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The plastic drum lies on its side with a cutaway section facing up.

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This wildlife watering station on farmland west of Pampa collects available moisture into the blue plastic drum for use by wildlife. On the day this photo was taken, a jackrabbit had been at the station.

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Renteria

Here come the goats!

▲ Pampa News photo by Marilyn Powers

A herd of goats of various colors was gathered around a pond recently to graze and drink water. The pond is likely to shrink as hot temperatures continue across the area with only slight chances of rainfall.

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NEXT DAY FORECAST

Saturday



Sunny

Sunday



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Monday



Sunny

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 96. Southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 71.

Sunday: Mostly sunny and hot, with a high near 98.

Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 70.

Monday: Mostly sunny and hot, with a high near 98.

Monday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 72.

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Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the period from 7 a.m. Thursday to 7 a.m. today.

Thursday, July 24

Nine traffic stops were made. Stops in the 100 block of West Brown, the intersection of Wilks Street and Huff Road, and the 800 block of North Dwight.

Traffic complaints were received from the 2600 block of Dogwood, and the intersection of Market and Faulkner streets.

Vehicle accidents were reported in the police department lobby and the 1200 block of North Hobart.

Driving while intoxicated was reported in the 800 block of South Hobart. At least one arrest was made in connection with the incident.

Calls and stops concerning animals occurred in the 1300 block of Duncan and twice in the 1300 block of Garland.

One attempt to serve papers was made.

Found property was reported in the 200 block of North Sumner.

Agency assistance was fendered in the 200 block of West Kingsmill.

Civil matters were reported in the 400 block of North Wynne and the 1000 block of Neel Road.

Suspicious person calls were received from the 1000 block of Clark, the 1000 block of East Browning and the 400 block of Duncan.

Suspicious vehicle calls were received from the 500 block of North Nelson and the 900 block of North Frost.

Violation of a city ordinance was reported in the 300 block of East Brown.

An arrest was made in the 2800 block of Perryton Parkway as the result of a follow-up investigation.

A narcotics violation was reported in the police department lobby.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1300 block of Garland, the 300 block of Miami and the 1100 block of East Foster.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1200 block of North Hobart. The tires on a vehicle were deflated.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1100 block of Willow.

One alarm was reported.

Burglary was reported in the 500 block of North Sumner. A clothes washer and dryer were taken.

Estimated value of loss is \$2,500.

Friday, July 25

One traffic stop was made at the intersection of Crawford and Love streets, and at least one arrest was made in connection with the incident.

Agency assistance was rendered in the 11800 block of Highway 60 West.

A suspicious person call was received from the intersection of Duncan and Pennsylvania streets. At least one arrest was made in connection with the incident.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 900 block of North Christine. Minor injuries were reported in connection with the incident.

Assault was reported in the 500 block of Lefors.

Theft was reported at Allsup's, 309 N. Hobart. A 12-pack of beer valued at \$7.99 was taken.

Sheriff

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following

Woman admits to Texas porn video of grandkids

MARSHALL, Texas (AP) — A woman prosecutors say helped make a graphic videotape of her two visiting grandkids has pleaded guilty in a child pornography case.

The U.S. Attorney's Office on Friday announced 51-year-old Denise Ward of Overland Park, Kan., pleaded guilty to coerced sexual activity.

Ward was living in Harrison County, Texas, at the time of the May 2000 incident. Longview police assisted in the investigation.

Details on the children, who were 10 and 11 at the

time of the videotaping, have not been released.

Information presented in court indicates Ward helped produce a tape in which her grandchildren were photographed nude. Prosecutors say the parents were not aware of the videotaping.

Ward late Thursday pleaded in federal court in Marshall.

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BRAZIL, Bobby Joe — Memorial services, 10 a.m., Mary Ellen & Harvester Church of Christ, Pampa.

JONES, Billie J. — Memorial services, 1 p.m., First Baptist Church, Lefors.

Bobby Joe Brazil, 76

Bobby Joe Brazil, 76, of Pampa, Texas, died July 20, 2008, at Pampa. At Mr. Brazil's request, his body was donated to Texas Tech University Medical School in Lubbock.

Memorial services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 26, 2008, at Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ with Rodney Tedford, a Church of Christ minister, and Arvia Willingham, officiating.

Arrangements are under

the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Brazil was born Nov. 4, 1931, in Dardenell, Ark. He graduated from Little Rock Tech in Little Rock, Ark., in 1950. He had been a resident of Pampa since 1951.

Bobby married Bonnie DeFoor on Feb. 25, 1956, in Clayton, N.M. He worked for Mobile Oil Company for 15 years before becoming co-owner and operator of the Tex-O-Kan Trucking.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army and a member of the Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ.

The family would like to extend special thanks to Dr. Laxman Bhatia and wife Vicki, the Pampa Regional Medical Center staff, Shepard's Crook Home Health Care, National Home Health Care, and Bob Lindsey with Odyssey Health Care.

Survivors include his wife, Bonnie Brazil, of the

home; a daughter, Pamela Carter and husband Randy of Pampa; one grandson, Bobby Carter and wife Sarah of Lubbock; and a special niece, Debbie Corona and husband Thomas of El Paso.

MEMORIALS: Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ, 1342 Mary Ellen, Pampa, TX 79065.

The family will be at 1717 Fir in Pampa.

—Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whitley.com.

Billie J. Jones, 78

Billie J. Jones, 78, of Lefors, died on Wednesday, July 23, 2008, in Amarillo.

Memorial services will be at 1 p.m. on Saturday, July 26, 2008, at the First Baptist Church in Lefors, Texas. Burial will be at 11:30 a.m. (MST) on Monday, July 28, 2008, at the Santa Fe National Cemetery.

Arrangements are by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors, 2800 Paramount

Boulevard, Amarillo.

Mrs. Jones was born on May 16, 1930, in Elida, N.M., to Fred and Vera Berryhill. She married Robert Jones on Oct. 9, 1974, in Raton, N.M. She spent many wonderful years traveling the country with her husband on a truck.

Mrs. Jones was a member of the First Baptist Church in Lefors.

She was a devoted wife,

loving mother and grandmother who was dedicated to her family and friends. She will be remembered fondly by all who knew and loved her.

She is preceded in death by her daughter, Debra Renea Thomas.

Survivors include her husband, Robert "Bob" Jones, of the home; three sons, Rick "Dusty" Simmons of Bowling Green, Va., David

Bobb of Lefors, Texas, and Randy Jones of Lefors, Texas; a sister, Peg Anthony of Buffalo, Okla.; grandchildren, Eric Keiser, Shelly Renea Williams, Jamie Ledgerwood, Aaron Jones, Teresa Schwalk, Tracey Jones, Carla Benites; and 12 great grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be to BSA Hospice, P.O. Box 950, Amarillo, TX 79176-0001.

Ambulance

Guardian EMS ambulance reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Thursday, July 24

7:16 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1500 block of West Kentucky and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

12:26 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 100 block of Foster. No transport.

12:55 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 700 block of Murphy and transported a patient to PRMC.

9:43 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1900 block of Helton Road and transported a patient to PRMC.

Fire

Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls in the 24 hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Thursday, July 24

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MINISTER'S MUSINGS

Be faithful to confess your sins publicly

A preacher who won't practice what he preaches may be a lot of things, but a man of God isn't one of them. The members at Hi-Land Christian Church can confirm that one of the things that I preach and teach the hardest is this that sin must be confessed as public as the sin was committed.

The Bible is clear on this subject. James 5:16 tells Christians to "confess your sins to each other and pray for each other."

That means that if some Christian husband were to treat his wife hatefully in front of others, when he repents he can't just confess his wrong to her privately; he must confess the wrong to all those who witnessed the sin. If he isn't willing to do that, then he didn't really repent, and he is a coward.

Anyone who sins publically and then won't "fess up" to that same public is a coward, and if there is one thing that a man of God isn't supposed to be it is a coward. And since I profess to be a man of God, being a coward isn't an option when it comes to dealing with personal screw-ups, so here we go.

Recently I wrote an article concerning the need to honor teachers for their love for our children and for their work. In that article, I referenced two teachers that I know who, under different Pampa Independent School District administrations, received nothing but one sentence letters of acceptance when they retired. In that article, I said that one of those teachers was treated that way by the current PISD administration. The reason I wrote that was because that is what I was told.

Well, I recently I found out that I was misinformed and therefore wrote something that was completely false. Shame on me! Now it was true concerning the

teacher who retired several years ago, but not about the teacher who retired under the current PISD administration, especially our current Superintendent Barry Haenisch.

In fact, this morning I learned that Barry wrote a gracious letter to this teacher, praising him for his service and dedication. So here are three cheers for Barry Haenisch and PISD administration: HURRAY! HURRAY! HURRAY! And here also is a big: "I am so sorry. Please forgive me."

Now let me add one more thing about the quality of man that our superintendent, Barry Haenisch, is. On the Monday after the original article ran on a Friday, Barry stopped by my office. Want to know why? Not to gripe, not to complain, not to accuse, but to thank me for writing the article.

He said that he had double-checked his records and couldn't find any teacher who had not received a personal letter from him which thanked them for their years of service, but that maybe somehow a teacher was overlooked. And for that he apologized and again thanked me for the article saying, "At least it will encourage everyone in Pampa to be more thankful for our great teachers."

So if you should ever sin against someone publically, learn a lesson from this old preacher. No. 1: Triple check everything before you act, it will save a lot of misery. No. 2: When you mess-up publically, 'fess-up publically. God commands it. No. 3: Thank God that He forgives His children when they repent. No. 4: Pray that those who you may sin against will be as gracious and merciful as Barry Haenisch has been to me. God bless.

Don't be too quick to call Peter a coward

To Jesus, the shadow of the cross must have appeared early in life. It is very likely that misunderstandings among the children of His earthly family would leave Jesus with a feeling left out while the other children were at perfect unity. If this be true could we not assume that this was the beginning of the shadow of the cross?

True or not true, we can certainly see that He walked in that shadow much of His life. At times when He had healed people, he told them to say nothing. This was done to shadow His work from those who hated Him.

The spirit of opposition and murder was coming upon Jesus day-by-day as he was drawing closer and closer to the cross. We get a glimpse of the pressure Jesus was under when we see Him in the garden of prayer. Three of the Apostles who were with Him fell asleep.

Jesus prayed one prayer three times in one hour. He prayed: "Father, if it be possible let this cup pass from Me, nevertheless, not My will, but thine be done." (Matthew 26)

As the three Apostles are led to leave the garden of prayer, Peter remembers his

vow to stand by his Lord till death, and with courage marches beside Jesus, ready to make a defensive blow.

Archie Cooper

Pentecostal Holiness



Peter saw a bunch of Jesus-haters armed for battle. The feel of murder was strong in the air. A young man came within reach of Peter's sword and lost an ear. Like a flash, this deed met with the disapproval of Peter's Lord and Master. Jesus replaced the ear with complete healing then Peter is standing with nothing to say, and there his Lord is taken captive.

Peter rightfully finds himself with no friends at hand, and his Lord is helpless to come to his aid.

Let us not forget that the desire to silence Jesus carried a need to silence Jesus' followers. Peter was well aware of that. Would Peter be captured if he confessed to the truth? He had already suffered a rebuke from his Lord for using his sword as defense.

All of the confusion Peter was brought into cannot

cover the guilt of denying his Lord. Could the foreknowledge of Peter's denial have been a part of Jesus' "cup" of suffering?

While Jesus was being tried, a rooster crowed and jolted Peter to his senses. He couldn't find quick enough a place to repent. He had seen Jesus look at him. Peter's prayer did not use excuses about the threat of death in this dark scary night. His thoughts were on his terrible sin he had sinned against his sinless savior.

I do not see Peter to be the weakling that many think him to be. The use of his sword shows courage, but Peter was alone, and the last contact he had with his Lord was a rebuke for using his sword. It doesn't take a coward to tremble with fear when you are alone with animosity flowing like a river from the heart of a mob. Before you call Peter a coward or a weakling, put yourself in his shoes.

And so, we have seen the heavy shadow of the cross that was upon Jesus most all His life upon earth as well as the darkest hour of the man who would hold the keys to the Kingdom of God after he was baptized with the Holy Ghost and fire. (Matthew 3:11)

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Viewpoints

Empath: Your sadness is my sadness

Okay, I admit it. I'm an empath.

If you've never watched "Star Trek: The Next Generation," you might be a little lost with the word. But after some "word attack" (thank my junior English teacher for that term) I think you can see what the word means: "An individual who has the ability to sense and feel the emotions of people, animals or objects at a distance," or so saith Wikipedia. (The name of an online pseudo-encyclopedia, for those of you who shy away from the Internet — which we really must discuss at a later date.)

I don't know when I came to terms with my empath status. Probably in the last few years. It was my husband who really made me aware of it. He would tell people that I cry at Hallmark commercials, which is pretty much true. But it's not that I'm a huge crier. Not that criers are bad. I mean, I am a crier. But not in the typical sense.

And it's not just because I like to cry. I don't. I hate it.

And it's not because I'm a woman. Let's not go there.

And it's not because I love the feeling after a good cry. Crying gives me a headache.

I don't cry because I'm frustrated. I don't cry because I'm mad. I don't cry because I

was yelled at, or when I want to scream at the injustices of the world. That's what writing is for.

Strangely, I cry because I feel your pain, and that guy's pain on "Touched by an Angel," and the protagonist character's pain in the novel, and my student's pain over getting her heart broken, and my child's pain over having an upset stomach. I cry when others don't or won't. Or even when they do. I feel their pain.

It's really nothing less than bizarre. I fully realize this. You don't have to tell me. But all someone has to do is start talking about something sad that's going on in his or her life, and I'm there. One hundred percent. I'm there. If you're upset, I'm upset. My emotions well up the minute I feel someone else on the brink of emotional duress.

Hey, it is what is. I've come to terms with it. But recent events reminded me of the difficulties of the empathetic lifestyle: Funerals.

I went to the funeral of my first cousins' grandmother — the grandma we do not share. I silently sat there and lost of gallon of saline in the span of 45 minutes. The whole time.

Miranda Bailey

Guest Columnist

Start to finish. Even after I gave myself the mental pep talk. You know, the one where you say, "I'm not going to cry, I'm not going to do it. Nope. She's not my grandma. Sure, I knew her. But I only went to her house a dozen or so times in my entire life. I haven't spoken to her in five years. This is not going to be Cry Fest 2008 for Miranda."

But sure enough, I see my cousins walk into the sanctuary, and that's the moment I lose it. My thoughts switch gears.

"My poor, dear cousins! Losing a wonderful grandparent! Oh, how I'm dreading when we have to say good-bye to the grandparent we share. I know how badly this is hurting them. I know how hard this day is." And my heart instantly breaks for them. I have no control over it. None whatsoever.

So, you'd think they would be crying as well. Surely it was their tears that caused my own.

None. Stoic as stoic can be. Two of them even spoke at the funeral without breaking up once. Unthinkable — when I'm sitting there driving the stock of Kleenex up.

But the moment the funeral ended, as soon

as they all walked out of the room, I was back to normal. Back to my dry-eyed, animated self ... with a headache.

Honestly, I would bemoan this all except a dear soul once told me that our greatest weakness is often our greatest strength.

And thus, my fellow empaths — you all know who you are — this seemingly dreadful curse is, but of course, a blessing in disguise. We have a place in society, and not just to keep the Kleenex company in business.

Yes, I cry at Hallmark commercials and TNT Tear-jerkers. I bawl when I hear your mom or dad or sister or brother or cherished one passes. I tear up every time Romeo thinks Juliet's dead before she really dies.

I, however, also unmistakably feel what you're going through even if I'm not going through it myself. I unexplainably feel your loss and grief, and I share in it. When I walk up to someone who's in pain, in a matter of minutes, I've found a kindred spirit.

Laugh as you will while I'm watching "Home Makeover," but I'm that one emotionally available friend. I'm here to share your joy, your hurt, your pain, whether I want to or not. Still, I'd really rather not go to your grandma's funeral. Or your funeral.

Or mine, for that matter.

Americans should stand up for free speech

"It was just the right thing to do." That's a phrase one hears fairly often these days. It's usually said in explanation (or justification) for something someone has already done. Trouble is, the phrase "right thing to do" begs this question: What exactly is the right thing to do?

If all 300 million of us agreed as to what exactly are the right things to do, we'd have blissful unity in our beloved country for the first time since the founding of the Jamestown colony. That will never happen, though. As with pacifism, achieving perfect unity is like expecting a wolf to become a vegetarian.

Granted, a few people may not know what ought to be done, but the rest of us — Christian, Buddhist, Muslim, Jewish, atheist, Democrat, Republican, conservative, liberal, libertarian and whatever — all have our own ideas as to what is the right thing to do. And so it has always been. The meetings of the Continental Congress and the Constitutional Convention were not love-ins. There were plenty of intense disagreements and hot arguments.

A free society promises many things, but uniformity of opinion is not one of them. Uniformity is a specialty of dictatorships. When Joe Stalin was alive, everybody who wanted to stay alive publicly agreed with him. The same was true of Saddam Hussein. Tacitus said of the Romans that they

Charley Reese

Columnist



make a desert and call it peace. Dictators scare the bejeebers out of their people and call it agreement.

All we Americans have to do is learn to disagree in a civil manner. That's not easy for some folks. Some people can barely open their mouths or put pen to paper or keyboard to bytes without insults, bad names and bad words pouring forth. In extreme cases, it's like experiencing a broken sewer pipe. It's too bad, because some of these people might have some good points to make if they didn't drown all their thoughts in vitriol.

The intention is often to intimidate those who disagree with them. Nobody who claims to be an American should ever allow himself to be intimidated by anybody for any reason. To forfeit the right of free speech out of fear should be unacceptable in the United States. A million or more Americans didn't give their lives so Americans could become sheep. It is especially shameful to be a sheep in America, because nothing bad is going to happen to you for speaking out. You may be slandered or questioned, but you won't be tortured, shot or imprisoned.

How'd you like to be standing in a long line before God on Judgment Day hear-

ing the stories of people who confronted evil and paid for it with their lives? And all the time knowing that when your turn comes, you'll have to say, "Well, I never spoke out against the wrongs or injustices I saw in my country because I was afraid somebody would call me a bad name or not invite me to tea."

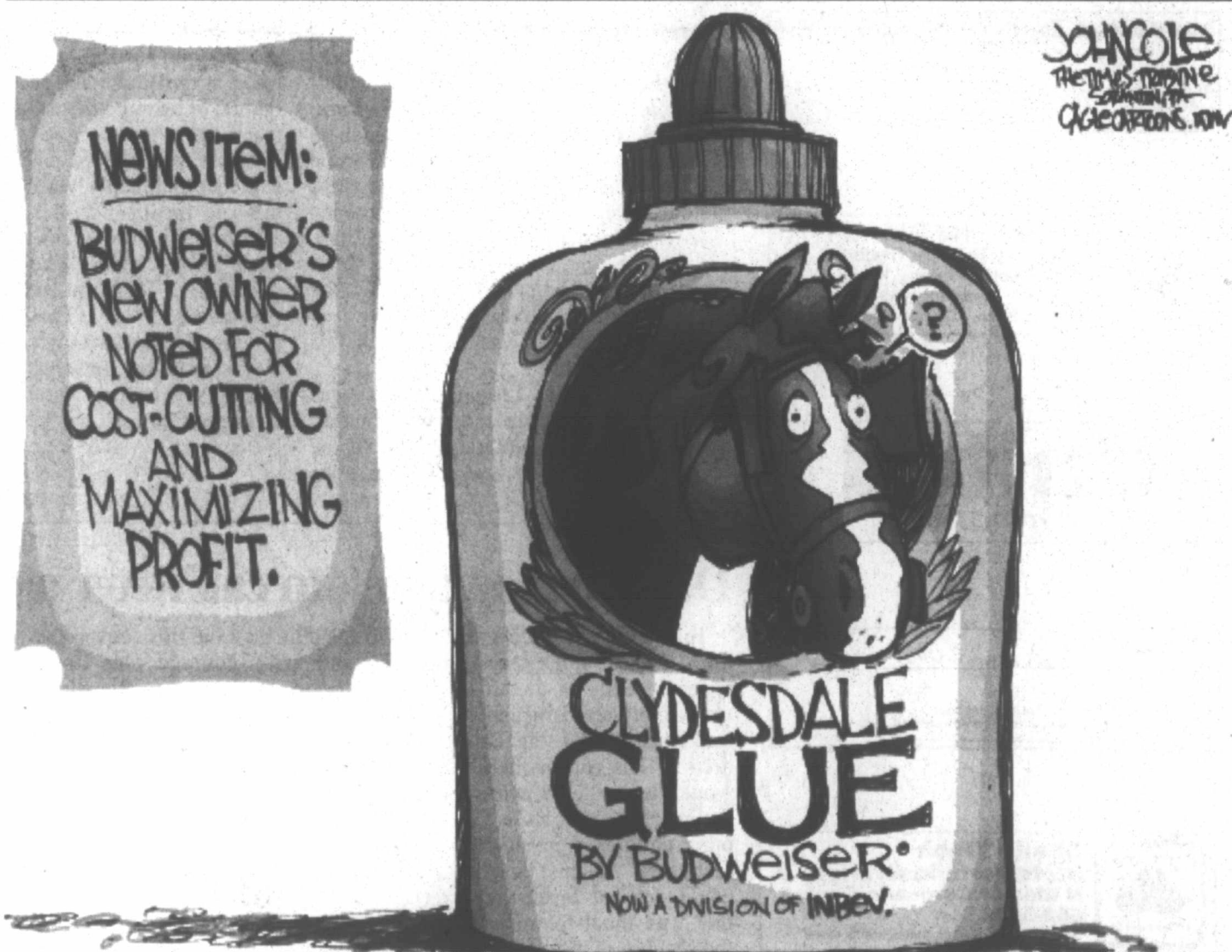
People who live in a free

society but don't avail themselves of their freedom are like people dying of thirst while standing in a pool of sweet water. You are free. You have unalienable rights. Use them. If you don't use them, you might as well not have them. They exist only in use. Even dictatorships will let you babble on about trivial matters such as sports and entertainment.

But the men who pledged their lives, their fortunes and their sacred honor to the concepts of freedom expressed in the Declaration of Independence were not taking those risks so people could gossip about inconsequential matters. They did not write the First Amendment for the benefit of pornographers and nude dancers or dirty-mouthed

comics. The First Amendment is there to ensure a free discussion of political and other ideas that are important to establishing a civil society, and to pursue truth.

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Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

■ July 13
San Antonio Express-News on hope in Iraq:

President Bush has opposed a timetable for the withdrawal of U.S. troops from Iraq, arguing that any discussion of a date would encourage terrorists and insurgents to lurk in the shadows until the departure is executed.

Whatever the arguments against a timetable, however, the proposal has more merit when it comes from the Iraqi government.

Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki recently suggested establishing a timetable for the troop withdrawal, the first time he has raised the idea since he assumed office in 2006, the Washington Post reported.

"The current trend is to reach an agreement on a memorandum of under-

standing either for the departure of the forces or a memorandum of understanding to put a timetable on their withdrawal," al-Maliki said, according to a statement released by his office.

While the statement was vague, with no mention of a specific date for the proposed withdrawal, it marked an important milestone.

The mere fact that he broached the issue is a good sign, both for the Iraqis and for the U.S. troops trying to secure the country.

The next step is the difficult part to make sure that the withdrawal is executed responsibly, with the country stabilized to the point that the Iraqis can begin directing their own destiny.

"The prime minister is reflecting a shared goal that we have, which is that as Iraqi forces become a more self-reliant force, we'll see reductions in U.S. forces," White House spokesman Tony Fratto said.

More than 4,000 U.S. soldiers have died in Iraq since 2003, but analysts

have detected a drop in violence over the last several months, attributing the success to the surge in troops last year.

And with Iraq becoming more stabilized, the economy has eclipsed the war as the top concern among voters, according to a recent USA Today/Gallup Poll.

As long as U.S. forces remain in their country, however, Iraqi officials will be sensitive and even defensive about issues concerning national sovereignty. Iraq belongs to the Iraqis.

Both countries must understand that, and both countries must work toward developing a healthy, thriving democracy in Iraq, one that can defend itself without outside assistance.

When that day will come, nobody knows.

But goals cannot be reached until they are stated and stated clearly. The prime minister has articulated his vision. Now comes the hard part turning it into reality. URL: <http://www.mysa.com>

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My half-brother, "Jace," and I had a complicated childhood. My father had an explosive temper and a disdain for children in general. He was abusive, and our mentally ill mother was absent during his rages. I had my share of abuse, but it was nothing compared to how Jace was treated. His biological father lived in another state and rarely made contact, and my father never formally adopted him. It left Jace with profound feelings of abandonment. My parents are finally divorced now. Afterward, Dad's behavior toward me changed dramatically. He's no longer abusive and is even fun to be around. However, he still maintains a palpable distance from Jace. Jace is an exceptional person with an outgoing personality and a zest for life. He has two beautiful children and one more on the way. Dad has seen the oldest only once, and that was after I begged him for months to visit. It saddens me, and I end up overcompensating by spoiling Jace's kids with gifts, even though I live 2,000 miles away. I know I can't make Dad be a part of Jace's life, but he's the only father Jace has ever known. Is there any way to open Dad's eyes? If not, how can I fill the gap? -- **SADDENED SISTER IN CALIFORNIA**

DEAR SISTER: Regardless of how your father's attitude toward you has changed, he will never get my vote for Father of the Year. That he took out his frustrations on you and your brother is despicable. He never accepted Jace, and from the time he married your mother considered her son to be excess baggage -- nothing more. You cannot force open the eyes of someone whose heart is closed, so quit trying. You already do more than your share to "fill the gap" as a loving aunt, but understand that Jace's children will never miss what they have never known. Fortunately, your brother seems to be emotionally resilient. It appears he has gone on with his life. He is married and is building a new family,

which may help him heal the abuse he suffered as a young man. However, if he cannot let go of his feelings of abandonment, he should consult a licensed psychotherapist because it may take professional help to put his past to rest.

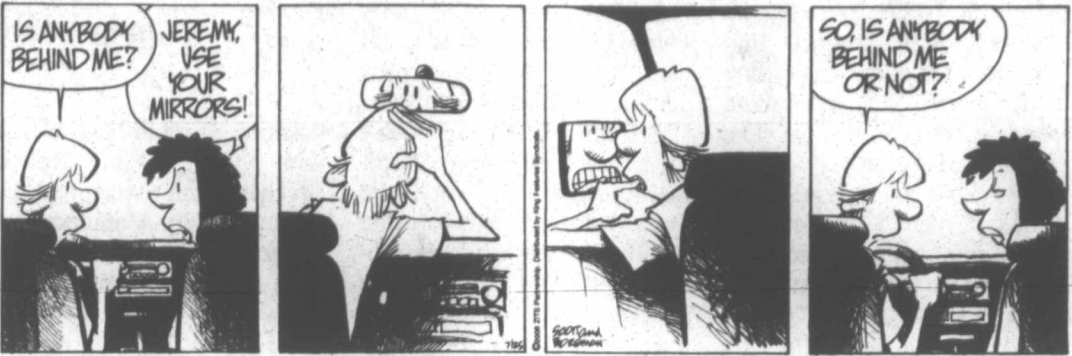
DEAR ABBY: My wife, "Mona," and I decided to separate a few months ago. She filed for divorce, and during the two months cooling-off period we spent a lot of time talking to each other. After some consideration, we reconciled. Now that we're back together, I have learned that Mona sold her wedding ring to pay for some living expenses. We discussed purchasing another one, but apparently it's not a top priority on her to-do list. She has also said she doesn't want to buy her own ring or split the cost. I still wear mine, but feel as though I'm the only one who's committed to the relationship. Any thoughts? -- **HAVING DOUBTS IN DALLAS**

DEAR HAVING DOUBTS: I'll give you my gut reaction. A wedding ring does not make a marriage; love, commitment and concern for the feelings of the other party do. That Mona got rid of the ring so quickly tells me she was also through with the marriage. Who buys the next ring is the least of your worries. Listen to your gut. It's sending you an important message. You and Mona are not out of the woods yet. Hie thee to a marriage counselor.

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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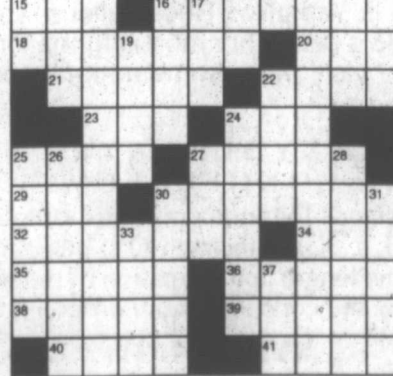
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Food industry bitten by lobbying success

WASHINGTON (AP) — One of the worst outbreaks of foodborne illness in the U.S. is teaching the food industry the truth of the adage, "Be careful what you wish for because you might get it."

The industry pressured the Bush administration years ago to limit the paperwork companies would have to keep to help U.S. health investigators quickly trace produce that sickens consumers, according to interviews and government reports reviewed by The Associated Press.

The White House also killed a plan to require the industry to maintain electronic tracking records that could be reviewed easily during a crisis to search for an outbreak's source. Companies complained the proposals were too burdensome and costly, and warned they could disrupt the availability of consumers' favorite foods.

The apparent but unintended consequences of the lobbying success: a paper record-keeping system that has slowed investigators, with estimated business losses of \$250 million. So far, nearly 1,300 people in 43 states, the District of Columbia and Canada have been sickened by salmonella since April.

Investigators initially focused on tomatoes as a culprit. Now they are turning attention to jalapeno peppers.

A former member of Bush's Cabinet and three former senior officials in the Food and Drug Administration told the AP that government food safety experts did not get the strong record-keeping and trace-back system originally proposed under a bioterrorism law to cope with a major foodborne illness.

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reaching, it could have helped with this," said Robert Brackett, senior vice president of the Grocery Manufacturers Association. "It wouldn't have hurt, for sure." Brackett formerly was a top safety official at the FDA.

Under pressure in 2003 and 2004, the White House agreed to dilute record-keeping proposals by FDA safety experts.

"If the FDA had been given the resources and authority

years ago that it asked for to solve these kinds of problems, I think we would have solved this already," said William Hubbard, a former FDA associate commissioner.

Tommy Thompson, who was health secretary during the industry's lobbying campaign, acknowledged that a more robust food-tracking system — opposed by business groups as too expensive — could have helped stem the

current illnesses and business losses.

"We went in with the larger package but knew we had to compromise," Thompson told the AP. "I was satisfied with this being the first step. It's always better to be a Monday morning quarterback. We could have ended up with nothing. If we had more, would it help the situation now? Yes."

According to government records reviewed by the AP, business groups met at least 10 times with the White House between March 2003 and March 2004, as the FDA regulations were under debate. Food industry lobbyists successfully blunted proposals using arguments familiar in other regulatory debates: The government's plans would saddle business with unnecessary and costly regulations.

"The FDA's strong proposed bioterrorism rules were

significantly watered down before they became final," said Caroline Smith DeWaal, food safety director at the Washington-based Center for Science in the Public Interest. The private advocacy group obtained the White House meeting records under the Freedom of Information Act and provided them to the AP.

Participants in the meetings included companies and trade groups up and down the food chain, including Altria Group Inc. and Kraft Foods Inc., when Altria was Kraft's parent; The Kroger Co.; Safeway Inc.; ConAgra Foods Inc.; The Procter & Gamble Co.; the American Forest and Paper Association; the Polystyrene Packaging Council; the Glass Packaging Institute; the Cocoa Merchants' Association of America; the World Shipping Council; and the Food Marketing Institute.

ECONOMY

Commerce Dept.: Defense spending helps lift durable goods orders

WASHINGTON (AP) — Orders to factories for big-ticket manufactured goods such as cars, appliances and machinery rose at the fastest pace in four months in June. While the increase was much stronger than had been expected, much of the strength was related to heavy defense spending.

The Commerce Department reported Friday that orders for durable goods increased 0.8 percent last month, far better than the 0.4 percent decline that economists had been expecting. However, excluding demand for defense equipment, total orders would have been up a much more modest 0.1 percent.

Analysts said that the June performance was being propped up by sizable military spending for equipment, reflecting the ongoing wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, and this was offsetting widespread weakness in the rest of the economy.

"With orders excluding defense falling at a 4 percent annualized rate in the second quarter, it is pretty clear manufacturing is hardly thriving," said Ian Shepherdson, chief U.S. economist at High Frequency Economics.

Still, with the help of the demand in defense, the overall increase of 0.8 percent was the best showing since a 1.1

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percent rise in February. It reflected strength in heavy machinery, primary metals such as steel and fabricated metal products. The government does not supply a break out of the impact military spending played in these particular sectors.

Wall Street headed to a higher opening Friday after the surprisingly strong jump in durable goods orders. The data might persuade investors to move back into stocks after a big sell-off on Thursday.

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of the big declines in previous months and was not seen as signaling any kind of sustained rebound from U.S. automakers. Ford, General Motors and Chrysler are being battered by soaring energy prices that have caused buyers to turn away from formerly hot sellers such as trucks and sport utility vehicles.

Overall, demand for transportation goods fell by 2.6 percent as the slight increase in auto demand was offset by a big 25.1 percent plunge in orders for commercial aircraft. Demand for military aircraft was also down, falling by 8.6 percent.

Excluding the volatile transportation sector, orders for durable goods — items expected to last at least three years — shot up by 2 percent, the best showing since last December and much better than the 0.2 percent decline that had been expected.

The manufacturing sector has been hurt by the overall slowdown in the economy with industries related to housing and autos particularly hard hit. This has been offset to some extent by continued strong demand for U.S. exports, which have been helped this year by a falling U.S. dollar against many major currencies. A weaker dollar makes U.S. products cheaper on overseas markets.

Events calendar

- The deadline for local businesses to purchase a rodeo banner in lieu of the upcoming Top O' Texas Rodeo is July 30. The 62nd annual rodeo is scheduled Aug. 14-16 at Top O' Texas Rodeo Arena in Pampa. For more information, contact the rodeo office at 669-0434.
- The next Living Room Concert staged by High Plains Public Radio is set for 7:30 p.m. Aug. 1 at the station's studios in downtown Amarillo. The upcoming concert will feature 23-year-old singer/songwriter John Statz. The concert will be free and open to the public.
- The deadline to enter the Name the Mascot Contest being sponsored by Amarillo Botanical Gardens is Aug. 20. The name will be applied to a new

statue erected at the gardens of a six-foot "frog musician." The winner will be announced at the season finale of "Music in the Gardens" on Aug. 25. If more than one entry supplies the winning name, the first to submit the name will be considered the winner. To enter, choose a name for the mascot and submit the name to Amarillo Botanical Gardens, Name the Mascot Contest, 1400 Streit Dr., Amarillo, TX 79106.

• The Wheatheart Satellite of Big Brothers/Big Sisters of the Texas Panhandle will hold a 5K race and Family Fun Walk Aug. 23 at Perryton High School in Perryton. The walk will start at 8 a.m. followed by the race at 8:30 a.m. The deadline to preregister is Aug. 8. The entry fee is \$25 and includes a T-shirt. The Family Fun Walker Package is \$90. For more information, call (806) 434-0016 or e-mail bigsmagic@windstream.net.

• The Greater Amarillo Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure will stage its 2008 "pink luncheon" at 12 p.m. Sept. 9 in the Heritage Room of Amarillo Civic Center in Amarillo. Reservations are required. Tickets are \$35 a piece. For more information, call (806) 354-9706 or visit www.komenamarillo.org on the Internet.

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LOCAL office has an opening for a receptionist. Mon-Fri. (Hours Vary) Pay based on experience. Send resume & references to Box 71, c/o Pampa News, P.O. Box 2198, Pampa, Tx. 79066-2198.

NEED Overhead Door Helper or Technician. Rasco Construction, 1000 S. Price Rd. Please No Phone Calls.

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60 Household WASHERS, Dryers, Livingroom & Bedroom Furn., Hutch, many more items, 662-7557.

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MCLEAN CARE CENTER has immediate opening for DIRECTOR OF NURSES. Must be in good standing. Long term care experience a plus, but not required. Call Nita 779-2469 or come by 605 W. 7th, in McLean, Tx.

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GARAGE Sale Saturday, July 26. 8:00 A.M. - Noon. 2129 Hamilton. Lots of little girl's clothes

GARAGE Sale: Fri. & Sat. 8am-5pm. 2318 Charles.

GARAGE Sale 2237 Chestnut Dr. Friday 8-5:30pm & Saturday 8-1pm. No checks or big bills.

HUGE Garage Sale. Everything must go! Fri. & Sat. 904 E. Jordan

3 Family Sale. TV, solid wood desk, 2 neutral sofas, great chairs & antiques, light fixtures, adult & baby clothes. Fri. & Sat. 8-1pm. 1911 Grape.

3 Family Sale. Little bit of everything! Fri. & Sat. 8am-7:2416 Comanche

2536 Mary Ellen. Baby & toddler clothes, adult clothing, knick-knacks, furniture, 2 125 cc Yamaha dirt bikes. Sat. 8-4. Cash only!! No early birds!

ESTATE Sale, Sat. July 26th, 8am-3pm, 1825 N. Faulkner, furn., appliances, large womens clothing, glassware, & misc.

4 Family Garage Sale. 1824 N. Zimmers, Sat. 8-? Tons of baby girl & boy items & furniture. Lots of clothes and misc. Dining table and furniture.

GARAGE Sale: 2632 Evergreen, Sat. 8am-noon. No Early Birds!

GARAGE Sale. 735 S. Barnes, Fri. - Sat 9-? T.V., grill, dishes, clothes, shoes, coffee table, dresser, chairs.

1221 Charles, 1203 Charles, Sat. 8:00-? Big multi garage Sale. Good antique furniture - not junk- T.V.'s, stereo, twin mattress, toys, adult clothes, much more good stuff.

601 E. Browning. Lots of baby boy & girl clothes, playpen, misc. furniture. Sat. 8am-?

YARD Sale: Sat. 9am-2pm. 403 N. Russell. Clothes, Home Interiors, Furniture.

HUGE Yard Sale. Table, 4 chairs, lots of Dora stuff & misc. 825 W. Kingsmill. Fri. & Sat. 8-?

YARD Sale 727 N. Faulkner Sat. 8-?

MULTI Family Yard Sale. Saturday. 8-4. Baby - XL clothes, knick knacks, dishes, hair bows. 716 N. Christy.

NICE clothes all sizes, baby items, DVD's, PS2 games, bunkbeds, & etc., Sat. 8-7 712 Malone

2235 Christine, Fri. 5-8, Sat. 8-1. Boys shoes, ladies shoes & jewelry, lots of nice clothes & misc.

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Defense seeks delay in terror financing trial

DALLAS (AP) — Lawyers for a Muslim charity accused of financing terrorism want to delay a new trial, saying they haven't been paid enough to present a good defense.

Court-appointed lawyers for leaders of the charity said in a filing this month that they have received \$22,500 in fees and expenses to prepare for a retrial. The first trial last year cost taxpayers more than \$2.4 million, and some bills have not been paid.

Lawyers for the Holy Land Foundation for Relief and Development said they submitted their budget to U.S. District Judge Jorge Solis in March, and he sent it to the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in June.

An official with the appeals court told The Dallas Morning News that there is a complicated and careful process to make sure that payments of taxpayer money to

lawyers of indigent defendants are proper.

Prosecutors asked a judge to go ahead with the Sept. 8 retrial for Holy Land leaders, who are accused of raising money for the Palestinian militant group Hamas. A trial last year ended with no convictions and jurors deadlocked on most counts.

Theresa Duncan, one of the two attorneys for Shukri Abu Baker, the former chief executive of Holy Land, said defense lawyers couldn't prepare for the new trial because funds haven't been approved for experts, consultants and other costs.

Stations

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and a mesh screen inside. Runoff from rainfall and snow, as well as morning dew collected on the sheet metal, is channeled into the drum for use by birds and small animals such as jackrabbits.

"I put the mesh screen in so that if they fall in, they can climb out," Anderwald said.

The station can also be used by larger wild visitors such as pronghorn antelope and deer. Another barrel can be added to increase the station's capacity.

"It really isn't complicated to make," Anderwald said. "It's the only watering station I have right now. I'm going to put a couple more up on that section."

Anderwald built the watering station on land that is enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Program, which is

administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency.

"The Farm Service Agency administers the CRP program, and we provide technical assistance," said Manuel DeLeon, district conservationist for the Pampa field office of the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

Providing watering stations on acreage that a farmer wishes to enroll in the CRP program "translates into a better chance of getting into the program," DeLeon said.

The type of watering station that is on Anderwald's land is not the only way to help supply wildlife with drinking water.

"There are overflow ponds for windmills that are also wildlife-beneficial," DeLeon said. "There is no construction required, just a hole dug to collect overflow."

As water becomes more of a concern in the Texas Panhandle and other areas, interest in water conservation systems will grow, DeLeon believes.

"There will be more and more interest in them, not only from the wildlife standpoint but for home use," he said. The collected water could be used for watering lawns and gardens and for other household uses.

Information on building various types of watering stations is available from the NRCS office in the Gray County Annex, 12125 E. Frederic Ave., telephone 665-1751.

"We can give the information at the office or go out and help them plan one on their property," DeLeon said of assistance offered by NRCS on the watering stations.

School

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Wording changes were made to TASB Policy Update 83 under the advice of the school's attorney. The update will be made available on the district's Web site.

"We need to remove the sections where examples are offered," Haenisch said. "They're confusing and they're not all-inclusive. This protects the district but doesn't change the policy."

Eighth grader Cole Buck was present with his parents to address the board concerning a possible golf program for the junior high this year.

"I'm in favor of the junior

high golf program not so much as a competitive program but so that students can get to know golf before high school," Buck said.

Cole's father, William Buck, went on to add that he wanted to make sure the emphasis of the program was simply on exposure to the sport.

"There are some students who maybe aren't athletic enough for basketball or football and golf is an opportunity for them," William said. "All it takes is that one good shot to get them hooked."

Haenisch said the district is currently without a golf coach but that he'd been talking with Pampa's golf

pros and that Athletic Director Stuart Smith had offered to be present after school until 6 p.m. for the golf program.

"We could look at our golf program as a team of professionals," Haenisch said.

There was some debate among the board about needing a certified golf coach so that students don't pick up bad habits in their game. Haenisch said that he would continue looking for a coach.

No changes were made to the Student Code of Conduct with the exception of last month's dress code changes. The board approved the code of conduct as presented.

The board also discussed sportsmanship guidelines for

extracurricular activities for both students and parents at school events but no immediate decision was made.

"I'd like to see it in policy form if I'm going to ask students and parents to be accountable," Smith said.

Finally, the board addressed security concerns regarding the on-going construction at the high school. Haenisch said that calls had been received from the police on two occasions about open doors at the school which had probably been left open by the various crews going in and out.

"Until all of our construction is over with we just plan to hire a night watchman," Haenisch said.

Copeland

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conference, which was held July 20-23.

The event, held annually in various cities around the state, allows sheriffs, deputies, and federal, state and city law enforcement officers to network and discuss issues that affect law enforcement across the state and nation.

Participants at this year's conference received training on a variety of topics including animal abuse investigations; reducing inmate health care costs without reducing health care; Medicaid fraud, drug diversion and crimes against the elderly and disabled; retention, recruitment, succession planning and leadership development; and

ethics and leadership.

Those attending the conference also had the opportunity to familiarize themselves with the latest in crime-fighting tools and technology at more than 200 exhibitor booths.

The first Sheriffs' Association of Texas Conference was held in 1878. The association is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to increasing the effectiveness of local law enforcement in Texas.

Through the support of members, the association provides training, legal and technical information and other critical resources to peace officers in Texas.

SAT also offers scholarships to peace officers and their children who wish to continue their education. SAT honors fallen officers with its Lost Lawmen Memorial.

For more information, visit www.txsheriffs.org or call (512) 445-5888.

Arrest

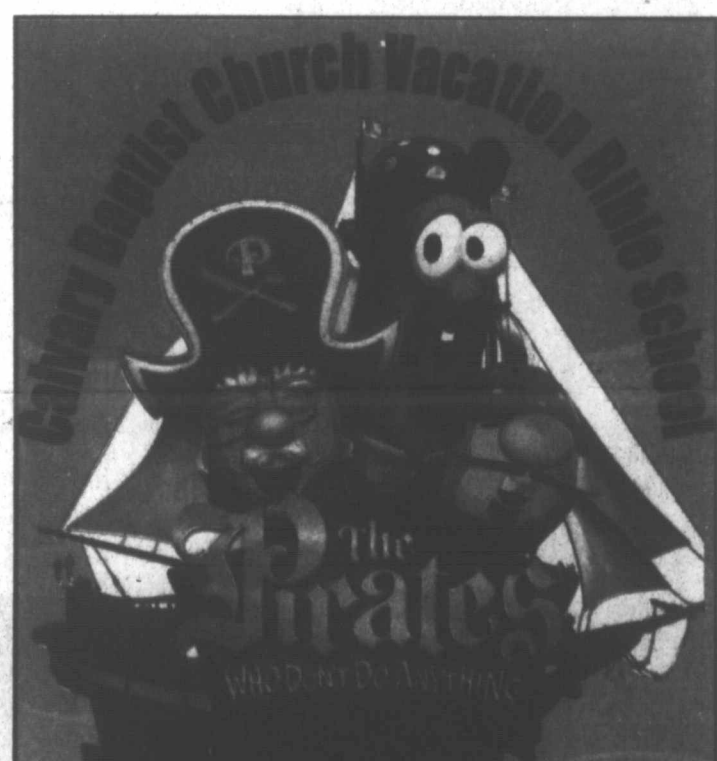
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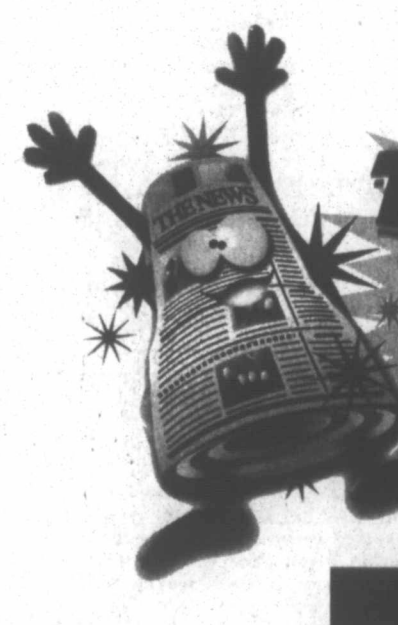
"At this time, it is believed that the 16-year-old is the one who fired the weapon into the air in the 500 block of North Lefors Street," Brown said. "Officers did locate a .45 caliber handgun and ammunition in the pickup."

The juvenile was transported to the Youth Center of the High Plains in Amarillo, where he is currently being held. Renteria was transported to Gray County Jail and charged with unlawful carrying of a weapon and deadly conduct.

The incident remains under investigation, Brown said.



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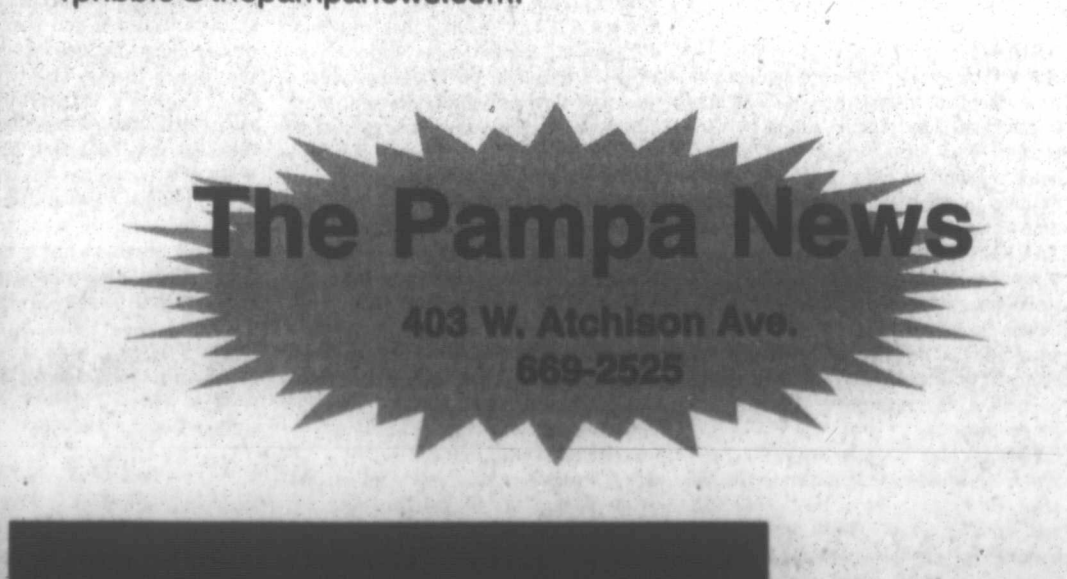


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