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Cinema 4 to open doors again on Friday

By **DAVID BOWSER**
Staff Writer

Tom Cruise will be in Pampa Friday. More specifically, Mission Impossible III, a movie starring Cruise, will be.

There will also be screams from the movie Silent Hill and laughs from Hoot and The Benchwarmers.

Friday will mark the first time in more than a year that laughter and screams have emanated from Cinema 4 movie theater in Coronado Center.

Terra Scott, a Springfield, Colo., native, has been in Pampa the past few weeks cleaning the Pampa movie theater, getting it ready for Friday's opening.

Scott, her husband Jason, her sister Breanne Schwiegerath and her husband Troy bought Cinema 4,

have refurbished it and plan on opening Friday with four first run films.

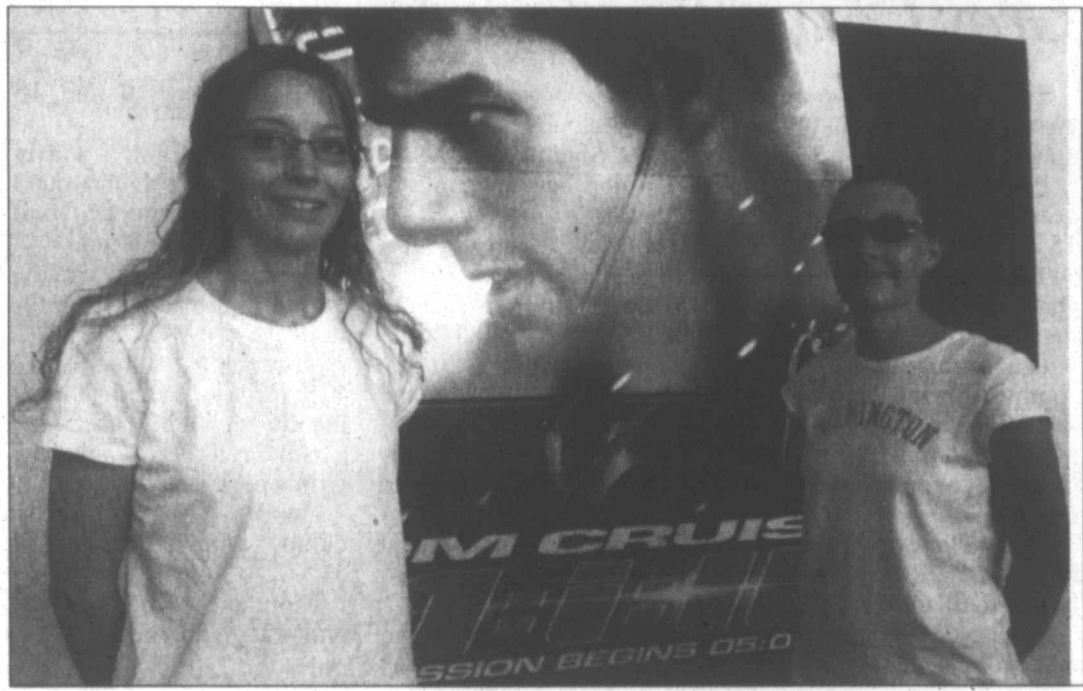
The two couples have movie houses in Colorado and Oklahoma.

Scott explained that it all stems from a dream her sister had.

"She woke up one morning and told her husband that she dreamed they owned a movie theater," Scott said.

Schwiegerath and her husband ended up looking at several movie theaters in Colorado, but nothing came of it.

"Then when my husband called and wanted to know if they wanted to invest in a new body shop in Springfield," Scott said, "Troy asked what the building had been before."



Pampa News photo by DAVID BOWSER
Breanne Schwiegerath, left, and Terra Scott, who with their husbands have taken over the Cinema 4 movie theater in Coronado Shopping Center.

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Farm Bureau extends deadline to file for assistance

The deadline for applying for assistance from the Texas Farm Bureau Foundation has been extended to May 10, from the previous deadline of May 1. Producers needing recovery assistance in the wake of last month's devastating wildfires will want to make their applica-

tions to their appropriate County Farm Bureau office.

The fund will assist those devastated by Panhandle wildfires, which claimed roughly 1,000-square-miles of pastureland, thousands of livestock and a dozen human lives.

TFB began accepting

donations just hours after the first fires ignited, and members responded with tons of hay, miles of wire and thousands in monetary donations. A committee of local producers was then formed to assist in the fund distribution.

If you are a producer liv-

ing and/or ranching in the affected area who has not yet filled out an application, please stop by one of the following County Farm Bureau offices before May 10: Gray-Roberts in Pampa, Carson-Armstrong in Panhandle, Hutchinson in Stinnett, Moore in Dumas,

Hartley in Dalhart, Hansford in Spearman, Ochiltree in Perryton, Hemphill in Canadian, Wheeler in Wheeler, Hall-Donley in Memphis, Childress in Childress, Lipscomb in Darrouzett, and Collingsworth in Wellington.

Lake Meredith friends donate to park fund

FRITCH — Friends of Lake Meredith and Alibates have donated \$175 to the National Park Service firefighters, in appreciation of all their hard work and dedication during the recent fire incidents in the Texas Panhandle.

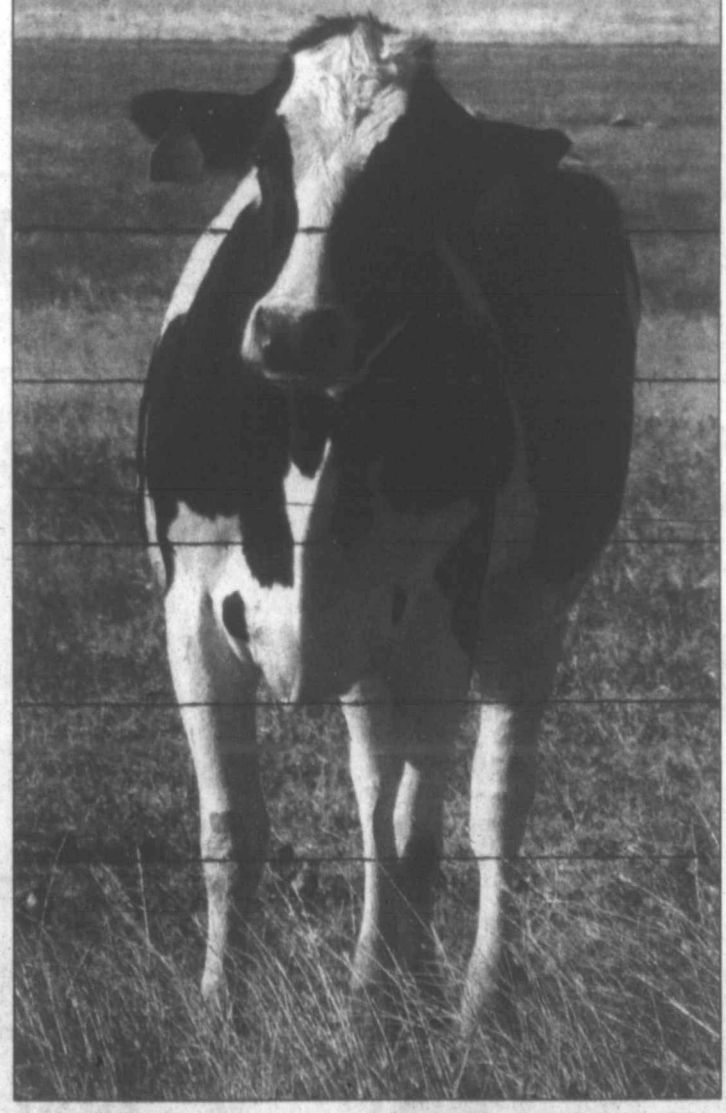
"We are truly appreciative of the Friends group for this donation which will be used for resource management projects, including rebuilding burned fence line along the park boundary," Fire Management Officer Mike Davin said.

The Fain Plant Fire, also called the Potter County #1, burned about 1,700 acres in the park in the Devil's Canyon area on April 6 and 7.

Firefighters came from all over the Texas Panhandle and New Mexico to assist with extinguishing the fires. Friends Secretary Polly Gillingham presented the check to park Superintendent Karren Brown, who donned her firefighter's hard hat to commemorate the occasion.

"This is but one of the many ways that the Friends

Is it greener?



Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS
A cow at Red River Dairy, Highways 60 and 152, seems to be wondering if the grass really is greener, on the other side of the fence. The herd of Holsteins was grazing in a field east of the dairy on a recent sunny morning.

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Meals on Wheels plans fund-raiser

Meals on Wheels is sponsoring "March for Meals in May" from 5 to 8 p.m. May 19 at Recreation Park as a fund-raiser.

Cost to enter is \$10 per person. T-shirts will be given to the first 100 who send in their entry fees.

Teams of two to five persons will walk and medals will be awarded to the organization that has the most teams, the team that walks the farthest, and the

team that gets the most pledges.

Pledges will be accepted for persons that do not want to walk, but will sponsor someone to walk for them.

After the walk, free hot dogs and Cokes will be given to participants.

Entries should be turned in by May 12.

For more information, call the Meals on Wheels office at 669-1007.

Pampa woman arrested with methamphetamine

By **DENNIS SPIES**
Editor

A Pampa woman was arrested Saturday on charges of evading arrest, possession of a controlled substance and outstanding warrants.

Debra Kirklin, 26, was booked into Gray County Jail.

Gray County deputies, checking on a car parked on railroad right-of-way about

one mile west of Hoover Saturday afternoon, discovered Kirklin asleep in the vehicle.

Deputies Stephen White and Clark Teague ran a check on her and found she had outstanding warrants.

The woman began to run away but deputies caught her. An inspection of her vehicle turned up a quantity of methamphetamine.

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COST OF OIL

Saudi minister says prices too high

WASHINGTON (AP)— Saudi Arabia's oil minister said today that currently high crude oil prices are of no long-term benefit to either producers or consumers and contribute to market instability. "Energy security cannot be sustained when prices are extreme — too high or too low," Saudi Oil Minister Ali al-Naimi said in remarks to an energy conference. He said Saudi Arabia is committed to working with the United States to keep oil markets stable, including plans to increase production to 12.5 million barrels a day by 2009. But

he said that producing adequate supplies must involve other suppliers and conservation. Oil prices went above \$74 a barrel today, flirting with their record high of just above \$75 reached last month. Al-Naimi, who was joined in a panel discussion by Energy Secretary Samuel Bodman, sought to dispel the notion that U.S. energy independence could drive down prices, although he did not specifically refer to the phrase frequently used by the Bush administration and members of Congress as an answer to America's ener-

gy problems. It is "a myth" that countries can lower prices by reducing their oil imports or that they can achieve greater energy security by blocking imports from a region of the world, said al-Naimi. He said oil is traded on the global markets, and even if a country has no imports it will cost whatever the international market dictates. President Bush in his State of the Union Address pledged to increase development of alternative fuels with a goal of reducing U.S. oil imports from the Middle East by 75 percent.

Gray County Weather

Today: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms in the afternoon. Partly cloudy, with a high near 85. South wind between 15 and 20 mph. Tonight: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 61. Southwest wind between 15 and 20 mph. Wednesday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high around 81. Southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph. Wednesday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers

and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low near 49. Southwest wind 10 to 15 mph becoming north-northeast. Thursday: Mostly cloudy, with a high near 63. North-northeast wind around 15 mph. Thursday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 46. Northeast wind between 10 and 15 mph. Friday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high around 63. North-northeast

wind between 10 and 15 mph. Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 46. North-northeast wind between 10 and 15 mph. Saturday: Mostly cloudy, with a high near 64. North-northwest wind around 5 mph becoming calm. Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low near 44. Sunday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 73. Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 51. Monday: Mostly sunny, with a high around 80.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Atebury Grain of White Deer		
Wheat	3.99	
Milo	3.48	
Corn	4.38	
Soybeans	4.89	
The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa		
OXY	104.82	+0.53
BP PLC ADR	75.70	+1.30
Cabot Corp	35.95	-0.19
Celanese	22.05	+0.04
Cabot Oil Gas	50.68	+0.72
Coca Cola	42.14	+0.17
VLO	66.09	+0.14
HAL	80.14	+0.54
TRI	40.76	-0.10
KMI	88.02	+0.02
XCEL	18.34	-0.05
Kerr McGee	103.24	+0.91
XOM	63.95	+0.53
Nat'l Oilwell	71.34	+1.10
Limited	25.69	+0.14
Williams	22.41	+0.33
MCD	34.35	-0.02
Atmos	26.75	+0.10
Pioneer Nat	42.64	-0.40
JCP	65.94	-0.41
COP	68.19	+0.39
SLB	71.61	+0.46
Tenneco	23.85	+0.30
CVX	61.60	+0.43
Wal-Mart	45.96	+0.03
OKE	32.65	-0.04
NS Grp	52.54	+0.62
New York Gold	655.80	
Silver	13.86	
West Texas Crude	73.70	

Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today. Nine traffic stops were made, resulting in at least two arrests. One stop in the 500 block of West Brown involved evading arrest or detention with a vehicle. Vehicle accidents were reported in the police department lobby, the intersection of Kingsmill and Houston streets and the 2600 block of Cherokee. Agency assistance was rendered in the 600 block of North Hobart and the 200 block of West Kingsmill. A welfare check was made in the 1600 block of West Somerville. One open door was checked. Civil matters were reported in the 300 block of East Brown and the 1200 block of Carter. Lost property was reported on two occasions in the police department lobby. Found property was reported in the 1900 block of North Hobart. Two bicycles were found. A suspicious person call was received from the intersection of Hobart and Francis streets.

Accidents

Pampa Police Department reported the following accident today. **Monday, May 1** 10:50 p.m. — A 1992 Pontiac Firebird, driven by Debra Young Barnes, 51, 417 E. 17th Avenue, collided with a curb and a tree in the 500 block of East Kingsmill. Barnes was taken to Pampa Regional Medical Center by Guardian EMS ambulance with possible injuries. She was cited for failure to control speed.

Sheriff

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests today. **Monday, May 1** Gary Lynn Alexander, 24, of Pampa was arrested in the 1000 block of Prairie Drive by Pampa Police Department for evading arrest with a vehicle, no valid driver's license and expired registration. Ty Adam Kidwell, 26, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO for criminal mischief.

Fire

Pampa Fire Department reported the following call during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today. **Monday, May 1** 3:26 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 500 block of Doucette on a police department assist.

Ambulance

Guardian EMS ambulance reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today. **Monday, May 1** 6:54 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1300 block of West Kentucky and transported a patient(s) to Pampa Regional Medical Center. 9:30 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to PRMC and transported a patient(s) to a location in the 1300 block of West Kentucky. 11:15 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to PRMC and transported one patient to Hemphill County Hospital in Canadian. 2:38 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1000 block of South Banks and transported one patient to Veteran's Administration Medical Center in Amarillo. 3:46 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to an undisclosed location and transported one patient to PRMC. 11:03 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to Houston and Kingsmill streets and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

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Medical company exec pleads guilty

LAFAYETTE, La. (AP) — The owner of a Houston-based medical company has pleaded guilty to a charge stemming from an investigation of \$3.3 million in Medicare claims for wheelchairs and scooters. Federal prosecutors said Christie O. Udoh's company, Legend Medical Services, recruited Medicare recipients in Texas and southern Louisiana to bill the government for motorized wheelchairs and scooters for patients who did not need the devices. Prosecutors alleged that doctors were paid to falsify paperwork to secure Medicare payments and that the company often billed Medicare for wheelchairs while providing less-expensive scooters. Udoh's plea came as jury selection began Monday in the trial of her and her husband, Obot Nelson Udoh. Christie Udoh pleaded guilty to a reduced charge of not reporting a felony. She said she was not initially aware of the alleged scheme. Obot Udoh's trial on fraud charges was scheduled to resume Tuesday. Legend Medical Services employed two recruiters — Veronda S. Warfield and her mother, Pearlie Warfield, both of Houston — to solicit customers in southern Louisiana.



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Lawmakers grapple with voters' anger over pork projects

WASHINGTON (AP) — Strange things are happening in Congress.

The playground bully in the Senate — the Appropriations Committee — actually took a loss last week at the hands of senators determined to strip so-called pork barrel projects from a bill that's supposed to be devoted to the war in Iraq and hurricane relief.

And the House this week will vote on requiring members to attach their names to "earmarks" — those home-

town projects slipped into spending bills. The idea is that the sunshine of public scrutiny will mean fewer wasteful, silly sounding projects like \$500,000 for a teapot museum in Sparta, N.C.

Lawmakers say voters are getting sick of all this pork; there's even a recent poll that says reforming earmarks is the most important issue facing Congress. Could it be that politicians are losing their appetite for the other white meat?

Hardly. The House Appropriations Committee reports it has received 21,863 project requests from lawmakers. That's about 50 each for 435 members and a few nonvoting delegates. Still, it's progress. Last year, the panel got 34,687 requests.

And the so-called pork-busters' victory in the Senate — a 51-44 vote to eliminate \$15 million for a seafood promotion program — probably doesn't presage long-term gains.

Sen. Tom Coburn, R-Okla., who led the charge to kill the seafood program, won the vote chiefly because the earmark was tacked on to the war spending bill. That seemed beyond the pale to a majority of senators.

Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, said the war and hurricane relief funding bill "should not be used as a Christmas tree to hang extraneous spending measures on. There's very much a consensus building that that's bad." Coburn is likely to have

considerably less success when the Senate turns to the regular spending bills it passes each year. Last year, he routinely lost votes to scrap earmarks by margins like 82-15.

That was the tally on a Coburn move to dump the "bridge to nowhere," a \$223 million span in Alaska to link Ketchikan and Gravina Island, which has a population of about 50. Ultimately, shortly after a story mocking the bridge appeared in Parade Magazine — which reaches 36 million households — Congress decided to dump the bridge, though Alaska got to keep the money for other roads.

Now it turns out the state is budgeting \$91 million to get the Gravina bridge started after all.

Earmarks run the gamut from grants to local law enforcement, road and bridge projects, visitor centers, agricultural research and contracts for homestate industries. The House Appropriations Committee says earmarks inserted by lawmakers into annual spending bills totaled \$17 billion last year.

Politicians love to claim credit for channeling money back home, but Coburn is sensing an attitude adjust-

ment when it comes to actually voting on earmarks.

"People don't want to go home and have to defend votes like the bridge to nowhere," Coburn said. "The American people are sick of wasteful government spending."

House Appropriations Committee Chairman Jerry Lewis, R-Calif., has taken modest steps to rein in the earmarking excesses. He now requires lawmakers to submit applications justifying their requests and has stopped the practice of slipping projects into bills during final House-Senate negotiations conducted behind closed doors.

But after a year's respite, Lewis also will resume earmarking a giant bill funding education, labor and health programs.

Funds

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of Lake Meredith and Alibates support the parks,"

Brown said. "The Friends give of their time and energy, working behind the scenes as well as publicly at special events. I don't know how we managed to do extracurricular activities

before they came along."

For information about becoming a member of the Friends group, contact Secretary Lynn Hopkins at museum@nts-online.net, PO Box 1023, Borger, TX

79008, (806) 273-0130 or Treasurer Polly Gillingham at cgilli@sbcglobal.net, 306 N. Bryan, Borger, TX 79007, (806) 273-3104.

Cinema

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Scott's husband told him it had been a movie theater.

"The next thing I know is they're telling me that I was going to run a movie theater," Scott said.

From there, they bought another theater in Boise City, Okla.

"About six months after we opened the Capitol," Scott said, "we opened the Camelot."

Then they found out about Cinema 4 in Pampa.

That gives them the Capitol movie theater in Springfield, the Camelot in Boise City and Cinema 4 in Pampa.

The Pampa theater is the first one they've bought with multiple screens.

"We're used to showing one movie at 7 p.m.," Scott laughed, "and then going home."

She said they've had to work out a staggered schedule so the projectors can be readied.

Mission Impossible III will show at 6:30 p.m. and again at 9:25 p.m. They will have matinees at 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Silent Hill will begin at 6:40 p.m. Friday, with a second showing at 9:35 p.m. Saturday and Sunday matinees will be at 3:10 p.m.

Hoot will start at 6:50 p.m. Friday. The second showing will be 9 p.m. The weekend matinees will begin at 3:20 p.m.

The Benchwarmers will begin at 7 p.m. Friday with a second showing at 8:50 p.m. The Saturday and Sunday matinees will be at 3:30 p.m.

Scott said that for now, they intend to show movies each night of the week with matinees on Saturdays and Sundays.

The Scotts and Schwiegeraths have spent the last few weeks installing

new equipment and cleaning the theater.

Scott laughs that she's spent the last two days just cleaning the restrooms. She said cleanliness is of special concern to her.

"It's going to be clean," she said.

The projectors in the theater had been stolen, so they have installed new projectors and Surround Sound.

"You want the Boom Boom of Surround Sound," Scott said, "especially with Tom Cruise."

Scott, who has a small child of her own, said her favorite movies are family films, but with the four screens, they plan on having a variety of movie genres.

She and her husband moved to Pampa to operate the Cinema 4. Scott said she has an excellent manager in the Capitol theater and her parents are running the Camelot for her.

"We had good help up there, so we decided, well, the best thing for us would

be to move," Scott said. "So we came down here."

The Schwiegeraths will remain in Denver, where Troy is a firefighter. They will take care of the accounting.

"Breanne was a loan officer at a bank and had been for 10 years," Scott said, "but when we bought this theater, she decided that with three theaters, we needed a full time accountant."

The Scotts will be the on-site managers in Pampa. Terra will do the booking, and Troy will be the projectionist.

Scott said that she has already booked The Wild, RV, United 93, Stick It and Poseidon.

Scott was busy hiring new employees this week. She said she expects to initially hire five or six, but with the theater busy every night, they'll be rotating employees and will probably hire more.

A Newspaper Activity Page for Young People

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This Week: Mystery Animal

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1 First Clues
What kind of animal is this? Circle the word you think tells what kind of animal this is:
Fish Reptile Amphibian Bird Mammal

2 Answer these questions to help you decide:

Observations	Yes	No	I don't know
Does it have a backbone?			
Does it have feathers?			
Does it have scales?			
Does it breathe air?			
Does it have fur?			

Standards Link: Life Science: Animals have structures that serve different functions in growth, survival and reproduction.

3 Need More Clues?
Read each clue carefully. Find where each of the missing words belongs to complete the clue.

MUSCLES **QUILLS**
FOSSIL **LAND**
BACKBONE **WARM**

It is a _____ animal found in the wild in Europe, Africa and Asia.

This animal has strong muscles that run along its _____ from its head to its tail. When threatened, it uses these _____ to roll into a tight ball, causing its spines to stick out.

This animal is covered with more than 5,000 needle-sharp _____.

This animal is nocturnal—active at night.

_____ evidence shows that these animals have been on the earth since the time of the dinosaurs. Because they had fur and _____ blood, they could come out at night when the air was too cold for dinosaurs.

4 Take a Guess
Now can you guess what kind of animal it is? Use the code to see if you got it right!

□	□	□	□	□	□
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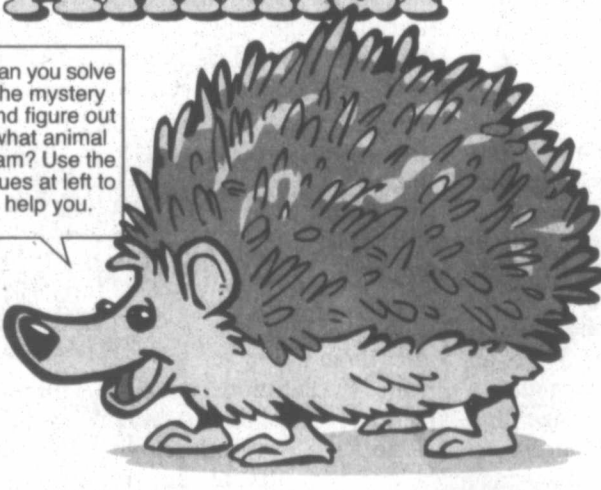
SECRET CODE
▲ = A □ = M ◻ = S
△ = D ◻ = N ◻ = T
◻ = L ◻ = R ◻ = W

Now that you know what kind of animal I am, follow the maze. The letters on the correct path spell my name.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Mystery Animal

Can you solve the mystery and figure out what animal I am? Use the clues at left to help you.



Which of these animals is a relative of mine? To find out, do the math. The animal whose answer is an even number is a relative.

13 + 6 14 + 17 12 + 8
PORCUPINE PIG MOLE

Making Connections
What do you think of the **hypothesis** (or guess) that some scientists have proposed based on these two observations?

Observation 1: The Mystery Animal sometimes makes a frothy saliva in its mouth and then licks its spines, spreading the saliva all over the spikes.

Observation 2: The Mystery Animal can eat some kinds of poisonous plants without harming itself.

Hypothesis: Some scientists think the poison from the plants makes the Mystery Animal even more irritating to predators.

Extra! Extra!
ABC Order
Look through today's newspaper for five or more words that begin with the letter H. Cut out these words and glue them onto a piece of paper in ABC order.

Standards Link: Spelling: Arrange words in alphabetical order.

When the Mystery Animal is hungry, what will it eat? Unscramble the words below!

NASSLI CESNITS
IFTRU ULSSG
GROSF KENSAS

Mysterious 100

Circle three Mystery Animals that add up to 100.

64	19	89	4	23
51	14	71	12	54
33	46	27	15	32

Solution at: www.kidscoop.com/kids/index.html

Standards Link: Math / Number Sense: Compute sums to 100.

Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle, then in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

PORCUPINE	H	S	H	A	C	I	R	F	A	E
MYSTERY	D	R	T	G	M	A	M	M	A	L
QUILLS	M	E	U	E	N	R	O	Y	N	E
SALIVA	U	H	O	I	A	L	S	S	O	L
MAMMAL	S	T	M	W	E	L	H	T	S	I
FEATHERS	C	A	V	I	L	A	S	E	I	T
REPTILE	L	E	N	I	P	U	C	R	O	P
ANIMAL	E	F	U	O	I	G	Q	Y	P	E
MOUTH	S	Q	H	O	G	M	C	B	L	R
POISON										
MOLE										
WARM										
MUSCLES										
AFRICA										
PIG										

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

FROM THE LESSON LIBRARY

Invent an Animal
Look through the newspaper and cut out different parts of pictures to invent a new animal. Give it a name. Tell how to care for it and feed it. Is your animal a pet or a wild animal? What kind of animal is it?

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow written directions.

Write On!

Animal Facts

Research your favorite animal and write five facts about this animal.

Quiz a Friend!

Quiz a friend or family member with the following questions. If they don't know the answers, you can use today's Kid Scoop to be the teacher! All the answers can be found on today's Kid Scoop page.

- The Mystery Animal on today's Kid Scoop page is related to porcupines.
 True False
- The Mystery Animal is nocturnal, which means it:
a. is active during the day.
b. is active at night.
 True False
- Today's Mystery Animal lived during the time of dinosaurs.
 True False
- The Mystery Animal eats _____ and _____.
- On which three continents does the Mystery Animal live?
a. _____
b. _____
c. _____

ANSWERS:
1. True
2. b
3. True
4. Europe, Africa, Asia
5. Frogs, snakes, insects, snails, slugs, fruit.

Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS
This week's word: **HYPOTHESIS**
The noun **hypothesis** means something assumed to be true for purposes of further study.

Dr. Martin's hypothesis was that my sneezing might be an allergy to cat fur.

Try to use the word **hypothesis** in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family.

Viewpoints

Entities, groups can display a split personality

We all know someone who says one thing and does another. And we've all heard the term "split personality," in which a person displays two or more distinct and sometimes opposite personalities.

Is it possible for a nation, state or other large group of people to display the same conditions? I think so.

Safety has become a much bigger issue than it was in decades past. Once upon a time, there was no Occupational Safety and Health Administration, and companies did not have any employees whose sole responsibility was the safety of their co-workers.

Why is it, then, that while putting more and more

emphasis on safety, we have cut back on a basic safety practice like driver education?

When I was a teen, driver's education classes involved several weeks of classroom study combined with hands-on driving practice, all under the tutelage of a qualified instructor. Everyone knew which car to avoid because it was plainly marked as a driver's education car.

I haven't seen one of those cars in a long time.

The theory of equal representation for equal taxation, or no taxation without representation, is one going all the way back to the American Revolution. Yet whenever Texas needs more money for

something, one group is usually singled out for a tax hike.

Tobacco users are a favorite target in recent years for tax hikes to raise funds for education. Well, the state lottery was also supposed to raise funds for education.

Marilyn Powers
Staff Writer



By now, if you added up all the tax hikes imposed on tobacco products, smokers would have about one senator and two representatives each in Austin.

Studies on our children's health indicate that kids these days are much more seden-

tary and more liable to health issues such as obesity, high blood pressure, diabetes and other ills.

So what do we do? When faced with the problem of cramming all the required curricula into one school day, we eliminate physical education.

People from Mexico who have come to the U.S. and want to stay here have been staging protests against proposed new immigration laws and a stricter enforcement of existing laws.

What do they do to express their desire to stay

here? They wave the flag of Mexico and rewrite our National Anthem in Spanish with changes of some of the words.

They let their kids skip school while they skip work to join the protest marches. They boycott all spending for a day. They say we can't do without them.

That doesn't sit well with me.

Health, auto and property insurance is supposed to provide a stated percentage of financial coverage in the case of certain ills or calamities. Find me one insurance policy that says the minute a claim is filed, that claimant is on the short list to have their policy canceled.

Yet that is what happens.

One insurance company recently decided to cut back deeply on property insurance policies as a result of last year's disastrous hurricanes. They canceled 500,000 policies in Florida, announced that no new policies were being written in parts of Texas, and even initiated cut-back measures in New York State, which wasn't affected by the hurricanes.

Insurance companies have also been known to balk at covering a situation that is plainly included in a policy as something that will be covered if it occurs. Generally, the more costly the loss, the more likely this is to happen.

Contradictory? Definitely. Madness? Perhaps.

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, May 2, the 122nd day of 2006. There are 243 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 2, 1945, the Soviet Union announced the fall of Berlin, and the Allies announced the surrender of Nazi troops in Italy and parts of Austria.

On this date:

In 1519, artist Leonardo da Vinci died at Cloux, France.
In 1670, the Hudson Bay Company was chartered by England's King Charles II.

In 1863, Confederate Gen. Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson was accidentally wounded by his own men at Chancellorsville, Va.; he died eight days later.

*'Like ships, men
founder time and
again.'*

— Henry Miller
American novelist
(1891-1980)

In 1890, the Oklahoma Territory was organized.

In 1936, "Peter and the Wolf," a symphonic tale for children by Sergei Prokofiev, had its world premiere in Moscow.

In 1957, Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy,

the controversial Republican senator from Wisconsin, died at Bethesda Naval Hospital in Maryland.

In 1960, convicted sex offender and best-selling author Caryl Chessman was executed at San Quentin Prison in California.

In 1965, the Early Bird satellite was used to transmit television pictures across the Atlantic.

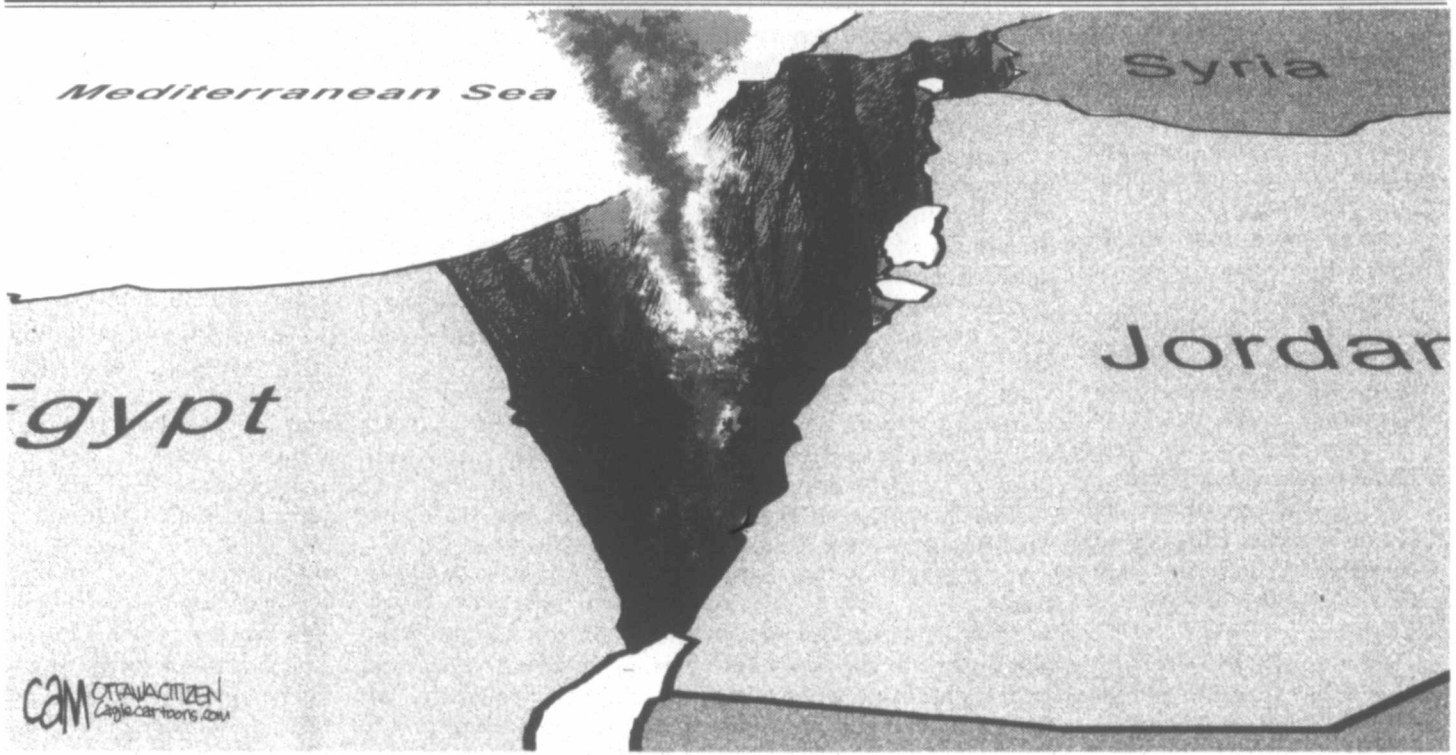
In 1972, after serving 48 years as head of the FBI, J. Edgar Hoover died in Washington at age 77.

In 1994, Nelson Mandela claimed victory in the wake of South Africa's first democratic elections; President F.W. de Klerk acknowledged defeat.

Ten years ago: The Senate passed, 97-3, an immigration bill to tighten border controls, make it tougher for illegal aliens to get U.S. jobs and curtail legal immigrants' access to social services.

Five years ago: President Bush and Republican congressional leaders clinched a budget deal embracing most of the president's tax and spending goals. Germany inaugurated its new Chancellery in Berlin amid concerns the building was too grandiose. A landslide destroyed a nine-story apartment building in China, killing at least 79 people.

One year ago: Pvt. 1st Class Lynndie England, the young woman pictured in some of the most notorious Abu Ghraib photos, pleaded guilty at Fort Hood, Texas, to mistreating prisoners. (However, a judge later threw out the plea agreement; England was later convicted in a court-martial and sentenced to three years in prison.) Greenpeace co-founder Bob Hunter died at age 63.



THE FUTURE MAP OF ISRAEL AS DESIGNED BY IRAN...

Minimum wage, maximum folly

About a fortnight ago, Mrs. Williams alerted me to an episode of Oprah Winfrey's show titled "Inside the Lives of People Living on Minimum Wage." After a few minutes of watching, I turned it off, not because of the heartrending tales but because most of what was being said was dead wrong. Let's look at it.

The show claims that 30 million Americans earn the minimum wage of \$5 an hour. Actually, the federal minimum wage is \$5.15 an hour, and 17 states mandate a higher minimum wage that approaches \$7 an hour. At one point, Oprah did manage to clear up this aspect of the show's errors.

The U.S. Department of Labor reports: "According to Current Population Survey estimates for 2004, some 73.9 million American workers were paid at hourly rates, representing 59.8 percent of all wage and salary workers. Of those paid by the hour, 520,000 were reported as earning exactly \$5.15." (<http://www.bls.gov/cps/minwage2004.htm#2>)

Workers earning the minimum wage or less tend to be young, single workers between the ages of 16 and

25. Only about 2 percent of workers over 25 years of age earn minimum wages.

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics: Sixty-three percent of minimum wage workers receive raises within one year of employment, and only 15 percent still earn the minimum wage after three years. Furthermore, only 5.3 percent of minimum wage earners are from households below the official poverty line; 40 percent of minimum wage earners live in households with incomes \$60,000 and higher; and, more than 82 percent of minimum wage earners do not have dependents.

The U.S. Department of Labor also reports that the "proportion of hourly-paid workers earning the prevailing Federal minimum wage or less has trended downward since 1979."

Another issue that's not often taken into consideration is there's a difference between what a worker takes home in pay and his total

compensation. Employers must pay for legally required worker benefits that include Social Security, Medicare, unemployment insurance, workers' compensation, health and disability insurance benefits, and whatever paid leave benefits they offer, such as vacations, holidays and sick leave.

It's tempting to think of higher minimum wages as an anti-poverty weapon, but such an idea doesn't even pass the smell test. After all, if higher minimum wages could cure poverty, we could easily end worldwide poverty simply by telling poor nations to legislate higher minimum wages.

Poor people are not poor because of low wages. For the most part, they're poor because of low productivity, and wages are connected to productivity. The effect of minimum wages is that of causing unemployment among low-skilled workers. If an employer must pay \$5.15 an hour, plus mandated fringes that might bring the employment cost of a worker

to \$7 an hour, does it pay him to hire a person who is so unfortunate as to have skills that permit him to produce only \$4 worth of value per hour? Most employers would view hiring such a person as a losing economic proposition.

Minimum wages can have a more insidious effect. In research for my book "South Africa's War Against Capitalism" (1989), I found that during South Africa's apartheid era, racist unions, who'd never admit blacks, were the major supporters of higher minimum wages for blacks.

Gert Beette, secretary of South Africa's avowedly racist Building Worker's Union, in response to contractors hiring black workers, said, "There is no job reservation left in the building industry, and in the circumstances I support the rate-for-the-job [minimum wages] as the second best way of protecting our white artisans."

Racists recognized the discriminatory effects of mandated minimum wages.

I'm trying to figure whether ineptitude explains the errors in Oprah's show or a deliberate attempt to mislead.

Walter Williams
Columnist



Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

■ April 23
Houston Chronicle on increasing international pressure against Hamas:

When a suicide bomber killed nine people in a Tel Aviv cafe last week, leaders of the Palestinian group Hamas nonsensically defended the bomber's action as self-defense. Compounding the twisted logic is Hamas' refusal to renounce terrorism and its commitment to eradicate the state of Israel. So who needs protection against whom?

Given Hamas' defense of the indefensible, Israel is prudent to refrain from a counterattack that in the minds

of its foes would justify more terrorism. By not mounting a major military tit for Islamic Jihad's latest atrocious tat, Israel shows itself to be the wounded party and increases international pressure on Hamas to recognize Israel's right to exist.

Over the weekend, a tape purportedly made by Osama bin Laden accused the United States and its allies of waging war on Islam. His evidence: The United States and its European allies as well as Arab nations such as Egypt and Jordan have cut off aid to the Palestinian government so Hamas cannot use the money to finance terrorism.

So, in the rhetoric of the most radical elements of the Arab world, one is justified in defending oneself against peo-

ple in a cafe by blowing them up. And any attempt to impoverish the most violent instincts and behavior of Muslim terrorists is waging war against their religion.

Those who desire tranquility might be tempted to think that support for views as thoughtless and bloodthirsty as these must wane, and quickly. Unfortunately, militancy in the absence of rationality is immune to negotiation and will be difficult to defeat.

Meanwhile, the self-defense needs of Palestinians in the impoverished Gaza Strip center upon gun battles fought by Palestinian factions competing for power and mindless of the human suffering around them.

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: Your reply to "Bald in Baltimore," the man who's considering getting rid of his wig, left me feeling you were advising someone with an "affliction" that isn't normally publicized. (I have false teeth, so should I also have a "coming-out party"? Pun intended.) My 40-something-year-old son lost most of his hair by the time he was 22 -- thanks to genes from my side of the family. When he was in his 30s, he and a couple of friends shaved their heads on a dare, and he has kept it that way ever since. It's a popular and fashionable look. "Bald in Baltimore" should retire the wig and join the bandwagon with a shaved head. -- **NANCY IN SPRING, TEXAS**

DEAR NANCY: If my comment about the "coming-out party" offended you, it was not meant to. I was being literal. Many other readers agreed with me that the hair-piece was unnecessary. Read on for a sample:

DEAR ABBY: Your idea of a coming-out (or off) party is a great one. He must have a sense of humor about all this. Have a laugh and be done with it. I hope he knows that what makes a man appealing isn't a head of hair but his attitude, outlook, and the way he treats others. When he loses the wig he will gain his freedom. -- **DENVER LADY**

DEAR ABBY: Hooray to "Bald in Baltimore" who's thinking of ditching his rug. Many women find bald men attractive, and I am one of them. So what if his head is shaped a "little" funny! That's what makes him an individual, like our fingernails, noses or toes. I'd rather see a bald man any day than a "rug" or a "combover." That man needs to know he has nothing to lose and everything to gain. And bravo to you, Dear Abby, for suggesting a coming-out party. What an excellent idea. -- **T.L.C., CANVAS, W.VA.**

DEAR ABBY: I totally agree with your answer to "Bald in Baltimore." My husband has the same problem. I met him when he was bald. We have been married seven years and have three beautiful children together. I think it's time that writer ditches the wig and becomes the man he always wanted to be! -- **M.S., OKEECHOBEE, FLA.**

DEAR ABBY: I worked for many years with a man in the same situation. His mother also objected to him "coming out" from under the wig. Her real objection was that his baldness made HER feel "old." Perhaps that's what is behind "Bald in Baltimore's" mother's comment as well. -- **PATRICIA IN BELLE, W.VA.**

DEAR ABBY: I am in my late 20s. When I was still in college, I met a wonderful man in his 30s. He was completely bald. He explained to me that when his hairline began to recede, he started shaving his head rather than dealing with the anxiety of it. I saw old pictures of him with hair, and I can honestly say I like him better without it. What attracted me to him was his personality, his intelligence, and the fact that he treated me better than gold. Please tell "Bald in Baltimore" to do what he feels comfortable with and be true to himself. In the end, he'll find it is the best decision he ever made. -- **SHERI IN ALBERTVILLE, ALA.**

DEAR ABBY: When I read your advice to the man in Baltimore to have a "coming-out party" to get rid of his wig, I thought, "Wouldn't it be wild to arrange to 'shave' his head if people pledged money for cancer research or some other favorite charity?" -- **KATHY IN CHICAGO**

DEAR KATHY: Yes! I love your idea. Way to go!

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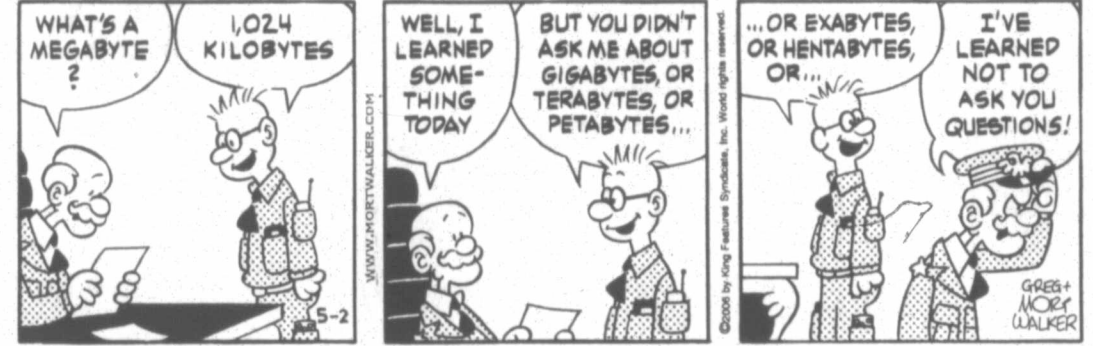
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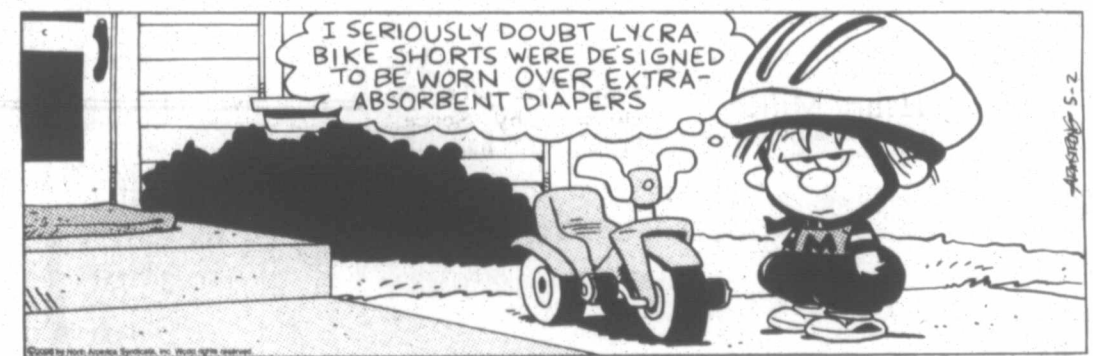
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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- 13 First Russian in space
- 15 Utter
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- 23 Dashboard
- 27 Deep voice
- 28 Highway division
- 29 Like a cliff
- 31 Bonnie's partner
- 32 Display
- 34 Mouth part
- 37 Decartes' conclusion
- 38 Zodiac cat
- 41 First American in space
- 44 Internet connector
- 45 Swift
- 46 Worries
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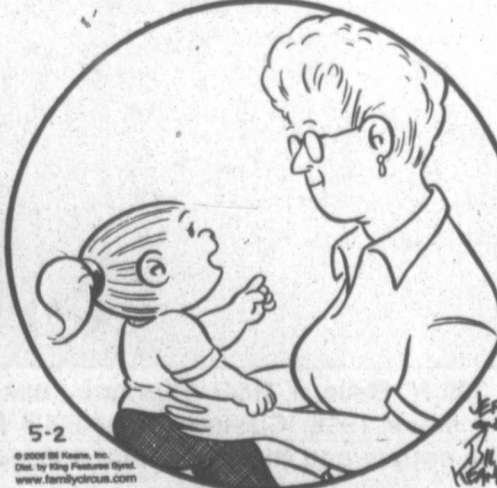
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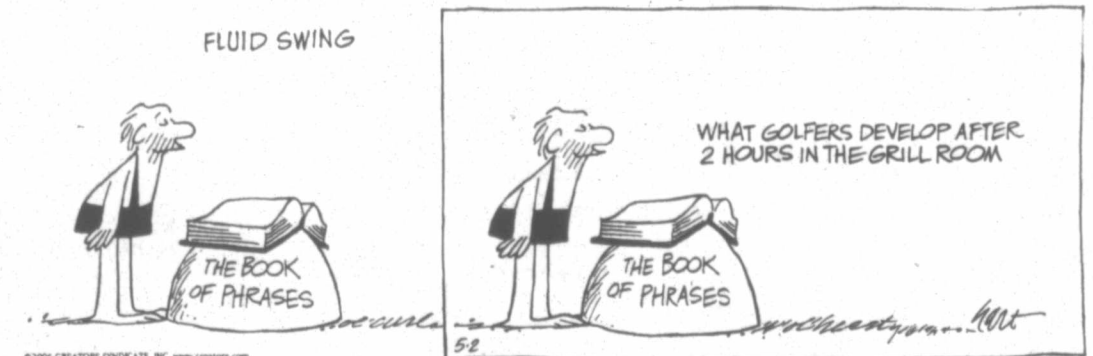


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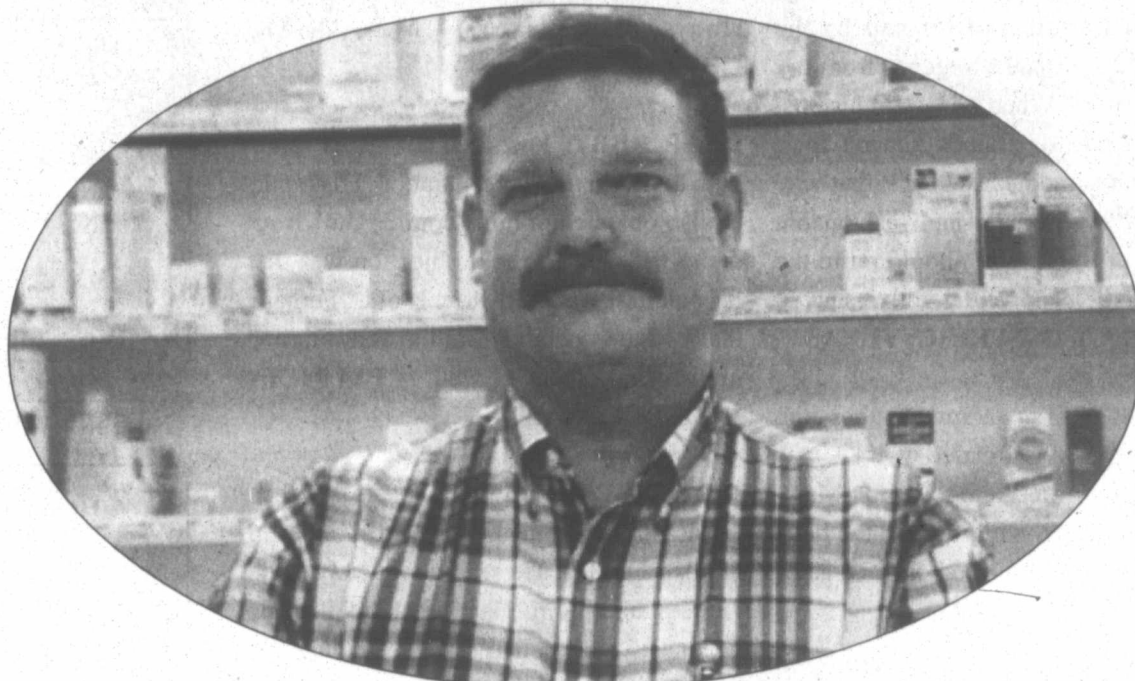
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BUSINESS REVIEW



▲ Pharmacist Dennis Roark provides friendly service to customers at the local B&B Pharmacy at 300 N. Ballard. Business phone for the pharmacy is 665-5788.

B&B Pharmacy offers personal service

A small town pharmacy offers services a larger pharmacy cannot provide.

Home-owned and operated, B&B Pharmacy is dedicated to providing personal service to all of its customers. Dennis Roark and his wife Donna have owned the local pharmacy since 1988.

The pharmacy offers a full line of medical needs, including ostomy supplies. Special orders can be obtained in one day. Crutches, canes, braces and wraps are always in stock. Medical needs for sports-related injuries can also be found.

Customers at B&B Pharmacy receive personal service from the Roarks. "We try to make our customers feel comfortable and free to ask any questions they might have," said Roark.

The staff at B&B Pharmacy strive to provide the personal service a big chain cannot provide.

"We try to stay away from the personalities of a big chain where you are just a number," he said. "Drugs have some interactions that can cause serious medical problems. We welcome our customers to come to us with

any concerns about interactions with their medications. It is important to us to know them and their needs."

"If any person has questions about the over-the-counter medications and possible reactions with their prescriptions, I would be more than happy to assist them."

Long time customers know that the staff at B&B Pharmacy will do all they can to meet the needs of their customers. New customers will find the personal service appealing to them.

"We want to provide our customers with their needs," said Roark. "New customers are always welcome."

The store covers almost all insurance plans.

B&B also provides free prescription delivery service.

The pharmacy is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., on Saturdays. The business is closed on Sundays and holidays.

B&B Pharmacy is located at 300 N. Ballard, and their phone number is 665-5788.



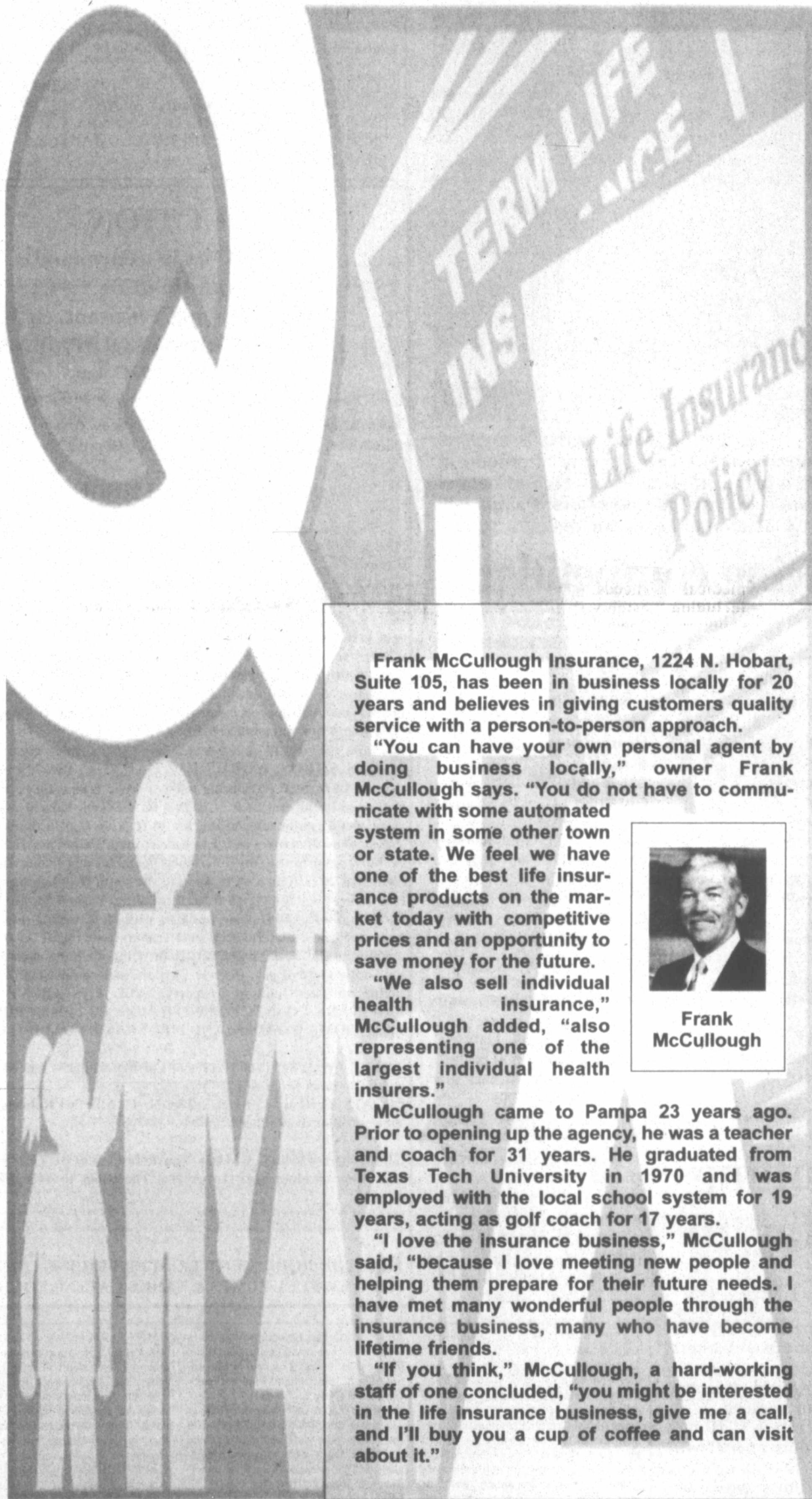
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McCullough came to Pampa 23 years ago. Prior to opening up the agency, he was a teacher and coach for 31 years. He graduated from Texas Tech University in 1970 and was employed with the local school system for 19 years, acting as golf coach for 17 years.

"I love the insurance business," McCullough said, "because I love meeting new people and helping them prepare for their future needs. I have met many wonderful people through the insurance business, many who have become lifetime friends."

"If you think," McCullough, a hard-working staff of one concluded, "you might be interested in the life insurance business, give me a call, and I'll buy you a cup of coffee and can visit about it."



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Sports Day

High throw



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Pampa first baseman Jake Craig gets tall as he tries to corral a high throw Monday afternoon at Randall. The Harvesters fell to the Raiders in the 3-4A seeding game, 15-0, to finish second behind Randall. Randall pitcher Tyler McClary threw a 5-inning no-hitter against the Harvesters. Pampa will face Lubbock Estacado in a bidistrict series later this week at a location to be determined.

Taylor sets state mark in diving competition

Pampa Junior High School's Rebecca Taylor set a six-dive state middle school record Saturday in Keller with 177.96 points. Taylor's first place finish in the 1 meter diving competition helped the Pampa Junior High swim team place third in the Texas North Zone state meet. "Rebecca is going to be great diving in high school," said coach Greg Miller. "She has established a record that is going to be hard to beat. She outscored her nearest competitor by 80 points." The boys team of Caleb West, Christian Hinkle, Jaden Payne and Kelly Stoffle finished second in the 200 free relay event. "Our boys' 200 free relay was just outstanding

this weekend," Miller said. "They beat Texarkana out of second place by .03 of a second. Caleb West anchored that relay and swam a lifetime best of 26.46. The entire relay improved their overall time by more than seven seconds." Miller also had praise for Kelly Stoffle. "He did a great job with his personal best times in all that he swam," he said. "Our girls are improving so much every meet I can hardly wait until next year." Results:
1 Meter Diving
 First -- Rebecca Taylor, 177.97, a state middle school record
200 Medley Relay
 Girls A Relay
 Sixth -- Rebecca Taylor, Lysie Guyer, Rachael

Andofer, Britney Poulin
 Boys
 Fifth -- Caleb West, Christian Hinkle, Jaden Payne, Kelly Stoffle
 Sixth -- David Saucedo, Ethan Addy, Zach Robles, Cody Hodson
200 Freestyle
 Girls
 Sixth -- Lysie Guyer
 200 Individual Medley
 Boys
 Fourth -- Kelly Stoffle
50 Freestyle
 Girls
 Sixth -- Rebecca Taylor
 Boys
 Fifth -- Jaden Payne
50 Butterfly
 Boys
 Fourth -- Kelly Stoffle
 Fifth -- Jaden Payne
100 Freestyle
 Boys
 Fifth -- Caleb West

50 Backstroke
 Sixth -- Zach Robles
200 Free Relay
 Girls
 Sixth -- Rebecca Taylor, Lysie Guyer, Christina Heart, Britney Poulin
 Boys
 Second -- Caleb West, Christian Hinkle, Jaden Payne, Kelly Stoffle
 Sixth -- David Saucedo, Ethan Addy, Zach Robles, Cody Hodson
 Others scoring points below sixth place were Susan Kane, Britteny Covil and Aubrey Aldrich
Combined scores for eighth grade boys and girls
 First -- Slake-Dawson Middle School 600 points
 Second -- Texarkana Middle School 388
 Third -- Pampa Junior High School 280
 Fourth -- Slake-Carroll Middle School 231
 Fifth -- Hubbard Middle School 161
 Sixth -- Hillwood Middle School 148
 Seventh -- Keller Middle School 126

Children's home to host putting tournament fund-raiser May 10

AMARILLO — The Presbyterian Home for Children wants to put your putting skills to the test. Area golfers can putt their way to the 2006 PGA Championship and make a difference in the lives of children in need on May 10 at the Amarillo Country Club. The tournament will be flighted and participants will putt an 18-hole course set up on the east putting green at the country club. The contest will see only one winner per flight with an overall tournament champion. Flight winners will receive a \$200 gift certificate to the Amarillo Country Club golf shop. The overall champion will receive two badges to the 2006 PGA Championship in Medinah, Ill., including airfare. The PGA is the final major of the year, and the badges will pro-

vide access to the entire week of golf. For more than 80 years, the Children's Home has provided a safe haven for children in need. The home provides a secure, Christ-centered environment for its occupants. Children come to the home from a variety of circumstances. Some come from broken homes or because tragedy has interrupted their lives. Others are placed there by children's services agencies or a court order. Many have known hunger, physical or sexual abuse, or neglect. The Children's Home Putting Tournament will take less than an hour. Putting times will be available from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The entry fee is \$100 per putter.

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Johnson finally wins at Talladega

TALLADEGA, Ala. (AP) — Jimmie Johnson erased a career full of Talladega Superspeedway troubles, barrel-rolling past teammate Brian Vickers Monday with one lap to go then holding off a charge from Tony Stewart to win the rain-postponed Aaron's 499.

Johnson is 2-for-2 in restrictor-plate races this year. His season-opening Daytona 500 win fell under intense scrutiny when crew chief Chad Knaus was suspended for cheating during race preparations. Johnson rallied to win the race in a legal car.

AXYDLBAAXR
 is LONGFELLOW
 One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.
5-2 CRYPTOQUOTE
 DB DT DYSMMS O SMTDNOZCM
 B E D Y F B Q Z M X M C C
 S M T U M Y S M S Z J B B E M
 F C Q N I Z M C Q Y F T B Q Q J N
 O Y U M T B Q N T — G C J B O N U E
 Yesterday's Cryptoquote: MONEY IS, IN SOME RESPECTS, LIKE FIRE; IT IS A VERY EXCELLENT SERVANT, BUT A TERRIBLE MASTER. — P.T. BARNUM

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, May 3, 2006:
 You will tend to be more sensitive than you have been in years. You need to be aware of this trademark so you don't cause yourself a problem. Work on better ways of handling this emotional dimension. Listen to what others have to say, but you don't have to personalize everything. Learn to sort through misunderstandings. If you are single, you will want to share more of your private and personal life. You will be more willing to open up. If you are attached, your relationship needs to become a higher priority than ever before. Take a special weekend or go on a retreat together. Your sweetie could be more responsive than in other years. LEO helps you feel at home.
 The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult
ARIES (March 21-April 19)
 ***** With Venus entering your sign today, others become far easier to deal with. The truth is, you have a softer, more appealing manner. However, your charm doesn't preclude confusion, as you will discover. Tonight: Put on your dancing shoes.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
 ***** Don't brood about feelings or a situation; clear the air. You will find that confusion surrounds the base of this issue. Listen to the other side or opinion. Now you'll get results! Plan on waving goodbye early to your daily routine. Tonight: Chat up a storm.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
 ***** Venus enters a segment of your chart that makes your wishes a

strong possibility. Be careful with over-indulgence; you could easily walk down that path as a mental escape. Seize control of your life. Tonight: Find a friend.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
 ***** You're still on a roll. A boss or supervisor establishes how pleased he or she is with your work and efforts. Think positively about what you can accomplish despite someone's lack of understanding. Tonight: Treat yourself.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
 ***** Be happy staying behind the scenes or contacting only those whose opinions or feedback you want. Brighten up about what is happening with a difficult or touchy associate. Your mood could swing if you don't detach. Tonight: You suddenly feel renewed.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
 ***** Work directly with another person. You'll find that this person is extremely amenable to others. Meetings and people in general do whatever they can to make events flow better. If there is a hassle, how much are you contributing to it? Tonight: Find your friends.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
 ***** Others suddenly change their attitude toward you. As you are in a position to instrument change, you will move ahead. Think positively about what can happen if you relax. Sometimes you put yourself in a tinspin. Tonight: As you like.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
 ***** Investigate what works with your associates. Don't undermine yourself with a careless word or two. Communication takes on a sensitive overtone. Don't play into this trend. Be as clear as you can be. Tonight: Out late, working or with friends.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
 ***** Closeness comes up naturally, as long as you don't sit on a dispute too long. You might want to lighten up regarding opinions or debating what happens. An agreement cannot be reached easily. Tune in to the feelings rather than the words. Tonight: Choose a mind escape.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
 ***** Others want to assume greater control of the immediate situation. What might be wise is to allow these people to see the end results of their actions. What might be important is gaining a better understanding. Flow with the moment. Tonight: Happiest with a dear friend, close to home.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
 ***** Charge into a project as if there is no tomorrow. This type of attitude will get you much further than stalling. You have a very special, unique style that encourages others to go along with you. Tonight: Don't buck the trend.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
 ***** Listen to others and then work with the planets. Your creativity flourishes and helps you make money. You might be inclined to take some unusual risks or changes. Allow your imagination to flow. Tonight: Fun and games.
BORN TODAY
 Singer James Brown (1933), singer Dave Dudley (1928), singer Pete Seeger (1919)

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Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Administration for the Estate of ANNETTA MICHELLE CONRAD, Deceased, were issued on April 3, 2006, in Docket No. 9255, pending in the County Court of Gray County, Texas, to: **JOHNNY RAY DOAN**. The residence of the Dependent Administrator is in Carson County, Texas. The post office address is: P.O. Box 71, Skellytown, Texas 79080. All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. DATED the 26th day of April, 2006. By: Harold L. Comer State Bar Card 04641000 P.O. Box 1058 Pampa, TX 79066-1058 (806)665-8495 FAX (806)669-0553 Attorney for Dependent Administrator E-27 May 2, 2005

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