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Firefighters collect for "Jerry's Kids"

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staff photo by Betsy Phillips

Pampa firefighters are accepting contributions Thursdays and Fridays during the lunch hour for Jerry's Kids during their annual Fill the Boot campaign.

BY BETSY PHILLIPS

editor@thepampanews.com Pampa Firefighters Association in conjunction with the Pampa Fire Department is conducting its annual drive for "Jerry's Kids'

"It's really a team effort," said association president Craig Harken of the long running annual event.

Firefighters began filling the boots last Thursday and will continue next Thursday and Friday from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. in various intersections around

Last year the firefighters collected about \$7,700 for the charity. So far this year, they have about \$2,600.

"We don't set any goals, we'd just like to see the number grow every year," Harken said. " Most of the money stays in the Panhandle, Lefors and Pampa have a few kids with diseases under the MD umbrella."

Harkens said that some of the funds are used for needed equipment and part goes to send area children to camp in

The drive will culminate with a check delivered to the Labor Day telethon in

Volleyball teams head to first tourney

BY ANDREW GLOVER aglover@thepampanews.com

The Pampa Lady Harvester volleyball teams are playing in tournaments today and Saturday.

The freshman team is traveling to Riveroad for the Riveroad Tournament. Coach Deanna Polasek said 13 teams are playing and they start with pool play today. The freshman Lady Harvesters will play Dalhart and Childress today. Depending on how they do, they will be placed in a bracket on Saturday, and play teams from other pools.

Polasek said they will get to play teams from Bushland, Borger and West Texas Stinnett. The freshman coach said it will be a good test for her team.

"It will be good for us to play different teams," Polasek said. "We have district in a month. It will be good to see how we can work against different teams."

After the freshman team's victory over Perryton on Monday, coach said her team has responded well in practice.

They were really excited to get a win out of that," Polasek said. "They are working hard and want to take a few more (wins) this weekend.

The varsity is traveling to Canyon for the Canyon/Randall tournament. Varsity head coach Libby Garza did not return our calls for comment about the tourney.

RODEO ACTION UNDERWAY



staff photo by Andrew Glover The Top 'O Texas Rodeo action began last night, and performances continue through Saturday at 7 p.m. For results of the first evening's competition, see page 8.

Manson follower 'Squeaky' Fromme out of prison

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) The Charles Manson follower convicted of trying to assassinate President Gerald Ford was released Friday from a Texas prison hospital after more than three decades behind bars, a pris-

on official said.

Lynette "Squeaky" Fromme was just 26 years old when she pointed a semiautomatic .45- caliber pistol at Ford in September 1975 in Sacramento, Calif. Secret Service agents grabbed her and Ford was unhurt.

Fromme, now 60, left the Federal Medical Center Carswell in Fort Worth at about 8 a.m. Friday, spokeswoman Dr. Maria

Douglas said in a statement. Fromme, who got a life term, became the first person sentenced under a special federal law covering assaults on U.S. presidents, a statute enacted after the 1963 assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

Ford was walking to the SQUEAKY cont. on page 3

S&P Raises Texas' credit ratings to AA+

AUSTIN - Standard & Poor's (S&P) has raised Texas' issuer credit and general obligation credit ratings to AA+ from AA based on the state's strong and diverse economy and strong leadership from the governor and Legislature that has left a projected \$9 billion in the state's Rainy Day Fund. S&P also raised its rating on the state's appropriation debt to AA from AA-.

"The ratings continue to reflect our opinion of the state's large and steadily diversifying economy, which despite the recession continues to perform better than the nation in terms of both

economic activity and employment," S&P credit analyst Horacio Aldrete-Sanchez said. "Furthermore, we expect that the Texas economy will recover earlier and at a faster rate than most other states given its continued population growth and relatively low cost of doing business, which we expect will contribute to gradual employment gains in 2010, particularly in the health, education and services sectors."

S&P's decision was based on Texas' 2010-11 biennial budget, the state's strong Rainy Day CREDIT cont. on page 3





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Wednesday Wednesday



High 86

Low 57





Low 62

High 82

High 86 Low 62

Tonight: Showers and thunderstorms likely, mainly before 1 am. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 67. South wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph. Chance of precipitation is 60%. New rainfall amounts between a quarter and half of an inch pos-

Saturday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1 pm. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 93. South southwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Saturday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before 1 am. Partly cloudy, with a low around 68. South wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Sunday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1 pm. Partly cloudy, with a high near 88. South southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Sunday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 67. South wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Monday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high near 89. South southwest wind around 10 mph.

Monday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 68. South wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

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CANYON-Jack Edmonson, 90, died August 13, 2009, in Amarillo, Texas.

Obituaries

Memorial services will be at 11:00 A.M. on Saturday, August 15, 2009 at the First Presbyterian Church of Canyon with The Rev. Dr. Don McDonald officiating.

services Graveside will be at 10:00 A.M. on Saturday at Dreamland Cemetery. The family will receive friends on Friday, August 14, 2009 from 6:00 to 8:00 P.M. at Brooks Chapel. Burial will be in

Dreamland Cemetery. Jack Edmondson was born on December 10, 1918

at Little Rock, Arkansas

Jack Edmonson, 90

to Lonnie and Elizabeth Texas in 1942. Anthony Edmondson. He came to West Texas State College on a football scholarship and graduated with a Bachelor of Education. He was drafted into the Calvary and then to the Army Air Corps. He returned to West Texas and received his Master's degree and moved to Pampa where he served as assistant principal, high school principal, and then superintendent from 1946 to 1965. He moved to Canyon in 1965 and began working at West Texas State College as Director of Placement and Professor of Education and later retired from Region 16. He mar-

ried Jane Boone at Lamesa,

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Mr Edmonson is survived by his wife Jane of

SON: Tony Edmondson and wife, Dottyof San Antonio

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Sander Edmondson, Clint Allen, Rick Edmondson, Troy Owens, Cannon Allen, Lynn Leigh McCollum, Dusty Langwell, Casey Owens, David Owens, and Tonya Garza

And 13 great grandchil-

MEMORIALS: The family suggests memori-



Edmondson

als be to Olivia's Angels, PO Box 950, Amarillo, Texas 79105, or the First Presbyterian Church, 904 19th St., Canyon, Texas 79015.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Cinderella Drive.

AMBULANCE

Guardian EMS responded to the following calls during the period between 7 a.m. Wednesday, August 12 to 7 a.m. Friday, August

Wednesday

8:54 a.m.—An MICU unit responded to the 1000 block of Love, transported one patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center

11:25 a.m.— An MICU unit responded to the 800 block of W. 25th Street, transported one patient to PRMC.

2:01 p.m.— An MICU unit responded to the 1000 block of N. Sumner, transported one patient to PRMC.

2:01 p.m.— An MICU unit responded to 1900 block of Helton Road, transported one patient to PRMC.

5:40 p.m.— An MICU unit responded to PRMC, transported one patient Northwest Healthcare.

8:49 p.m. An MICU unit responded to the 700 block of Zimmers, transported one patient to PRMC.

Thursday

1:05 a.m.— An MICU unit responded to Wilkes @ Faulkner, transported on patient to PRMC.

12:03 p.m.— An MICU unit responded to PRMC, transported one patient to

BSAW 4:29 p.m.-- An MICU unit responded to the 1400 block of N. Hobart, transported one patient to

PRMC. 3:20 p.m.-- An MICU unit responded to the Local Nursing Facility, transport-

ed one patient to PRMC. 7:32 p.m.-- An MICU unit responded to the 700 block of N. Hobart,

transported one patient to

PRMC. 8:36 p.m.--An MICU unit responded to the 1200 block of N. Wells, transported one patient to

PAMPA PD

PRMC.

The Pampa Police Department responded to the following calls during the period between 7 a.m. Thursday, August 13 to 7 a.m. Friday, August 14.

Animal Control Officers responded to 14 calls or

Pampa Police Officers made 10 traffic stops, had two ongoing investigations, and responded to five requests for informa-

A civil matter was reported in the 1100 block of S. Sumner Street.

An attempted burglary was reported in the 1200 block of S. Nelson Street. A window screen was ripped and torn away from the window.

A handicap parking violation was taken in the 2100 block of N. Zimmers Street.

A traffic complaint was

taken in the 900 block of pair of tennis shoes were stolen, worth about \$500. A handicap parking An alarm was reported

in the 2200 block of N. Hobart Street. An alarm was report-

ed in the 2500 block of Perryton Parkway. A suspicious person was

reported in the 1000 block of S. Varnon Drive. Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1400 block

of N. Charles Street. An alarm was reported in the 800 block of W. Kingsmill Avenue.

A prowler was reported in the 700 block of N. Dwight Street.

A stolen vehicle was reported in the 400 block of Hughes Street. A suspicious per-

son was reported in the Starkweather/Atchinson intersection Assault was reported in the 1000 block of Fisher

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> of N. Sumner Street. A suspicious person was reported in the 1000 block of W. 19th Avenue.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1400 block of N. Hobart Street.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1100 block of N. Sierra Drive.

A suspicious person was reported in the 1200 block of E. Jordan Street. An open door was

reported in the 100 block of N. Ballard Street. A suspicious person was reported in the 1800 block

of N. Banks Street. An animal complaint was taken in the 800 block of E. Francis Avenue.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 2500 block of N. Perryton Parkway.

SHERIFF

According to Gray County Sheriff Officials, the following people were booked into Gray County Jail during the period between 7 a.m. Thursday, August 13 and 7 a.m. Friday, August 14.

Julie Ann Tucker, 43, of Pampa was booked Thursday on charge of violation of probation, DWI and bond surrender DWI 2nd in Hemphill, Colorado. Tucker is still in jail as of Friday Morning and the bond was denied.

Special Olympians, family celebrate Eunice Shriver

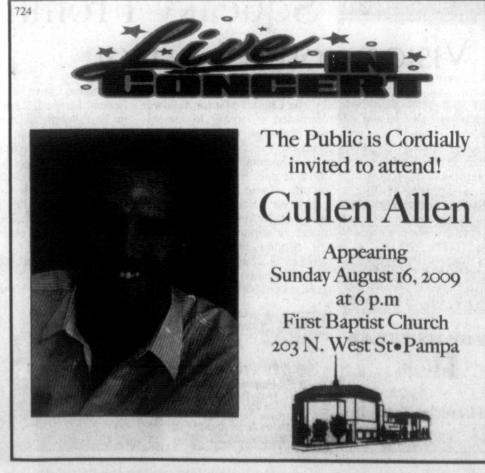
HYANNIS, Mass. (AP) — Eunice Kennedy Shriver, the presidential sister who founded the Special Olympics, was celebrated Friday at a funeral Mass as a fearless warrior for the voiceless who changed the world for millions and an unconventional woman who smoked Cuban cigars and played

tackle football. "She was scary smart and not afraid to show it," Maria Shriver said of her mother, who died Tuesday at age 88. "If she were here today ... she would pound this podium ... and

ask each of you what you have done today to better the world."

The Special Olympics torch led a procession for Shriver past thousands of onlookers who lined the streets outside St. Francis Xavier Roman Catholic Church as friends, family and athletes from the movement she founded a half-century ago gathered for the private service.

Shriver's only living brother, Sen. Edward Kennedy, who has been battling brain cancer, did not attend the funeral.



Controller was on phone during Hudson River crash

WASHINGTON (AP) - An air traffic controller who was making a personal phone call when a small plane and a helicopter collided over New York's Hudson River has been removed from duty along with his supervisor, who was out of the building at the time.

Federal officials said the pair's actions probably had no impact on last week's crash.

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The Federal Aviation Administration said in a statement Thursday that a controller at Teterboro Airport in New Jersey and his supervisor were placed on administrative leave after the controller was found to be involved in "apparently inappropriate conversations" at the time of the accident that killed nine people.

The agency said while there was no reason to believe thus far that the employees' actions contributed to the collision, such conduct is unacceptable. The controller had handed off the monitoring of the small plane involved in the collision to another airport shortly before the plane collided with a tour helicopter.

The two employees, who were not identified, were placed on administrative leave with pay. The FAA said it has begun disciplinary proceedings against the pair. Three members of a Pennsylvania family on the plane and five Italian tourists and a pilot on the helicopter were killed when the two stricken aircraft plunged into the river.

Air traffic controllers, including supervisors, are considered on duty throughout their shifts and e expected to be available in case they are needed, even when they are taking breaks. One of the questions the FAA is looking into is why the supervisor wasn't in the building, and whether there are circumstances in which supervisors are permitted to leave the premises.

The controller had cleared the small plane, a singleengine Piper, for takeoff and then made a personal call to a woman, said sources familiar with the investigation, who asked not to be named because they weren't authorized to speak publicly.

While still on the phone, the controller handed off the Piper to the control tower at Newark Liberty International Airport, which monitors low-flying air traffic over the Hudson but doesn't actively try to keep aircraft separated, they said. The controller was still on the phone when the accident occurred. This sequence of events lasted

only a few minutes. National Transportation Safety Board and FAA investigators learned of the telephone conversation earlier this week while examining recordings of telephone calls on a landline phone in the tower that controllers use to communicate with other parts of the Teterboro Airport. The employee made his personal call on that landline.

The controller and super-

visor were removed from duty immediately.

Air traffic controllers are expected to be alert at all times while on duty and typically are given about a 15-minute break roughly every two hours for that reason.

The National Air Traffic Controllers Association, the labor union representing controllers, said in a statement that it supports a full investigation of the allegations "before there is a rush to judgment."

The FAA's action came as an amateur video surfaced that captured the moment of impact between the two aircraft. The images, taken by an Italian man practicing with a new camera while on a boat tour, show the helicopter flying overhead when suddenly a single-engine plane appears behind it, apparently climbing and turning. The plane clips the helicopter's rotor blades, and a wing shears off. Debris rains down, and the plane flips. Both aircraft fall toward the water.

On the video, aired Thursday on "NBC Nightly News," one or more onlookers can be heard in the background saying, "Oh, my God!"

Teterboro Airport, located directly across the Hudson River from New York City near the George Washington Bridge, handles corporate and private aircraft.

It is operated by the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey and handles nearly 200,000 flights

Judge suspends West Texas sheriff

BETSY BLANEY

ASSOCIATED PHESS WRITER
LEVELLAND, Texas (AP) — A West Texas sheriff
as been suspended amid allegations he filed false
ports and was incompetent in the hiring and supervi-

David Kinney on Friday told The Associated Pres. hat he was "shocked" at his removal as Hockley County sheriff and denied wrongdoing.

District Judge Blair Cherry signed the order Thursda

hat temporarily ousts Kinney as sheriff.
Cherry also issued a restraining order aga
Kinney, a 20-year employee of the sheriff's dep nent who had been in charge for four years, keepi him from influencing witnesses and having acce

Credit

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Fund, and Texas' low taxsupported debt burden. The higher rating means Texas will pay lower interest on money it borrows, saving of millions of taxpayer dollars.

"In light of the economic downturn affecting the nation, this session we continued to make wise choices, such as cutting taxes on 40,000 small businesses and maintaining a multibillion dollar balance in our Rainy Day Fund that have helped our state sustain its overall economic strength," Gov. Perry said. "These prudent and fiscally conservative decisions continue to pay off for our taxpayers."

"Texas debt has always been well-received in the bond market, but for Texas to receive a rating upgrade in today's challenging economic environment while other states are being downgraded, speaks to the high quality of the state's financial stewardship as well as the positive long-term outlook for the Texas economy," Bob Kline, executive director of the Texas Bond Review Board said.

Additionally. S&P, Moody's Investors Service and Fitch Inc. have given

Texas the highest possible short-term debt ratings for tax and revenue anticipation notes (TRANs), which will be sold later this month.

Texas' business climate continues to lead the nation with more Fortune 500 companies than any other state, and is the nation's top exporting state. Last month, Farouk Systems relocated its manufacturing headquarters to Houston, creating 1,200 new jobs and generating \$26 million in capital investment. Additionally, National Review recently credited Texas' small government and low tax environment with attracting jobs and companies from around the nation, and CNBC recently named Texas one of the Top States to do Business for the third year in a row.

"When people look at Texas, they're discovering that we've fostered an environment that encourages people to pursue their dreams, build businesses and create jobs," Gov. Perry said. "There is no question that Texas' economy is on a growth trajectory thanks to our dynamic workforce, low taxes and predictable regulations."

Squeaky

California State Capitol from his hotel when Fromme pushed through the crowd, drew the pistol from a holster on her thigh and pointed it at the president as he shook hands with well-wishers. She was restrained by Secret Service agents who wrested the gun away from her and led the president to safety.

Fromme was granted parole in July 2008 and released "via good conduct time" after completing a 15-month sentence for unlawful escape from a federal correctional institution, according to the statement. That sentence was being served consecutively after a life sentence for threats against the president.

She escaped from a female prison in Alderson, W.Va., on Dec. 23, 1987, and was recaptured about two miles away on Christmas Day after a massive search. She was sen-

cont. from page 1 tenced to an additional 15 months in prison for the escape. Fromme had said she escaped from prison to

be closer to Manson. It was unclear why Fromme was at Carswell, a facility that specializes in providing medical and mental health services to female offenders. A spokeswoman for the bureau of prisons did not immediately return a phone call Wednesday seeking comment.

"I knew someday she would be released," said John Virga, the Sacramento attorney who handled her trial.

Fromme served time in at least two other facilities before Carswell.

Manson is serving a life term in Corcoran State Prison in California for the 1969 murders of actress Sharon Tate and eight others. Fromme, one of his "family" of followers, was not implicated in those

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The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll 5-Dynamic; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

*** Be sensitive to alternatives. You will see a personal matter differently after a conversation and/or a nap. Friends keep tossing suggestions and ideas on our plate. The theme: Let's get together Don't allow your fiery nature to cause a problem at the last minute. Tonight: Go for what you want.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

*** Remain in touch with your feelings and budget-making plans. If something doesn't feel right, make another suggestion. Happiness surrounds music theater or simply a movie. You also might want to take a walk by water. Conight: Where the action is.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ If you want to be more adven-turous, go for it. In the morning, a restriction involving your home and family could hold you back, but not for long. Go

for a drive, or plan an escape to an exotic restaurant with friends. Tonight:

Dance off excess energy CANCER (June 21-July 22)

** Know what is going on behind the scenes. If you feel confused, you need to center yourself. A discussion with a trusted friend could be enlightening. Discuss your thoughts despite what is happening Tonight: Share your strong feelings rather than swallow them. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

*** Zero in on what you want. It appears you cannot say "no" to an offer. A friend keeps pushing. Give up and simply accept the offer. Wherever you are, it seems you cannot do it alone. Visualize your desires more often by verbalizing them. Tonight: Whenever you are, people

surround you VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) *** Bring others together, even though you might be worn out. Listen to others. You might be surprised by what evolves.

Someone wants credit for plans. Let this person also share more of the responsi-bility. You feel revitalized as the day ages. Tonight: To the wee hours. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

If you couldn't go for the whole weekend, opt for a day trip. Invite a special friend along, or meet a pal on your way. Forget responsibilities (for now); you will revitalize and relax. If you meet someone today, this person could impact your life. Tonight: Very SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

*** A key loved one has plans. Go along, even if means canceling something else. This bond warms and feels more connected. Listen when this party shares his or her position. Tonight

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) *** Others want to dominate, to throw the party and/or to organize friends for a fun event. Let them. You feel more cheerful and upbeat than you have in a while. Listen to a neighbor or sibling who has a lot to share! Tonight: Go with

the flow CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) *** Listen to your energy level Take time for friends, or if you're feeling pressured, ask them to join you in a pastime. Careful with spending. Your energy builds all day long, allowing you to get done what you want. A friend might want to have a long-overdue chat. Tonight: Call it an early night.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Your playful personality delights a kid or loved one. Nevertheless someone close could drain you. Don't absorb criticism (but you might want to think about it later). Your spirited nature cannot be suppressed. Get into a sport or physical pastime. Tonight: Out and

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) *** If you would like to spend the day at home, do. Exhaustion marks your choices. Your family wants all your attention. Make it your pleasure. A loved one shares, opening new doors. Be more vulnerable too. Tonight: Order in.

BORN TODAY British royalty Princess Anne (1950), actor Ben Affleck (1972), singer Joe Jonas (1989)

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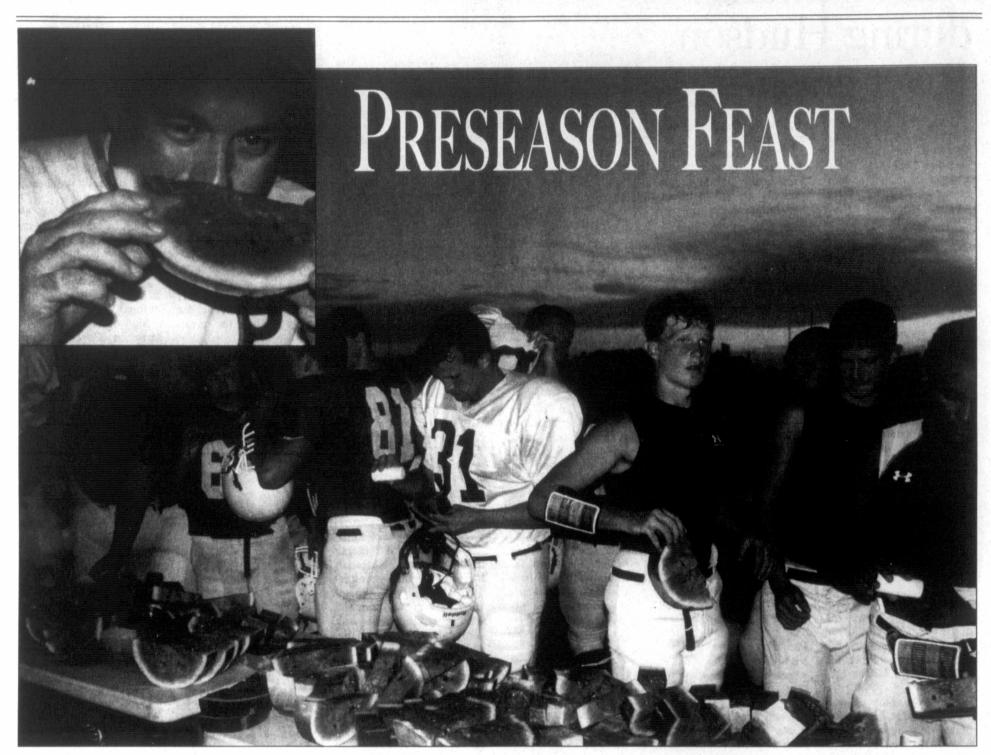


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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

ABBY: Forty years ago, after accusing our father of taking indecent liberties with her, my sister "Vera" was diagnosed with a major mental illness. She was 17. After many difficult years of hospitalizations, medication and electroshock therapy, Vera finally accepted her diagnosis and now lives in a boardand-care home nearby. She has never been well enough to work or carry on a relationship, and due to her medication, she suffers from a serious neuromuscular disorder.

Our father died suddenly -- and while going through his belongings, Mom and I discovered some graphic Polaroid photos that prove Vera's allegations were true. Mom destroyed them immediately. I believe Vera should know that we now understand she wasn't delusional, that she was misdiagnosed and treated unnecessarily.

treated unnecessarily.

Mom is adamantly opposed. She says Vera is receiving the "best help available" and it would only "upset her" if she knew what we found. I am heartsick. Should I tell Vera at the risk of it killing our mom, or should I let it go? Vera's treatments have taken most of her memory. -- DISTRAUGHT IN OHIO D E A R

DISTRAUGHT: Your mother's reaction makes me wonder whether she might have had an inkling all along that your sister was telling the truth. After all these years, I fail to see how telling Vera that someone believes her will

"kill" your mother. I once knew a woman who had spent years in group therapy trying to get at the root of her problems. Like your sister, she had had shock therapy, which had blasted away some of her memory. She said many times that she would have been glad to have someone fill in some of the blanks for her -and so, I suspect, would Vera. Your sister deserves answers and validation.

However, before you approach her, it is very important that you first discuss this with a psychotherapist who can guide you through the process.

DEAR ABBY: I am 40, married and blessed with a wonderful family. I have spent my entire career working for the same company. Several years ago, I was promoted to a position I thought I wanted. However, I have come to hate my job. The best part is the paycheck.

I earn a decent salary and I don't want to seem unappreciative, especially in these economic times, but I feel there is more to life than what someone earns.

I have

Recently,

thought about joining the military. My husband is very supportive and has told me countless times that being happy is the most important part of life. I want to do something with my life that matters rather than simply going to work each day dreading the time I am

there.

My dilemma is with my parents. I know they will-feel it is ridiculous to quit a perfectly good job and go into the military. What advice do you have

for me? -- WOMAN AT THE CROSSROADS OF LIFE

DEAR ATCROSSROADS: Your dilemma may not be with your parents. The various branches of the armed forces have age limits beyond which they will not accept enlistees. So my advice is to begin calling the recruitment centers, telling them your background and asking if you qualify to apply. If you are accepted, you can then tell your parents the "good news."



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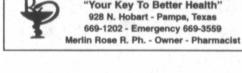
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BY ANNETTE BRIDGES

"What is something you would learn if you had the chance," the survey question asked. I was stumped. I eventually thought of one answer -snow ski -- but I still can't believe how tough a question this was for me. And now I'm asking myself, "Why did I have trouble coming up with an answer?" Besides, surely I could think of more than one answer to such a question!

Do we ever learn all there is to learn?

As babies, we begin our lives with a big new world before us. Throughout our childhood years -- truly -- the world is our classroom. Our curiosity inspires our sense of adventure and keeps us expanding our abilities and honing our skills. The search to discover our talents seems inexhaustible and exciting. Throughout our school years we read, think, wonder, consider, explore -- learn.

I've been out of school for many years now. Has something changed during my adult years that made me stop thinking about learning?

I came across some statistics that are almost impossible to believe could be even remotely accurate. (JenkinsGroupInc.com)

One-third of high school graduates in the U.S. never read another book for the rest of their lives, Forty-two percent of college graduates in the U.S. never read another

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five years. Fifty-seven percent of new books are not read to completion.

And yet 120,000 new book titles are published each year in the U.S. (bookwire.com) I know my daughter buys at least a hundred of those new books every year! I can't say that I do the same.

I've read that entrepreneur, Bill Gates, attributes his success to his desire to never stop learning. In fact, Gates once said, "Every now and then I like to pick up a copy of Time Magazine and read every article from beginning to end, not just the articles that interest me most. That way you can be certain to learn something you didn't know previously.

I can see how success in life is connected with our willingness to stay open-minded and teachable. This means that throughout our lives we continue to ask questions, imagine the possibilities, and stay open to change, improvement, growth, progress.

One can also see how ignorance leads to fear. People are often afraid of what they don't understand and what they're not familiar with -- what they have no knowledge of. So some people are afraid to learn something new if they think it will lead to changes from what they know and take them out of their comfort zone.

When people stop learning or stop wanting to learn or trying to learn or start believing they have nothing to learn, they cease to make progress. And without progress, there is no life. At the very least, life becomes less

interesting Perhaps learning is a habit. And like some other good habits such as eating a balanced meal, exercising or praying daily or studying the Bible, we get lazy or negligent. And our laziness and negligence becomes a bad habit that is difficult to break -- but not impossible. Any bad habit can be broken with due diligence and perseverance and good habits can be created and maintained in the same way.

Gandhi's words, "Learn as if you would live forever, live as if you would die tomorrow," tell us there is always more to learn and we should learn as much as we can each day. It is never too late to learn something new. I'm beginning to learn that the old adage -- "Practice makes perfect!" is always true regardless of our age.

I suspect I'm not the only one who is learning there is much more to learn. I know I need to learn to love more, to have more trust, to be more patient. I need to learn how to relax more, listen better, and forgive. Yes, there is much more I need and want to learn.

"A wise man...will increase learning." (Proverbs 1:5) I want to be a wise woman! So my new approach to each day is going to begin with the questions, "What can I learn today?" Or better still, "What does God want me to know today?" I may not know what I want or need to learn, but God has infinite possibilities for all of His children. We can trust that God will direct us to exactly what is best each day.

From the desk of Dr. Johnny Funderburg

There is no question about it; we live in a strange day. The once emblazoned Judeo-Christian ethic that ran mainstream throughout our culture has been severely diluted. What was unthinkable 50, 30, in some cases, even 20 years ago, is now accepted or being politically packaged so that it will be soon.

Those of us who treasure our Biblical world-view are left wondering, "How did this happen?" It seems that we went to sleep one night and all was well, woke up and there was a seismic shift in our culture.

Whereas we (Christians) were once dominant in determining the moral basis of our country, we now are considered dated and inept. Like old shoes that don't fit anymore, we've been shelved.

Examining life from a Biblical perspective is no longer acceptable for the masses. Interpreting behaviors from God's point of view is considered passé. Believing the Bible to be God's holy word is now judged weak, and naïve.

We are now the minority. We are the little brother. We find ourselves having to fight for a place at the leadership table. Persecution, formally unknown to us here in the U.S., is at the door, knocking.

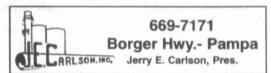
Where will we be in 20 more years? 30? 50? What will the political landscape be then? Will we be tolerated or will the worst of the end times be unfolding?

All I know is this: "The Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons, speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron" (1 Timothy 4:1-2). And this, "But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, unloving, unforgiveness, slanderers, without selfcontrol, brutal, despisers of good, traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having a form of godliness, but denying its power" (2 Timothy 3:1-5).

Therefore, we must prepare ourselves and decide now: As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord-We will fight the good fight-We will finish the race—We will be overcomers in this life.

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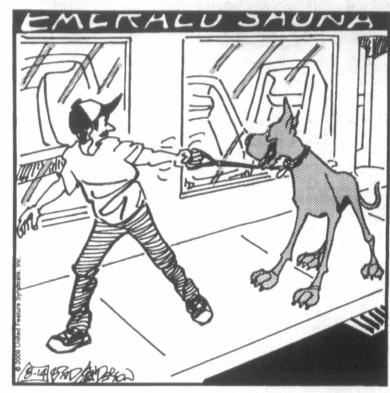
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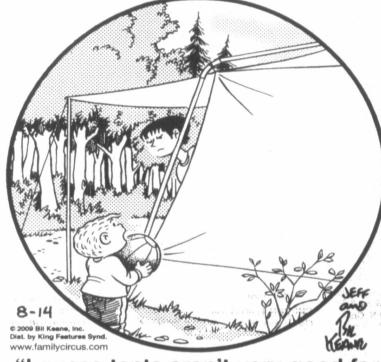
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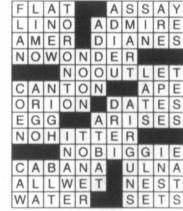
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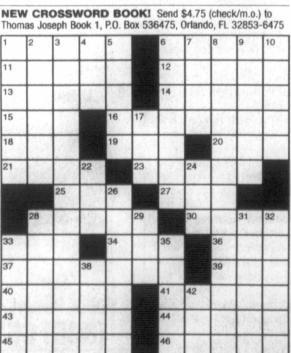
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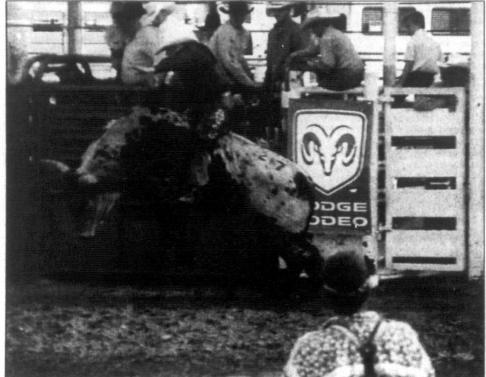
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