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## Grand jury indicts 10 on felony counts

By MARILYN POWERS  
Staff Writer

Ten indictments for nine second-degree felonies and one state jail felony were handed up Thursday by a Gray County grand jury in 31st District Court.

Isicidro Garnett Drummer, 25, of Phoenix, Ariz. was indicted for possession of marijuana. Bond on the second-degree felony was set at \$10,000. On Aug. 4, 2005, Drummer allegedly possessed 2,000 pounds or less but more than 50 pounds of marijuana.

Jacob Ronald Garcia, 18, of Pampa was indicted for burglary of a habitation. Bond on the second-degree felony was set at \$10,000. On Sept. 3, 2005, Garcia allegedly entered a habitation without the consent of the owner, Stephen Knabe, with intent to commit theft.

Lauren Heath Holtman, 26, of Pampa was indicted for burglary of a habitation. Bond on the second-degree

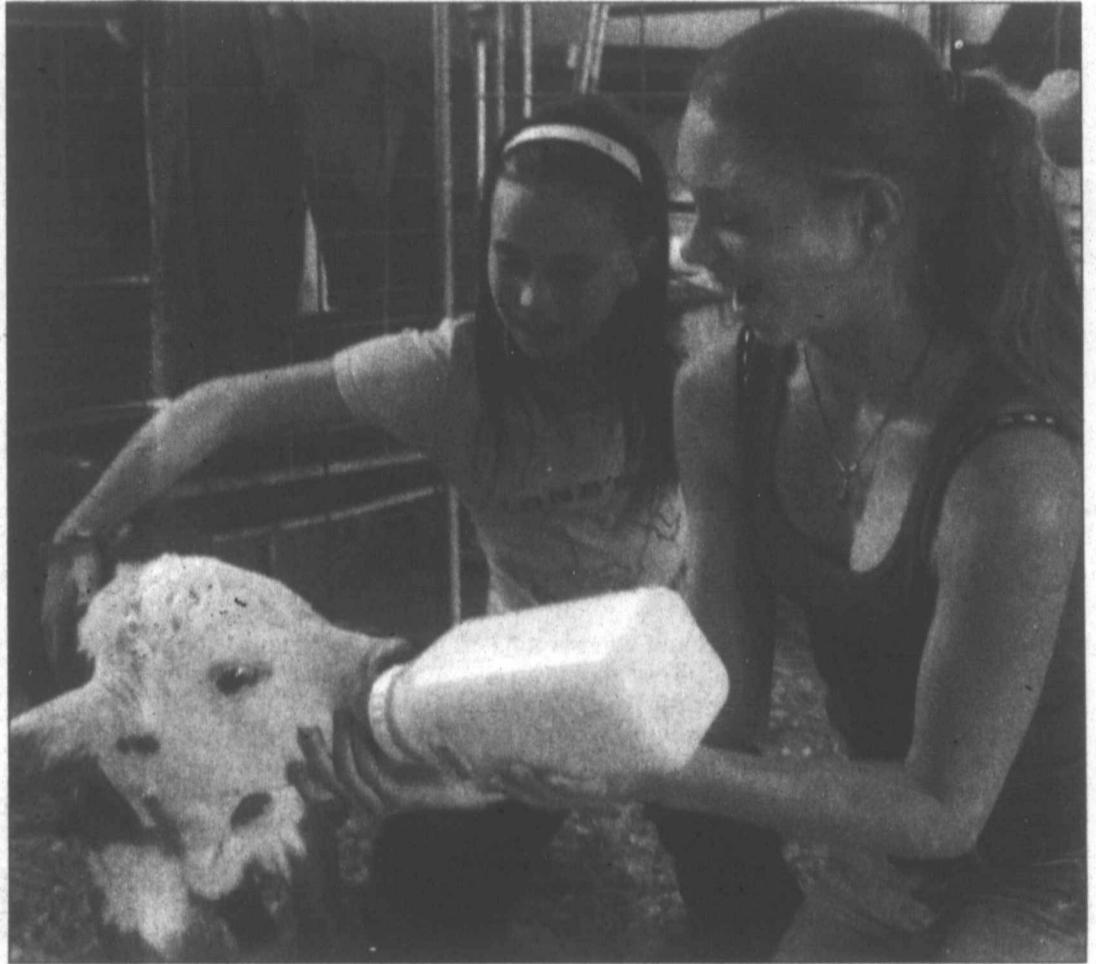
felony was set at \$10,000. On Sept. 16, 2005, Holtman allegedly entered a habitation without the consent of the owner, Linda Cobb, with intent to commit theft.

Bryant Gaye Jones, 40, of North Hollywood, Calif., was indicted for aggravated assault. Bond on the second-degree felony was set at \$10,000. On April 10, 2004, Jones allegedly caused serious bodily injury to Manuelito Asuncion by stabbing him with a knife.

Charles Wayne Jones, 33, of Pampa was indicted for possession of a controlled substance, enhanced. Bond on the second-degree felony was set at \$15,000. On Aug. 16, 2005, Jones allegedly possessed one gram or more but less than four grams of methamphetamine. He was convicted of the felony offense of delivery of a controlled substance on Nov. 9, 1999 in 31st District Court.

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## Feeding time



Pampa News photo by DAVID BOWSER  
Taylor Helms of Oklahoma, left, and Nicole McClendon of McLean feed a calf at the Gerald Tate Agricultural Center in McLean from a bottle. The calf's mother died as a result of injuries suffered in the March wildfires that swept through Gray County.

## Aggie Muster scheduled here Friday

The annual Texas Aggie Muster to honor all Texas A&M University students who have died in the past year will be held Friday in Pampa.

Activities will begin at 6 p.m. at Pampa Community Building, 200 N. Ballard, and will include a social and meal. All former and current Texas A&M students, their families and friends may attend.

Texas Aggie Musters are held annually around the world on April 21. More than 300 locations will host the Muster this year.

A Roll Call of all former and current students from the area who have died over the past year will be held at each Muster. Friends or family members will respond with "here" as each name is called, symbolizing that that person lives on in the hearts and minds of others.

For more information on Pampa's Texas Aggie Muster, call Gary Sutherland at 662-6949 or 688-0066. Additional information about the Muster and other Texas A&M traditions and programs is available by calling the Association of Former Students at 979-845-7514 or by visiting their Web site, www.AggieNetwork.com.



Friends charter member Charles Gillingham of Borger, left, Superintendent Karren Brown and Friends President Jerry Pool of Stinnett.

## Spring Canyon birdwalk to open at Lake Meredith

FRITCH — Lake Meredith National Recreation Area will hold a grand opening of the new Spring Canyon "Birdwalk" at the Stilling Basin. The ribbon-cutting and celebration will be held from 3 to 6 p.m. Tuesday.

"The Spring Canyon 'Birdwalk' will provide greater opportunities for our visitors to recognize the educational values and benefits of wetlands," Superintendent Karren Brown said. "In the future, we plan to offer interpretive talks about the birds of the area and the importance of wetlands to our ecosystem."

The elevated interpretive boardwalk was built by Pioneer Natural Resources Inc. as wetlands mitigation. The boardwalk



Spring Canyon birdwalk to open Tuesday

is approximately 135 feet long, 5 1/2 feet wide, and has a 38-foot long tee across the end. It is built of recycled plastic lumber and is ADA accessible.

The ribbon-cutting will begin at 3 p.m. with recognition of the various groups and individuals that made the boardwalk possible. Following the ceremony, the Friends of Lake Meredith and Alibates will host a cookout for attendees. The public is invited to participate.

## Working for Progress group meets tonight

By MARILYN POWERS  
Staff Writer

Working for Progress Advisory Board will meet at 7 p.m. today in the auditorium at the north end of Lovett Memorial Library, 111 N. Houston.

Members will plan the first location for their cleanup efforts. Cleanup work is scheduled to begin the last week of April or the first week of May.

Working for Progress is a group of residents who want to clean up all areas of Pampa and improve its appearance. The group's constitution states their purpose and aim is to improve local environmental conditions and develop partici-

tion and unity between City of Pampa officials and members of the community.

Members decided at their March 21 meeting to begin in Ward 4. Cleanup will be accomplished by volunteers with the organization and with donated equipment and equipment operators.

Working for Progress cannot clean up private property, and must get approval from the city commission before beginning any cleanup project.

Monetary donations are being received and will go into an account to be handled by Robin Bailey, city finance manager.

The group's meetings are open to the public.

## Pampa man arrested on charge of burglary

By MARILYN POWERS  
Staff Writer

A Pampa man has been arrested in connection with a March 23 burglary which occurred at 853 E. Kingsmill, according to Chief Deputy Kelly Rushing of Gray County Sheriff's Office.

Robert Eddie Brewer, 39, of Pampa was arrested on a warrant at 8:20 a.m. today in the vicinity of the 200 block of Brown Street and charged

with burglary of a building, a state jail felony, Rushing said.

Bond had not yet been set for Brewer as of press time today.

Taken in the burglary were a dining table, buffet, serving table, butter churn, dining chairs, a chest of drawers, a tea cart, mugs and other items. Some items, which were found to have

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Obituaries

Services tomorrow

**CLAY, Jessie Pauline** — 11 a.m., Miller Mortuary Chapel, Liberal, Kan.

**Jessie Pauline Clay, 90**

LIBERAL, Kan. — Jessie Pauline Clay, 90, died April 16, 2006, at Liberal Good Samaritan Center in Liberal. Services are scheduled at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Miller Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Randy Cook officiating.

Interment will be in Restlawn Memorial Gardens under the direction of Miller Mortuary.

Mrs. Clay was born July 4, 1915, at Sheridan, to Jacob W. and Nora Harper. For 35 years, she lived in Pampa where she was a clerk with S&H Green Stamp Store and later a shoe store. She was a member of First Baptist Church of Pampa.

She moved to Liberal in 1978.

Mrs. Clay married Walter E. Clay on Sept. 5, 1971, at Plainville.

She was preceded in death by Rush Gallman, her former husband; her parents; and a daughter, Charlotte Ayler.

Survivors include her husband, Walter; a daughter, Carolyn Juanita Gallman of Lubbock; a stepdaughter, Angie Fry; a sister, Freda Harper of Little Rock, Ark.; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 1-8 p.m. today and from 8 a.m. until service time at Miller Mortuary.

The family suggests memorials be to Liberal Good Samaritan Center in care of the mortuary.

**Suzanna Grajeda, 42**

Suzanna Grajeda, 42, of Pampa, died April 14, 2006, at Pampa.

A vigil service was held Sunday in Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel. Funeral Mass was Monday in St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church with the Rev. Francisco Perez officiating.

Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Grajeda was born April 23, 1963, at Ardmore, Okla. She moved to Pampa in 1970 and married Ricardo Grajeda on March 15, 1985.

Mrs. Grajeda was an LVN at Coronado Nursing Center and belonged to St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, serving on the Women's Council and with Elizabeth

Migistries.

Survivors include her husband, Ricardo, of the home; a daughter, Jennifer Grajeda of Pampa; four sons, Christofer Grajeda, Richard Grajeda and Michael Grajeda, all of Pampa, and Steven Soto of Albuquerque, N.M.; her mother, Consuelo Luna of Pampa; her father, Juan Rodriguez of Georgia; three brothers, Martin Rodriguez of Rome, Ga., John Rodriguez of Oklahoma City, Okla., and Victor Rodriguez of Pampa; and a grandchild.

The family requests memorials be to St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, 810 W. 23rd, Pampa, TX 79065.

—Sign the on-line register book at [www.carmichael-whitley.com](http://www.carmichael-whitley.com).

Gray County Weather

Today: Mostly sunny, with a high around 77. North-northwest wind between 15 and 20 mph.

Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 41. North-northeast wind between 15 and 20 mph.

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high around 68. North wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south-southwest.

Wednesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low near 48.

South wind around 10 mph.

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high around 72. Calm wind becoming south-southeast around 5 mph.

Thursday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 51. Southeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Friday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high around 69. East-southeast wind around 10 mph.

Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 48. South-southeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Saturday: Partly cloudy, with a high around 74. South wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Saturday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms.

Partly cloudy, with a low near 53.

Sunday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 75.

Sunday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 53.

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**Mattie Mae Putman, 83**

SKELLYTOWN, Texas — Mattie Mae Putman, 83, of Skellytown, died April 17, 2006, at Spearman, Texas. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.



Putman

Mrs. Putman was born Feb. 12, 1923, in Honey Grove, Texas. She married B.C. "Pete" Putman on June 24, 1946, in Vernon. He preceded her in death on Sept. 9, 1986. She had been a resident of Skellytown since 1950.

She was a homemaker and she owned and operated the Corner Cafe in Skellytown for five years. She was also employed in the cafeteria for the Skellytown Elementary School. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Skellytown and a

member of the Texaco Retirees Club. Survivors include one daughter, Ruth Swearingim of Skellytown; two sons, Terry Putman and wife Susan of Amarillo and Ronny Putman and wife Vicky of Farnsworth; 10 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two sons, Raymond Stanley and Kenneth Putman; four brothers; two sisters; and one grandson, Monte Mitchell.

The family requests memorials be to First Baptist Church of Skellytown.

—Sign the on-line register book at [www.carmichael-whitley.com](http://www.carmichael-whitley.com).

Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Fifteen traffic stops were made. Stops in the 600 block of West 23rd Avenue and the intersection of Ford and Gray streets resulted in arrests. The arrest at Ford and Gray streets involved a charge of driving while license is suspended or invalid.

Vehicle accidents were reported at the intersection of Kentucky and Duncan streets, the intersection of Florida and Hobart streets and the police department lobby.

Traffic complaints were received from the 800 block of North Hobart and the 500 block of West Brown.

An abandoned vehicle was reported in the 200 block of West 28th.

A welfare check was made in the 500 block of Oklahoma.

An unattended death was reported in the 1100 block of Prairie Drive.

Civil matters were reported in the police department lobby and the 1800 block of Fir.

Lost property was reported in the police department lobby.

Warrant service was attempted on one occasion.

Suspicious person calls were received from the 2600 block of North Hobart, the 300 block of North Purviance and the intersection of Albert and Gray streets.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 2200 block of Dogwood and at Pampa Junior High School, 2401 Charles, where the incident involved disruption of class.

One burglar alarm was reported.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1500 block of North Sumner. A passenger-side window of a 1997 Ford F-150 was broken, resulting in estimated damage of \$140.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 700 block of East Kingsmill. A tree and an 8' post of a chain link fence were damaged. Estimated cost of damage is \$800.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 600 block of West Brown. A windshield

and driver's door window were shot out with a BB gun, resulting in estimated damage of \$300.

Criminal mischief was reported at Meals on Wheels, 302 E. Foster. A window was shot with a BB gun. Estimated cost of damage is \$250.

A gas drive-off was reported at Allsup's, 309 N. Hobart. Fuel valued at \$50.75 was taken.

Burglary and attempted burglary were reported in the 2600 block of North Hobart.

Theft was reported in the 1300 block of West Kentucky. A set of keys to a vehicle and gas cap were taken. Estimated value of loss is \$200.

Fraud was reported in the police department lobby.

A follow-up investigation concerning identity theft was conducted in the police department lobby.

Sheriff

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests today.

**Monday, April 17**  
Willie Mae Riddick, 37, of Amarillo was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety on a Potter County warrant for assault causing bodily injury.

Tyson Dean Beck, 32, of Pampa was arrested in the 600 block of West 23rd by Pampa Police Department on a probation violation for violation of a protective order.

Nathan Williams, 28, of Pampa was arrested in the 300 block of West Ford by PPD for no driver's license and no insurance.

Felipe Omar Palacios, 20, of Perryton was arrested in the 100 block of West 27th by PPD for manufacture/delivery of four or more grams of a controlled substance.

Jose Angel Palacios, 18, of Perryton was arrested in the 100 block of West 27th by PPD for manufacture/delivery of four or more grams of a controlled substance.

**Tuesday, April 18**  
Brandi Nicole Reeves, 25, of Pampa was arrested in the 800 block of South Gray for public intoxication.

Fire

Pampa Fire Department reported the following call during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

**Monday, April 17**  
8 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the intersection of Kentucky and Duncan on a vehicle accident.

Ambulance

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

**Monday, April 17**  
8:02 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to Duncan and Kentucky. No transport.

10:46 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center and transferred a patient(s) to BSA Hospital in Amarillo.

12:59 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo and transferred a patient(s) to PRMC.

1:28 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1000 block of Twiford and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

2:55 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1500 block of Kentucky and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

4:19 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1200 block of North Wells and transported a patient(s) to the PRMC.

4:33 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1900 block of Hilton Road and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

5:13 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to PRMC and transferred a patient(s) to BSA.

**Tuesday, April 18**  
4:09 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1200 block of North Wells. No transport.

6:45 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 400 block of Miami and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Ancebury Grain of White Deer.

The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa.

Wheat	3.93
Milo	3.37
Corn	4.26
Soybeans	4.54
BP PLC ADR	74.33 +1.38
Cabot Corp	33.87 +0.73
Celanese	20.62 +0.18
Cabot Oil Gas	51.99 +1.24
Coca Cola	41.23 +0.19
VLO	67.08 +1.43
HAL	79.79 +0.83
TRI	41.70 -0.26
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Limited	24.78 +0.34
Williams	22.54 +0.30
MCD	34.31 -0.01
Atmos	26.28 -0.01
Pioneer Nat	43.85 +0.46
JCP	60.28 +0.54
COP	69.99 +1.66
SLB	63.94 +1.34
Tenneco	25.83 +0.24
CVX	60.36 +1.04
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# Hot temperatures, power demands force blackouts

By The Associated Press  
With the prospect of another day of record heat, the state's power suppliers urged Texans to cut down on their electricity usage and pushed to get power flowing from some plants that had been idled for maintenance.

Power companies throughout the state had to impose rolling blackouts Monday because of unseasonably hot weather and a shortage of electricity. Thousands of people were caught without electricity for short periods of time as highs reached into the low 100s.

## Xcel not having problems

A spokesman for Xcel Energy said the regional power company has not had the problems experienced by power companies downstate. "Xcel Energy is not experiencing power supply problems in its Texas, New

Mexico, Oklahoma and Kansas service territory," said Bill Crenshaw, Xcel spokesman. "Xcel Energy is not experiencing power supply constraints, and is not asking customers to reduce usage."

Highs were expected to reach into the upper 90s today before cooling back into a more normal range in the 70s and 80s on Wednesday.

The Electric Reliability Council of Texas, which runs

the Texas electricity grid, called for prudence from power users and possible extreme measures from suppliers.

"We are asking everybody to pitch in and do the best they can by minimizing electric consumption between 3 p.m. and 7 p.m., the peak hours," said ERCOT spokesman Paul Wattles.

"We've also started calling some generators already down for maintenance and some may be able to get up in 36 hours."

As much as 15 percent of the state's power supply was already off line for seasonal maintenance to brace for the summer's energy usage peaks, but four power generating plants also shut down unexpectedly, Wattles said.

Whether the shutdown of

the four plants made the difference between having a blackout and business as usual, "we'll never know for sure," Wattles said.

ERCOT learned of the loss of the four unidentified plants shortly after 4 p.m. Then, it determined the grid needed to decrease its load by 1,000 megawatts and called for the blackouts.

"The good news is, (the blackouts) worked," Wattles said. "This prevents region wide outages."

"It isolates the outages so a few people share the pain to avoid a region blackout like we had in the Northeast in 2003."

The rolling blackouts, which lasted for a little more than two hours, were the first in an ERCOT region since Dec. 22, 1989, during a winter ice storm.



## Volunteers needed for lake cleanup

FRITCH — Lake Meredith officials are asking for volunteers to help clear trash from the shoreline of the lake.

The Forever Earth Day event will begin at 10 a.m. Saturday and will end at 2 p.m. for lunch.

Volunteers should bring gloves and shoes that can get wet. Trash bags will be provided.

To register, call the marina at Lake Meredith at (806) 865-3391.

## Charges

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Luis Fernando Ochoa, 61, of Sonora, Mexico, was indicted for money laundering. Bond on the second-degree felony was set at \$10,000. On Sept. 13, 2005, Ochoa allegedly possessed \$100,000 or more but less than \$200,000 in U.S. currency which was the proceeds of criminal activity.

Dean Lee Rowe, 38, of Tucson, Ariz., was indicted for money laundering. Bond

on the second-degree felony was set at \$10,000. On Sept. 13, 2005, Rowe allegedly possessed \$100,000 or more but less than \$200,000 in U.S. currency which was the proceeds of criminal activity.

Raymond Dion Stinson Jr., 33, of Detroit, Mich., was indicted for possession of marijuana. Bond on the second-degree felony was set at \$10,000. On Aug. 4, 2005, Stinson allegedly possessed 2,000 pounds or less but more than 50 pounds of marijuana.

William Davebrent Thomas, 33, of Pampa was

indicted for aggravated assault. Bond on the second-degree felony was set at \$25,000. On Feb. 5, Thomas allegedly threatened June Thomas with imminent bodily injury by pouring gasoline on her and striking a charcoal lighter.

Randy Glenn Stover, 48, of Pampa was indicted for possession of a controlled substance. Bond on the state jail felony was set at \$6,000. On April 15, 2005, Stover allegedly possessed less than one gram of methamphetamine.

## Arrest

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been pawned or sold at a Pampa business, were located and returned to the owner, Rushing said. The returned items included three dining chairs, the

chest of drawers, the tea cart and some mugs.

The antique dining table, buffet and serving table, with combined value of approximately \$8,000, are still missing.

"The case is still open and we are trying to get information on the whereabouts of the rest of the furniture," Rushing said.

## Groom student among honorees

DURHAM, N.C. — Some of the most academically talented seventh graders in the United States will be recognized this spring for their exceptional scores on the ACT or SAT.

Among the honorees is Madalyn Wieberg of Groom.

The Duke University Talent Identification Program (Duke TIP) Recognition Ceremonies honor top-scoring students from the program's annual Seventh Grade Talent Search, in which academically talented students take the above-level college-entrance exams (SAT or ACT) as a way to learn more about their abilities. This year, of the 70,024 participants, 22,342 students (32 percent)

have been invited to attend State Recognition Ceremonies and 1,234 students (1.8 percent) have been invited to the Grand Recognition Ceremony.

The Grand Recognition Ceremony honors seventh graders who have earned scores better than 85 percent of college-bound seniors who took the same tests. The event will be held May 22 at Cameron Indoor Stadium on the Duke University campus in Durham, NC. The keynote address will be given by Dr. Huntington F. Willard, Director of The Institute of Genome Sciences and Policy and Vice Chancellor of Genome Sciences at Duke University.

A Newspaper Activity Page for Young People

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This Week: Earthquakes

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100TH ANNIVERSARY

### The Great Quakes of 1906

At 5:13 a.m. on April 18, 1906, San Francisco experienced one of the strongest earthquakes ever recorded. It is estimated that the quake was 7.7 to 7.9 on the Richter Scale. More than 3,000 people lost their lives in the quake and the fires that followed. The fires alone destroyed 28,000 buildings in the city — nearly every single one!

### How do earthquakes happen?

When you crack the shell of a hard-boiled egg, you get a lot of separate pieces or plates of shell. The crust of the earth is like the shell of a hard-boiled egg. It is broken up into plates, too. But, unlike the pieces of a hard-boiled egg, the plates of the earth's crust move.

Standards Link: Earth Science: Students know that plate tectonics account for major geological events.

North American Plate

Pacific Plate

### Why does California have so many earthquakes?

California sits on two plates of the earth's crust: the North America Plate and the Pacific Plate.

The place where the two plates meet is called the **San Andreas Fault**. The Pacific Plate is slowly moving northwest. Most of the time it moves very slowly, about as fast as your fingernails grow. But sometimes it jerks several inches or feet at one time. This causes the earth around the fault to shake.

Standards Link: Earth Science: Students know that earthquakes are sudden motions along faults.

### Measuring Earthquakes

Scientists use an instrument called a **seismograph** to measure earthquakes. Try this activity with a friend to find out how a seismograph works.

Standards Link: Investigation and Experimentation: Use appropriate tools to perform tests.

### Stronger Changes

In 1906 near San Francisco, the Pacific Plate moved about 20 feet in just a few seconds. The pictures at left show how some of the land changed when this happened. How many changes can you find?

Standards Link: Investigation: Find similarities and differences in common objects.

### Double Double Word Search

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

EARTHQUAKE SAN FRANCISCO PLATES PACIFIC ANDREAS FAULTS SECONDS STRONG EARTH SHELL CRACK ALONE FAST SHAKE

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T S L C G S A S U A  
A K L I A N D Q L R  
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P A H I O G P R S H  
K R S C U R Q T T E  
C C E A N D R E A S  
O S R P E K A H S K

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

### Quake Quiz

Over the past 3 million years the land along the San Andreas fault has moved an average of 2 inches/year (56 mm/year). Scientists project that Los Angeles and San Francisco will be adjacent to one another in approximately

million years.

To find the answer, fill in the missing words below. The letters in each shape spell the answer.

- In 1906 most of the damage in San Francisco was caused by \_\_\_\_\_.
- The 1906 San Francisco earthquake measured 7.7 to 7.9 on the \_\_\_\_\_ Scale.
- The earth's crust is broken into pieces called \_\_\_\_\_.
- The \_\_\_\_\_ Andreas Fault is the place where the Pacific Plate and the North American Plate meet.
- In 1906 the Pacific Plate moved 20 \_\_\_\_\_ in just a few seconds.

ANSWERS:  
1. FIRES  
2. RICHTER  
3. PLATES  
4. SAN  
5. FEET

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### Strong, Stronger, Strongest

Choose a headline with a "strong" verb or adjective. Rewrite the headline with a verb or adjective that is less strong. Then write it again with one that is stronger.

Standards Link: Grammar: Understand and use adjectives in speaking and writing.

### Write On!

## Inner Earth

Imagine you fall into a crack created by an earthquake. Write a story about what you find inside the earth.

### Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: **SCALE**

The noun scale means a set of marks made at evenly spaced points, like on a ruler, thermometer or other measuring device.

Scientists use the Richter Scale to measure the size of earthquakes.

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

Scientists use an instrument called a **seismograph** to measure earthquakes. Try this activity with a friend to find out how a seismograph works.

Standards Link: Investigation and Experimentation: Use appropriate tools to perform tests.

### Extra! Extra!

Cut out 10 headlines from the newspaper. Cut the words apart and make 5 to 10 new headlines.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

# Viewpoints

## Calling the post office and IRS becomes another adventure

Anyone who is in the business of print or broadcast journalism has a responsibility to do their best to provide the most accurate information available.

In that spirit, I called the Internal Revenue Service Friday to verify from the best source available that taxpayers could submit their income tax returns for 2005 with an April 17 postmark, or, in the case of computer returns, with an April 17 e-file date.

I knew that not everyone was required to have their returns in by Monday, although for most individuals and households, April 15 is the traditional tax deadline. Because April 15 fell on a Saturday this year, the deadline was extended to Monday. Exceptions to this deadline included many businesses, and some individuals such as those who were victims of Hurricanes Katrina, Rita and Wilma.

I had already tried the IRS Web site to see if I could find the correct deadline there, since I figured that was the fastest and simplest way to verify my information.

I poked around the site for a while, checking out various topics

in search of the deadline, but couldn't find it. So I typed in something like "deadline for 2005 returns" in the search box. Still no luck. The topics I got in return still didn't mention a date; most explained how to get an extension or who could file at other times of the year.

I gave up on the Web site and called the post office. Much to my surprise, the Pampa telephone number in the current local telephone directory no longer worked.

I got a recording stating that the number had changed to an 800 number. I dialed the number and got, you guessed it, an automated answering system which talked about Monday being the tax return deadline and offering a choice of pressing 1 for details about the Pampa post office's times of service on Monday, or pressing 2 for all other information.

I pressed 1 and got a recording giving me the times the service window would be open, and the latest time to get a tax return to the post office and still have it post-marked Monday. After the recording, the machine hung up.

Out of curiosity, I called the 800

number again and tried Door...er, Button Number 2. The machine gave a list of several items to choose from, and told me to say which one I wanted. I could also say "more options."

I said "more options," and got another menu of things to pick from, plus an "other options"

**Marilyn Powers**

Staff Writer



choice. I said "other options," and finally after assuring the machine that I did not need passport information, I was given the option of being connected to a human.

I hung up and decided to go for broke and try the IRS' toll-free number for tax information. My call was answered by a machine that wanted to know what type of information I wanted.

I pushed the number which seemed to fit most closely what I was calling about, and got, wonder of wonders, a human. The human

also asked what information I wanted, and I told him.

He then said he couldn't answer that question but could connect me with someone who could. I then was put on hold, which was not much of a shock considering how close to the filing deadline it was.

After a shorter wait that I expected, I got another human on the line. I repeated my question, which I thought was a fairly simple one, considering the complexity of the tax laws.

Perhaps I made a mistake when I explained that I was trying to verify the Monday deadline for a story I was writing for the newspaper for which I worked. The man started explaining that certain businesses and individuals had deadlines at other times of the year.

He then referred me to the IRS Web site. I explained that I had not had any luck finding the information I sought there.

He gave me the numbers of two news releases which were among those available through the Web site which might answer my question. He also gave me a name and telephone number of someone who he said was responsible for media

relations.

I tried the telephone number of the media man, but got a recording saying the number was not a valid one. I tried again, carefully, thinking I must have pushed a wrong button. Nope, I got the same message again.

I went to the Web site and found the numbers of the two news items the IRS man had provided. Neither one had any information on Monday being the last day for most households to send in their tax returns.

If at first you don't succeed... I called the IRS again. This time, when I got Human No. 2 on the line (who, by the way, was not the same one I'd gotten the faulty information from earlier), I didn't let on that I worked for a newspaper. I just asked my question, and got a simple answer which confirmed what I'd already been told by the post office about Monday's deadline.

Efficiency and knowledge are wonderful things. The trick is in finding them.

## Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, April 18, the 108th day of 2006. There are 257 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

One hundred years ago, on April 18, 1906, a devastating earthquake struck San Francisco, followed by raging fires. About 700 people died.

On this date:

In 1775, Paul Revere began his famous ride from Charlestown to Lexington, Mass., warning American colonists that the British were coming.

In 1921, Junior Achievement, created to encourage business skills in young people, was incorporated.

In 1942, an air squadron from the USS Hornet led by Lt. Col. James H. Doolittle raided Tokyo and other Japanese cities.

In 1944, the ballet "Fancy Free," with music by Leonard Bernstein, premiered.

In 1945, famed American war correspondent Ernie Pyle, 44, was killed by Japanese gunfire on the Pacific island of Ie Shima, off Okinawa.

In 1946, the League of Nations went out of business.

In 1955, physicist Albert Einstein died in Princeton, N.J., at age 76.

In 1956, 50 years ago, actress Grace Kelly married Prince Rainier of Monaco in a civil ceremony. (A church wedding took place the next day.)

In 1980, Zimbabwe Rhodesia became the independent nation of Zimbabwe.

*'Love has the quality of informing almost everything — even one's work.'*

— Sylvia Ashton-Warner  
New Zealander  
author and educator  
(1908-1984)

In 1983, 62 people, including 17 Americans, were killed at the U.S. Embassy in Beirut, Lebanon, by a suicide bomber.

Ten years ago: President Clinton addressed the Japanese Parliament, hailing security ties between the two countries as the cornerstone of stability in Asia. Congress passed and sent to President Clinton long-awaited legislation giving federal law officers new powers to use against terrorism.



## Immigration versus gate-crashing ...

My sentiments on immigration are inscribed at the foot of the Statue of Liberty: "... Give me your tired, your poor, Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free, The wretched refuse of your teeming shore, Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me, I lift my lamp beside the golden door."

These words of poet Emma Lazarus served as the welcome mat for tens of millions seeking liberty and opportunity in America — legally. Being a relatively land-rich and labor-scarce nation, immigration has always been good for our country. Plus, for most of our history, there was a guarantee that immigrants would come here to work. The alternative was starvation.

With today's welfare state, there's no such guarantee. People can come here, not work and not starve because the welfare state guarantees that they can live off the rest of us.

At the heart of today's immigration problem is its illegality. According to several estimates, there are 11 million people who are in our country illegally, mostly

from Mexico. Many people, including my libertarian friends and associates, advance an argument that differs little from saying that people anywhere in the world have a right to live in the United States irrespective of our laws or preferences.

According to that vision, American people do not have a right to set either the number of people who enter our country or the conditions upon which they enter.

Some of the arguments and terms used in the immigration debate defy reason. First, there's the refusal to call these people "illegal aliens." The politically preferred term is "undocumented workers," which is nothing less than verbal sleight-of-hand. After all, I, too, am an undocumented worker.

My colleague, Thomas Sowell, exposes some of this verbal sleight-of-hand in his recent column "Guests or Gate-Crashers?" He questions calling for "guest

worker" status for people who, because they weren't invited, are not guests at all but gate-crashers. Sowell argues that the more substantive arguments for flaunting our immigration laws are just as phony.

How about the argument that "We can't catch all the illegals"? That's true, but

should we apply that principle to other illegal acts? For example, we can't catch every rapist or burglar, but does it follow that we shouldn't try?

The base motives for much of the political response to illegal aliens are fear of losing the Hispanic vote and pressure by employers who want to maintain a source of cheap labor. Politicians are calling for "guest worker" programs, but they're really calling for amnesty. They are fearful of actually using that term because they know it's political suicide, but the "guest worker" proposal is

essentially the same as amnesty.

The word amnesty comes from the Greek "amnestia," defined in part as: "the selective overlooking or ignoring of those events or acts that are not favorable or useful to one's purpose or position." That's what the proposed guest worker program essentially says: forget that you're here illegally.

In principle, the solution to people being in our country illegally is simple. No one in the country illegally should be eligible to receive any social services except emergency medical services. Efforts should be made to deport illegal aliens. Our borders should be made secure both against illegal entry of persons and potential threats to national security.

Finally, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services procedures for obtaining work permits and citizenship should be streamlined so that law-abiding people around the world can more easily contribute to and enjoy America's greatness.

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# BUSINESS REVIEW



## Diversified Lenders can turn your accounts into cash

Smart business owners throughout West Texas are finding that Smart Money, one of the many services available from Diversified Lenders, Inc., enables them to convert their accounts receivable into immediate cash through a process known as "factoring".

"Many people don't know what factoring is," says Don Roberts, President, in the company's Lubbock offices at 6625 W. 19th St., Suite 114. "Companies simply don't realize that they can sell us their accounts receivable on a monthly basis and get immediate working capital."

Just as important, Smart Money gives businesses access to complete "backroom" services. Backroom services include:

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"Selling us their accounts receivable enables companies to grow their businesses not only by making capital readily available, but by solving the cash flow problems created by customers who don't always pay immediately," says Account Manager Cole Roberts. "They can now afford to go after that potential new customer who's delayed payment history had before made them unavailable."

Often, Cole adds, the increased availability of capital enables Diversified's clients to make even more money by taking advantage of substantial "early-pay" discounts available from their vendors.

Funds can be directly deposited to customers' designated bank accounts. Smart Money clients can also take advantage of eFactor, an online service that gives clients access to their accounts, view transaction status, submit invoices, manage reports and much more.

"eFactor allows our clients to bring our 'backroom' into their office," says Operations Manager Glendon Paulk. "Clients can log on and access their accounts anytime, anywhere."

Diversified Lenders also receives client referrals from many banks throughout the West Texas area.

"We work hand-in-hand with the banks," Don explains. "Our factoring services enable us to consider a company's accounts receivable and fund based on that."

If you've been turned down by a bank, Diversified Lenders encourages you to call them for more information.

"We get a lot of referrals from banks when additional funding is needed, or they are not able to service a client," he explains.

Smart Money from Diversified Lenders, Inc. is obviously much more than just another business loan program. It's a way to grow the business in ways previously unavailable to many businesses. When coupled with the factoring division's complete "backroom" services menu, Diversified Lenders, Inc. provides complete cash flow management.

"We provide people with peace-of-mind," Don says. "Many small business owners find that with us, they can eliminate the need to work the business by day and handle invoicing, billing, collections, etc. at night."

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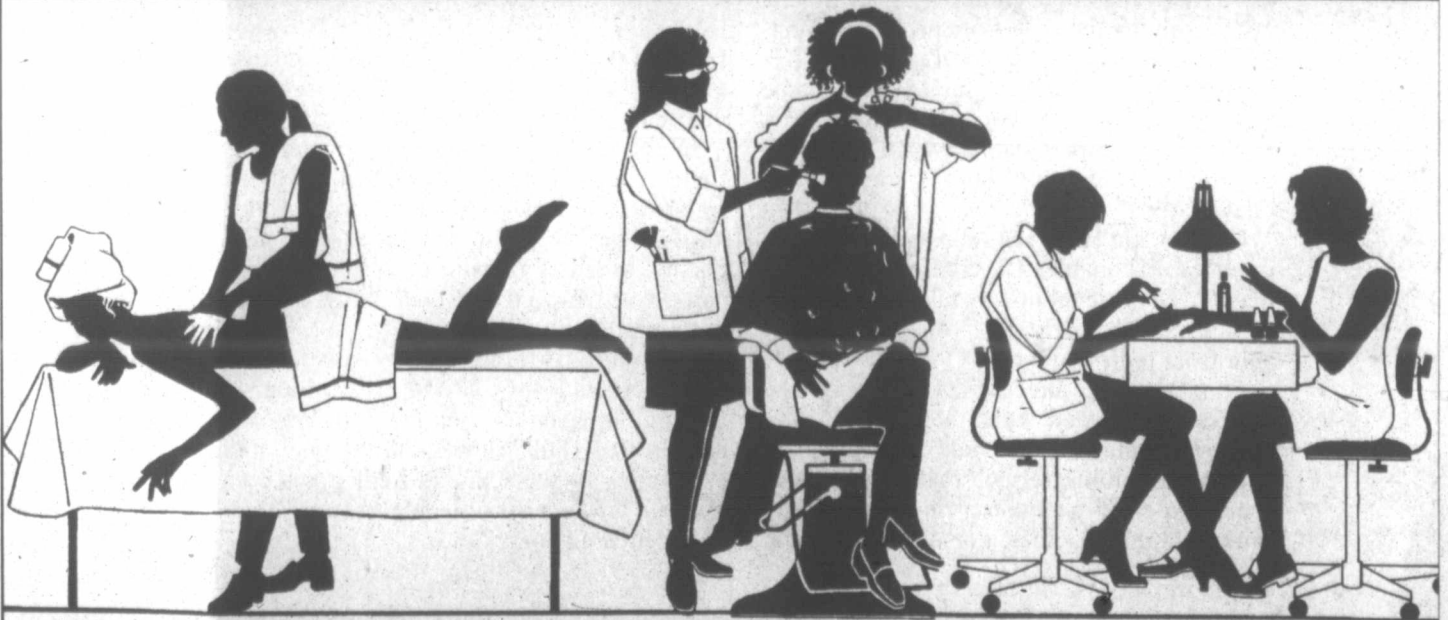
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# Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I disagree with your advice to "Not Ungrateful," regarding the beautiful dolls that were sent to her children by their grandfather. I run a children's store. Not all grandparents want to give a gift that might end up in a garage sale or giveaway box years down the road. Many want to give a special gift that their grandchild will enjoy later and that will be a special memory of them when the children are older. Keepsakes are treasures that can be cherished long after the grandparents are gone. Special gifts should be put aside until the children are old enough to play with them and enjoy them. Be sure to remind the children that Grandpa gave the gifts when they were babies because he thought they were so special. Cuddly stuffed animals are cute for babies, but generally don't last, nor is their origin ever truly appreciated by the child. So let Grandpa give the most special gifts he can. Those gifts are worth receiving at any age. -- VICKI IN CODY, WYO.

DEAR VICKI: I heard from many readers who agree with you. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: Perhaps that grandfather is thinking down the road that someday (when he may be gone) his grandchildren will appreciate his foresight. We get our grandson the "appropriate cuddly gifts," along with substantial contributions to a 529 college plan. Someday, between political science, beer and young women, we trust he will have kind thoughts about his grandparents. More important, we hope he will repay the gift in kindness to his own grandchildren. -- AN APPRECIATIVE GRANDPA IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR ABBY: As a very young girl in the early '50s, I received by mail a beautiful string of pearls in a velvet case from my bachelor godfather. Talk about age inappropriate! (How can you play with pearls?)

My disappointment turned to pride as my parents explained they were a special gift -- my "first pearls" -- to be worn when I became a young lady. The case graced my dresser top for years, until I was finally deemed "old enough" to wear the elegant necklace. I still cherish the pearls and their memories of a sweet godfather I rarely saw, and of the times I would carefully open that fancy case and rub the pearls against my cheek, daydreaming of someday being a lady. Let other friends buy their children the soft things they can play with now. "Not Ungrateful's" father-in-law may also intend for the fancy dolls to be future heirlooms. -- SENTIMENTAL IN SEABECK, WASH.

DEAR ABBY: When my granddaughter was born, my mother gave her a chest of sterling silver flatware because she calculated that she wouldn't be here when "that baby grows up," and the price of sterling silver would be out of reach. Through the years, we have added serving pieces to match. Now that my granddaughter is married (and my mother is no longer with us), she has a beautiful service for eight thanks to her great-grandmother. When it was determined that my step-grandbaby was to be a girl, I bought the prettiest, most expensive doll I could find, as I wanted her first doll to be special. For her first birthday we gave her a diamond drop necklace with instructions that it was to be put away but worn on her wedding day. Because of our advanced age, we won't be alive when she is married, and we wanted to be part of her very special day. -- ANN G., TUPELO, MISS.

DEAR ANN: I'd say your step-grandbaby is a lucky little girl -- and not because of the jewelry.

## For Better Or For Worse



## Zits



## Garfield



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## Crossword Puzzle

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

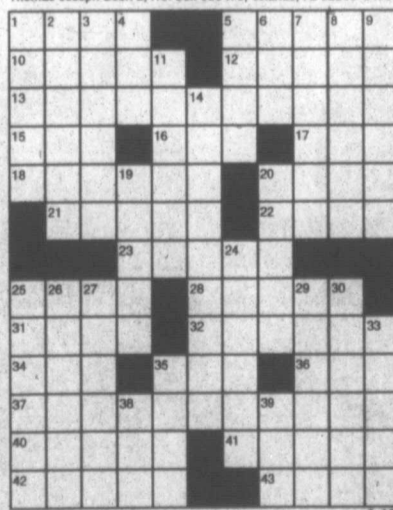
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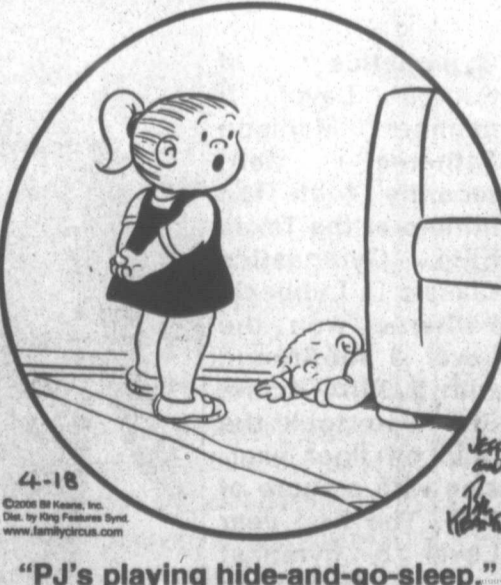


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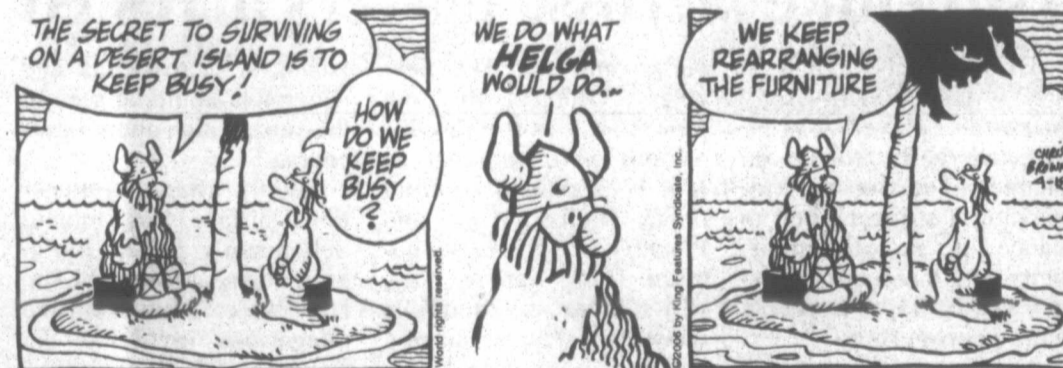
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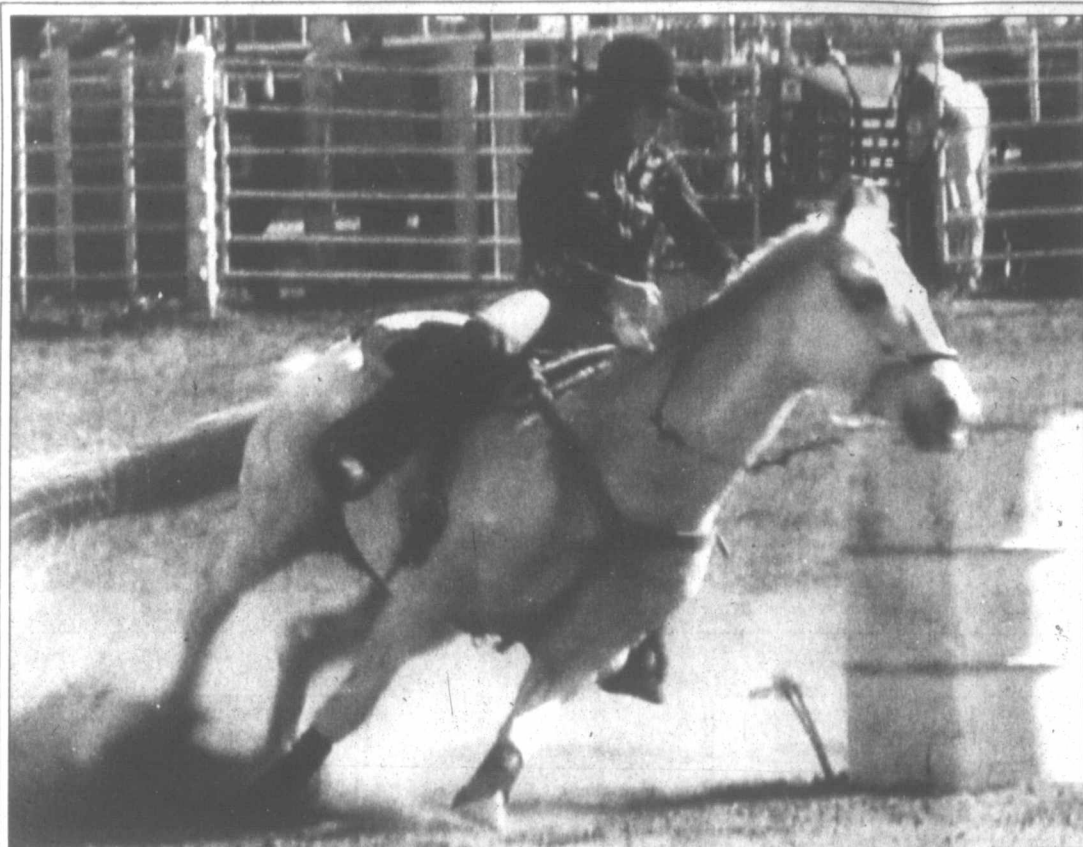
## Flo & Friends



## Blondie



# Sports Day



Courtesy photo

Pampa Rodeo Club member Kalynn Jones guides her horse around a barrel at the THSRA event in Childress April 8. Jones won the same event in Gruver Saturday.

## Richardson ropes All-Around honors at THSRA rodeo event in Gruver

Texas High School Rodeo Association  
Tri-State Rodeo  
Gruver  
April 15, 2006  
(results as listed at [www.thsra.org](http://www.thsra.org))

### ALL-AROUND COWBOY

Brian Johnson, Gruver

### ALL-AROUND COWGIRL

Carley Richardson, Pampa

### BARRELL RACING

1. Kalynn Jones, Pampa 17.890

2. Melyssa Elliott, Paducah 18.110

3. Holley Hurt, Guthrie 18.210

4. Carley Richardson, Pampa 18.240

5. Lacey Harris, Amarillo 18.290

6. Rachelle Holt, Gruver 18.320

7. Katie Adcock, Miami 18.470

8. Chelseas Sanders, Panhandle 18.500

9. Jessica Schmidt, Morse, 18.560

10. Sarah Zybach, Briscoe 18.610

19. Karli Douglas, Pampa 27.290

### BREAKAWAY ROPING

1. Rachelle Holt, Gruver 2.800

2. Sarah Zybach, Briscoe 3.540

3. Carley Richardson, Pampa 12.920

4. Melyssa Elliott, Paducah 13.440

5. Mandi Whitecotton, Canyon 14.920

6. Katie Adcock, Miami 99.000

7. MacKinzey Kvabvig, Dalhart 99.000

8. Lacey Harris, Amarillo 99.000

9. Joni Brakebill, Portales 99.000

10. Savannah Sparkman, Hereford 99.000

### BULL RIDING

1. Stormy Wing, Dalhart 80.0

2. Bryan Hall, Boys Ranch 73.0

3. Clay Taylor, Sayre 73.0

4. Chris Barnett, Elk City 70.0

5. Nat Perry, Elk City 69.0

### CALF ROPING

1. Blaine Harris, Amarillo 12.120

2. Jacob Booze, Miami 12.830

3. Brian Johnson, Gruver 13.460

4. Logan Helton, Pampa 14.790

5. Reese Reimer, Stinnett 15.850

6. Sterling Smith, Post 15.870

7. Jake Bonner, Portales 17.870

8. Tyrell Sparkman, Hereford 23.730

9. Cutter Roberts, Melrose 28.030

10. Tyler Lane, Morse 28.030

17. Tanner Cochran, Pampa 30.060

### GOAT TYING

1. Lisa Maez, Dalhart 7.910

2. Jynna Cleveland, Claude 8.430

3. Brooke Barnard, Stratford 8.900

4. Kendra Haddon, Mooreland 9.120

5. Rachelle Holt, Gruver 9.180

6. Schelli White, Throckmorton 9.370

7. Jessica Schmidt, Morse 9.370

8. Katie Adcock, Miami 9.870

9. Sarah Zybach, Briscoe 9.990

10. Joni Brakebill, Portales 10.140

13. Karli Douglas, Pampa 13.950

### POLE BENDING

1. Kalynn Jones, Pampa 20.460

2. Keeley Daniel, Groom 20.790

3. Rachelle Holt, Gruver 21.070

4. Carely Richardson, Pampa 21.280

5. Lyndsey White, Tyrone 21.370

6. Kari Merrick, Sayre 21.970

7. Melyssa Elliott, Paducah 22.000

8. Jynna Cleveland, Claude 22.040

9. Holley Hurt, Guthrie 22.230

10. Katie Adcock, Miami 22.750

17. Karli Douglas, Pampa 24.590

### SADDLE BRONC

1. Derrick Lanham, Dumas 65.0

### STEER WRESTLING

1. Blaine Harris, Amarillo 15.470

2. Tyler Lane, Morse 99.000

### TEAM ROPING

1. Lisa Maez, Dalhart 8.900

2. Colter Hampton, Dalhart 8.900

3. R.A. Brown, Stinnett 13.040

4. Austin Whatley, Stinnett 13.040

5. Tyrell Sparkman, Hereford 14.100

6. K.Y. Finck, Tulia 14.100

7. Blake Bradley, Amarillo 18.020

8. Justin Isbell, Pampa 18.020

9. Sarah Zybach, Briscoe 20.550

10. Rayburn Ritchie, Reydon 20.550

33. Logan Helton, Pampa 99.000

## DFB rallies past Cabot to open Optimist season

Duncan, Fraser & Bridges Insurance Agency rallied for four runs in the top of the sixth inning to slip past Cabot Corporation 9-7 in the opening game of the season in the Pampa Optimist 11-12 Cal Ripken Baseball League Monday.

Cody McIntyre, who allowed three runs in the fifth inning, was credited with the win. Rudy Rodriguez pitched a scoreless sixth inning to notch a save.

Dane Pereira started for DFB and allowed one unearned run and one hit in three innings of work. DFB's Zach Murray was touched for three runs in the fourth inning.

DFB chipped away at Cabot starter Collin Killgo with single runs in each of the first three innings to post a 3-1 lead. Cabot took a 4-3 lead with three runs in the

fourth. DFB responded with two runs in the top of the fifth off Killgo to lead 5-4. Cabot tallied three times in the bottom of the fifth for a 7-5 lead to set the table for Rodriguez, who faced only four batters in the sixth, striking out two and walking one.

Kyle Smith and Brandon Yates also pitched for Cabot. Yates entered the game with the bases loaded and two outs in the sixth and struck out the only batter he faced on three pitches.

### Outstanding Defensive Play:

DFB's Drake Fisher threw two runners out while trying to steal.

Today's game features Celanese Corporation and Glo-Valve Service at 5:45 p.m.

The Pampa Optimist Youth Club is a Pampa United Way agency.

### MEETINGS & EVENTS

## Basketball boosters to hold elections

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS  
Sports Editor

The Pampa High School basketball booster club has scheduled a meeting to take place Thursday night at 6:30 in the PHS library.

The agenda will include the election of

officers for the upcoming season, therefore all parents — especially those who will have freshmen in the program — are encouraged to attend this meeting.

If you have any questions, or need more information, contact a current booster club member, or call the PHS athletic office, 669-4830.

## Judge allows wheelchair racer to compete in track events

BALTIMORE (AP) — A high school track athlete who uses a wheelchair will be allowed to race alongside her teammates for the rest of the school year under a federal judge's order.

Tatyana McFadden, 16, had been allowed to practice with the Atholton High School track team in Columbia, but the school system required her to compete in separate wheelchair events.

"It was lonely and embarrassing, and I just didn't like it," McFadden said. "Other competitors would come up to me and they would say, 'Good race,' but it wasn't really a good race because I was running by myself."

The Maryland Disability Law Center filed the federal suit on McFadden's behalf, citing the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, which prohibits exclusion of persons with disabilities from programs and activities that receive federal funds.

On Monday, U.S. District Judge Andre Davis granted the request for a preliminary injunction against the school system.

McFadden, who won two medals at the 2004 Paralympics in Athens, said Monday

night that she was looking forward to competing in Wednesday's meet.

"This is important to me because I wanted to get the same thrill and the same experience as all the other high school students," she said. "There's no competition by myself."

Mark Blom, an attorney for the Howard County school system, said last month when the suit was filed that the system had worked with McFadden to allow her to be a part of the team and to incorporate wheelchair events into track competitions, but it is against merging the two types of events.

The judge disagreed.

"She's not suing for blue ribbons, gold ribbons or money — she just wants to be out there when everyone else is out there," Davis said.

McFadden was born with spina bifida. Her mother, Deborah McFadden, called the ruling a landmark.

"The Rehabilitation Act has been around for 33 years," she said. "Maybe we've succeeded in a classroom setting, but there's more to a person's life."

## Two Duke lacrosse players arrested

DURHAM, N.C. (AP) — Two Duke University lacrosse players were arrested early today on charges of raping and kidnapping a stripper hired to dance at an off-campus party, and the district attorney said he hopes to charge a third person soon.

The indictments, unsealed today, did not indicate what possible evidence or arguments led the grand jury Monday to indict Reade Seligmann and Collin Finnerty, both 20. District Attorney Mike Nifong would not discuss the evidence.

"It had been my hope to charge all three of the assailants at the same time, but the evidence available to me at this moment does not permit that," Nifong said. "Investigation into the identity of the third assailant will continue in the hope that he can also be identified with certainty."

Seligmann posted a \$400,000 bond shortly after his arrest, and his attorney waived his court appearance.

Finnerty, who posting the same amount later Tuesday, made a brief appearance in Superior Court wearing a

jacket and tie. The next court appearance for both players was set for May 15.

Both Seligmann, a 6-foot-1 sophomore from Essex Fells, N.J., and Finnerty, a 6-foot-3 sophomore from Garden City, N.Y., were in handcuffs when they stepped out of a police cruiser before dawn.

Seligmann is "absolutely innocent," said his attorney, Kirk Osborn. "He's doing great. That's all I have to say."

Asked what led to the indictments, Osborn said: "Apparently it was a photographic identification. And we all know how reliable that is."

Finnerty's attorney, Bill Cotter, said, "We're surprised that anybody got indicted, quite frankly."

"The next jury will hear the entire story, which includes our evidence, and we're confident that these young men will be found to be innocent," he said.

Calls to the Finnerty and Seligmann homes Tuesday morning were not immediately returned. No one answered the door at the Finnerty house, which sits in a cul-de-sac of million-dollar homes on Long

Island. A lacrosse net and equipment could be seen in the yard, which abuts a golf course.

Shortly after the allegations surfaced last month, Seligmann's father, Philip Seligmann, spoke to The New York Times about the allegations involving the team, saying, "It's unfortunate, but it will all be resolved positively very shortly."

The alleged victim, a 27-year-old black woman and mother of two children, told police she was attacked March 13 by three white men in a bathroom at a party held by the lacrosse team.

The racially charged allegations have led to near daily protest rallies. The school canceled the highly ranked team's season and accepted the resignation of coach Mike Pressler after the release of a vulgar and graphic e-mail that was sent by a team member shortly after the alleged assault.

Defense attorneys have urged Nifong to drop the case, saying DNA tests failed to connect any of the 46 team members tested to the alleged victim.

## Golden girl

Gymnastics of Pampa Level 8 member Madison Fatheree (left) recently took top honors at the Texas Elite Gymnastics Classic in Lubbock. Fatheree won the Level 8 All-Around with a 35.75 score. She also took the gold on floor exercise with a score of 9.65. The first year Level 8 gymnast received second on balance beam, third on vault and fourth on uneven bars in Lubbock. Fatheree is an 11 year old student at Austin Elementary School.



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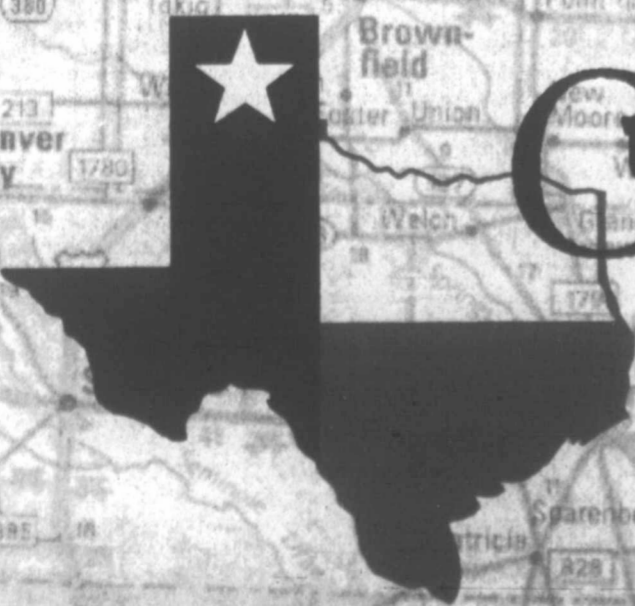
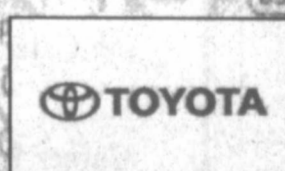
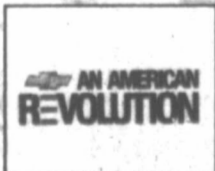


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