

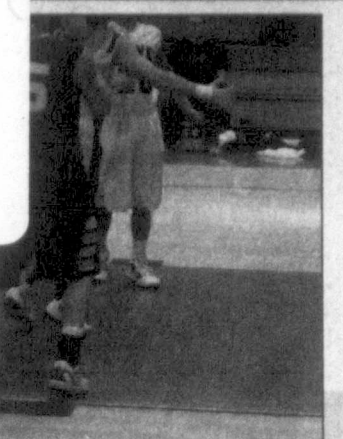
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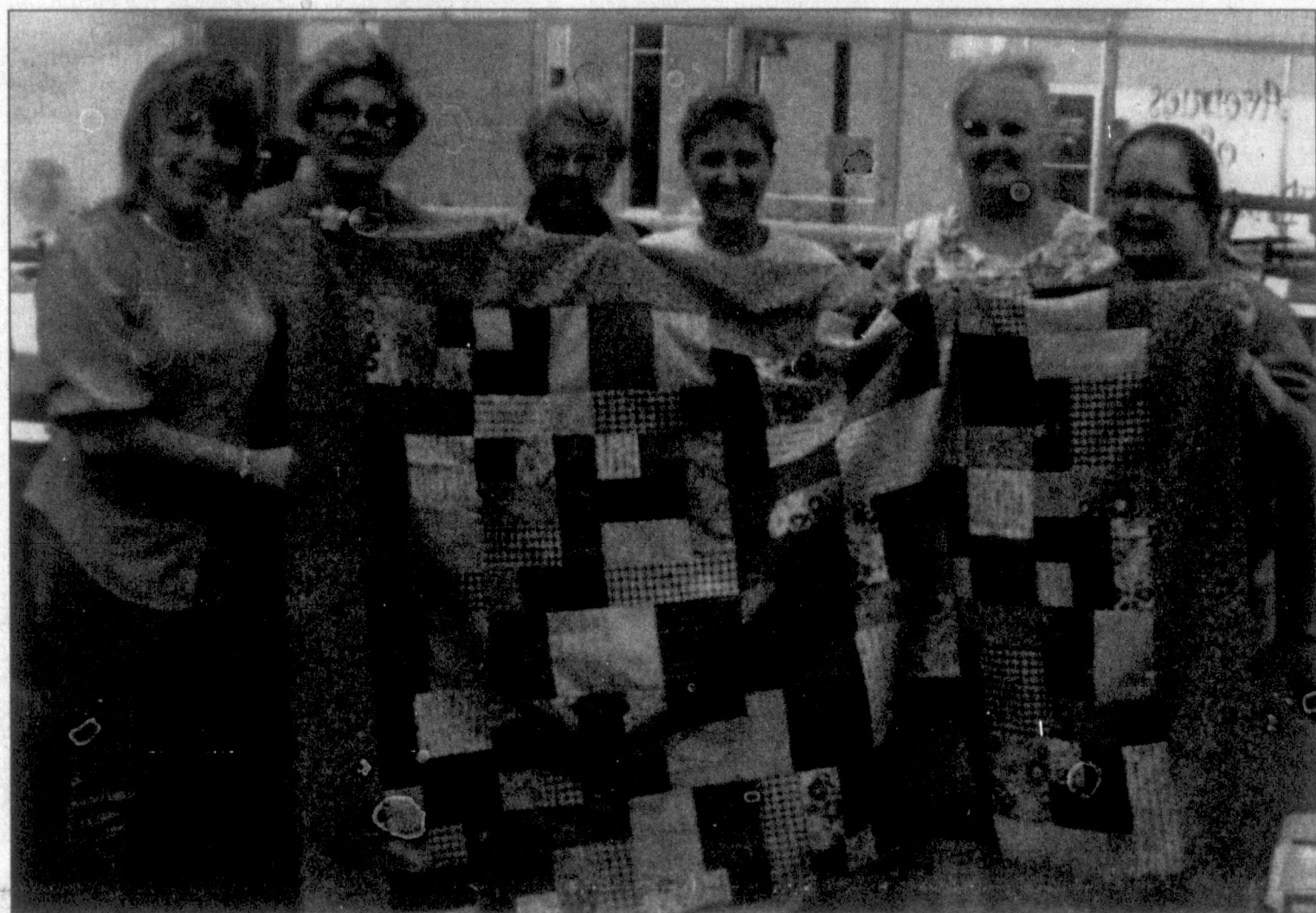


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Debbie Black (from left), Patricia Maddox, Martha Hadley, Kay Pittman, Nelda Martin and Diane Conner display a quilt to be shipped to a servicemember or veteran through the Quilts of Valor Program.

VFW Auxiliary finishes first Quilt of Valor

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The Women's Auxiliary of Pampa's VFW have finished their first Quilt of Valor, a project completed by around 15 women, which will be sent to a combat servicemember or veteran. The red, white and blue quilt will be shipped off in the coming weeks. Nelda Martin of the auxiliary was excited to finish the quilt, which she hopes will comfort whoever receives it.

"We were all just ecstatic, and we brought it and showed it to our men's VFW, and they were thrilled that we were doing something like that," she said.

The group recently registered with Quilts of Valor at www.qovf.org, where people can sign up as a group or an individual.

Diane Conner of the auxiliary said the group was touched by stories from the website.

"It brought tears to everybody's eyes, the letters from the guys just saying somebody cared, and you don't have to be physically handicapped to get this quilt, because you can have PTSD or anything else mentally," she said. "There are different things associated with being in war and combat, and ... there's more emotional stuff too."

"Spouses know, because some of them have been married to Vietnam vets and

World War II vets. It doesn't just pertain to the guy. Sometimes, it's the whole family."

The women approached the quilt as a group effort, finding a job for everyone who wanted to help, regardless of her experience quilting.

"Some would help the other ones sew or get their sewing machines straight, just little things," said Conner. "But it's really neat, because some of us know a little bit more and some of us actually do a lot of quilting. Everybody helped each other, and it was really cool, and you got new friends, because you got to visit with some of the ones you didn't know, and you got to know them better."

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Reception for PRMC's Morse at Chamber

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A reception will be held at the Pampa Chamber of Commerce for Pampa Regional Medical Center's CEO Brad Morse and the hospital staff tomorrow from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.

The reception will be hosted by the Chamber, City of Pampa, Gray County, Pampa Economic Development Corporation, Pampa Young Professionals, as well as several other local businesses, including The Pampa News.

"I'm looking forward to hosting the reception for Prime Healthcare Services," said Jane Steele, executive director of the Chamber. "The hospital is a vital part of our economy in Pampa, and a lot of businesses in Pampa depend on it."

"It's a wonderful opportunity for the community to have a full-fledged hospital, and we really want to welcome them."

Other local officials and businesspeople are echoing Steele's welcome.

"I'm so excited Prime has bought the hospital," said Bill Hite, owner of Heard-Jones Health Mart, a co-sponsor of the reception. "It's a real plus for the town. I've met Brad Morse, and what he will do for the hospital will be the best thing for a long time. It will be good for Pampa and the eastern Panhandle."

"The hospital's extremely important for the community," said Pampa mayor, Brad Pingel. "I met with Brad, and think he is going to be a great asset."

"I'm very excited," said Gray County Judge Richard Peet. "I've met with Brad, and look forward to working with him and making progress for the medical community."



Morse

City commission considers changes to solicitation ordinance

Current law potentially too restrictive for solicitors

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The city is considering new rules when it comes to solicitors, and will pass a new ordinance with a second favorable vote by the commission.

Under the new law, solicitors would be able to sell goods between the hours of 10 a.m. and either 6 p.m. or sunset, whichever is later.

They are, however, prohibited from selling their wares on Sundays or holidays, including Halloween. Solicitors also wouldn't be allowed to remain on a property with a clearly posted "no soliciting" sign.

The new ordinance is similar in practice to a law enacted by Flower Mound, a suburb of the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex. The change was spurred by an inquiry from an outside company challenging the constitutionality of Pampa's current solicitation ordinance.

Lee Waters, Pampa city attorney, believes the hours allowed in the current law could be interpreted as too restrictive.

"There are valid objectives for solicitation ordinances, which primarily are for the prevention of crime and to protect the privacy of our citizens, but solicitors also have rights for free commercial speech, and restrictions on their rights have to meet certain guidelines," he said during the city commission meeting yesterday afternoon.

Those who violate the proposed ordinance would face a fine of \$500.

Also, Pampa approved a social media policy that prohibits employees from posting anything poten-

tially damaging to the city's reputation.

City employees also may not post confidential information or opinions that could be perceived as views of the city itself.

The policy also adds that the city may monitor its employees' social media profiles.

"Because of the use of social media, there's been occasion when cities and employees of cities have created an unwanted atmosphere, and in some cases, even to the extent where there's lawsuits," said Richard Morris, city manager.

In other business, commissioners:

- approved a grant application for the Texas Community Development Program;
- approved on first reading an ordinance that would grant a permit for a new HUD-Code manufactured home; and
- approved a bid for property at 315 West Kingsmill, in the amount of \$1,211.

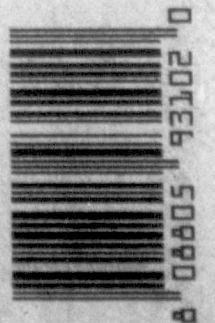
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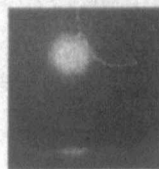

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Today	Thursday	Friday
		
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Today: Sunny and hot, with a high near 101. South wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Tonight: Clear, with a low around 70. South wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Thursday: Sunny and hot, with a high near 100. South southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Thursday Night: Clear, with a low around 69. South wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

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Police Department

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 72 hour period ending Monday, June 25 at 7 a.m.

Pampa PD reported 35 traffic-related incidents.

Pampa EMS, the Pampa Fire Department, Pampa PD, the Lefors Volunteer Fire Department and the Lefors Volunteer EMS responded to 19 medical calls.

Animal Control agents and the Pampa PD reported 12 animal-related incidents.

Friday, June 22
A theft occurred at the 1100 block of Willow.

Criminal mischief occurred at the 400 block of Aft.

An accident occurred at Foster and Somerville.

A theft occurred at the 500 block of North Frost.

An assault occurred at the 2900 block of North Rosewood.

An accident occurred at the 700 block of East Frederic.

A theft was reported at the 500 block of North Faulkner.

A suspicious person was reported at the 1000 block of South Huff and the 1300 block of North Coffee.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 200 block of South Miami.

A domestic disturbance occurred at the 1100 block of Cinderella.

Disorderly conduct occurred at Kentucky and Hamilton and the 1600 block of West Somerville.

A suspicious person was reported at Cuyler and Craven.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 100 block of East Harvester and

the 1900 block of North Banks.

Saturday, June 23
A suspicious vehicle was reported at the 700 block of East Locust.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 500 block of North Gray.

A violation of city ordinance occurred at the 400 block of North Wells.

A suspicious person was reported at the 100 block of West Foster.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 700 block of Locust.

A domestic disturbance occurred at the 100 block of Village.

A theft occurred at the 700 block of East Craven.

Thefts occurred at the 100 block of Village, the 700 block of East Craven and the 800 block of North Wells.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 2400 block of North Evergreen.

A theft occurred at the 2200 block of North Aspen.

Criminal trespassing was reported at the 1400 block of North Hobart.

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

A grass fire occurred at the 400 block of North Nelson.

An accident occurred at Highway 273 and I-40.

A domestic disturbance occurred at the 1400 block of East Browning.

Suspicious persons were reported at the 900 block of South Nelson and the 600 block of North Zimmers.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 1500 block of North Duncan.

Suspicious vehicles were reported at the intersection of Terrace and Starkweather and the 800 block of West Brown.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 1000 block

of Neel.

A domestic disturbance occurred at the 300 block of Sunset.

Suspicious persons were reported at the 2200 block of North Chestnut and the 1100 block of North Hobart.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 300 block of Sunset.

A domestic disturbance occurred at the 300 block of Sunset.

A suspicious vehicle was reported at the 700 block of East Kentucky.

Sunday, June 24
A suspicious person was reported at the 400 block of South Gillespie.

A domestic disturbance occurred at the 300 block of Sunset.

A suspicious person was reported at the 1600 block of East Highway.

An assault occurred at the 100 block of South Starkweather.

A theft occurred at the 900 block of South Wells.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 100 block of West Foster and the 1800 block of North Banks.

A domestic disturbance occurred at the 1100 block of South Christy.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 2200 block of Perryton.

A violation of city ordinance occurred at the 100 block of South Wells.

A suspicious vehicle was reported at the 600 block of Wall.

A suspicious person was reported at the 500 block of North Wells.

A domestic disturbance occurred at the 1400 block of North Somerville.

Criminal mischief occurred at the 300 block of South Jean.

A burglary occurred at the 300 block of North Dwight.

A threat occurred at the

200 block of Miami.

A threat occurred at the 700 block of North Christy.

Monday, June 25
Disorderly conduct occurred at the 100 block of Village.

Suspicious persons were reported at the intersection of Faulkner and Alcock and the intersection of Francis and Cuyler.

Sheriff's Office

Friday, June 22
Amber Janine Hobbs, 34, was arrested by deputies for purchasing or furnishing alcohol to a minor.

Brandy Michelle Peden, 36, was arrested by deputies for abandoning or endangering a child.

Albert Christopher Tambunga, 21, was arrested by deputies for public intoxication.

Kevin Brad Burton, 31, was arrested by police for assault causing bodily injury.

Travis Nicholas Tambunga, 19, was arrested by police for public intoxication.

Saturday, June 23
Juan Carlos Silva, 38, was arrested by deputies for hindering prosecution.

Andie Taylor Hubenak, 17, was arrested by police for evading arrest or detention, resisting arrest, search or transport, burglary of a building and criminal trespass of a habitation.

Saturday, June 23
Jason Collin Harlan, 31, was arrested by police for theft under \$50, failure to maintain financial responsibility and no driver's license.

Francisco Bocanegra, 29, was arrested by DPS agents for driving while intoxicated.

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Texas awaits ruling on health care law

Power demand surges with heat

DALLAS (AP) — Texas officials say the heat is on for 2012.

A spokeswoman for the electric distribution grid for most of Texas says power usage on Tuesday set a record for June and July.

Robbie Searcy with the Electric Reliability Council of Texas says "summer is here in full swing" after Tuesday's peak statewide usage surpassed 66,500 megawatts for the first time this year.

The number eclipsed a June record set Monday of 65,000 megawatts.

A spokesman for the National Weather Service says temperatures climbed above 100 across most of the state. Heat advisories were issued for large pockets across Texas.

Victor Murphy says the state should expect hotter-than-normal temperatures this summer, but not nearly as warm as record-setting 2011.

Texas may appeal EPA ruling

HOUSTON (AP) — Texas officials say they are considering an appeal after a federal appeals court upheld the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's rules on greenhouse gases.

State Attorney General Greg Abbott has often opposed the EPA, and led a legal charge from Texas against the first-ever rules designed to regulate gases considered to be prime contributors to climate change.

After a three-judge panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals in Washington on Tuesday backed the EPA, Abbott slammed the decision. He says "it failed to rein in the unelected bureaucrats at the agency who are holding our country's energy independence and fragile economy hostage to a radical environmental agenda."

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Chairman Bryan Shaw says the rules will be a "burden on jobs and the economy."

Army Corps approves pipeline

HOUSTON (AP) — The Army Corps of Engineers has approved part of a Canadian company's plan to build an oil pipeline along the Texas Gulf Coast.

The corps said in a letter Monday that TransCanada has approval for a 115-mile portion of pipeline near Galveston. The company still needs approval for two other sections of the 485-mile line designed to transport oil to Texas refineries.

TransCanada is pursuing this portion of the pipeline as it awaits federal approval for Keystone XL, a more ambitious plan to build a cross-border 1,700-mile pipeline to carry oil from Canada's Alberta region to Texas refineries. The proposal has hit several roadblocks, and the company is rerouting the line to avoid an environmentally sensitive area of Nebraska.

If that is approved, the two pipelines will connect.

Texas man accused of biting dog

WACO (AP) — A Texas man is accused of beating, strangling and starting to eat his family's dog after chasing a neighbor on his hands and knees while barking and growling.

Michael Terron Daniel of Waco was charged with felony cruelty to a non-livestock animal in the fatal attack against the dog.

Daniel remained jailed Tuesday, a day after his arrest stemming from a June 14 incident. Waco police say a caller reported that a man was going crazy.

Officers say they arrived and found Daniel on the porch covered in blood and holding the dead dog.

Police say Daniel had told people at the home he had taken K-2, which is synthetic marijuana, then assaulted them and started biting the dog's flesh.

McLennan County Jail records don't list an attorney for Daniel.

Trucker beats alleged burglar

HOUSTON (AP) — Authorities say a trucker beat to death a 60-year-old man he found burglarizing his 18-wheeler parked in Houston.

The Harris County Sheriff's Department says a trucker had parked his vehicle shortly before midnight Monday and returned with his wife later to find two men burglarizing his 18-wheeler.

Deputies tell Houston television station KHOU the suspects fled, but the truck driver caught one of them. Deputies say the two fought and the suspect tried to hit the trucker with a metal bar. They say the trucker snatched the metal bar from the suspect and beat him with it.

Deputies say the suspect was taken to the hospital, where he later died.

The second suspect fled into the woods and has not been found. No identities were released.

DALLAS (AP) — The federal government may have to implement a major provision of President Barack Obama's health care overhaul in Texas since the state's conservative leaders are steadfastly opposed to it. But one state agency has fulfilled parts of the law and said it's prepared to move forward if the law is upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court.

Gov. Rick Perry and other Republican leaders have blasted the measure since Obama signed it in March 2010, though they've offered few solutions on how to drive down health care costs if the high court revokes the law Thursday. A quarter of Texas' population — about 6.2 million people — is uninsured.

Texas, among several states challenging the law, has lagged in implementing some of the law's major provisions, including setting up a state health care exchange that would serve as an insurance marketplace for people and small businesses to buy coverage. Texas received a federal grant to establish the network, but has shown little evidence of implementing the plan.

The Texas Health and Human Services Department will be responsible for the Medicaid expansion under the law, and it blames the federal government for not providing all the necessary details to comply.

"Whether (the law) is

upheld or struck down or something in between, we're going to need more guidance from the federal government on how to implement some of these really complex changes the law makes," department spokeswoman Stephanie Goodman said.

"But assuming they get us that guidance ... we've been planning all this time for the various contingencies and will be ready to act, whatever the court decides."

Goodman said the agency has met deadlines for some requirements, such as implementing a tobacco cessation benefit for pregnant women on Medicaid. In addition, at least 5,700 Texans are participating in a federally mandated insurance plan for those with pre-existing conditions, though the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services is running that program instead of Texas.

Health care advocates say the state is far from ready to implement all the law's provisions if the Supreme Court upholds the law.

"(Texas has) a lot of work to do," said Anne Dunkelberg, associate director for the Center for Public Policy Priorities, an institute focused on improving public policies for low- and moderate-income Texans. She said the state "has done a few things to prepare but put some things on hold."

For example, she said, the state has not picked

a minimum standard for health care services that every insurance plan must cover starting in 2014. It also doesn't have in place laws to help the Texas Department of Insurance enforce the law.

She also noted that the state has not addressed creation of the health care exchange, even though every state is required to submit a plan to the federal government by Nov. 16.

The federal government will implement the system by 2014 if Texas does not comply in time, said U.S. Department of Health spokesman Keith Maley.

According to the federal agency's website, the Texas Department of Insurance received a grant to help plan the exchange but would not elaborate on its preparations. State insurance spokesman John Greeley would only say the agency was "working closely with state leadership to consider the range of options and implications for the state while monitoring litigation that challenges the constitutionality of the federal reform laws."

Meanwhile, state leaders continue to lobby against the law.

Perry said Tuesday at an event in a Dallas suburb that states should be allowed to come up with the best programs for their citizens and make the private sector as free as they can. Texas Attorney General Gregg Abbott contends Congress can't

force Americans to buy a product and predicted more litigation if the Supreme Court upholds the law.

Neither offered specific plans on how the state could help provide more affordable health care. And some residents doubt they would be able to.

Rochelle "Shellie" Lyon, 70, of Franklin, said she will be closely watching what the Supreme Court does. She said she and her husband have appointments Thursday for preventative check-ups, which are covered by Medicare under the new law. She said that her husband also has benefited from a rebate to help cover prescription drug costs of those that fell into the "donut hole."

"I was on razor-edge when the bill was passed," she said. "I cared so much about seeing a comprehensive health plan go through. I'll be on pins and needles seeing what the Supreme Court does, but I'm not at all optimistic."

Stand your ground testimony ends

HOUSTON (AP) — The wife of a man who claimed Texas' version of a stand-your-ground law allowed him to fatally shoot a neighbor told jurors Tuesday her husband is very remorseful about the deadly incident.

Raul Rodriguez, 46, faces up to life in prison after being convicted of murder in the 2010 killing of Kelly Danaher.

"I hear him cry at night. I hear him have dreams and nightmares about what happened ... it tears him

up. He's not the same," said Donna Rodriguez, one of the last witnesses to testify in the punishment phase of her husband's trial. Both Rodriguez and his wife cried as she spoke.

Closing arguments in the punishment phase were set for Wednesday with jurors then expected to begin deliberating Rodriguez's sentence.

Rodriguez, a retired Houston-area firefighter, went to Danaher's home to confront him about the noise coming from a

birthday party there. He got into an argument with Danaher, a 36-year-old elementary school teacher, and two other men who were at the party.

In a 22-minute video he recorded the night of the shooting, Rodriguez can be heard telling a police

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On June 27, 1942, the FBI announced the arrests of eight Nazi saboteurs who had been put ashore in Florida and Long Island, N.Y. (All were tried and sentenced to death; six were executed while two were spared for having turned themselves in and cooperating with U.S. authorities.)

On this date:

In 1787, English historian Edward Gibbon completed work on his six-volume work, "The History of the Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire."

In 1844, Mormon leader Joseph Smith and his brother, Hyrum, were killed by a mob in Carthage, Ill.

In 1846, New York and Boston were linked by telegraph wires.

In 1893, the New York stock market crashed.

In 1922, the first Newberry Medal, recognizing excellence in children's literature, was awarded in Detroit to "The Story of Mankind" by Hendrik Willem van Loon.

In 1944, during World War II, American forces liberated the French port of Cherbourg from the Germans.

In 1950, the U.N. Security Council passed a resolution calling on member nations to help South Korea repel an invasion from the North.

In 1957, more than 500 people were killed when Hurricane Audrey slammed through coastal Louisiana and Texas.

In 1972, the video game company Atari, Inc., was founded by Nolan Bushnell and Ted Dabney in Santa Clara, Calif.

In 1977, the Supreme Court struck down state laws and bar association rules that prohibited lawyers from advertising their fees for routine services.

In 1985, the legendary Route 66, which originally stretched from Chicago to Santa Monica, Calif., passed into history as officials decertified the road.

In 1991, Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall, the first black to sit on the nation's highest court, announced his retirement. (His departure led to the contentious nomination of Clarence Thomas to succeed him.)

Ten years ago: In a landmark church-state decision, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled, 5-4, that tuition vouchers were constitutional. The Group of Eight nations concluded a two-day summit in Alberta, Canada, by announcing aid packages for Russia and Africa. John Entwistle, the bass player who'd co-founded The Who, was found dead in a Las Vegas hotel room; he was 57.

Five years ago: Former Treasury chief Gordon Brown became British prime minister, succeeding Tony Blair. In her first televised interview since being released from custody, a demure Paris Hilton told CNN's Larry King she would never again drink and drive and that her time in jail was "a time-out in life."

One year ago: Former Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich was convicted by a federal jury in Chicago of a wide range of corruption charges, including the allegation that he'd tried to sell or trade President Barack Obama's U.S. Senate seat. (Blagojevich was later sentenced to 14 years in prison.) International judges ordered the arrest of Libya's Moammar Gadhafi for murdering civilians. Venus and Serena Williams were eliminated in the fourth round of Wimbledon, the first time in five years that neither sister advanced to the quarterfinals at the All England Club. Actress Elaine Stewart, 81, died in Beverly Hills, Calif., after a long illness.

Today's Birthdays: Business executive Ross Perot is 82. Former Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt is 74. Singer-musician Bruce Johnston (The Beach Boys) is 70. Fashion designer Vera Wang is 63. Actress Julia Duffy is 61. Actress Isabelle Adjani is 57. Country singer Lorrie Morgan is 53. Actor Brian Drillinger is 52. Writer-producer-director J.J. Abrams is 46. Sen. Kelly Ayotte, R-N.H., is 44. Olympic gold and bronze medal figure skater Viktor Petrenko is 43. TV personality Jo Frost ("Supernanny") is 42. Actor Yancey Arias is 41. Actor Christian Kane is 38. Actor Tobey Maguire is 37. Gospel singer Leigh Nash is 36. Actor Drake Bell is 26. Actor Ed Westwick is 25. Actress Madylin Sweeten is 21. Actor Chandler Riggs ("The Walking Dead") is 13.

Thought for Today: "Conversation enriches the understanding, but solitude is the school of genius." — Edward Gibbon, English historian (1737-1794).



The importance of the 'luck' factor

Whenever an overly generous soul praises me for my alleged "success," I thank them and gently remind her (and myself) of the unearned luck of my life.

Consider the following: I was born during the Great Depression, after the nation's birthrate had reached a new low, and I was one of approximately 11 people born that same year. This meant that when I graduated from high school, college admissions offices — desperate to fill empty dorms and classrooms — were eagerly recruiting almost anyone who wasn't under indictment or detox, and maybe some who were.

This also meant that when I got out of college and the Marine Corps, and sought to enter the revered "private sector," it was the decade of the 1960s, during which the gross national product of the United States was actually doubling — and because there were so few people in my generational cohort, for us lucky ones there were almost more jobs than there were young people to fill them.

Yes, through nothing I ever did or deserved, I was born an American in the United States to smart, loving, funny parents who loved each other and their children, and who expected their kids to do well in school, to go to college and to graduate. Despite rheumatic fever and other childhood diseases, I grew up healthy. Quite simply stated, through nothing I did, I won the lottery!

This all came back to me after I read Pete Wehner's reaction to one question in the most recent "Trends



MARK SHIELDS

George H.W. Bush, before becoming director of White House initiatives for George W. Bush. Take my word for it: Pete Wehner is a good guy who qualifies as an authentic "compassionate conservative" in his commitment to helping those who have not been winners in life's lottery.

The Pew poll asked respondents if they agreed with the statement, "It is the responsibility of the government to take care of people who can't take care of themselves." In 1987, when Ronald Reagan was president, a big majority of Republicans — some 62 percent — agreed that government did in fact have that affirmative responsibility to care for those much less fortunate. But in 2012, barely 40 percent of self-identified Republicans believe that government has the same responsibility toward our fellow Americans. By contrast, 75 percent of Democrats and 59 percent of political independents back the government's responsibility to intervene.

Wehner wrote: "Taken literally, this question means a solid

majority of Republicans" does not believe "government should take care of people who are suffering from dementia, Down syndrome, crippling disease or debilitating war wounds. ... Government has no affirmative duty to care for those who are defenseless, vulnerable, handicapped and have hit hard times through no fault of their own."

Of course, Republicans, if asked, would overwhelmingly support aid to those wounded in war. But I think the answer reflects two facts of our contemporary culture. First, the question politicians ask and we, voters, answer — "Are you better off than you were four years ago?" — is too self-centered and self-absorbed. The question we, citizens, ought to instead ask is: Are WE better off? Are the strongest among us more just? Are the weakest among us more secure?

"The measure of our progress," as a genuinely great American leader reminded us, "is not whether we add more to the abundance of those who have much but whether we provide enough for those who have too little."

The second fact? How truly lucky — that's right, lucky — we who are able to take care of ourselves actually are.

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Letter to the Editor

We will never forget your kindness

To the Editor:

My girlfriend Stephanie and I were on our way in a move to Indiana traveling from where we lived outside of Phoenix, Ariz.

We had everything we owned between our truck and trailer when outside of Amarillo, my transmission went out, causing my back wheels to lock up, suddenly stranding us on a highway in the middle of the night where raging semis barely missed from hitting us outside thick blackness.

About an hour later, they got in to tow us in at Bob Douthit Auto Wreckers in the town of Pampa. My girlfriend and I had limited money

and I knew I couldn't afford any big repair on my own, hoping it would be small and that they might bill me later upon repair. My bad luck continued as it turned out to be one of the most major car repairs there was.

Not knowing what I was going to do, I thought I was in too deep when some people in the local town decided to pull together and actually help.

Us being from a bigger city and accustomed to noncaring and selfish people, we were surprised to find such good Christian folks who would do so much for us.

Kurt from Frontier Fuel Co. was moved by God to help and speak to Steve, the boss of Utility Tire and Auto Repairs on our behalf. He informed us not to worry because a group of people from church would not only pay the mechanic's bill we could not afford, but put us up in a

motel for as long as it took for them to fix our truck. They have taken us in and paid our motel stay and even food in addition to working hard on our truck.

Steve, the manager of his auto shop, drove all the way to Amarillo just to tune up the part I needed for my truck. Stephanie and I would like to thank God first and foremost for your town and the people who have helped us.

We want to say thank you to Kurt and Steve and to the First Assembly of God on Brown St., to the pastors there, Sister Shirley and niece. We want everyone to know that we will never forget as long as we live what you have done to help.

Sincerely,
Jared Emerson and
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Bomb plot prosecutors end testimony; defense also rests

AMARILLO (AP) — The Saudi man accused of attempting to use a weapon of mass destruction said he would get "maximum satisfaction" and be "smiling" after carrying out a terror attack against Americans, according to a recording played in court Tuesday.

Prosecutors capped three days of testimony with the recording of Khalid Ali-M Aldawsari, a 22-year-old former Texas Tech student who faces up to life in prison if convicted.

Aldawsari's defense attorneys presented no evidence or witnesses before resting their case. They contend their client never took the "substantial step" necessary for the court to find him guilty and that he never made a bomb.

Aldawsari is charged with attempted use of a weapon of mass destruction. Prosecutors have also accused him of having a list of potential targets, including former President George W. Bush's home in Dallas. Closing arguments are set for 9 a.m. Wednesday in federal court in Amarillo.

The recording came during testimony by the last witness, Capt. David Parker, who is a computer forensics expert, a detective with the university's police department and a member of a joint terrorism task force.

Federal agents had placed microphones in Aldawsari's apartment, and say they captured him speaking out loud the night before his Feb. 23, 2011, arrest. Authorities said that Aldawsari was alone when he was recorded.

In the recording, Aldawsari is speaking as if he's someone else commenting on a terror attack carried out by himself. Aldawsari, still pretending to be someone else, says the perpetrator of the terror attack would be "smiling" and getting "maximum satisfaction" from having carried one out.

Americans deserved the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, and must die "because you people deserve it" for causing the deaths of others, Aldawsari says in the recording.

"This is the ideology he follows," Aldawsari says on the recording, speaking about himself.

Parker also testified that Aldawsari had done Internet searches for former President George W. Bush's "farm"; locations where Bush would be signing copies of his book, "Decision Points"; and Bush's home, including an aerial photo of the North Dallas residence.

Parker said Aldawsari also searched for details on the October 2010 Texas vs. Oklahoma football game and allegedly



Aldawsari

was written that "to blow up a stadium explosive can be placed in popcorn."

During an FBI agent's testimony earlier Tuesday, authorities showed videos they said they found on a flash drive in Aldawsari's apartment. One showed a masked man speaking in Arabic about the chemicals needed to create picric acid, an explosive. Other agents have testified that Aldawsari sought — and failed — to obtain phenol.

"Following these steps, you would get picric acid," said Robert Mothershead, an FBI forensic examiner, in describing the video.

Authorities also shared some of Aldawsari's alleged writings. They said he kept the recipe for picric acid in several emails and journal entries. In one entry, Aldawsari said he was close to obtaining phenol and had gotten other necessary items, "so I may use them in missions to please God."

Federal agents secretly searched Aldawsari's apartment in Lubbock twice last year and say they found almost everything needed to build a bomb, including chemicals, beakers, flasks, wiring, a hazmat suit and clocks, which he had bought online.

Agents say they also uncovered handwritten journals, recordings and online postings suggesting Aldawsari had long planned to launch an attack in the U.S.

Authorities say they were tipped to Aldawsari's online purchases by chemical company Carolina Biological Supply of Burlington, N.C., and shipping company Con-way Freight on Feb. 1, 2011. The chemical company reported a suspicious \$435 purchase to the FBI, and the shipping company notified Lubbock police and the FBI because it appeared the order wasn't intended for commercial use.

Court documents say Aldawsari wrote in Arabic in his journal that he had been planning a terror attack in the U.S. even before he came to the country on a scholarship, and that it was "time for jihad," or holy war.

wrote in his journal that "to buy a ticket that is higher than the excellent seats" because the police wouldn't bother him.

On a scrap of paper found amid Aldawsari's belongings days after his arrest, Parker said,

Charter schools sue over funds

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas' largest charter school organization on Tuesday filed the sixth major lawsuit over the way the state funds public education, arguing that charter schools should have access to public money for facilities and that there should be no limit on the number of charter schools statewide.

The Texas Charter Schools Association teamed up with six parents from Houston, Dallas, San Antonio and Austin to file a complaint in Travis County District Court, claiming that current rules violate state constitutional guarantees of a suitable and efficient education.

Charter schools receive state funding for operations and educate about 135,000 of the state's nearly 5 million public school students. But their ranks are capped at 215, meaning roughly 56,000 students statewide are on waiting lists to attend existing charter schools once slots become available.

State rules also prohibit charter schools from seeking taxpayer permission to issue bonds for school construction like traditional public schools. They are also not subject to state-imposed limits on class size for elementary school students, however, or minimum-pay requirements for teachers.

Launched in 2008, the Texas Charter Schools Association represents 178 charter schools that educate more than 110,000 students statewide. The organization's executive director, David Dunn, said the group commissioned a 2011 study showing that, due in part to state fund-

ing restrictions, charter schools spend an average of \$830 per student — or nearly a tenth of total per-pupil operational funding — on facilities and infrastructure.

He said some charter schools in Texas have had to forgo science labs and gymnasiums.

"These are things that traditional schools take for granted," Dunn said.

Dunn said the organization has long lobbied state lawmakers to remove the charter-school cap and get rid of funding restrictions, and that the legal challenge merely seeks to supplement those efforts.

Four lawsuits on behalf of hundreds of school districts statewide have been filed in response to school finance legislation passed by the Texas Legislature last summer. They charge that the way the state distributes funding to districts is inadequate and inequitable.

The Legislature approved \$50.8 billion for public education for this past school year and next, but lawmakers rewrote the

funding formula to cut \$4 billion and eliminate \$1.4 billion in grant programs, even though enrollment increases every year.

Legal fights over Texas school finance have raged for decades. The current suits are the eighth round of litigation filed in response to new legislation in the state since 1968.

Texas District Judge John Dietz, who handled the last round of major school finance lawsuits in 2004, is set to hear this year's cases. He consolidated the four latest major suits and set a tentative trial date of Oct. 22.

A fifth case in which a small group of parents, as well as nonprofit called Texans for Real Efficiency and Equity in Education, charged that Texas' education system is inefficient has sought to intervene as part of the other suits.

Dunn said his association expects the state to eventually consolidate the suit it filed Tuesday with the others and "we're certainly not going to fight it."

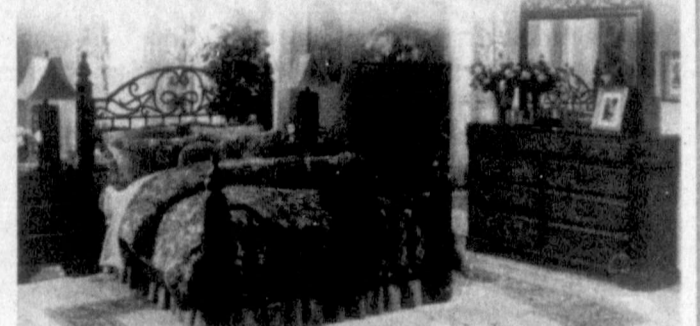
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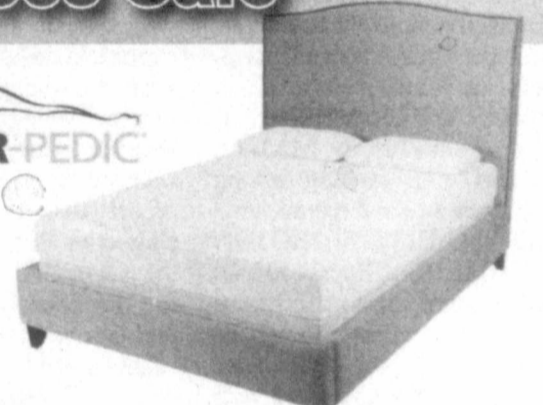


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Texas Democrats Sadler, Yarbrough meet in Senate debate

DALLAS (AP) — Two Democratic U.S. Senate hopefuls long overshadowed by the high-priced, high-profile Republican primary argued Tuesday that they deserve voters' attention, even though Texas hasn't elected a Democrat statewide in two decades.

Paul Sadler and Grady Yarbrough took the stage at public television station KERA's Dallas studios. The men have similar views supporting the national health-care overhaul, same-sex marriage and limiting changes to Social Security.

But Sadler questioned Yarbrough's lack of legislative experience, while Yarbrough said his proposals would do more for the poor and working class.

Sadler, a 57-year-old attorney who served

12 years in the Texas House, and Yarbrough, a 75-year-old school-teacher and perennial candidate, were the top two finishers in Texas' May 29 primary. They will face off July 31 in a runoff.

Sadler said former President George W. Bush once ribbed him for his independence from both parties.

"I have a history in the Legislature as a problem solver," Sadler said. "We need to send our very best problem solvers, people who can work together, to solve those issues."

Yarbrough said his policy ideas included a "50-50" plan to provide jobs for low-wage workers that he suggested would be more effective than President Barack Obama's stimulus plan.

"I think I have some ideas to get our economy going, to put people back to work, and I'm anxious to put those ideas forward," he said. "It's true. We haven't won a statewide race in quite some time. Maybe this is the time."

The debate had a few heated moments, including when Yarbrough answered a question about border security by invoking the Berlin Wall.

"I hate to refer to this, but as you recall, the Berlin Wall was put up in 1961, and it was pretty effective," Yarbrough said. "Now if we have to use a method that is similar to the Berlin Wall, then I think we have to do that. I think we have to use whatever method is at our disposal to securing our border."

Sadler strongly criticized the suggestion.

"I'm not a wall builder," he said. "I don't think a fence works. I think the very idea that we would take a Berlin

Wall-type scenario and stick it on our border is offensive."

Sadler also declined to ask Yarbrough a question when offered the chance by moderators, saying he had nothing to ask. Yarbrough said after the debate that he thought Sadler was being "self-serving."

Sadler also said he considered only three candidates who ran this year qualified to be a senator — himself and two Republicans, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst and former Dallas Mayor Tom Leppert. Dewhurst and former Solicitor General Ted Cruz are competing in the Republican runoff; Leppert finished third in last month's primary.

Yarbrough has not set up a campaign website but made it to a runoff largely because his name is similar to 1960s-era icon and former U.S. Sen. Ralph Yarborough. He wasn't the first to benefit from the last name. Don Yarbrough was elected to

the Texas Supreme Court in 1976 amid similar confusion and was forced to resign nine months later amid criminal allegations.

Both Sadler and Yarbrough said they considered Social Security to be safe in the short term but would consider some changes to preserve its long-term future. Congressional Budget Office projections from last year said the trust fund that supports Social Security disability will run out of money by 2017 unless Congress acts. The much larger retirement fund was projected to run out of money by 2040, leaving the system unable to pay full benefits.

Sadler and Yarbrough said they would potentially support limiting Social Security checks for wealthier people, known as means-testing. Yarbrough said he was "open" to eventually raising the eligibility age for benefits.

Both men also spoke favorably of the health-

care overhaul blasted by Republicans. Yarbrough said the controversial mandate to buy health insurance "provides a protection for the little guy." Sadler said many parts of the act "are very good for us as consumers, as individuals, as human beings."

Dewhurst has loaned more than \$10 million from the fortune he made with his energy company, and Cruz has benefited from millions in spending from Club for Growth and other conservative groups. Neither Democrat has raised more than a small fraction of that.

Sadler said he had spent about \$90,000 so far from donations and asked Texans to give \$10 each to his campaign to counterbalance Republican spending. Yarbrough said he had withdrawn about \$80,000 from personal annuity funds.

KERA is scheduled to show the debate Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Romney ends primary season with Utah win

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Mitt Romney won the Utah Republican presidential primary on Tuesday, claiming all 40 GOP delegates in a state where he has been hugely popular.

The contest was the last of a primary season that started with a crowded GOP field of presidential candidates in January and ended with Romney as the only candidate campaigning for votes. Romney already had more than enough delegates to claim the GOP nomination.

A Mormon and graduate of Brigham Young

University who oversaw the 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City, Romney took 90 percent of the vote in Utah's 2008 presidential primary. More than 60 percent of residents in the state are members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Other Utah races include a challenge to incumbent U.S. Sen. Orrin Hatch by former state Sen. Dan Liljenquist, a contest to replace retiring state Attorney General Mark Shurtleff, and races for one U.S. House seat and 17 state House and

Senate seats.

Hatch barely missed winning the outright nomination at April's GOP convention, falling short by fewer than three dozen votes from the nearly 4,000 delegates.

Liljenquist has sought to capitalize on some of the momentum that saw the ouster of then-three-term GOP Sen. Bob Bennett in 2010, fueled by a tea party surge that is much less united this time around. He has argued Hatch has supported wasteful spending and earmarks, while Hatch has trumpeted his experience

and potential placement as chairman of the powerful Senate Finance Committee if he wins.

"We feel great," Liljenquist said Tuesday afternoon as he spent the day greeting voters around the Salt Lake City area.

"We have very motivated people," he said. "We're really excited but we'll see how it goes."

Hatch, meanwhile, visited his campaign headquarters earlier in the day, where he was greeted by a contingent of family, including his daughters and grandchildren.

Representative confirms Mitt, Trump to meet

NEW YORK (AP) — A representative for Donald Trump says that the reality television star will host a \$50,000-a-head fundraiser with Mitt Romney this week. But the Romney campaign isn't so sure.

The presumptive Republican presidential candidate's campaign reported Tuesday afternoon there would be no meeting with Trump this week. Minutes later, the Trump representative confirmed the event, which is expected to bring at least 50 people paying \$50,000

each to the home of stock investor Martin Zweig in Manhattan's Pierre Hotel.

The fundraiser is planned for Thursday, the same day the Supreme Court is set to decide the constitutionality of President Barack Obama's signature health care overhaul.

Trump has provided Romney with plenty of campaign cash and unwanted attention in recent weeks. They last appeared together at a Las Vegas fundraiser the day before Romney col-

lected enough delegates to become the GOP's presumptive nominee. At the time, Trump's comments about Obama's citizenship overshadowed Romney's success.

The conservative businessman has endorsed the "birther" movement, which questions the legitimacy of Obama's birth certificate and his constitutional qualifications to be president. The debunked conspiracy theory among conservative activists charges that Obama is not a "natural-

born citizen" as required by the Constitution.

Romney has said he believes Obama was born in America, but he has not condemned Trump's comments.

Nor was his campaign willing to clarify plans for Thursday. Romney spokesman Rick Gorka said there would be "no meeting" with Trump this week, but he refused to say whether they would appear together at the Manhattan fundraiser.

Trump himself took to Twitter on Tuesday to say he was "looking forward to the 'Dine with Mitt and Donald' this Thursday."

"Can't wait to meet the lucky winner," Trump tweeted, referencing a "Dine With the Donald" contest the Romney campaign promoted last month at \$3 a ticket.

"That won't be happening this week," Gorka said without ruling out another event with Trump this week.

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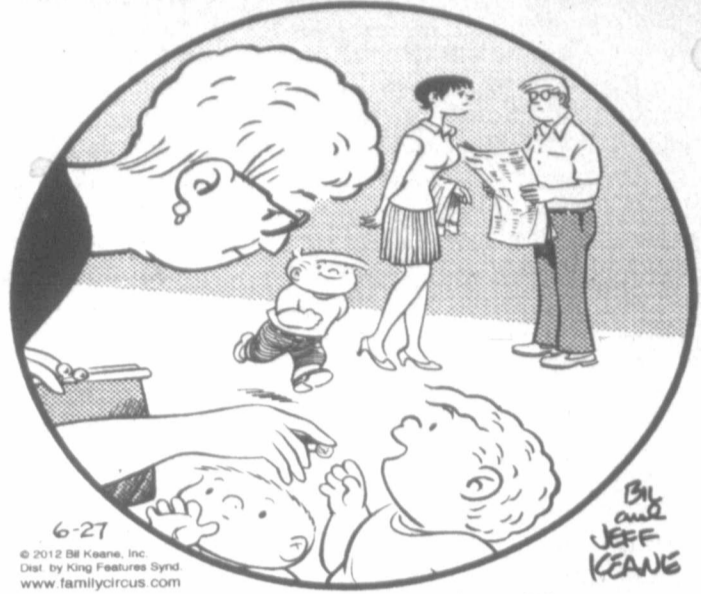
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"Why don't you ever give Mommy and Daddy some of the change from your purse, Grandma?"

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Nest Heads



daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, June 28, 2012:

This year security, romance and children are unusually high priorities. Like a true Cancer, you will be concerned with home and family. If you are single, you could leap from one romance to another. Be aware that someone will appear close to your next birthday who might be near-perfect. Do not commit before then, if possible. If you are attached, as a couple you could buy a house, spruce up your present abode, add a new addition and/or schedule a second honeymoon. Much that is going on is related to 11 years ago. This year, you are like a cat with nine lives. **SCORPIO** can be extraordinarily seductive.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★ Do not allow a momentary discontent, fatigue or low-level depression to get to you. Understand what is going on with others. Interpersonal relating later today reveals that your mood had more to do with you than with the situation. Tonight: Go for togetherness.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ The time has come to do what you have been postponing. The sense of liberation you'll feel from this task's completion is well worth it. Suddenly, you feel inspired and in touch with your environment. Confusion surrounds a problem. Tonight: Just don't go out alone.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★ Toss your hat in the ring. Brainstorm and see what is behind someone's motivation. Your creativity emerges when dealing with others and in any discussion. Express an idea that you potentially wanted to follow through on. Tonight: Understand that you need to slow down a little.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★ You come from a grounded point of view. Could some people see this perspective as boring? If so, throw out some more wild and creative ideas. You'll inspire others in this manner. Concern surrounds a child or loved one. Tonight: Keep tapping into your imagination.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★ You might want to understand where someone is coming from before you have a heart-to-heart talk with this person. Do not get yourself caught in a situation that makes you feel pressured. Avoid a power play at all costs. You have

the ability to accomplish a lot. Tonight: All smiles — once you relax.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ You might be more intense than you realize. If you note several unusual responses, consider that it is likely you are acting differently. This type of intensity is not easily contained, and can bring unexpected results. Let the moment continue. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ You could be more in tune with people in the morning. Others expect a lot out of you. Be aware of their neediness, and recognize what is happening within your immediate circle. You need to take care of yourself first — and the sooner, the better. Tonight: As you like.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ As the day grows older, you feel more empowered. Be spontaneous and less reserved. Others like what is happening and will communicate more easily as a result. Do not let others stop you from fulfilling your destiny. Tonight: Do not underestimate your charisma.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ You could be taken back by someone else's response, especially in the evening. You do not want to fight city hall. You would rather have everything happen with ease. An older person or someone you look up to can inspire you to find answers. Tonight: Not to be found.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ You remain mellow despite others' tumultuous moments, because you know you are heading down the right path. Your close friends and key associates seem to inspire you. Remain strong and centered. Tonight: Where the gang is.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Once more, others believe you have all the answers. Do not worry; instead, simply explain that you do not always have solutions. An inspired idea comes out of the blue during a conversation. Tonight: Express your very caring nature.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Take a break or walk away from what is, or could become, a volatile situation. You do not need to explain yourself. When you return, it will be with a big smile and a readiness to stay open. Your attitude breaks a stalemate. Tonight: Use your imagination.

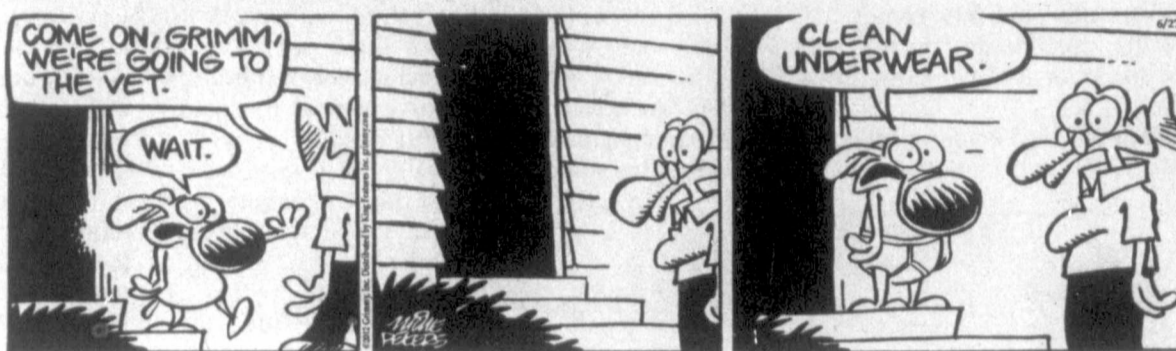
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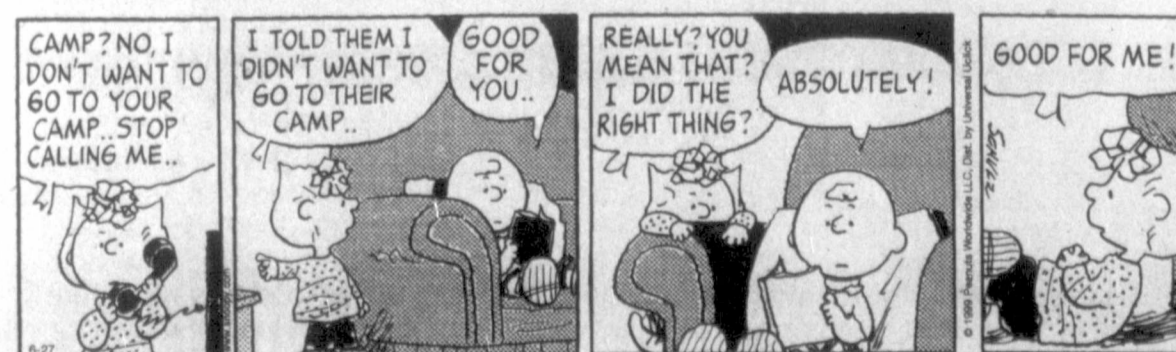
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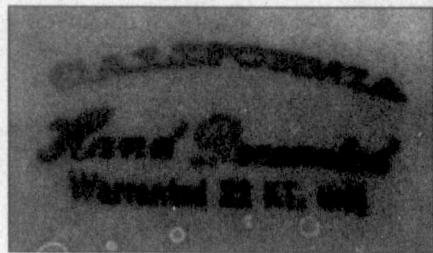
Table reflects 19th century ingenuity

Q: This is a photo of an antique machine, carved swing-leg table with the leaf down. It belonged to my great-great grandparent and has been in our family and the same house since the late 1800s. It is in mint condition.

Any advice on its value will be greatly appreciated.

A: Your table is circa 1880 and an example of the Victorian Eastlake period of design. The mushroom pull on the drawer, incised carving, porcelain castors, distinctive turned legs and overall rectilinear lines are characteristic of Eastlake furniture. The industrial age inspired the era of 19th century ingenuity and innovative designs. A plethora of patented designs burst forth that included platform rockers, extension tables, folding tables and reclining chairs.

Your factory-made table would probably be worth \$800 to \$1200.



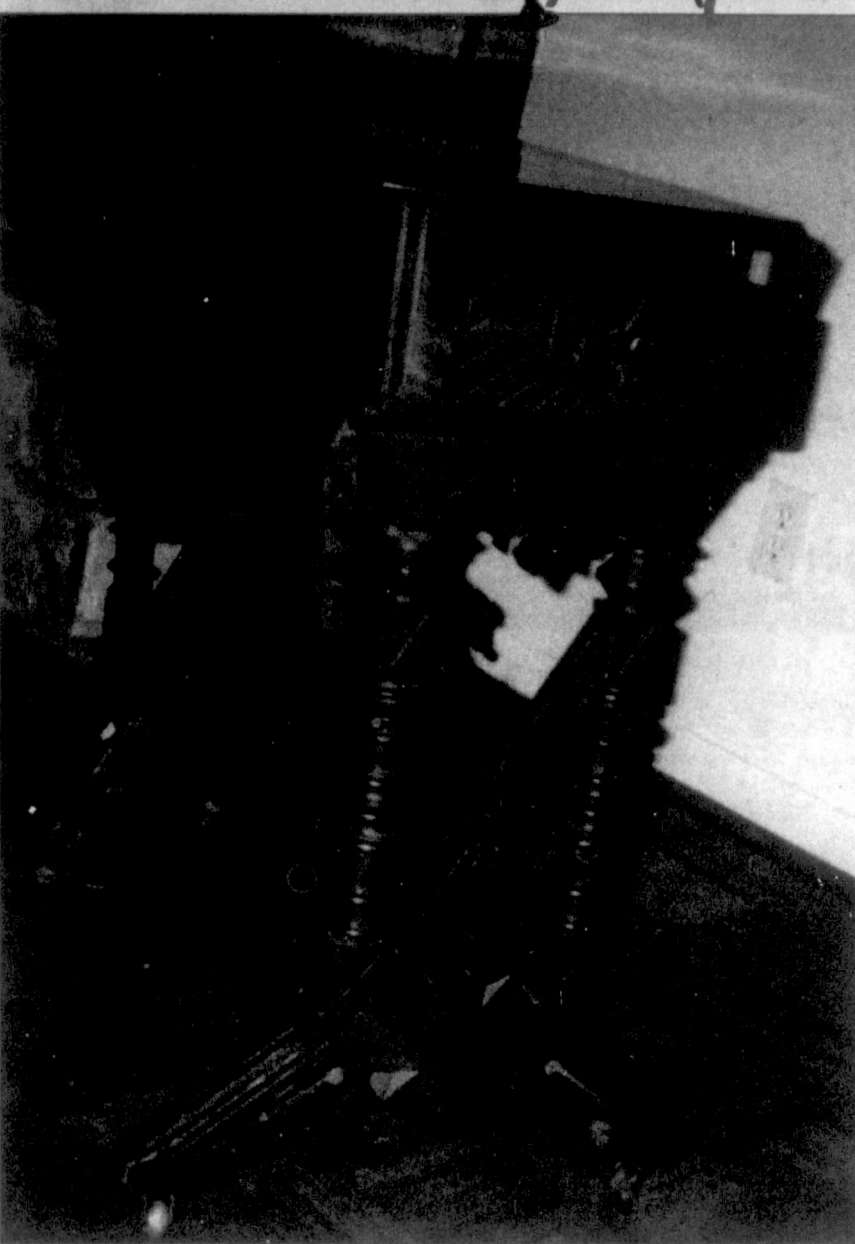
Weeping Gold dishes were popular in the mid-20th century.

Q: This mark is on the bottom of a tiered serving tray and a matching serving dish that belonged to my mother. It is decorated with a mottled, uneven gold glaze. There are 3 trays in graduating sizes and all held together by a chrome handle. I don't remember her ever using the set and don't know anything about where it came from or how old it is.

Anything you can tell me about its history and value will be appreciated.

A: You have a Weeping Gold set that was popular from the 1940s to the 1960s. The decoration was the result of pouring molten real gold over a textured glaze, thus creating a random dripping pattern. Several factories, including Kingwood Ceramics,

Antique OR JUNQUE?



This Victorian table is an example of the Eastlake Period.

Gold Craft, Lemieux, Dixon Art Pottery and Pioneer Pottery, produced weeping Gold. They made vases, coffee sets, figurines, trays, candlesticks, dessert sets and pitchers. Many pieces were marked with paper labels. Pieces that are marked with the name of the manufacturer and also with "22 Karat Gold" command higher prices than those that are unmarked. Because real gold was

used, some people attempt to remove the gold. The process is extremely dangerous and should not be tried.

Similar pieces can be found selling in the range of \$15 to \$35.

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 letters.

Testimony

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dispatcher "my life is in danger now" and "these people are going to go try and kill me." He then said, "I'm standing my ground here," and shot Danaher. The two other men were wounded. A jury convicted Rodriguez on June 13.

Rodriguez's reference to standing his ground is similar to the claim made by George Zimmerman, a neighborhood watch volunteer who is citing Florida's stand-your-ground law in his defense in the fatal February shooting of an unarmed teenager, Trayvon Martin. Rodriguez's case, however, was decided under a different kind of self-defense doctrine.

During the trial, prosecutors have portrayed Rodriguez as a neighborhood bully who took a gun to complain about loud music and could have safely walked away from the confrontation in Huffman, an unincorporated area about 30 miles northeast of Houston, any time before the shooting. Defense attorneys argued Rodriguez, who had a concealed handgun permit, was defending himself when one of the men lunged at him and he had less than a second to respond.

Prosecution witnesses, including former co-workers and neighbors, told jurors during the punishment phase that Rodriguez was abusive, a bad neighbor and once shot a dog.

Thirteen witnesses for Rodriguez have contradicted those claims, saying he was not abusive or a gun fanatic and that he shot the dog when it threatened his family.

Donna Rodriguez specifically denied claims that her husband had pulled a gun on his ex-wife and another neighbor over a different noise complaint, had been abusive to their children and that he walked around their neighborhood, including to a school bus stop to pick up their children, with his handgun in plain view, intimidating people.

Donna Rodriguez, who was being treated for breast cancer when the fatal shooting happened, also testified about her husband's service in the U.S. Navy, his work as a firefighter and how a work accident left him disabled with injuries to his neck, spine, shoulder and back.

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Quilt

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Martin said making the quilt gave the group a chance to "get to know each other and laugh with each other."

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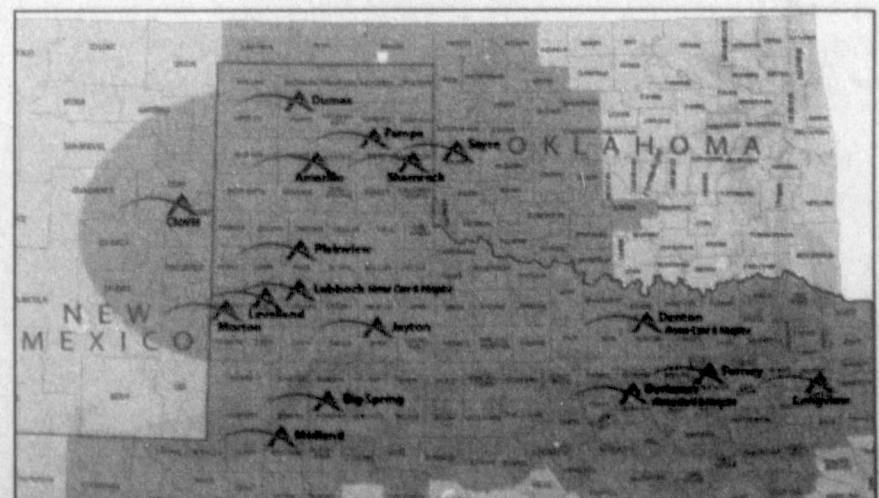
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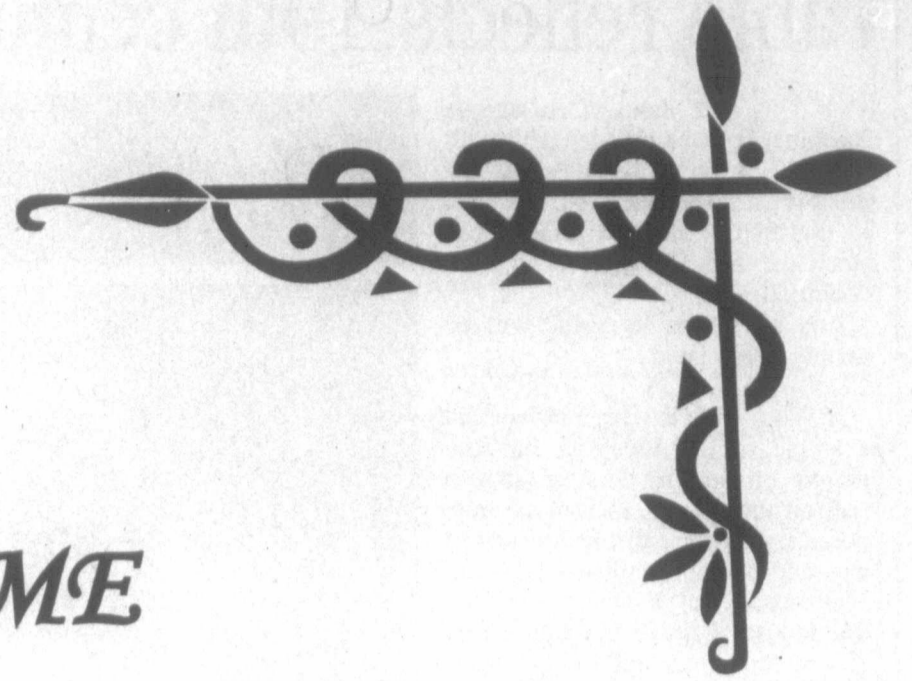
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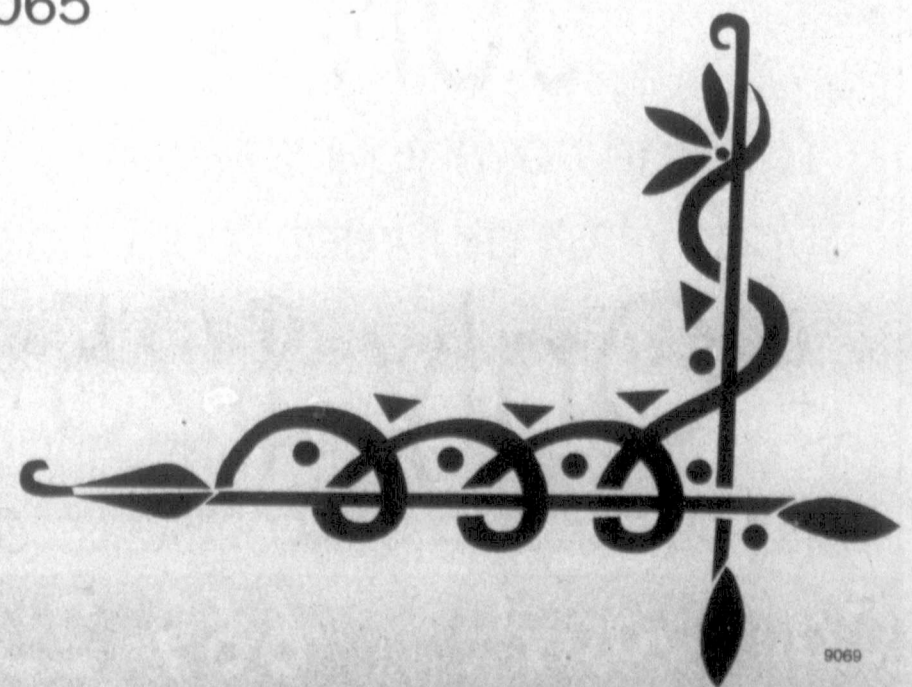
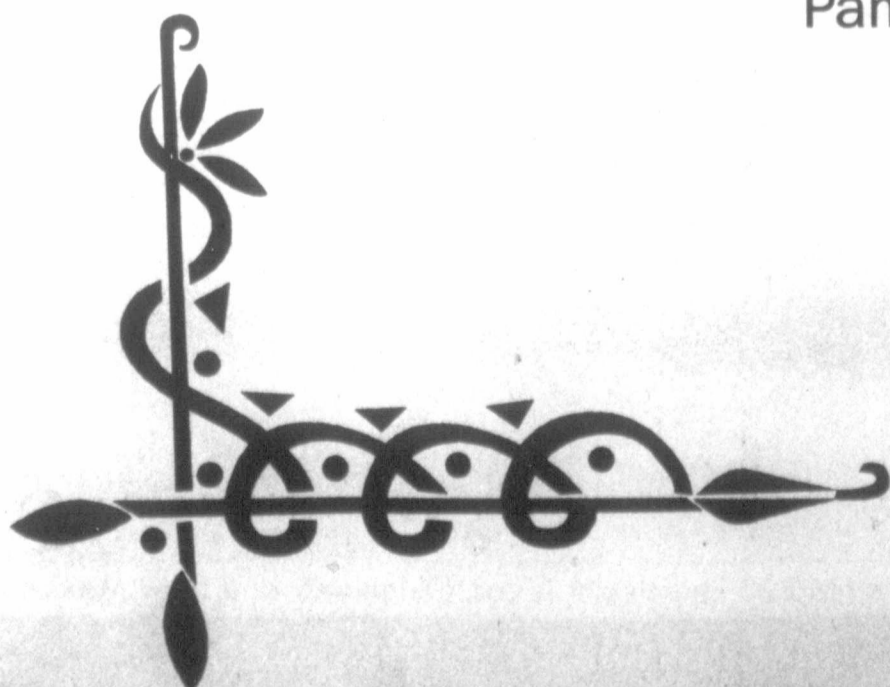
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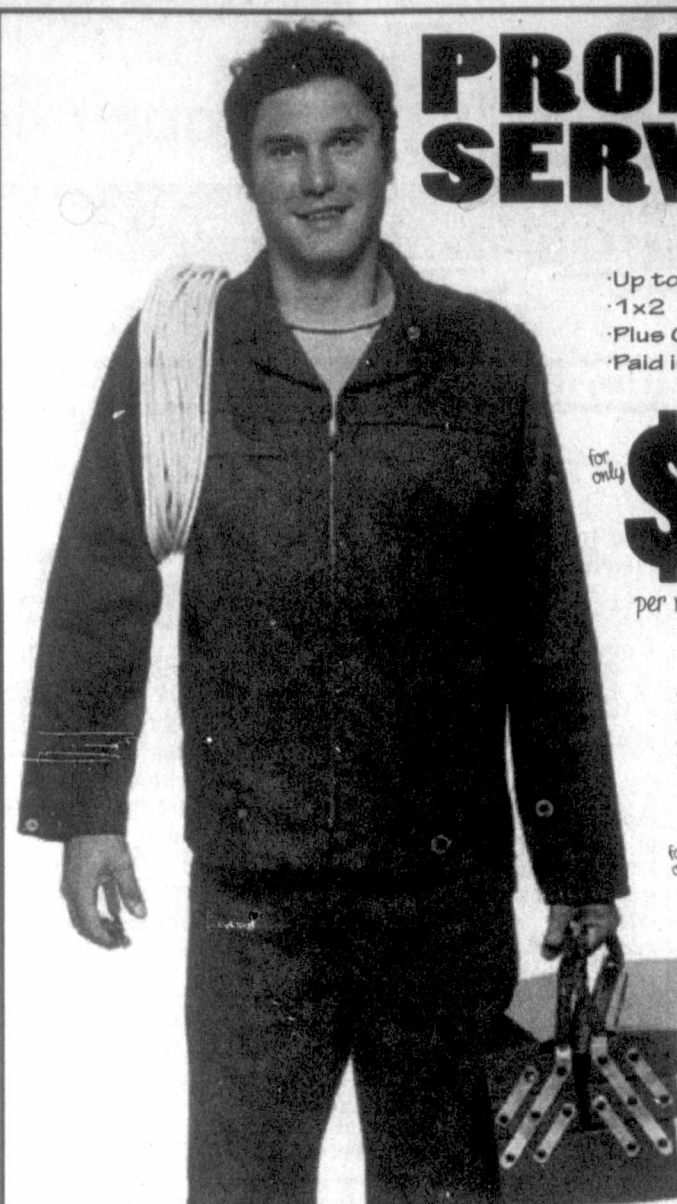


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Sports

Pampa's volleyball upperclassmen look forward to leading

JONATHAN POLASEK
The Pampa News

The Pampa High School volleyball team is trying to continue the tradition that has been set before them in recent years.

Losing a talented, experienced senior class from this past year will prove to be a big test for all of the new faces on the court next year, but one of those new faces, senior Diamond Marrufo, says that the team will be up to the challenge.

"I believe we seniors have the heart and what it takes to get our team where it needs to be," Marrufo said at an intersquad scrimmage at team camp on Tuesday. "Sure, we have a lot of shoes to fill, but with everyone we have there is no question about if we can and can't do it."

The shoes that Marrufo is referring to are those of seven departed seniors who had plenty of play-off experience.

Along with having to adapt to the new varsity

environment, the team also has to get to know a new head coach before the season starts. Senior Maddison Fatheree, though, says she looks forward to it.

"I've only really talked to Coach (Brooke) Sanford twice," Fatheree said. "I honestly don't know what to expect, but that's kind of exciting. I'm looking forward to having her as a coach because she seems like she will be a great coach to have."

Fatheree said she's looking forward to a leadership role.

"I'm so excited to be a senior leader this year," said Fatheree. "I feel like the girls really respect the seniors this year, and I'm ready to step up to help lead the girls to realize that we are so good and can do anything we set our minds to do. I know the girls really listen to us when we talk and I know some girls handle stressful situations dif-

ferently, and I know I'm ready to help any of the girls and just be there for them as a friend and teammate."

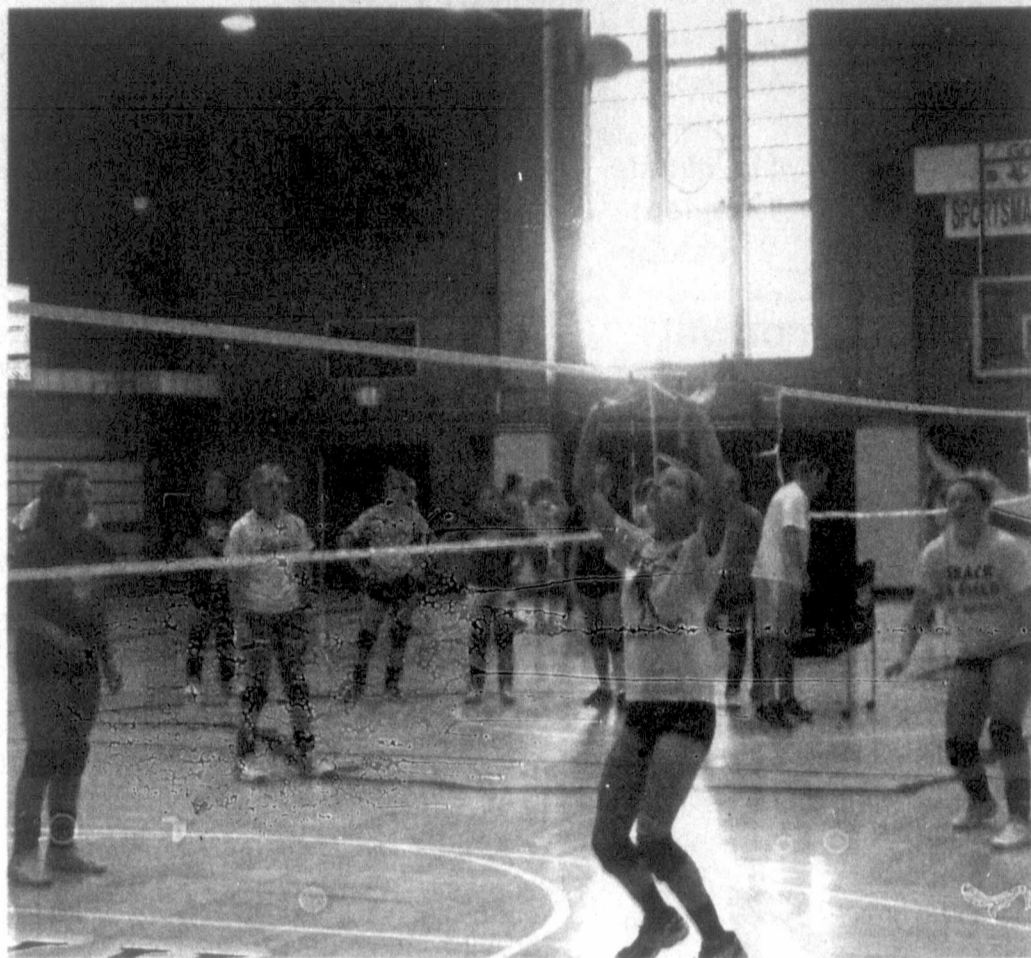
One of the junior players that will get considerably more playing time next season will be Madison Joyce.

"I am very ready to be a player next year," Joyce said. "I think its going to be hard work but it will also be fun. I know this year's seniors still hold high expectations and standards and I think we should be able to meet them throughout this next season."

The team has been busy doing team camp this Monday and Tuesday getting prepared for the upcoming season.

"We handled it well and it isn't as hard as two-a-days," Marrufo said. "We just work on our skills and try hard to make them better."

Two-a-days for the team start Monday, Aug. 6.



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Maddison Fatheree sets the ball during an intersquad scrimmage at team camp at McNeely Fieldhouse on Tuesday morning.

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