as well as oth- ent or someone you look ers. The unexpected keeps up to might be capable 22) your year lively. If you of wild reversals at this point. Tonight: The ball is

This Week: Push hard ents him- or herself to be. Monday and Tuesday, If you are attached, the when you can achieve two of you benefit from more of what you want. CANCER (June 21-July

*** Your focus different, yet he or she has might be completely dedicated to finishing a project. this because your mind *** Your newfound relaxes and worries less optimism and cheer have about the apple of your 23-Nov. 21) an impact on many people eye seeing your vulneryou come into contact with. abilities. Tonight: Make it

This Week: Midweek LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

**** Emphasize derstanding. Tonight: Go what is good in a friend-This Week: Approach negative. By being open, you'll also see a situation in a different light. You could be nearly stunned by what you hear. Tonight: Express your caring in a ** Do some intense meaningful way for the This Week: Monday and

Tuesday, success happens the rest of the week.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept.

This Week: You are on emotional situation. You to lead more often than a roll. Let's see if anyone tend to appear cool, calm many other signs. Tonight:

seem to dissemble in front of you. An older relative or the show. Let them. Go off friend lets you know how much you are appreciated. Tonight: In the limelight.

This Week: Take the

**** Keep reaching out for a friend at a distance -- he or she does not intend to be evasive, nor unavailable. Give this person the benefit of the doubt. Your smiling ways make all the difference. Tonight: Let your spirit

This Week: A partnership plays into the begin-You enjoy working like ning of the week. Enjoy the close connection.

day as clear as possible, with the exception of spending quality time with around. Tonight: your sweetie. When you it is Friday night. express your feelings, this person's response could be a little off. Know that of your naughty ideas to for the element of surprise. ship instead of what is it's not because he or she doesn't care. Tonight: Act

> as if there is no tomorrow. This Week: A close loved one understands you family and those in your better than you realize.

22-Dec. 21)

*** You might want to try a new approach or do something far differ-The only person holding you back is yourself. Perhaps you are making a lessens as the week pro-*** Do not hesi- judgment about what oth- gresses. Romance could tate to take the lead in an ers might think. You need get spicy.

and collected, while others seem to dissemble in front Say "yes" to an invitation.

This Week: Others run and do your thing. CAPRICORN

22-Jan. 19)

*** You could be lead and fully expect suc- well aware of what is happening around you. You LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. also must develop a better health and/or exercise routine. You often pretend that you are doing enough for your well-being. Just be realistic. Tonight: Get a head start on tomorrow.

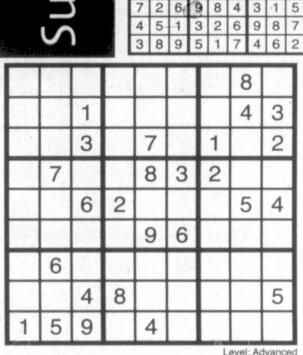
This Week: You work hard, but you will have the option to play hard, too. AQUARIUS (Ja

20-Feb. 18) **** No one needs to tell you what to do. You are in the mood to visit with a special friend SCORPIO (Oct. or two, and you're full of energy. Your caring means **** Keep your more than you think to one person. Note his or her expression when you are around. Tonight: Pretend

This Week: You might decide to keep one or two yourself.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March

★★★ Make today about immediate circle. Yes, a SAGITTARIUS (Nov. neighbor might attempt to nudge his or her way into your schedule. Do what is politically correct, and you will not be sorry. Tonight: ently than you have been. A spontaneous get-together at your pad.
This Week: Tension





ear Abby

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

molested for years by my side of my life and caused my own. several other serious issues, including depression. I took the first chance this, or if it's just a part of I had to leave home and refuse to have contact with my brother. The problem is, I have a younger sister Now I feel pressured and who I'm worried may now like I need to hurry and be in the same position.

I need to talk to her, but I'm not sure how. IN VIRGINIA What do I say? Should I tell her what happened to Do you know where me so she knows she is not alone and to stay away from him? -- SCARED AND WORRIED **ARIZONA**

WORRIED: Talk to your sister about this as quickly as possible. Do it in person, and a way to start they would perform until CALIF. the conversation would they retired. That is no be to ask if he has ever touched her inappropriately. Explain that it happened to you, because it may make it easier for her to tell you if she, too, has been molested. Since ing lives. you are reluctant to talk to your parents about this, contact your local police department and ask to speak to an officer in the sex crimes division. It may set the wheels in motion to prevent your brother from continuing to prey on young women.

If you haven't had counseling to help you deal with what you have suffered, I hope you will consider it. There is also a group, Survivors of Incest Anonymous, a 12-step program that is open to individuals 18 and older who want to go from being victims to survivors. Its website is www.siawso.org. You might find talking with others who have experienced what you have to be both comforting and helpful.

DEAR ABBY: I feel lost. I'll be 18 soon and for the past two years I have felt like my life is going nowhere and won't

DEAR ABBY: I was change. I haven't decided have the same interests what I want to be, and I and aptitudes, so start anyone. It led to poor self- afraid of the future and esteem, ruined the intimate what it will be like to be on

> I don't know if anyone else has felt like growing up. When I was 12, I couldn't wait until I was 18 and on my own. choose what I want to be. Please help me. -- LOST

DEAR LOST: this pressure is coming dancing. It makes me feel from? It's coming from yourself. Years ago, high school students had to times during their work-Not all people

BANANAGRAMS

LEVEL seven-letter word.

Yesterday's Answer:

Add a W to each of the words below and then

AGATES

HAIRED

LEANE

rearrange the letters in each word to form a new

brother and I never told don't want to grow up. I'm thinking about subjects that you like. Visit the library and research how they can be applied. Your future isn't something to be afraid of -- it's something to be explored and enjoyed. You do not have to make any hasty decisions now. DEAR ABBY: We go

to a lot of summer social events. Quite a few of them include a band. I love listening to music and being in a social setting. However, I do NOT enjoy uncomfortable and awkward. When I am asked to dance, I fumble around and decide what they want- make excuses. What can ed to do for the rest of I say when asked, withtheir lives because the out sounding unfriendly workplace was different. or weird? -- TWO LEFT People trained for jobs FEET IN PASO ROBLES, DEAR TWO

longer true. Workers LEFT FEET: How about today must remain flex- this: "Thank you for askible and willing to learn ing, but no. I'm not very new skills because they good at it and it makes me may change jobs several uncomfortable. Would you like to sit down?"

CROSSWORD By THOMAS JOSEPH 41 Boot **ACROSS** 1 Pack full/ parts 42 Hardy

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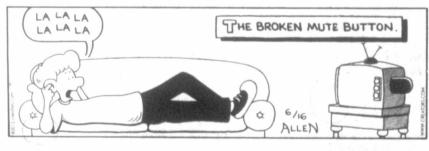
"It's your day! What do you wanna watch first? Doc McStuffins, SpongeBob, Bubble Guppies...?"

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Nest Heads



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18, 2012: This year your ingenuity seems end- ever you need to do. less. You nearly always find a solution -so much so that others often seek you out have enough. If you are single, opportunities to meet people come forward with ease. Date until you find someone significant to your life. If you are attached, do not dominate the relationship, as you sometimes do. might like.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

You seem to be a ball of fire wherever you some exercise, go, no matter what the topic is and no matter who you are discussing it with. Realize that not everyone can handle this much snap, crackle and pop. To be really effec-Try to chill out.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

*** Without intending to be challenging, you come up with a different idea nearly every time someone has a sugges--- order in.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

*** You smile and others respond. Someone close to you might be in a disagreeable mood, which could cause a probfact. Tonight: As you like.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

** Know when to pull back and say little. It appears that nearly anything you you is on the warpath and lets you know might say could be misinterpreted. This might not be the result of your doing, but or trying to make this person laugh simply of others'. Even saying "yes" to something will not work. Make yourself unavailable at could be a problem if someone wants it to a certain point. Tonight: Let the fun begin, be. Use care with machinery. Tonight: Do even if it is Monday. your thing.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

here and there. Rely on your even temperanow. Tonight: Happy at home.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Monday, June ment, and you can buckle down to eliminate what is bothering you. Tonight: What-

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★ You might be bucking the estabwhen they face a problem. Use care with lishment. Curb your sarcasm and anger for your finances, but recognize that on some now. Do not take recent events personally, level, you will always feel as if you do not especially those that occurred in the past few days. You might not feel comfortable, but given time, everything will work out. Tonight: Could be late.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

** Stretch your mind and get an Remember that it takes two to tango. LI- overview. You could feel as if you have BRA tends not to be as responsive as you been pushed or ignored lately. Try to get a perspective on the situation. Strive to detach and understand someone's posi-*** Your passionate side emerges. tion, rather than react in haste. Tonight: Get

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

**** Zero in on what you want. A possessive friend or loved one attempts to point you to his or her "right" path. Others tive, tame down your presentation. Tonight: might be a little too sure of themselves and the validity of their opinions. Say little and

move on. Tonight: With a favorite person. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) *** You could be pushing too hard

for your own good. You simply cannot be tion. Your creativity is great, but others everywhere all the time. You need to zero might not understand that you are trying to in on what needs to happen with a group. be helpful. They might see you as conten- Allow others to take a greater amount of tious. Try subtlety. Tonight: Make it easy responsibility. Tonight: Sort through invitations.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

** Keep reaching out for someone at a distance. This person might be out of sorts and could have difficulty expressing his or lem. You have tried to deal with a home or her real issue. You just might be misfortupersonal matter, but you might be totally nate enough to be in the line of fire. Stay exhausted by the issue. Just recognize that neutral, if possible. Tonight: Relax. Screen your calls.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

*** A partner or someone close to how angry he or she is. Being charming

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

*** Others seem determined to let ** You could be pushed beyond your you know how they feel. You come from normal limits, and your finances might be a very different place - a place that others playing a role in this situation. Only you sense but cannot identify with. Focus on can work it out, perhaps with some advice your personal or domestic priorities right

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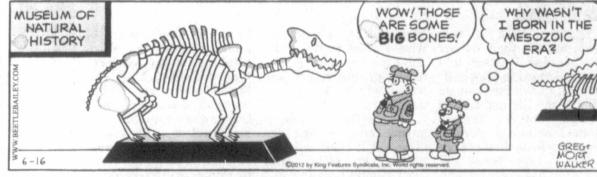
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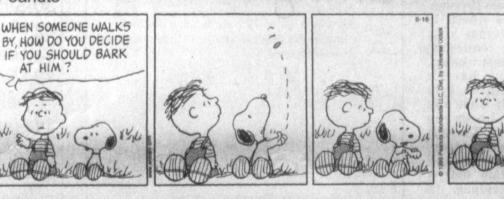
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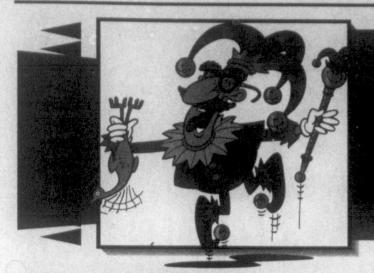
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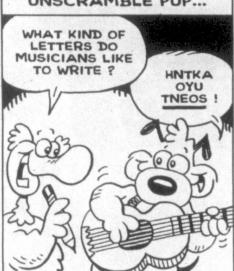
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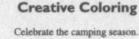
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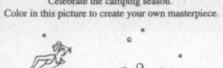
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1967: THE MONTEREY POP FESTIVAL BEGINS.



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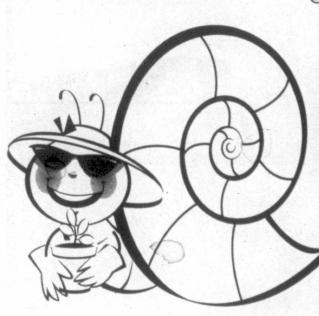
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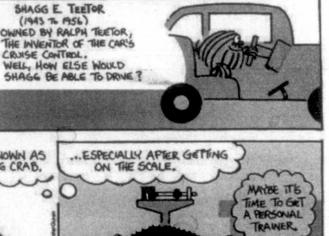


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TODAY, TO LIKE YOU TO MEET ANOTHER MEMBER OF MY FAMILY TREE.

Crossword Puzzle Answers

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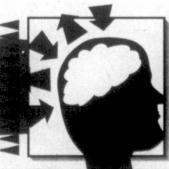
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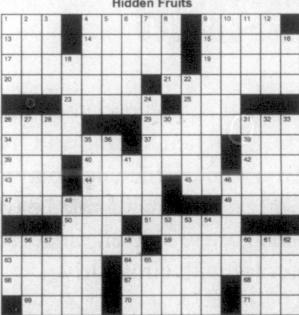
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Creamer Culture Curd

Dairy Farm Ice cream Pasteurized

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Refrigerate Whipped Yogurt



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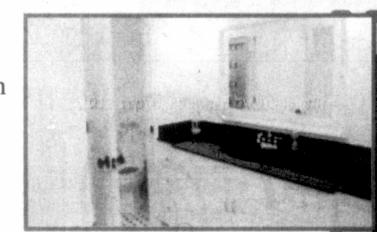
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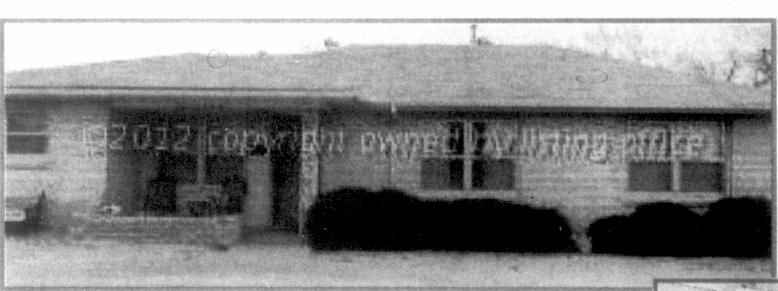
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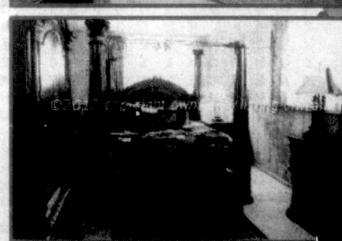


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