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## Heart stent at PRMC a first for Pampa

**By DAVID BOWSER**  
Staff Writer

Steve Silver recently did something no one else has ever done in Pampa.

Dr. Silver, a new cardiologist at Pampa Regional Medical Center, opened up an artery with a stent.

Although the use of stents and balloons to open arteries rather than surgery has become more widely used during the past few years, Dr. Silver said it is still a serious procedure and one that should be entrusted only to experienced hands.

Silver estimates that he's inserted almost 2,000 stents in a career that spans more than 25 years.

He is originally from Chicago. "I did my medical school training there, my internship and my

residency both there," Silver said. "After I did all that, I went to San Francisco to do my cardiology training."

After his cardiology training, Silver practiced medicine in California for about 20 years.

"I got tired of the crowds," Silver said. "I got tired of the cost of living."

More than anything else, he said, California has a lot of managed health care programs.

"It's a doctor unfriendly environment," Silver said.

He said he and his wife Dina and their pets moved to Casper, Wyo., in 2001 for a couple of years.

"They had a good hospital and good heart facility," Silver said.

But his wife did not like Casper, so the couple moved to

Midland, but Silver wasn't wild about Midland.

Then he got an offer from Natchez, Miss.

"I was there for two years," Silver said. "Then I got an extremely good offer out here in Pampa."

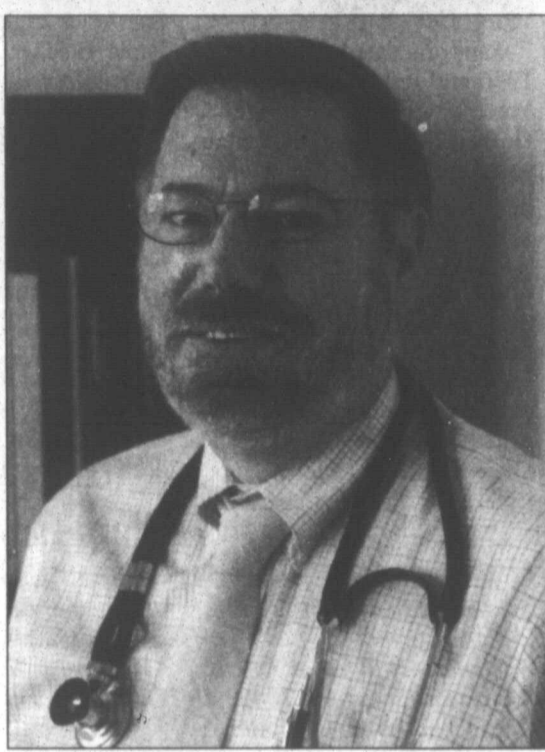
One of the problems he had in Natchez, Silver said, was a heart surgery team had to be on premises at the hospital or stents or balloons couldn't be used.

He ended up driving long distances to outlying hospitals with heart programs.

"I was offered this position where I could do procedures on site," he said. "The need is apparently quite great out here."

Having been in Pampa for only

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Dr. Steve Silver

## EMS open house



**Paramedic Alan Price shows his son Johnny what it's like to be a patient in a mobile intensive care unit like those operated by Guardian EMS Service, 1010 Barnes. Guardian personnel hosted an open house from 2 to 4 p.m. Monday in conjunction with National EMS Week, May 14-20.**

## Accident review reveals causes of fatal crashes

**By MARILYN POWERS**  
Staff Writer

Loss of control was a factor in 66 percent of 200 fatal traffic accidents reported by Texas Department of Public Safety and reviewed recently by Panhandle Regional Advisory Council, Trauma Service Area A, in Amarillo.

The average age of the driver in the accidents, which date back to 2001, was 45. The crashes involved 231 deaths; another 175 people were injured. Alcohol involvement data on the accidents was not available for the review.

The deadly loss of control which factored into two-thirds of the accidents may be from distraction of the driver, according to a press release from PRAC.

"We drive the same familiar roads daily to work, shopping, church, et cetera. We begin to drive by habit, while we eat and drink, adjust our radios and CDs, talk on our cell phones, visit with passengers, disci-

pline the kids and generally treat our vehicles as mobile living rooms," said Kay Harris, program manager, in the release.

"On familiar trips, with little traffic, we don't always feel the need to buckle up," she said.

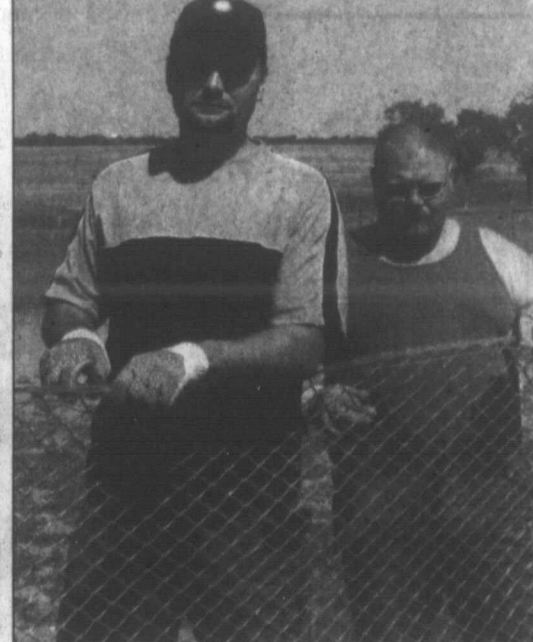
Loss of control of a vehicle results in collisions with oncoming vehicles, rear-end collisions with vehicles going the same direction, bridge abutments and trees, according to the release. Loss of control also accounts for almost all rollovers.

"If you aren't buckled in during a rollover, you can expect to bounce violently around the inside and/or be partially or fully ejected from the vehicle. Ejection opens the possibility of severe lacerations from glass, being struck by the vehicle or having it land on you, or flying through the air to land like a rag doll," Harris said.

Excessive speed and/or failure to

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## Mud Bog preparations



Curtis Well Service operators use their heavy equipment Monday to dig the pit for the Third Annual Mud Bog scheduled for Saturday at Recreation Park. Right photo, Don Wainscott, left, and Tony Freelen put up a barricade at the mud bog pit. Wainscott and Freelen are on the board of directors of High Plains Off Road, the sponsor of the event. Tech checks and registration for contestants begins at 7 a.m. Entries will be accepted until 9 a.m. The action is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m.

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# Viewpoints

## The sound of thunder is a good sound

I love thunderstorms. Drought conditions in the area had me worried that I would not get to experience any storms this spring, so the recent storms were doubly exhilarating for me. I have sometimes wondered if something is wrong with me for liking storms, but I've found that there are plenty of others who enjoy them, too. I really can't explain exactly why I like thunderstorms. I know they can be dangerous and cause property damage. I like them anyway.

I think there is something awe-inspiring about watching a thundercloud build and advance toward me. Every shade of blue, gray and white can be represented in a storm cloud, not to mention the green color it sometimes takes on when it produces hail and/or a tornado. If the hail is big enough to turn my car into a dimpled darlin' or pound my roof to bits, I don't like it at all. But if it's just small hail that's not big enough to hurt anyone or anything, that's OK. I love to watch storm clouds advance over a long

distance. One of the advantages of living in this area is that you can see storms a long way off before they ever get to you, and you can determine their direction of travel. I love to watch lightning as it splits the sky, followed by the deep throaty voice of thunder. Thunder can be a sudden, earsplitting clap or a long, deep rumble, or anywhere in between.

I feel renewed as the rain falls, whether it is just a brief shower or a torrential downpour. I like to watch the raindrops hit the ground and bounce a little before becoming part of a puddle. I like the sound the wind makes through the trees as the storm blows in. I listen to the sound of the rain hitting windows and walls as the wind blows the drops so that

they fall at a slant. I take deep breaths of the clean air smell that accompanies rain. I collect rainwater to water my plants when their soil dries out after the storm. I know that thunderstorms can cause property damage and can injure and even kill creatures, including humans. I know that lightning can be deadly, as can flash floods, tornadoes and high winds. I like storms anyway. Maybe it's because modern man doesn't get to pit his endurance against the ele-

ments every day. Maybe it's because we all like to feel challenged by something much larger than ourselves once in awhile. Maybe it's because a thunderstorm is such a grand display of nature's power. Maybe it's because we all have a bit of the gambler in us. Whatever the reason I enjoy storms, I'm glad I'm not one of those who suffer from phobias connected to thunderstorms. Those people don't know what they're missing.

**Marilyn Powers**

Staff Writer



## Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, May 16, the 136th day of 2006. There are 229 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 16, 1929, the first Academy Awards were presented during a banquet at the Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel. The movie "Wings" won "best production," while Emil Jannings and Janet Gaynor were named best actor and best actress.

On this date:

In 1770, Marie Antoinette, age 14, married the future King Louis XVI of France, who was 15.

In 1866, Congress authorized minting of the 5-cent piece.

In 1868, the Senate failed by one vote to convict President Andrew Johnson as it took its first ballot on one of 11 articles of impeachment against him.

In 1905, actor Henry Fonda was born in Grand Island, Neb.

In 1920, Joan of Arc was canonized in Rome.

In 1946, the Irving Berlin musical "Annie Get Your Gun," starring Ethel Merman as Annie Oakley, opened on Broadway.

In 1955, American author and critic James Agee died in New York at age 45.

In 1960, a Big Four summit conference in Paris collapsed on its opening day as the Soviet Union leveled spy charges against the U.S. in the wake of the U2 incident.

In 1975, Japanese climber Junko Tabei became the first woman to reach the summit of Mount Everest.

In 1977, five people were killed when a New York Airways helicopter, idling atop the Pan Am Building in midtown Manhattan, toppled over, sending a huge rotor blade flying.

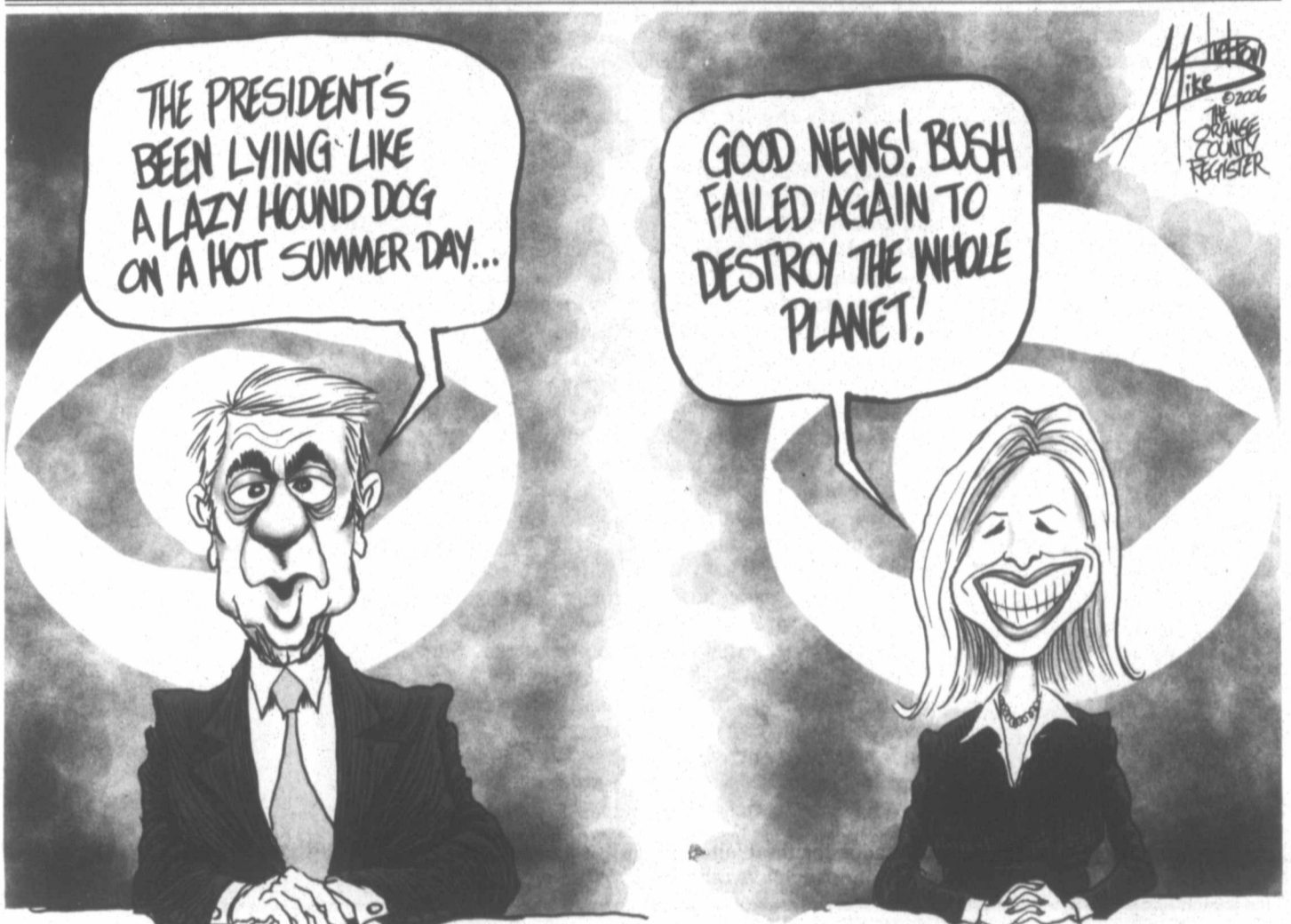
Ten years ago: Admiral Jeremy "Mike" Boorda, the nation's top Navy officer, died from a self-inflicted gunshot wound after some of his military awards were called into question.

Five years ago: Former FBI agent Robert Hanssen was indicted on charges of spying for Moscow. (Hanssen later pleaded guilty to 15 counts of espionage and was sentenced to life in prison without parole.) Nathaniel Brazill, a 14-year-old boy who shot his English teacher to death on the last day of the school year, was convicted of second-degree murder in West Palm Beach, Fla. (Brazill was later sentenced to 28 years in prison.)

One year ago: Newsweek magazine retracted its Quran abuse story that sparked deadly protests in Afghanistan that left about 15 people dead and scores injured. Army Specialist Sabrina Harman was convicted at Fort Hood, Texas, of six of the seven charges she faced for her role in the mistreatment of Iraqi prisoners at Abu Ghraib. (She was sentenced to six months in prison after testimony about her acts of kindness toward Iraqis before she became an Abu Ghraib guard.) The Supreme Court ruled 5-4 that states can't bar out-of-state wine shipments.

*'Take it easy, but take it.'*

— Studs Terkel  
American author



QUIRKY TO PERKY

## Caring vs. uncaring in free market system

George Orwell admonished, "Sometimes the first duty of intelligent men is the restatement of the obvious." That's what I want to do — talk about the obvious, starting with the question: What human motivation leads to the most wonderful things getting done? How about the charity and selflessness we've seen from people like Mother Teresa? What about the ceaseless and laudable work of organizations like the Red Cross, Habitat for Humanity and Salvation Army? What about the charitable donations of rich Americans, to use the silly phrase, who've given something back? While the actions of these people and their organizations are laudable, results motivated by charity and selflessness pale in comparison to other motives behind getting good things done. Let's look at it. In December 1999,

Stephen Moore and Julian L. Simon wrote an article titled "The Greatest Century That Ever Was," published by the Washington, D.C.-based Cato Institute. In it they report: Over the course of the 20th century, life expectancy increased by 30 years; annual deaths from major killer diseases such as tuberculosis, polio, typhoid, whooping cough and pneumonia fell from 700 to fewer than 50 per 100,000 of the population; agricultural workers fell from 41 to 2.5 percent of the workforce; household auto ownership rose from 1 to 91 percent; household electrification rose from 8 to 99 percent; controlling for inflation, household assets rose from \$6 trillion to \$41 trillion between 1945 and

1998. These are but a few of the wonderful things that have occurred during the 20th century. Returning to my initial question: What human motivation accounts for the accomplishment of these and many other wonderful things? The answer should be obvious. It was not accomplished by people's concern for others but by people's concern for themselves. In other words, it's people seeking more for themselves that has produced a better life for all Americans. Take a minor example. I think it's wonderful that Idaho potato farmers get up early in the morning to toil in the fields, which results in

Pennsylvania enjoying potatoes. Does anyone think they make that sacrifice because they care about me? They might hate me, but they make sure that I enjoy potatoes because they care about and want more things for themselves. What about all those people who've invented and marketed machines that do everything from diagnosing illnesses to controlling air flight? Were they basically motivated by a concern for others, or were they mostly concerned with their own well-being? One of the wonderful things about free markets is that the path to greater wealth comes not from looting, plundering and enslaving one's fellow man, as it has throughout most of human history, but by serving and pleasing him. Many of the wonderful achieve-

**Walter Williams**  
Columnist



Walter Williams in

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## Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

■ May 7

Houston Chronicle on the Bolivian economy:

Bolivia has the second-largest natural gas reserves in Latin America after Venezuela but is the poorest country in the region. To the Bolivian people, President Evo Morales' decision to take the extreme measure of nationalizing the energy sector is a chance to squeeze needed domestic revenue out of this rich natural resource. But Morales must tread carefully, or the move could prove financially fatal. Morales took office in December after running on promises that he

would rein in foreign profits on Bolivian resources. His move follows a similar move by Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez, who has forced oil companies in the country to rewrite their drilling contracts to give the state oil company a larger take. He also imposed retroactive tax hikes. In Ecuador, legislation is being drafted to limit profits by international producers of crude oil. Bolivia isn't finished with its nationalization. International players in the mining industry also could come in for greater government control in the form of higher taxes and royalty payments. Morales wants to break up mining companies' large land holdings, possibly to turn them over to the poor. Timber companies are also in for

changes. Bolivian officials say they want to use the additional revenues to fund social programs in the country. The people of Bolivia, who are mostly poor, should be the main beneficiaries of profits generated by the country's natural wealth. But Morales must manage his program with care. Among the 25 international energy firms operating in Bolivia, the United States has a relatively small interest through Exxon Mobil Corp. Brazil's state-owned Petrobras and Spain's Repsol YPF have the largest stake. Officials in those concerns have expressed some irritation with the nationalization scheme. Petrobras

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**PEOPLE IN THE NEWS**

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Paris Hilton's mother can only imagine what her celebrity daughter got her for Mother's Day.

That's because thieves stole the gifts before Kathy Hilton received them.

A gift bag containing nearly \$10,000 worth of Christian Dior shoes, sunglasses, handbags and perfume was taken from outside the Hilton home, spokesman Elliot Mintz said Monday.

The younger Hilton "spent three or four hours shopping to put together this wonderful collection of things for her mom," Mintz said.

A delivery person set the package down outside the home's gate to ring the intercom when a passenger in a passing car snatched the gifts.

"A fellow just whizzed by and grabbed the package," Mintz said.

The Hilton family celebrated Mother's Day by going out to dinner, he said.

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — Besides the job he won with Donald Trump, "Apprentice" winner Randal Pinkett will now be doing some work for the mayor-elect of New Jersey's largest city.

**Pinkett, CEO of a management consulting firm in Newark, was the latest winner on Trump's NBC reality show.**

Pinkett was among 12 people named by Mayor-elect Cory Booker as leaders of his transition team. Pinkett, 35, will co-chair the economic development section, Booker spokeswoman Sakina Cole said.

Pinkett, CEO of a management consulting firm in Newark, was the latest winner on Trump's NBC reality show. He chose a job working on casino expansions in Atlantic City. Like Booker, he is a Rhodes Scholar.

Booker, 37, who takes office in July, also named former New Orleans Mayor Marc Morial and James H. Coleman Jr., a former New Jersey Supreme Court justice, as honorary chairs of the transition team.

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Naomi Watts has been named a special representative to the U.N. program for HIV/AIDS.

The "King Kong" actress just returned from a trip to Zambia, where she saw hospitals, homes and schools where lives have been destroyed by AIDS.

"Given these stark realities, I can no longer stand on the sidelines," Watts said at a news conference Monday. "I want to use this position as a way to spread the word, to tell people what I saw."

Her appointment came as UNAIDS unveiled a new campaign called "4 for Everyone," which seeks to give everyone the right to HIV/AIDS prevention, treatment, care and support.

The program estimates that 40 million people now live with HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, and that 25 million people have died from AIDS.

"I have seen that every one of us can make a difference — and I am anxious to join UNAIDS in this effort," Watts, 37, said.

Watts, whose screen credits also include roles in "Mulholland Dr.," "The Ring" and "21 Grams," joins a host of celebrities who have signed up to promote U.N. causes.

Nicole Kidman is a goodwill ambassador for the United Nations Development Fund for Women, and Angelina Jolie has traveled frequently to Africa for the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees.

**Williams**

ments of the 20th century were the result of the pursuit of profits.

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Unfortunately, demagoguery has led to profits becoming a dirty word.

Nonprofit is seen as more righteous, particularly when people pompously stand before us and declare, "We're a nonprofit organization."

Profit is cast in a poor light because people don't understand the role of profits. Profit is a payment to entrepreneurs just as wages are payments to labor, interest to capital and rent to land. In order to earn profits in free markets, entrepreneurs must identify and satisfy human wants in a way that economizes on society's scarce resources.

Here's a little test. Which entities produce greater consumer satisfaction: for-profit enterprises such as supermarkets, computer makers and clothing stores, or nonprofit entities such as public schools, post offices and motor vehicle departments? I'm guessing you'll answer the former. Their survival depends on pleasing ordinary people, as opposed to the latter, whose survival is not so strictly tied to pleasing people.

Don't get me wrong. I'm not arguing that self-interest and the free market system produce perfect outcomes, but they're the closest we'll come to perfection here on Earth.

Walter Williams is a professor of economics at George Mason University.

**Bolivia**

pulled the plug in March on a plan to invest \$5 billion because of nationalization fears, and it called Morales' implementation of the scheme, in which

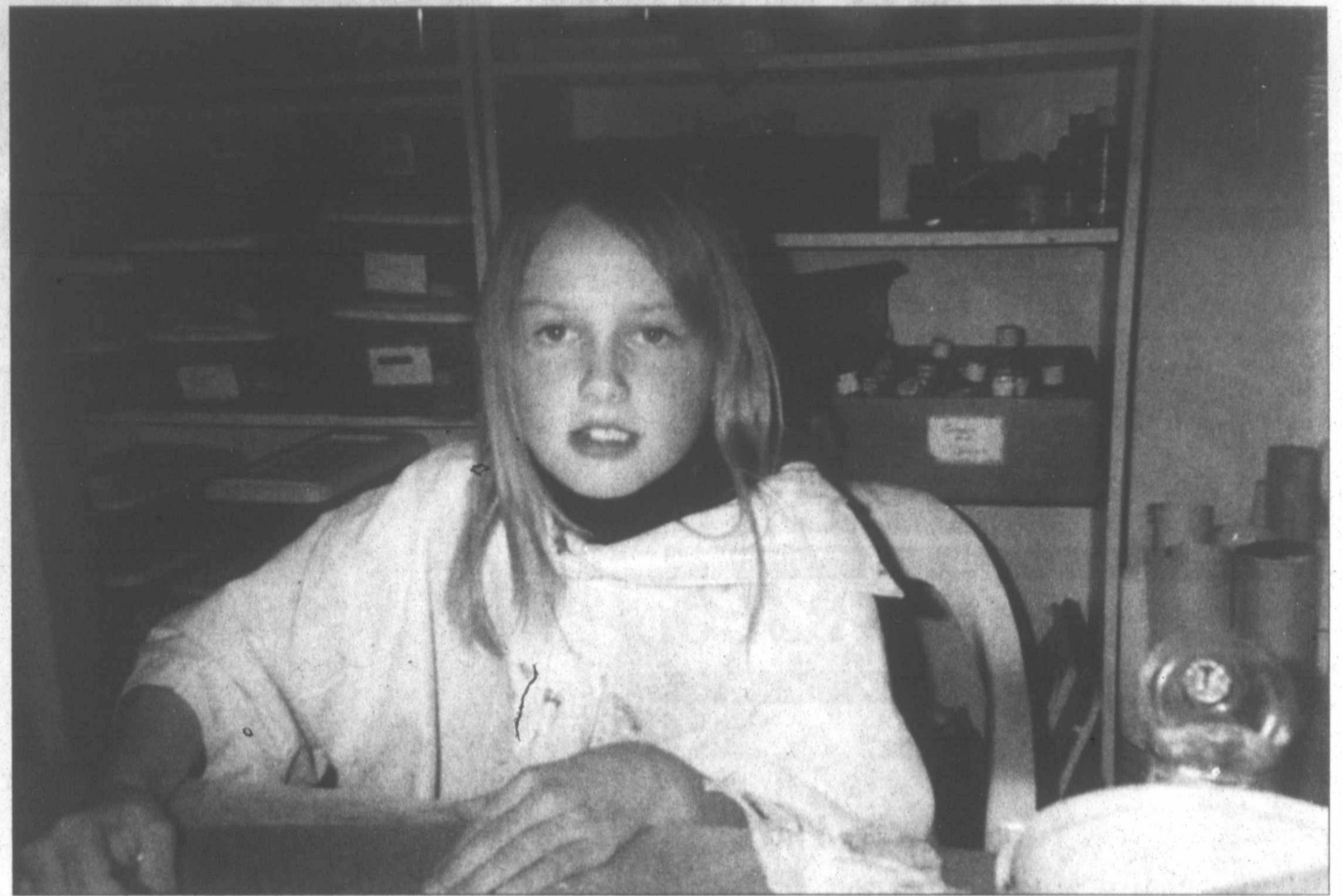
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soldiers were posted at 56 gas installations around the country on Tuesday, "unfriendly." Petrobras has invested \$1.6 billion in Bolivia since the mid-1990s.

Morales may have the upper hand in forcing the renegotiation of current gas contracts, but it could be disastrous for the country if, in being heavy-handed, he sours Bolivia's climate for future international investment. Bolivia needs foreign money to fully exploit its resources. If the state leaves too little profit for foreign businesses, those companies won't have the capital to reinvest in future growth.

The president's move has been extremely popular among Bolivians, 63 percent of whom live in poverty and saw little job creation from natural gas privatization in the 1990s. With this latest economic incarnation, Morales will be successful only if he manages to extend the benefits to the poor.

**Kay's Creative Kids**



Taylor Smith will participate in an art exhibit by "Kay's Kreative Kids." She and other students are under the direction of Kay Crouch who teaches art in a variety of media. "Kay's Kreative Kids" will be exhibiting their work from 1-3 p.m. Saturday at Lovett Memorial Library in Pampa. The show is open to the public. A variety of media will be represented including pencil drawings, pottery and sculpture.



Kay's Kreative Kids, taught by Kay Crouch of Pampa, will exhibit from 1-3 p.m. Saturday at Lovett Memorial Library in Pampa. Students of Kay's Kreative Kids include Shelby Saul, above, of Canadian, who is shown here painting in watercolor.



Hallie Williams and Lindsey Thompson, above, are also students of "Kay's Kreative Kids." They will participate in the student art show opening from 1-3 p.m. Saturday at Lovett Memorial Library in Pampa.

**Events calendar**

- **Habitat For Horses, Inc.**, is in the area distributing horse feed, hay, medical and barn supplies. The volunteer organization will continue to organize feed and hay drives to the fire damaged area and coordinate distribution centers as needed. For more information, call (866) 434-5737 or (806) 681-5858.
- **Pampa High School Class of 1956** needs help locating the following students: Aurelia (Adams) Gallaher, Beverly (Bonnell) Carruth, Andrena (Chisum) Greasby, Bobbie Jean Lindley, Dorothy Payne, Zona (Ruttman) McNeely, Velda Thompson and Bill Weatherford. Contact Glenda Malone at 665-4563 with any information.
- **Red Hat Dollies Society** of Pampa will meet at 11:30 a.m. Thursday at Hamburger Station. For more information, call 669-9916 or 669-9297.
- **The next Third Thursday** at Amarillo Museum of Art will be from 6-9 p.m. Thursday at the museum. The event will feature Jim Griffin, a musician. The evening will include an adult art project, a children's art table, a coffee and tea tasting and more. For further details, call the museum at (806) 371-5050.
- **Clarendon College-Pampa Center** will offer a one-day basic life support CPR class from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday in Room 106 of the college. The instructor will be Sharon Rust, RN. The class is worth 0.8 CEU. The class fee will be \$35. For more information or to register, call the college at 665-8801.
- **Lefors Lions Club** will serve barbecued chicken beginning at 12:30 p.m. Sunday in the Lefors Senior Center. The meal will be carry-out only and cost \$5 per plate. Chicken, beans, cole slaw and rolls will round out the menu.

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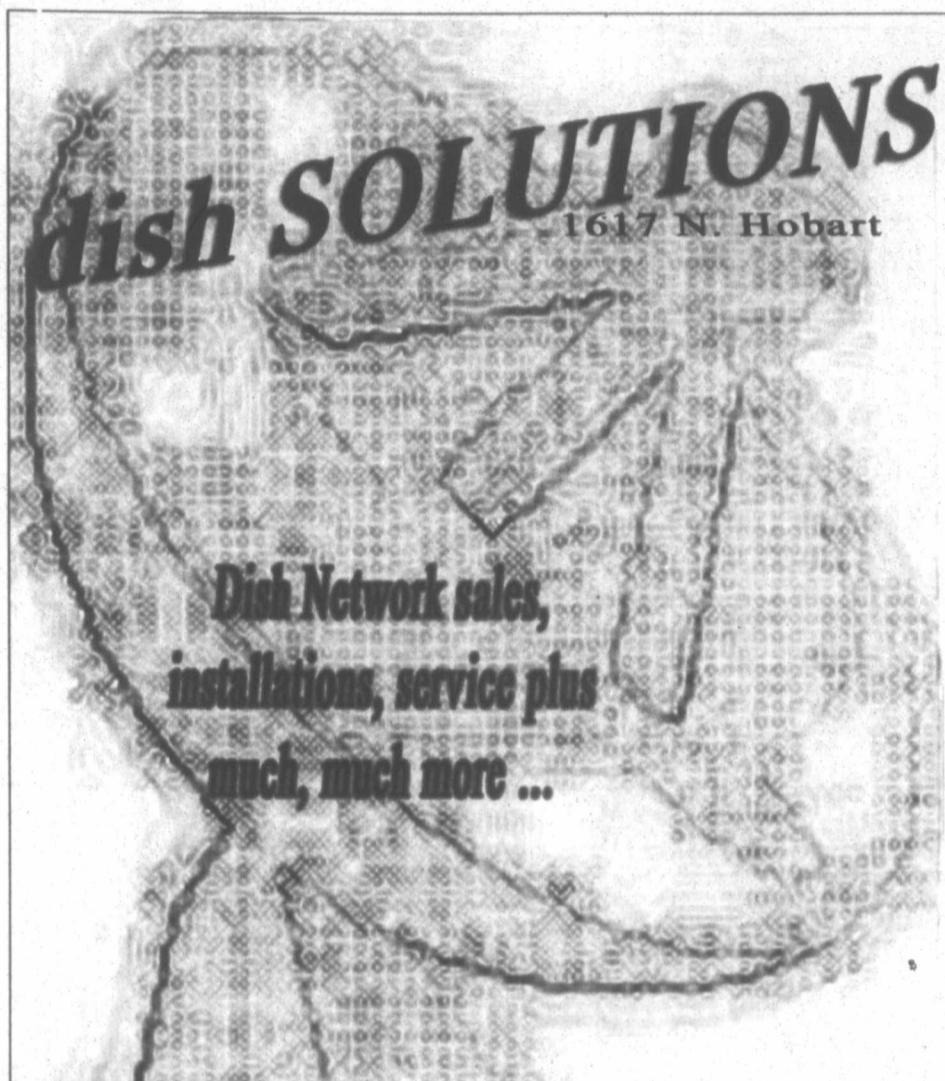
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# Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

**DEAR ABBY:** May is National Foster Care Month, a time when we celebrate the thousands of foster care parents who play a vital role in helping children, youth and families in crisis to heal. The commitment of these families leaves an indelible mark. They are helping to end cycles of physical abuse, neglect and substance abuse, often enabling a child to be the first in his or her family to go to college. An example of this commitment and advocacy is a foster parent named Corinne, who, in spite of almost overwhelming odds during Hurricane Katrina, kept her three foster children together in shelters until they could resettle in a new home. We hope that your readers will join the National Foster Parent Association in showing appreciation and support for every foster parent -- especially during May. While not everyone can be a foster parent, everyone can support foster care. — **KAREN JORGENSEN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, NATIONAL FOSTER PARENT ASSOCIATION**

**DEAR KAREN:** Thank you for pointing that out. There are many ways we can lend support and influence the lives of young people who -- through no fault of their own -- are in the foster care system. Readers can:

- donate goods, suitcases, books, games, computers, sports equipment, musical instruments, clothing and school supplies to young people in foster care.
  - learn about how policy, legislative and budget priorities affect children and youth in foster care.
  - mentor a young person.
- Research shows that children and youth with mentors earn higher grades and improve their relationships with friends and families.

-- help young people in foster care organize a youth leadership or support group.

-- send "care packages" to foster care alumni attending college, and/or become a "virtual" mentor for a young person in college by lending emotional support as an e-mail/online pen pal.

-- become a foster or adoptive parent. Caring families are especially needed for older youth, siblings and children with special needs.

-- explore how your organization or business can encourage people in your community, or your employees, to become involved.

-- support affordable housing options for young people making the transition from foster care -- a critical time in their lives.

-- become a licensed respite care provider as a way of providing support to foster parents in your neighborhood.

-- become a Court-Appointed Special Advocate. CASA volunteers are trained citizens appointed by judges to represent the best interests of abused and neglected children.

-- recognize and honor a foster parent in your community. Write a letter to the editor of your local newspaper in praise of someone who is making a difference in the life of a child in foster care. Visit [www.fostercaremonth.org](http://www.fostercaremonth.org) -- an excellent Web site -- to learn more about how each of us can make a difference and change a life.

## For Better Or For Worse



## Zits



## Garfield



## Beetle Bailey



## Marvin



## Crossword Puzzle

### CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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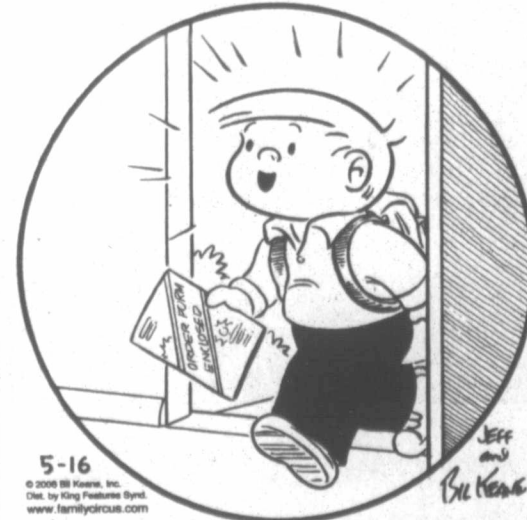
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"He probably thinks that cloud looks like somebody he knows."

## The Family Circus

THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane



"I'm a photographer's model! They took my picture at school!"

## B.C.



## Haggar The Horrible



## Peanuts



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# Sports Day

## Clark, Tice and Cobb named to 3-4A All-District First team

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**Pitchers**  
Sofia Fuentes, Caprock  
Adriel Soliz, Dumas  
**Nicole Clark, Pampa**  
**First Baseman**  
Amanda Dorado, Hereford  
Bethany Luna, Dumas  
**Infielders**  
Jane Hays, Hereford  
**Cassy Tice, Pampa**  
Cassandra Lucero, Caprock  
**Outfielders**  
**Callie Cobb, Pampa**  
MacKenzie Ellis, Hereford

Sarah Gonzales, Caprock  
**Designated Hitter**  
Connie Gallegos, Caprock  
**Utility**  
Cecely Rodriguez, Randall

**Second Team**  
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▲ Nicole Clark



▲ Callie Cobb



▲ Cassy Tice

## Mavs 123, Spurs 118 OT

DALLAS (AP) — This type of series is exactly why the NBA will likely change its playoff format next season.

Because, so far, the Dallas Mavericks and San Antonio Spurs have delivered a riveting second-round series perhaps better suited for a conference final, with the Mavericks' 123-118 overtime win Monday night another thriller.

Jason Terry scored four of his 32 points in overtime, including the go-ahead layup and the clincher — an arching jumper over the lunging, outstretched arms of Tim Duncan to put Dallas up 3-1 in the series.

If the Mavericks beat the defending champions Wednesday in San Antonio, they'll advance to their second conference final in four years.

The finals is where the Spurs and Mavericks could have only met if the top two playoff seeds were based on records — which NBA commissioner David Stern announced before Monday's game would likely happen next season. The Spurs won just three more games than Dallas in the regular season, but Dallas

was dropped to the No. 4 seed behind the other two division winners.

But even if it's not a series with the NBA Finals on the line, it has played out that way.

"That was the best game I've ever been a part of," said Mavericks forward Jerry Stackhouse, who scored 26 points off the bench. "The emotional roller coaster was unbelievable."

The loss gave San Antonio its first three-game skid of the season and the daunting task of trying to become just the ninth team in NBA history to climb back from a 3-1 deficit. The Spurs' own history isn't on their side, either: Since Duncan came aboard in 1997, the Spurs are 0-5 when trailing this deep into a playoff series.

They also haven't won an elimination game to keep a series going; the only time they won when facing elimination was Game 7 of last year's finals.

"The bottom line is that we could have come out of here with two wins," San Antonio coach Greg Popovich said.

"It's not like we're playing horrible and they're playing great. We're right there."

### CALLING IT QUILTS

## Flutie ends 21-year pro career

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. (AP) — Doug Flutie has plenty to keep him busy: dance recitals for his daughter Alexa, fund raisers for autistic children like his son Doug Jr. and games his nephews play in.

And he has more time to devote to them now that he's retired from the job he did with a rare flair for nearly half his life.

He captivated fans in three football leagues and two countries with a one-of-a-kind style that showed critics he wasn't too small or too much of a scrambler to succeed. There are other activities awaiting the 43-year-old ex-Patriots quarterback with the energy of a teenager.

He'll play in a spring baseball league with his brothers, maybe some hockey and basketball and — as he did at Boston College basketball games in recent years — perhaps sit in on drums with the school band.

"I'm just a big kid," Flutie said, wearing jeans and sneakers at his retirement news conference Monday. "I enjoy playing. ... It could be in the backyard as far as I'm concerned."

He won the Heisman Trophy and threw

one of college football's most famous passes in 1984, a 48-yard desperation touchdown to Gerard Phelan as time expired in BC's 47-45 upset at Miami.

Phelan, an executive with a Boston printing company, said Monday. "If he knew he was going out there to play and start, he would not retire, (but) Sundays are frustrating."

Flutie is returning to the college game as a studio analyst for ABC on Saturdays and will appear on ESPN shows. He also may cover games.

As a quarterback, he was the six-time most outstanding player in the Canadian Football League. He played in one Pro Bowl in 12 NFL seasons with Chicago, Buffalo, San Diego and New England. He threw for 14,715 yards and 86 touchdowns in the NFL.

In all, he played 21 pro seasons, including one in the U.S. Football League and eight in the CFL, where he won three championships.

He returned to his home state for his last season as backup to Tom Brady with New England.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, May 17, 2006:

This year you have the planets working with you. Whatever you aspire in your heart can become a reality if you so choose. Communication becomes your strong suit and allows you to create what you want. Learn to detach and not trigger, especially if you feel as if you are being hit by too many demands. If you are not emotional, you will find solutions and tread a new path. Be willing to be a trailblazer, as this role is natural this year. If you are single, romance will knock on your door. You might meet this person through a hot discussion. If you are attached, don't let your daily hassles and routine interfere with the quality of your relationship. CAPRICORN helps you see the big picture.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19)  
\*\*\* A morning hassle could have you confused and heading in a different direction than you'd intended. Take the high road and detach rather than lose it. Seize control of your work situation. You are in charge. Let go of a personal issue. Tonight: Do whatever it takes.  
**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20)  
\*\*\*\*\* Your good ideas patch up a rough spot. You know how to make others feel better, and certainly a morning conversation or situation needs smoothing. Put yourself on the line. Be willing to take a risk. Tonight: Easy does it.  
**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20)  
\*\*\*\*\* Work with one special friend. An unexpected expenditure could paint

your mood as grumpy. Your instincts guide you when dealing with an important partner or someone you need to answer to financially. Don't lose your temper. Tonight: You can do it.  
**CANCER** (June 21-July 22)  
\*\*\*\*\* Your volatile nature emerges, and it seems as if others need to deal with it. What could be an ouch can be handled if you relax and look at the big picture. Friends stand behind you no matter which direction you head in. Tonight: Easy does it.  
**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)  
\*\*\* Getting a project moving could take an unusual amount of effort. Let bygones be bygones. Relax and don't worry so much about what might be happening. Just get into a project and do whatever you need to do. Tonight: Slow down. You need to.  
**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)  
\*\*\*\*\* A friend pushes hard. Your creativity peaks at a new level, allowing you to skip over a problem and handle a personal matter well. Walk the path to innovation. Discard what is boring and stale. Create the life you want. Tonight: Ever playful.  
**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)  
\*\*\* The correct path is straight, if you are anchored to what you want. A direct approach draws positive results. You might want to think before you leap. Curb your reactions for now. Close interactions with those who count make a difference. Tonight: Happy at home.  
**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)  
\*\*\*\*\* You have a way of speaking your mind and moving a project ahead. Create more of what you want. Problems develop where you least expect it. Others make the first move. You can sit back and

choose what and whom. Tonight: Swap news with a favorite friend.  
**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)  
\*\*\* Expenses could be more than you'd anticipated. Back off and make a decision. Experiment and try something totally different. A co-worker or person in your day-to-day life has suggestions. Tonight: Your treat.  
**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)  
\*\*\*\*\* Someone might stomp on your foot this morning. You will find that you can heal the wound through conversation and ingenuity. You'll beam in more of what you want if you remain direct. Tonight: As if there is no tomorrow.  
**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)  
\*\* You might be tired and accident-prone. Acknowledge what might be going on. You might need some downtime. Establish just that. If you can take the day off, do so. In the long run, you will accomplish more. Tonight: Vanish.  
**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20)  
\*\*\*\*\* Follow through on what is important. You zero in on what you want. You might want and need to rethink an emotional bond. Someone could be hard on you. Keep processing and getting down to the basics. Tonight: Enjoy your friends.

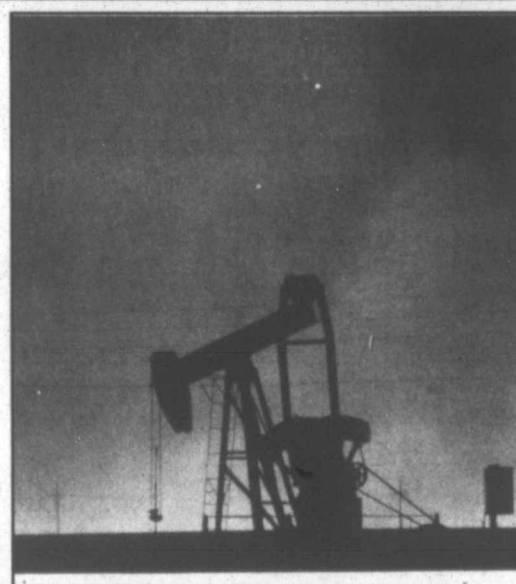
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