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Loan to Hampton Village may not be needed

By KERRI SMITH
Staff Writer

The city commission voted at their last meeting to approve a loan in the amount of \$525,000 from the Pampa EDC to Hampton Village, a low-income housing development.

Dwight Fiveash, president of the Pampa EDC, said the financial incentive was offered mainly to help the developers secure permanent state and federal funding for their \$10 million project. There is only a 50 percent chance this money will

ever be loaned to the developers from the PEDC because state and federal funding may be enough for developers.

The agreement with Hampton Village was for \$525,000 with a 4.5 percent interest rate over 24 months, with an option to add on six more months if needed.

"The Pampa EDC has put in safeguards to protect taxpayer money in this agreement," Fiveash said. "We will not pay this loan until the project is 80 percent complete, which

will be verified by the Gray County Appraisal District. And if we do loan this money and the company defaults, we can file a lien on the land or houses and the company would also have to pay our legal fees."

Hampton Village is trying to secure state and federal funding for their project, as are many other companies in Texas. According to Fiveash, the state uses a point system to decide who to give the money to. "There are approximately 30 proj-

ects in Texas that have submitted for state and federal funding, but only three or four will actually receive any financial aid," Fiveash said. "Those with the highest number of points will be awarded the money. To get points, the companies have to go into the cities they are planning a project in and talk to the different city entities."

"A letter from the city stating they are in favor of and backing the proj-

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Storm toll: The beauty of spring one dead, 4 injured

Texas Department of Public Safety Thursday updated Wednesday's storm damage to include a tornado that killed one man and injured two others.

The twister touched down approximately 5 miles south of Highway 60 between Miami and Canadian in a remote oil field location, according to Daniel Hawthorne, Texas DPS public information officer in Clarendon.

At one location a trailer was struck and Monte Ford 53, of Elk City, Okla., was killed. Ford worked for Express Energy. He was pronounced dead at 12:01 a.m. by the Hemphill County Justice of the Peace. Emergency personnel were notified at 11:25 p.m.

At an adjacent location owned by Dominion, another



Theresa Maness, center, who was voted feature artist of the year by Heritage Art Club, gives painting tips to two of her students. Leslie Swope, left, paints a platter with acrylic paints and Betty McCracken prefers to paint with oils.



Red, yellow and white tulips are in full bloom at this home on Dogwood Lane. The flowers herald the beginning of spring and make a colorful display around the base of a large tree.

Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS

Club names artist of year

By KERRI SMITH
Staff Writer

Theresa Maness has been selected as the Feature Artist of the Year by Heritage Art Club. She specializes in decorative painting and has taught art classes for more than 30 years.

Her works, along with those from other members of the Heritage Art Club, will be featured in an exhibit on April 28 at the Pampa Senior Citizens Center.

The Society of Decorative Painters defines decorative painting as "A diverse art form that utilizes a variety of techniques and media to decorate functional and nonfunctional surfaces."

Maness enjoys this type of painting because it does not limit her and she can use a wide variety of materials and supplies.

"I paint with oils, acrylics, watercolors and pen and ink," Maness said. "And the types of surfaces are limited only by ones imagination. I paint on wood, metal, candles, papier-mâché,

screen wire, porcelain and furniture."

She said the only thing different about the variety of painting surfaces is the type of prep work that is done ahead of time. The types of pieces she paints and teaches are realistic, seasonal or whimsical.

Maness was bit by the art bug when she attended a girl scout workshop when her daughters were young and the program that day was a woman doing tile painting. She and other moms talked the woman into teaching them how to paint, and that is where her passion began.

After learning the basics of painting, Maness attended numerous workshops by master teachers, who had master's degrees from the Society of Decorative Painters. A few of these teachers were Mary Jo Leisure, Peggy Hobbs and Alene Bratton.

Maness then decided to start teaching classes at her "lil' ol' paintin' cor-

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Soybeans	6.59

The following 9/8 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa.

PXY	50.02	-0.28
BPPLC ADR	65.08	-0.67
United Corp.	47.56	+0.28
Colonial	30.70	+0.24
United Oil Gas	67.60	-0.90
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Obituaries

Services tomorrow

BEIGHLE, Jo Chesher — 10 a.m., Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.
ECHOLS, Edward L. — Memorial services, 10 a.m., New Hope Baptist Church, Pampa.

Jo Chesher Beighle, 80

AMARILLO, Texas — Jo Chesher Beighle, 80, died March 29, 2007, at Amarillo. Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 31, 2007, at Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel in Pampa with Billy Jones, minister of the Pleasant Valley Church of Christ in Amarillo, officiating.

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

Mrs. Beighle was born Nov. 21, 1926, in Electra, and graduated from Electra High School. She moved to

Skellytown in 1944 from Electra. She married Melvin Gene Beighle on Nov. 23, 1946, in Skellytown. Melvin and Jo made the original gift that founded The Hope & Healing Place, a grief and loss center serving children and families in the Panhandle.

In 1989, Jo retired from the Pampa Independent School District as a special



Beighle

education teacher's aide after 20 years of service. She was a previous member of the Westside Church of Christ in Pampa, and the Olsen Park Church of Christ in Amarillo.

She was preceded in death by her husband Melvin on Jan. 25, 2000; and two sisters, Lois Patton Folmar and Ivanette Hewitt.

Survivors include one daughter, Tricia Trimble and

husband DeWayne of Amarillo; one son, Wayne Beighle and wife Melanie of Amarillo; two sisters, Bessie Vestal of Iowa Park and Ozie McClure of Victoria; one brother, George Chesher of Electra; seven grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

MEMORIALS: The Hope & Healing Place, 1721 S. Tyler, Amarillo, TX 79102.

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

Edward L. Echols, 55

Edward L. Echols, 55, of Pampa, died March 27, 2007, at Pampa. Memorial services are scheduled at 10 a.m. Saturday in New Hope Baptist Church with the Rev. Darren Willis, pastor of the church, and Ben Ceyanes, pastor of New Life Assembly of God, officiating.

Arrangements are under

the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa. Burial will be in Memphis, Tenn.

Born March 17, 1952, at Memphis, Mr. Echols worked as an operator at Cabot Corp. for 28 years, retiring in 2004.

He held a bachelor of science degree from Texas College in Tyler, graduating

in 1974, and moved to Pampa 28 years ago.

Mr. Echols married Matrilyn Brown on Dec. 22, 1980, in Memphis, and was a member of New Hope Baptist Church and Texas College Alumni.

Survivors include his wife, Matrilyn, of the home; a daughter, Courtney Echols, of the home; a son, Marlon Echols, of the home; two sis-

ters, Evelyn Davis and Betty Echols, both of Memphis; and three brothers, J.D. Echols of Chicago, Ill., Thomas Echols, Jr., of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Charles Echols of Memphis.

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Peggy Grayce Kiper, 76

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla. — Peggy Grayce Kiper, 76, died March 25, 2007, after suffering a massive stroke on March 23. Celebration of life services are scheduled at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Pentecostal Church of God in Pryor, Okla. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Vondel Smith Mortuary.

Mrs. Kiper was born Feb. 10, 1931, at Canton, Okla. to James Warren "J.W." Chamberlain and Mattie Ruth Wheeler Chamberlain. She married James H. Kiper, Sr. on June 12, 1948, at Pryor, Okla. She cooked in restaurants in Pryor, Okla., Choteau, Okla., Okmulgee, Okla., Norman, Okla. and Oklahoma City.

Mrs. Kiper was preceded

in death by her parents; her husband; and a daughter, Sherryg Belle.

Survivors include a daughter, Peggy K. Mullins of Bristol, Tenn.; seven sons, James H., Jr., and Frank A. Kiper of Oklahoma City, Warren A. Kiper of Norman, Willard E. Kiper of Pampa, Lewis "Jack" Kiper of Elkins, Ark., Douglas L. Kiper of

San Diego, Calif., and Ricky R. Kiper, of the home; two brothers; one sister; 17 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

The family will receive visitors from 4-9 p.m. today at Vondel Smith Mortuary in Oklahoma City.

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Emergency Services

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

Twenty-six traffic stops were made, resulting in two arrests.

Traffic complaints were received from the 100 block of East Harvester, the intersection of Sumner and Somerville, the 700 block of Murphy, the 600 block of North Cuyler and the intersection of Harvester and Hamilton.

Motorist assistance was rendered in the 100 block of East Harvester, the 900 block of West 23rd and in the 1200 block of North Hobart.

Accidents were reported in the 1600 block of Duncan, in the 2300 block of Charles and in the police department

lobby.

Unauthorized use of motor vehicle was reported in the 1600 block of Duncan.

Calls concerning animals were received from the 1400 block of North Hobart, the 900 block of South Wells, the 800 block of East Frederic, the 1900 block of Christine, the 1000 block of Prairie, the 1600 block of Williston, the 1100 block of Crane, the 1000 block of Fisher, the 2100 block of Charles, the 1800 block of Charles, the 600 block of North Dwight, the 1100 block of Neel, the 800 block of South Banks, the 2600 block of Beech, the 1700 block of Chestnut, the 1900 block of Hamilton, the 700 block of Naida, the 2200 block of North Wells and the intersection of 17th and Evergreen.

Agency assistance was rendered in the 1400 block of North Hobart, the 1900 block of Christine and the 400 block of Maple.

911 hang-up calls were reported from the 1100 block of Seneca and the 700 block of Scott.

Civil matters were reported in the police department lobby and in the 600 block of Magnolia.

An open door was reported in the 100 block of South Faulkner.

A suicide attempt was reported in the 900 block of Cinderella.

Suspicious persons were reported in the 300 block of Gray and in the 1000 block of South Dwight.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 300 block of Anne, in the 300 block of Roberta and in the 2400 block of Charles which resulted in an arrest.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 2200 block of Dogwood where a vehicle window was busted out. Damage was estimated at \$250.

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Iran plans to air broadcast of British hostage confession

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Iran's official Arabic-language TV channel said today it would broadcast a confession by one of the 15 British sailors and marines detained last week in what Tehran

insists were its territorial waters.

A newscaster on Al-Alam television said the taped confession would show a British sailor explaining how he and his colleagues entered

Iranian waters "in an illegal way." He did not identify the sailor, but added the tape would appear later today.

Iran has demanded that Britain acknowledge that its sailors had violated Iranian

waters, with Foreign Minister Manouchehr Mottaki saying Thursday that such an admission would help to secure the release of the 15 service members.

Artist

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ner," which was originally next door to her husband's aluminum fab shop. She taught there until her husband passed away and she sold the fab shop. She now has a studio in the home where her mother lived. She not only teaches, but also develops her own

designs which are copyrighted and then sold to the public.

The Heritage Art Club, which is an international organization, currently has 12 members. Membership is open to anyone, but a person has to be sponsored by a current member, attend three consecutive meetings and be voted in by the group. The club meets the first Monday of every month and enjoys working on a variety of art projects together.

The exhibit featuring the works of

the Heritage Art Club will be a come-and-go event from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on April 28 at the Pampa Senior Citizens Center, 500 W. Francis. A silent auction will also be held with the proceeds going to the senior citizen center. Some items at the show are available for sale, so please ask a member if you see something you are interested in.

For information on works by Maness or to sign up for one of her classes, call 669-1669.

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A domestic disturbance was reported in the 700 block of Frost.

Possession of prohibited weapons, a switchblade and knuckles, was reported in the 2000 block of Hamilton.

Theft was reported in the 1100 block of East Foster where a bicycle valued at \$40 was stolen.

Burglary of a motor vehicle, a Halliburton truck, was reported in the 1100 block of Sierra where a laptop computer was taken worth an estimated \$1,500.

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

Wednesday, March 28
Christopher Shane Smith, 24, of Pampa was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety for driving while license invalid and

issuance of a bad check.

Thursday, March 29
Jeremy Hernandez, 28, of Pampa was arrested by Texas Rangers on bond sur-render/criminal mischief.

Ryan D. Mears, 24, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa Police Department for carrying a prohibited w e a p o n , switchblade/knuckles.

Austin Morton, 20, of Pampa was arrested by PPD at 20th and Hamilton for fraudulent use-possession of identifying information.

James Glen Miller, 46, of Pampa was arrested by PPD for public intoxication.

Curtis Honeycutt, 48, of Pampa was arrested by PPD in the 500 block of Harlem for assault causing bodily injury/family violence.

Luis Andrez Cano, 22, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO for escape and having a prohibited substance in a correctional facility.

Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls

during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Thursday, March 29
12:45 p.m. — One unit and four personnel responded to the 600 block of North Nelson on a gas odor investigation.

3:42 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 900 block of Cinderella on a medical assist.

Pampa Police Department reported the following accident today.

Thursday, March 29
1:24 p.m. — A 2002 Toyota Camry driven by Darlene White Sokolosky, 72, of 1928 Lynn, went out of control in the 900 block of North Somerville, spun around three times, jumped a curb, hit some decorative rocks around a tree and then a whiskey barrel planter after traveling over several lawns. There were no reported injuries and no citations issued.

Man injured in accident

By KERRI SMITH
Staff Writer

An industrial accident Wednesday injured a man, believed to be a Pampa resident, who was flown by Lifestar to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

Luis Hermasillo was transported by ambulance to meet Lifestar near White Deer and was flown to NWTH.

According to Lt. Joe B. Hoard, the Gray County Sheriff's Office was dispatched to County Road 2, just north of Highway 152, at 2:17 p.m. Wednesday on an industrial accident. The site of the incident was a workover rig.

"Apparently a platform fell off of the rig," Hoard said. "This individual was running to avoid being hit by the platform, but did not get out of the way quick enough. He was hit in the back and pushed face down to the ground."

Hoard said the status of Hermasillo and the extent of his injuries was not known as of this morning.

Loan

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ect will earn a certain number of points. The same goes for a letter from the chamber of commerce. In the case of the loan from the Pampa EDC, Hampton Village received 18 points to add to their total since the city voted to allow a loan if needed later in the project. So, if this company receives enough state and federal funding, they won't need our loan at all."

Fiveash believes the Pampa project is currently one of the front-runners for the funding. If funding is acquired, the project is scheduled to begin construction in early 2008.

Hampton Village plans to build 76 low-income single family homes on Alcock, on a tract of land near Dwight. The company has six other housing facilities around the state and one is located in Amarillo. The restrictions for living in this housing community are strict.

These homes will be for rent and can only be sold after 15 years. The entire community will be fenced with two entrances to enter and leave. Each home will have fenced yards and dogs will not be allowed to live in the yard full time. Any dogs the renters have must be kept inside the home the majority of the time.

A maintenance staff will take care of maintaining the outside of the homes as well

as doing any repairs inside if something breaks or needs to be fixed. The renter is responsible for mowing their own grass and if they do not comply, the maintenance staff will mow the yard for them and then the rent will be raised.

The occupants of the home must have a job. There will be a specific recreational area for children that will be supervised by an on-site recreational director. The management of the facility will help residents get in touch with any social services that are needed.

"I think this project is good for Pampa and will help with the city's lack of adequate housing," Fiveash said.

Gin and tonic bandit arrested

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. (AP) — A scofflaw who came to be known as the gin and tonic bandit went to the same restaurant each Wednesday, ordered two drinks and a rib-eye steak, then skipped out on his \$25.96 bill.

His dining, drinking and dashing days may be over.

Police arrested the man on preliminary charges of theft and resisting law enforcement. He was being held early today at the Monroe County Jail on \$2,000 bond, authorities said.

Each Wednesday night for four weeks running, the same man came into the same O'Charley's restaurant and ordered the two drinks and the steak, restaurant manager Teresa Tolbert told police.

At the end of each meal, the wait staff would present him with his bill for \$25.96, and he would excuse himself to use the restroom, then skip out without paying.

The man appeared a fifth time Wednesday night, but the restaurant was ready for him, police said.

Storm

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er trailer was struck and two men were taken to Hemphill County Hospital in Canadian for treatment. Jim Mabry 63, of Arnett, Okla., was treated and released. George Fields, 60, of Guthrie, Okla., was taken to Hemphill County Hospital and later trans-

ported to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

On Interstate 40 where several semi-trailers were turned over, driver Michael Soltz and co-driver Maria Soltz were injured. Both were taken to NWTH. Michael was reported in serious critical condition and Maria in critical condition, Hawthorne said.

This brings the total storm injuries to 4 with one fatality.



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Viewpoints

Taxing quotations: Tax woes far from new

I stumbled across something on the IRS Web site I never expected to see: Quotations from great minds on taxes.

The first two agitated me: "Taxes are what we pay for civilized society." — Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr., U.S. Supreme Court justice
"The power of taxing people and their property is essential to the very existence of government." — James Madison, U.S. president

Hey, fellows, I don't mind paying taxes for a civilized society. It's paying for the uncivilized part that grates on me. And I'm happy for the existence of our government, but, goodness, why does its existence have to be so big?

Here is a telling quotation from Frederick the Great, an 18th-century Prussian king:

"No government can exist without taxation. This money must necessarily be levied on the people; and the grand art consists of levying so as not to oppress."

Yes, Freddy, levying without oppressing is a grand art — much the way it is an art for a loan shark to break five fingers without harming the wrist.

Two great thinkers offer flowery words on the subject:

"Like mothers, taxes are often misunderstood, but seldom forgotten." —Lord Bramwell, 19th century English jurist

"To tax and to please, no more than to love and to be

wise, is not given to men."

—Edmund Burke, 18th century Irish political philosopher and British statesman

Hey, Brammy, my dear sweet mother may be misunderstood, and I'll never forget her, but I don't remember the government ever bringing me milk and cookies after clearing out my bank account.

Tom Purcell
Columnist



And though I admire Burke, the father of conservatism, he failed to envision America in 2007. Some Americans are not only pleased with taxes, but they hope to impose more of them on the rest of us.

Three of our thinkers make fine points:

"The hardest thing in the world to understand is the income tax." —Albert Einstein

"Taxation WITH representation ain't so hot, either." —Gerald Barzan, humorist

"A tax loophole is something that benefits the other guy. If it benefits you, it is tax reform." —Russell B. Long, U.S. senator

Ah, now we're getting to the thick of it. Our tax code is the hardest thing in the world to understand. It was made that way because our

representatives, seeking favor and dough, slipped in gobs of loopholes for their buddies.

Our government calls this "tax reform," and it is the reason our tax code now runs, according to the Cato Institute, 61,000 pages in length and takes the average American nearly 30 hours to comply with.

One quotation made me sad:

"Next to being shot at and missed, nothing is really quite as satisfying as an income tax refund." —F.J. Raymond, humorist

Well, F.J., next to being shot at and hit, nothing is quite as unpleasant as the sizable checks I've had to write every year since I became self-employed, in

1993.

The concept of taxes agitates me so much, particularly this week as I am buried in a pile of receipts, that I was drawn to the more humorous quotations:

"I am proud to be paying taxes in the United States. The only thing is — I could be just as proud for half the money." —Arthur Godfrey

"People who complain about taxes can be divided into two classes: men and women." —Unknown

"The income tax has made more liars out of the American people than golf." —Will Rogers

The IRS says that it does not endorse any of these quotations. I don't fault it for being cautious. Enforcing

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Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, March 30, the 89th day of 2007. There are 276 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 30, 1981, President Reagan was shot and seriously injured outside a Washington hotel by John W. Hinckley Jr. Also wounded were White House press secretary James Brady, a Secret Service agent and a District of Columbia police officer.

On this date:

In 1822, Florida became a U.S. territory.

In 1842, Dr. Crawford W. Long of Jefferson, Ga., first used ether as an anesthetic during a minor operation.

In 1867, U.S. Secretary of State William H. Seward reached agreement with Russia to purchase the territory of Alaska for \$7.2 million, a deal widely ridiculed as "Seward's Folly."

In 1870, the 15th amendment to the Constitution, giving all citizens the right to vote regardless of race, was declared in effect by Secretary of State Hamilton Fish.

In 1870, Texas was readmitted to the Union.

In 1945, the Soviet Union invaded Austria during World War II.

In 1964, John Glenn withdrew from the Ohio race for U.S. Senate because of injuries suffered in a fall.

In 1970, the musical "Applause," based on the movie "All About Eve," opened on Broadway.

In 1979, Airey Neave, a leading member of the British Parliament, was killed by a bomb planted by the Irish National Liberation Army.

In 1986, actor James Cagney died at his farm in Stanfordville, N.Y., at age 86.

Ten years ago: The reigning champion Lady Vols of Tennessee won their fifth NCAA women's basketball title by defeating Old Dominion, 68-59.

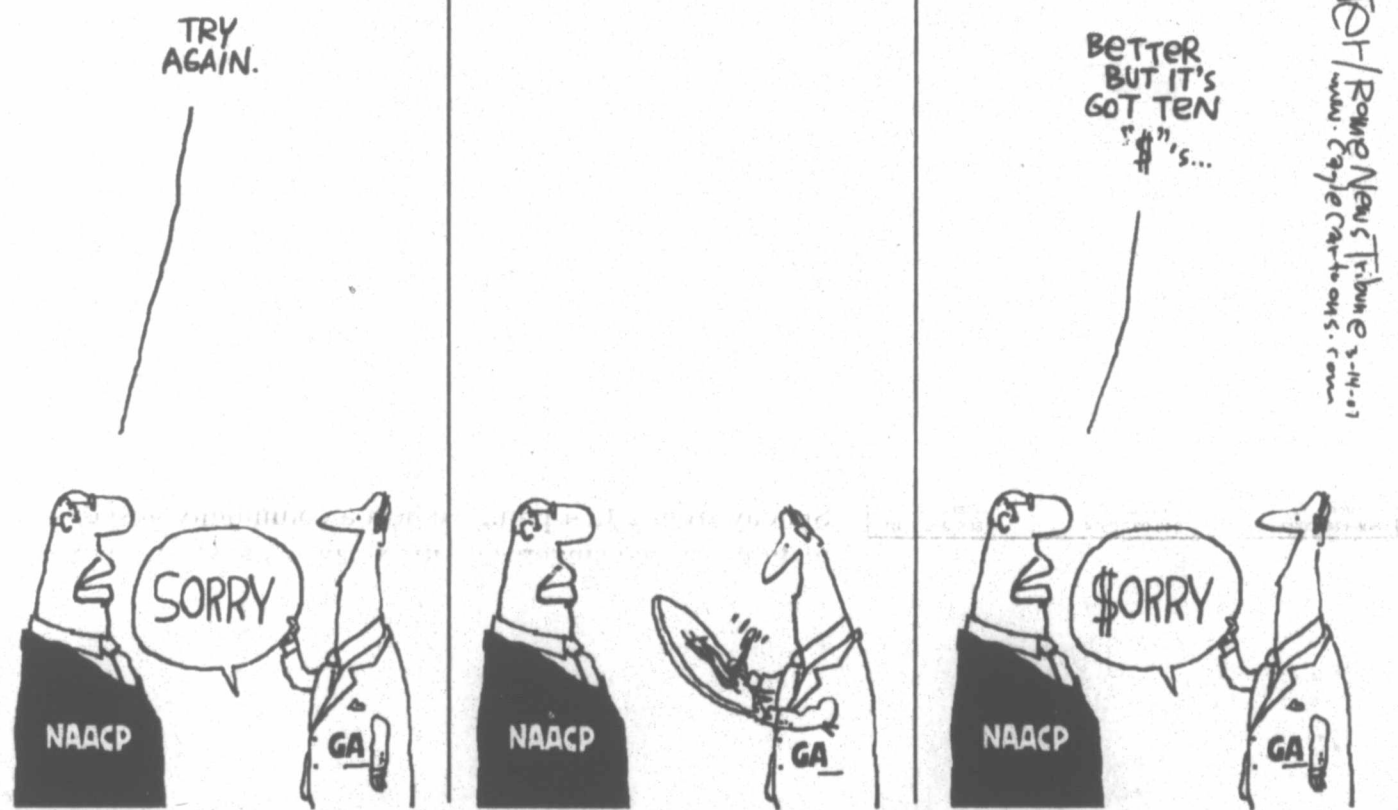
Five years ago: The Queen Mother, Elizabeth, died in her sleep at Royal Lodge, Windsor, outside London; she was 101 years old. The U.S. joined other U.N. Security Council members in adopting a resolution calling on Israel to withdraw its troops from Palestinian cities, including Ramallah, where Yasser Arafat's headquarters was under siege.

One year ago: American reporter Jill Carroll, a freelancer for The Christian Science Monitor, was released after 82 days as a hostage in Iraq. A cruise boat capsized off the coast of Bahrain, leaving 58 dead. Major League Baseball began its investigation into alleged steroid use by Barry Bonds and others.

'If men could foresee the future, they would still behave as they do now.'

— Russian proverb

REPARATIONS 101...



The economy is like a floating yardstick

I've never been shy about saying "I told you so." Now we're seeing the foreclosures I predicted back during the real-estate boom. A lot of people are going to end up holding paper that isn't worth the price of the ink on it.

I make no claim to special vision and certainly no claim to being an economist. But I do like history. And I remember what I read. Florida had a big real-estate boom in the 1920s. It became so frantic that people were buying and selling options on property. Then it all collapsed.

An acre of ground that the week before sold for \$6,000 couldn't be sold for \$2. Some of the banks that had made foolish loans ended up with thousands of acres of palmetto scrub, and there was nothing they could do with it except pay the property taxes and hope for improvement sometime in the future. Florida was full of people who were "land

poor," and for some it lasted well into the 1950s. Even some towns went belly up, because you can't collect taxes from people who don't have any money.

Ghostly monuments to the bust were all over Florida. You might see an ornate Italian arch over a dirt road where some developer had hoped to see thousands of people living. Now the dirt road just goes into the woods.

There was a dilapidated sign that said "Rocket City" outside of Orlando as late as the '70s. The nearby paved streets were cracked with weeds and grass. Not a house was visible. It was so isolated, the cops said drug dealers would land small planes on the streets in the middle of the night.

In West Florida, right on the beach was a three-story

concrete shell that had intended to be a hotel.

Of course, things did improve decades later. The stock salesmen are correct when they say to invest for the long haul. The trick is to remember that human life doesn't last for the long haul. Many a poor man died during the Great Depression, before World War II bailed out the economy.

Greed drives the booms and inflates the bubbles. Insiders usually cash out before the bubble bursts, but those suckers someone said were born every minute are lulled into believing that what goes up keeps going up and never comes down. I long ago gave up the belief that you can save people from themselves.

One factor people often overlook is inflation, which is depreciation of the dol-

lar's buying power. The town house I live in was probably built for no more than \$14,000 in labor and material and initially sold for maybe \$25,000. Now, years later, it's appraised at about \$110,000. Well, guess what? It didn't turn to gold during those passing years. In fact, it got older and, as all things do, began to wear out. In other words, \$110,000 inflated dollars will buy you a secondhand \$25,000 house. And, of course, if the neighborhood goes to hell, even the inflated price will fall.

I learned something else from observation: The economy is like a yardstick that floats upright in the water. The high-income folks are at the top. The low-income folks are at the bottom, just above the waterline. When the economy dips, the low-income people go under, while the high-income people stay dry. So the market

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Charley Reese
Columnist



Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around the nation:

■ March 20

Denver Rocky Mountain News, on students' free-speech rights:

If Joseph Frederick had been in his Juneau, Alaska, school that day in 2002 when he unfurled a 14-foot banner that read "Bong hits 4 Jesus," we'd say that then-principal Deborah Morse would have been within her rights to make him take it down. It could plausibly be interpreted as a message promoting the use of an illegal drug, although it could

just as plausibly be interpreted as what it apparently was — a publicity stunt.

But Frederick was across the street from school, with a group of students watching the Winter Olympics torch relay pass by. Frederick was suspended from school for 10 days and he sued, saying his free speech rights had been violated.

The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals sided with the student, and the U.S. Supreme Court heard arguments in the appeal on March 19.

In a public setting, Frederick should be free to say anything he likes — and the fact that the message may go

against school policy shouldn't make any difference. ...

During the Vietnam War, a free-speech decision ruled that students don't "shed their constitutional rights to freedom of speech or expression at the schoolhouse gate."

We hope this decision makes it equally clear that administrators' authority does not extend beyond that gate.

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First Pentecostal Holiness Church

Church name: First Pentecostal Holiness Church, 1700 Alcock, 665-8192, alandmary@nts-online.net.

Minister: Pastors Albert and Mary Maggard.

Services: Sunday — 9:45 a.m. Sunday School, 6 p.m. Evening Worship; Wednesday — 7 p.m. Night Prayer and Bible Study.

Activities: At 7 p.m. on the last Wednesday of each month, we have a fellowship meal which is followed by group singing. On the second Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m., we host a community gospel singing which features special singers and musicians as well as congregational singing. This very popular event has been held at our church for more than 20 years. We are also well known for our stew supper held each fall (the date varies). This is a fund-raiser by our Ladies Ministry with more emphasis on fun than funds.

Members: 68.

Denomination: International Pentecostal Holiness Church, member of Pentecostal Churches of North America and the National Association of Evangelicals.

How long here: 79 years.

Goals: We're building a sheltered driveway on the west side of the church. It includes additional handicap ramps and is so designed that in inclement weather those attending may drive into the sheltered area and have their vehicles valet parked.

Other activities: Our Ladies Ministries group assists with food and clothing for the needy at various times. They also prepare and serve meals for families in connection with funeral services. We also support educational and benevolent institutions such as our Crippled Children's Hospital and Southwestern Christian University in Oklahoma City. We contribute to special appeals for national and international disaster relief efforts of our denomination. We have also prepared and furnished meals for Christian youth groups in the Pampa area and make contributions. We help to support two foreign missionaries and contribute generously each year to the Global Evangelism outreach of our denomination. We conduct a nursing home service each week.

Main goal: To bring people to saving faith in Jesus, to establish and develop Christians that they, in turn, may win others to Christ. Our regular services are seeker friendly. Our Bible classes and youth group activities are designed to win souls through friendship evangelism. We visit homes, hospitals, jails and prisons to reach hurting people.

Church message: We believe Jesus is Lord and His Word is our rule for faith and conduct. Our church was brought into being by two great revival moments - the holiness awakening in the late 1800's and the Pentecostal revival of the early 1900's. Our name summarizes our main emphasis: To live holy and be filled with the Holy Spirit.

Responsible parties: Our church board is composed of the pastor, who serves as ex-officio chairman. Our deacons are Eugene Stubbs, Archie Cooper and William Hahn, Jr. Our secretary-treasurer is John Threadgill.

Information: Jesus said, "I am among you as one who serves." We've adopted that spirit and want Pampa residents to know we are serving in His name. We are here for you.

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MINISTER'S MUSINGS

The widow's mite wrapped in brown ...

It was 1982 in Pueblo, Colo., and everything seemed like it would be just another great Sunday at church. I had no idea that it would be a "life changing" day for me and several others of my church family. Be sure to remember that

Mike Sublett

Hi-Land Christian



God never asks for permission when He wants to turn our world upside-down — He just does it!

It was just a few minutes before church was to start and a young Mexican-American couple, John and Laura Tapia, walked in with two small children. I welcomed them, not realizing that God was going to use them to teach me a much needed lesson. In race relations? No, I've hated racial bigotry all of my adult life, and besides our church in Pueblo was probably 75 percent white skinned and 25 percent brown skinned.

The lesson that the Tapias were going to confront me with was concerning giving. You wouldn't think that they were very likely candidates to teach much about

giving. When church was over, I noticed that they walked out of the parking lot. I just assumed that with a big crowd that day the parking lot must have been full.

Later that week, I learned that they walked everywhere they went. Why? Because they didn't have a car, not even a clunker. They lived in some of the shabbiest tiny apartments in all of Pueblo. John was the dishwasher at a local restaurant. I visited with Laura to see if there was anything that we could do for them, some way we could help them.

Laura just looked kind of funny at me and said, "Oh, no, we are doing fine. Thanks though."

One day I was home for lunch and heard a knock on the door. When I opened it, Laura was standing there holding the baby and pushing little John in a stroller with a bucket taped on to the handle. I looked to see who had brought her to our house, but there was no car. (You see, it was at least two miles to their apartment.)

I asked her to come in and she said, "I appreciate that, but I'm out with the boys selling these homemade suckers. Would you be interested in any?"

Stunned, I told her that it was a great idea for our youth meeting that night at our house, and so I bought them all. I offered her a ride home. She thanked me for the offer, but said that since she had sold all of the suckers she thought that she and the boys would go spend the afternoon at the park.

I tried to give her a standing weekly order for suckers for our youth group, but she saw right through that. "Thanks, Mike, but honest we are fine."

Not long after that our church was trying to raise the money necessary to pay for the new building that was under construction. During one of the congregational presentations where the members were challenged to "dig deep," the Tapias asked if we could talk.

I felt bad that as new believers who were struggling to just pay for the necessities in life, they probably had felt uncomfortable during the sermon. So I began apologizing for some of what the speaker had said and assured

them that they didn't need to pay any attention to the challenge and that the Lord understood their position. That is when God used the Tapias to crush me like a bug.

They looked at each other, and then John asked me, "Mike, are you saying that those verses didn't mean what the preacher said they did? Are you saying that because we are poor we don't need to dig deep? All Laura and I wanted to ask you was could we give our donation later tonight? We have been

saving for a used car and have about \$500 in a jar at home, but we didn't bring it with us this morning. We talked during the sermon and decided that if we just kept walking, we could give the

\$500. And besides, we are both overweight and the walking would do us good."

I apologized for being such an idiot and told them that they could give it any time.

They went back to the church service. I just sat in the office and cried. They understood more about giving and sacrifice than anyone in our whole church, especially me. Time to repent.

John and Laura taught me a ton about giving back in 1982. What have they taught you as you have read this article?

How has God used their story to challenge you? Do you need to make some changes in your giving? Then do it. Now!

God bless.

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Church briefs

Zion Lutheran Church, 1200 Duncan, will conduct Holy Week services April 1-8. Services on Palm Sunday will begin at 10:30 a.m. The week will conclude with an Easter vigil at 8:15 p.m. Saturday.

Services Monday through Wednesday are scheduled at 7:30 a.m. Holy communion will be at 7:30 p.m. Thursday and Tenebrae Vespers at 7:30 p.m. Friday.

The resurrection of the Lord will be celebrated at 7:30 a.m. Easter Sunday, April 8, followed by brunch and an Easter egg hunt.

First Christian Church has set its schedule of services for the coming week. Palm Sunday services will begin at 10:50 a.m. this Sunday followed by a donation dinner.

An Easter egg hunt is planned at 7 p.m. April 4 for children between the ages of 2 and fifth grade.

Maundy Thursday Service will begin at 7 p.m. April 5 in fellowship hall of the church. The service will be structured around an actual Jewish Passover Seder, a press release from the church said.

On Good Friday, April 6, services will get underway at 7 p.m. The church youth will lead the service. All services are open to the public.

GROOM — The Cross of Our Lord Jesus Christ in Groom will host services from 1-3 p.m. on Good Friday, April 6. An April 8 Easter Sunrise Service with Larry Perkins, of Trinity Church of McLean, is also planned.

For more information, call (806) 248-9006.

New pastor at helm of local church

Pampa's Church of the Nazarene, 500 N. West, has announced the arrival of new pastoral couple, Jimmye and Wendy Cole. The Coles arrived in Pampa in January.

Mr. Cole was raised on a farm outside of Wheeler, graduating from Wheeler High School in 1972. While in school, he was involved in sports and a variety of clubs including FFA, National Honor Society and Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Mr. Cole was named to "Who's Who Among American High School Students" and received several honors from students and faculty. He even served as an exchange student for one year in Germany.

Cole was saved at an early age and was active in many church activities. He grew up in Wheeler Church of the Nazarene.

Mrs. Cole lived in Pampa until the age of 12 where she attended Lamar Elementary and was active in choir. After moving to Louisiana with her family, she attended junior high and high school in Franklin, La., graduating in 1972. She attended Methodist churches in both Pampa and Franklin and participated in children and youth groups.

In 1974, she transferred from Northwestern State University of Louisiana to West Texas State University where she met Mr. Cole. The couple married in August of that same year.

Mrs. Cole holds a bachelor of business administration degree in computer information systems (1976). Mr. Cole holds a bachelor of science degree in agriculture from WTSU (1977).

Both attended Canyon Church of the Nazarene. Mr. Cole, who said he'd strayed from the Lord several years,

began attending in 1976. Mrs. Cole accepted the Lord as her personal savior there.



Pastor Jimmye and Wendy Cole

The couple moved to the farm at Wheeler and worked at farming and ranching for seven years. They attended the Wheeler church and adopted two children — Amanda, now 29, and Adam, now 26.

In August, the Coles celebrated their 33rd wedding anniversary and have six grandchildren.

Mr. Cole was sanctified at Laymen's Retreat at Camp Arrowhead in 1981. The Coles eventually sold everything and attended Nazarene Bible College in Colorado Springs for three years. Mr. Cole graduated with an associate of arts degree in Biblical studies in 1986.

Prior to coming to Pampa, Cole served as associate pastor of Church of the Nazarene in

Colorado Springs (two years), and pastored churches in Rialto, Calif. (four years); Dalhart (10 years); Elkhart, Kan. (four years).

Mrs. Cole's service to the church has included several offices and duties including praise team member, pianist, choir member and soloist. Her motto is "bloom where you are planted!"

"I know God has guided and directed my life, and without Him I could and would be nothing," Mr. Cole said. "With Him I can do all things according to His riches in Christ Jesus."

"Both Wendy and I extend a cordial invitation to the church services where you will receive a warm welcome," Pastor Cole said. "We look forward to making new friends and getting reacquainted with old friends."

Religion in the news ...

El Salvador commemorates 27th anniversary of archbishop Romero's slaying

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador (AP) — Hundreds of Salvadorans marked the 27th anniversary of the slaying of Roman Catholic Archbishop Oscar Arnulfo Romero during the nation's bloody civil war.

Romero was gunned down on March 24, 1980, a day after calling on the military to halt its repressive tactics. The Vatican is currently considering him for sainthood.

A Mass was celebrated March 24 at the same hospital chapel where Romero was slain with a single bullet. Worshipers then walked through the

streets singing hymns, clutching roses and carrying placards with photos of the archbishop. The procession concluded at the Metropolitan Cathedral, where Romero is buried.

During El Salvador's 12-year civil war, the military was blamed for forming death squads that killed thousands of suspected guerrillas and leftist opponents of the military-led government.

The day before he was killed, Romero publicly criticized the army. "In the name of God and this suffering community, I beg you, I beseech you, I order you, in the name of God, to cease the repression," he said.

A U.N. truth commission concluded that Maj. Roberto D'Aubuisson, a

death squad leader who went on to found the current ruling party, the Nationalist Republican Alliance, had ordered Romero's killing. The United States backed the Salvadoran government during the war. D'Aubuisson died in 1992.

Anti-Mormon group gives away DVDs in effort to sway members

PHOENIX (AP) — A group opposed to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints distributed 18,000 copies of a film designed to sway Mormons to quit.

The DVDs of "Jesus Christ/Joseph

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"He Lives"

While shaving on Easter Sunday morning in 1933, Alfred Ackley, a Presbyterian minister, listened to a famous liberal preacher in New York on the radio. The preacher remarked, "Folks, it really doesn't make any difference to me if Christ was risen or not. As far as I am concerned, His body could be as dust in some Palestinian tomb." Ackley was so angered by these words that he began shouting, "It's a lie!" His wife tried to calm him and suggested that he write a song to make him feel better. It was this suggestion that led Ackley to write this great Easter hymn.

Ref: Robert J. Morgan

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Actor Alec Baldwin offers to help pay college tuition of soldier departing for Iraq

PHOENIX (AP) — Actor Alec Baldwin was so moved by the story of an 18-year-old Army soldier who is scheduled to serve in Iraq, he's going to help pay for her college education after she leaves the military.

Baldwin was so moved by a March 4 New York Times story about Pvt. Resha Kane's last day with family

and friends before going for training to prepare for serving in Iraq that he — not his people — tracked down Kane's mother at a discount store where she works to offer his assistance, his spokesman said.

"I didn't know what to say," Kane said. "And then I asked him if he could send me his autograph. I've never

met a star, let alone talked to one on the phone."

Baldwin, who appeared in "Glengarry Glen Ross" and "The Departed" and most recently won a Golden Globe and Screen Actors Guild award for his performance in the weekly NBC comedy "30 Rock," was vacationing in London and could not be reached for

comment.

Baldwin's spokesman, Matthew Hiltzik, said when Baldwin read the Times article, it made him think of his own daughter, 11-year-old Ireland.

Hiltzik said the actor would meet the Kane family in Mohave Valley and give them a check, which will be in addition to the \$37,000

the Army will give Kane for college. A date for the meeting will be decided next week, he said.

Although Baldwin, 48, has been a vocal critic against the war in Iraq, Hiltzik said supporting the troops who are fighting there is important to the actor.

"He himself tried to find the family, and he was very

happy he was able to connect with them," Hiltzik said. "It's a great example that people of different backgrounds can agree on the importance of supporting our troops."

Patricia Kane said when she heard Baldwin's voice on the other line, she didn't know what to think.

Events calendar

• **S.T.A.R.** will sponsor a free "Back in Control" parent training from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday at 1500 S. Taylor in Amarillo. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. Some CEUs will be available. To pre-register or for more information, call (806) 359-2005.

• **St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School** will serve an enchilada dinner from 10:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday in the school cafeteria as a fund-raiser. Cost per person is \$6.

• **Texas Cooperative Extension** will conduct a private pesticide application and M-44 license certification worth three CEUs on Tuesday at the Clarendon College RFO Building in Clarendon. The private pesticide license training will begin at 8 a.m. A state certification test will be administered at 1 p.m. by Texas Department of Agriculture for all who qualify. The M-44 license training will begin at 5:30 p.m. at the same location. For more information, contact the Donley County Extension Service at (806) 874-2141.

• **Pampa Red Hat Lady Bugs Society** will meet at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Southside Senior Citizens Center. Visitors are welcome. For more information, call 669-7473 or 669-6533.

• **The Texas Department of State Health Services** will be offering immunization clinics for vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases including polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps, HIB (haemophilus influenzae Type B) and chickenpox (varicella). Flu vaccines may also be offered at designated clinics. The TDH will charge money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay. The following clinic(s) will be offered: 9:30-11:45 a.m. and 1-3:30 p.m., Wednesday and April 18, TDH, 736 S. Cuyler, Pampa.

• **Pampa Nursing Center**, 1321 W.

Kentucky, invites the public to an Easter Egg Hunt at 2 p.m. April 6 at the center. The hunt is open to all children 12 and under.

• **The Lefors Lions Club** will hold a bake and craft sale at 8:30 a.m. April 7 at Lefors Senior Center. Set-up time at 8 a.m. The cost for a table is \$5. For questions, call 835-2883 or 835-2469.

• **Lefors Volunteer Fire Department** will host its annual Easter Egg Hunt at 2 p.m. April 8 in Lefors city park. Children in fifth grade and under are invited to participate.

• **Miami Lions Club** will be celebrating its 50th anniversary with a formal banquet at 7 p.m. April 10 in Roberts County Museum Art Room in Miami: Past Miami Lions are invited to attend. District Gov. Gaye Cotton of Hereford and Zone Chair Gaye Henderson of Perryton will be present. The club was established on April 12, 1957, and was sponsored by Pampa Evening Lions Club. For more information, call (806) 868-9061.

• **Pampa Book Club** will discuss the following books: "Peace Like a River" by Leif Enger, April 11; and "The Last Promise" by Richard Evans, May 9. The group meets at 10 a.m. in the Texas Room at Lovett Memorial Library.

• **The 2007 "Fang-Tastic" Rattlesnake Hunt** is slated April 13-15 at Waurika, Okla. The event is sponsored by Waurika Fire Department and will include James White and the Outlaw Handlers of Granbury; a butcher shop with snake meat, rattlers and hides; a photo booth for pictures with a live diamondback; a carnival; and more. A contest to judge the longest snake, the snake with the most rattles and the shortest snake will also be conducted. Events are all day Saturday and Sunday. For more information, call (580) 228-2553.

Purcell

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our incomprehensible laws, rules and regulations is the hardest job in the world. The IRS is often blamed for the mess that Congress created.

Still, I'm sure the IRS wants to keep a distance from this one:

"Where there is an income tax, the just man will pay more and the unjust less on the same amount of income." —Plato

Well, then. I guess tax woes have been around for a while.

—Tom Purcell is a humor columnist nationally syndicated exclusively by *Cartoons*.

Reese

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for high-end products will keep on chugging even as the low-income folks drown.

The old rules of sound personal finance always apply, especially during a bubble. Don't live beyond your means. Don't buy more than you can pay for. Don't expect to get rich quick. And don't confuse salesmen for friends or advisers.

—Write to Charley Reese at P.O. Box 2446, Orlando, FL 32802.

Briefs

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Smith" were handed out in Mesa, Gilbert, Tempe, Snowflake, Taylor and Tucson, said Jim Robertson, executive director of Concerned Christians, an organization largely made up of former Mormons. The film contrasts the teachings of Jesus Christ and Latter-day Saints founder Joseph Smith.

Smith, considered a prophet by Mormons, said God miraculously empowered him to translate the sacred Book of Mormon from golden plates. Smith revised — and in his view corrected — large sections of the Bible.

"We're not against the Mormon people," said Robertson, a former Mormon who founded the organization 35 years ago. "If we hated the Mormons, we'd let them stew in their own juices."

Don Evans, an LDS church spokesman in

Arizona, said Robertson is on a lifetime crusade to attack the denomination.

"It won't faze members of

our church one iota," Evans said. "They're strong enough in their own beliefs."

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR READERS: Yesterday I printed a sample of the e-mails I received in response to the letter from "Cleveland Mom" (Feb. 25), whose twins -- both juniors in high school -- had been approached at school by military recruiters "who made the military sound exciting and glamorous." Today I am printing more of them. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I have a son, 17, and a 14-year-old daughter. Both have met with military recruiters from almost all the branches at school. At first, I was furious. However, my husband and I decided to meet with each recruiter and discuss the options with our son. He thought we'd oppose his joining and wanted to shut us out. As a mom, I don't want my child to die in a war -- no parent does. As a citizen who values our soldiers defending our nation, I couldn't be prouder of our servicemen and women. Our children will do as they choose. At 18, they can enlist. Our choice is whether to be a part of it. Personally, I want to be a part of my son's life, so I will support him in every way possible and pray several times a day. -- **SOON-TO-BE MOM OF A SERVICEMAN AND POSSIBLY A SERVICEWOMAN**

DEAR MOM: Your idea of meeting with the recruiters who were talking to your children was an excellent one, and an option I -- and I'll bet many of my readers -- did not know was available.

DEAR ABBY: Our country needs dedicated, informed young men and women who know the risks and consequences of their voluntary service. One option she should mention to her twins is to attend college and participate in the Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC). They would incur no obligation for the first two years. This would give them the chance to experience a little of what military duty entails, and make an informed decision whether or not

to pursue an active tour of duty. If, at that point, they decide to join the military, completing the ROTC program would put them in line for a commission as an officer. Having spent 32 years in the Army as both an enlisted man and as an officer, I've served with or led some of the finest young people this country can offer. The best ones were always those who had the facts before deciding to join. P.S. Please remind "Cleveland Mom" that the decision to go to war is made not by the military, but by her elected representatives. -- **COL., U.S. ARMY (RET.)**

DEAR ABBY: I'm a former Army recruiter. I understand the fear that "Cleveland Mom" and her husband are facing. I faced it myself as I enlisted young men and women knowing that the answer to, "Am I going to Iraq?" was, in many cases, "Yes." Regardless, our Army is necessary and does not serve solely for the conflict in Iraq. Our military is equipped, trained and ready to serve not only in combat, but in humanitarian support as well. My recommendation to your readers is not to discourage youth who wish to serve. Rather, assist them in asking smart, pointed questions when they visit their recruiter. A good recruiter will answer honestly and to the best of his or her ability. It is also common for a family member to request to accompany their recruit as he or she chooses a job at the Military Entrance Processing Station. Some things to bear in mind: Every service is different in its job assignments and contract length. Jobs are based on the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery score, physical ability, moral background and availability. Everyone signs up for eight years of Military Service Obligation (generally two to four years active service, with the remainder as an inactive reservist), and only 15 percent of the population ages 17 to 24 is qualified to serve. -- **JEROLD Z., SGT. 1ST CLASS, U.S. ARMY (RET.)**

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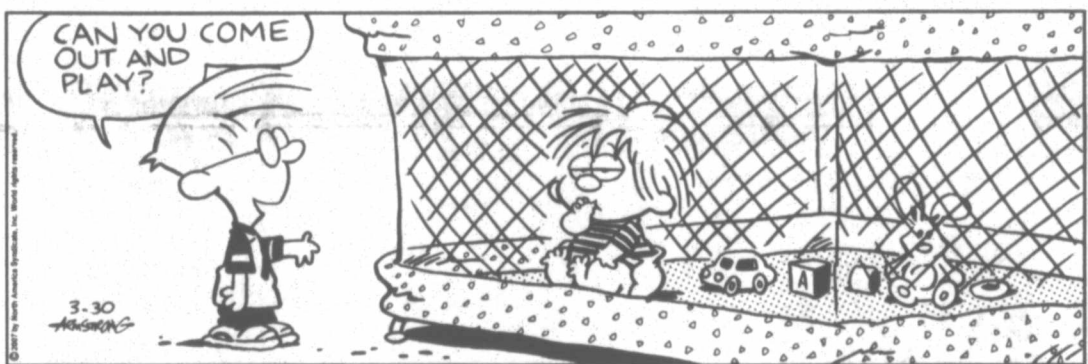
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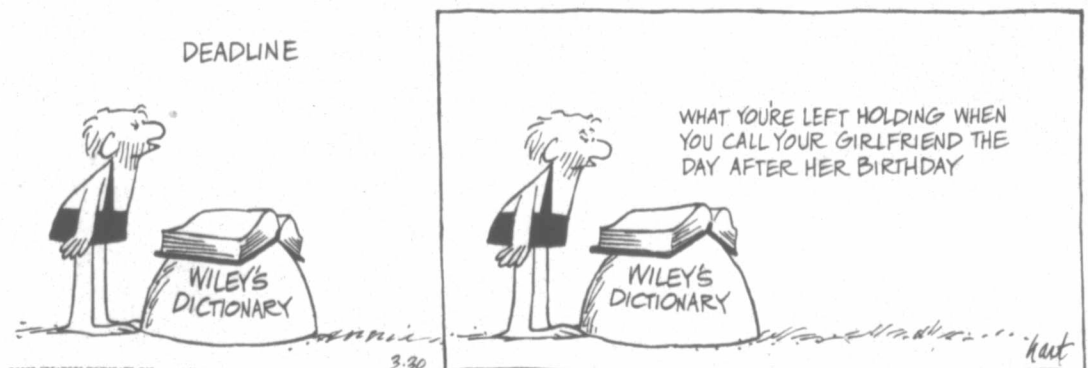
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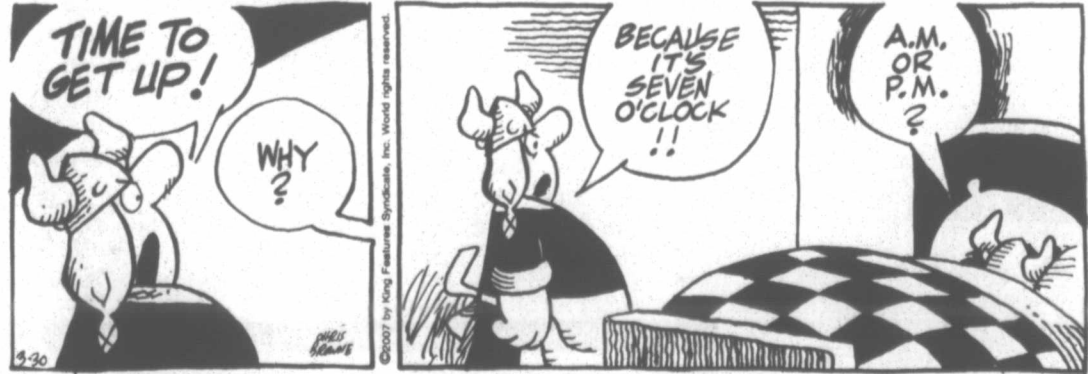
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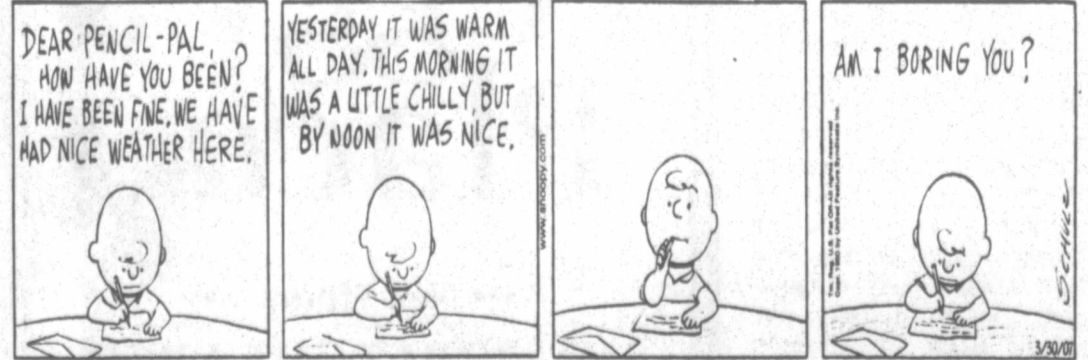
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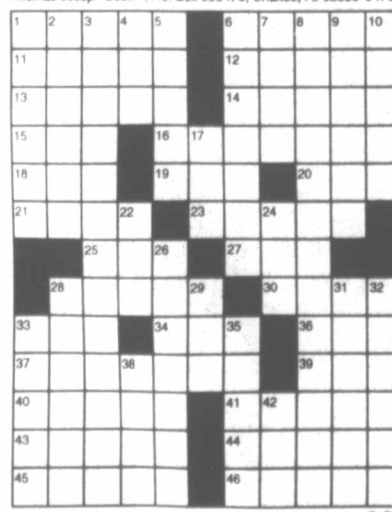
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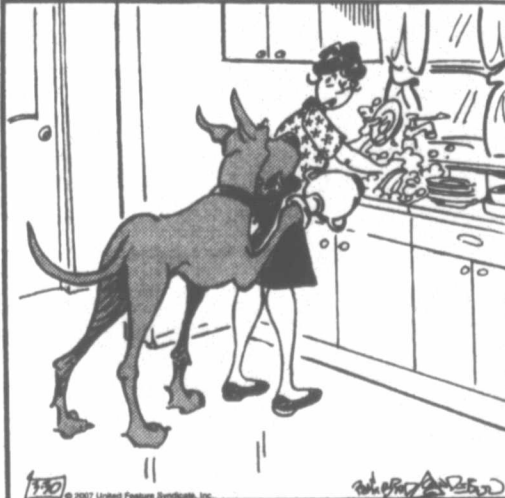
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Sports Day

Boys basketball banquet



Pampa News photos by JORDAN REAGAN
Seniors Tyler Hall and Andrew Winton take a moment to recognize their coaches, Dustin Miller and Jason Farmer at Thursday night's boys basketball banquet.



Several players were awarded for their efforts in Thursday night's boys basketball banquet. Pictured here are: (L-R) Tyler Hall, recipient of the Free Throw Award, Assist Award, VISA (Charges Taken), Offensive Player and Most Valuable Player; Matt Smith - Hustling Harvester; Blake Sieck - Defensive Player; Bradley Johnson and Andrew Winton - I Am Third; Trent Harris - Most Improved; and Alex Clendingen who received the Rebound Award.

Last day of Optimist Club registration

Today is the last day to sign up for Pampa Optimist Baseball/Softball 2007 and be guaranteed a place on a team. Registration for boys and girls from 5 to 15 years

of age is from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Optimist building. All players, including players returning from last year, are required to register. "We have been holding

our drafts all week," said Kevin Davis, Optimist Baseball Commissioner. "Many teams are already practicing. However, we still have room in all leagues

for players."

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



Kelby Doughty takes a swing at Palo Duro during Wednesday night's game.

Baseball, softball this weekend

To follow a week of well-earned comebacks and merciful victories, the Pampa Harvesters and Lady Harvesters have another busy weekend ahead of them starting Saturday.

Coach Bobbi Gill and the Lady Harvesters will make their way to Hereford on Saturday to take on the Lady Whitefaces at 1 p.m.

The Harvester boys and Coach Wilson will also hit

the road Saturday to face off with Caprock at 1 p.m. in Amarillo.

As always in the Panhandle, these games are weather pending.

Varsity tennis has tough time in Lubbock

The Harvester Tennis Team competed on March 23-24 in the Lubbock Invitational Tournament.

They highest finish for Pampa came from the mixed doubles tandem of Haley Acker and Kevin Frels.

"This was a very tough tournament in that most of the teams were 5A and/or were state qualifiers from the fall season," coach Emily Laurence said, "I was very proud of Haley and Kevin for winning their first two matches. That makes a huge difference in how high you can finish."

Pampa next plays in the Dumas tournament and then the Amarillo Relays before heading into the district tournament.

"We are going to be making a few lineup changes and hopefully we will see some players make it into the post season," said Laurence.

Results are as follows:

Mixed Doubles

- Haley Acker/Kevin Frels - 8th Place
Def. Crunelle/Medina (Dumas) 7-6 (7-2), 6-2
Def. Rindu/Zapata (EP Coronado) 2-6, 7-5, 6-0
Lost to Natividad (Amarillo High) 2-6, 3-6
Lost to Bell/Bozkurt (EP Franklin) 2-6, 6-7 (5-7)
Lost to Stogner (Lbk Coronado) 0-6, 2-6

- Alyssa Hoelting/Jack Ware - 32nd Place
Lost to Delafuente (EP Coronado) 0-6, 0-6
Lost to Green/Woodrum (Dumas) 2-6, 1-6
Lost to Haddad/Schaffner (Vernon) 2-6, 3-6
Lost to Burns/Truitt (Levelland) 2-6, 3-6
Lost to Trvizo/Hoang (Palo Duro) 6-3, 4-6, 4-6

Girls Singles

- Megan Barnett - 32nd Place
Lost to Sarah Jordan (Lubbock High) 3-6, 0-6
Lost to Chelsea Brown (Dumas) 1-6, 1-6
Lost to Alex King (Lbk Monterey) 4-6, 6-4, (9-11)
Lost to Ashley August (EP Franklin) 4-6, 3-6
Lost to Anderson (Lbk Monterey) 3-6, 3-6

- Krissa Whittle - 28th Place
Lost to Alex Siegel (Lbk Coronado) 0-6, 0-6
Lost to Sarah Michaels (WF Rider) 0-6, 2-6
Def. Anderson (Lbk Monterey) 6-4, 6-4
Lost to Julianne Yeary (Levelland) 5-7, 5-7
Lost to Alex King (Lbk Monterey) 2-6, 3-6

Girls Doubles

- Rachel Lee/Ashley Hernandez - 31st Place
Lost to Wofford (Lbk Coronado) 0-6, 0-6
Lost to Rey/White (Frenship) 0-6, 0-6
Lost to Ray/Alba (El Paso Franklin) 0-6, 2-6
Lost to Slaughter (Levelland) 2-6, 3-6
Def. Julian/O,Neal (Pampa) Def.

- Anna Julian/Katie O,Neal - 32nd Place
Lost to Goodwin (Lbk Monterey) 0-6, 1-6
Lost to Thornton (Lbk High) 4-6, 0-6
Lost to Mayne/Metzler (Frenship) 3-6, 0-6
Lost to Braden/Cabella (Palo Duro) 2-6, 2-6

Boys Singles

- Tyler Morris - 32nd Place
Lost to Jacob Rice (WF High) 3-6, 6-7(2-7)
Lost to Harrison Albrecht (Canyon) 0-6, 4-6
Lost to Jody (Vernon) 3-6, 2-6
Lost to Solomon Barraza (Dumas) 1-6, 2-6
Lost to Aaron Vincent (Dumas) 4-6, 0-6

Boys Doubles

- Garrett Coutts/Myles Foreman - 31st Place
Lost to Ryburn/Palmer (Lbk High) 4-6, 1-6
Lost to Barnett/Haggard (Am. High) 6-4, 2-6, (2-10)
Lost to Wilkerson (Frenship) 3-6, 6-4, (3-10)
Lost to Carejo/Sales (EP Franklin) 3-6, 2-6
Def. Conner/Hendricks (Pampa) 6-4, 6-3

- Ryan Conner/Bryce Hendricks - 32nd Place
Lost to Vechione/Payan (EP Franklin) 2-6, 0-6
Lost to Alexander (Palo Duro) 2-6, 3-6
Lost to Lawson (Levelland) 1-6, 0-6
Lost to Garcia/Sheen (WF High) 1-6, 0-6
Lost to Coutts/Foreman (Pampa) 4-6, 3-6

Justin Leonard starts fresh, contending again in Houston

HUMBLE, Texas (AP) — When Justin Leonard missed his sixth cut in as many starts this year three weeks ago in Tampa, he had finally seen enough.

Leonard called his agent, David Winkle, and decided to fire swing coach Butch Harmon and caddie Brent Everson and reunite with Randy Smith, the Dallas pro who was his first instructor.

"Nothing against Butch, I wouldn't change our relationship for the world because I learned a lot from him," Leonard said. "He took it very well. I've tried to stay patient, I've tried to stay the course. That's not working."

With his old teacher and a new caddie by his side, Leonard tied for 75th at Bay Hill two weeks ago, nothing spectacular, but progress.

The biggest breakthrough, so far, came Thursday, when Leonard shot a 5-under 67 in the first round of the Houston Open.

"It's a round that I can build on," he said. "I don't feel like I'm over any hump. But I got a whole lot closer."

Leonard was one shot behind defending champion Stuart Appleby, Kevin Sutherland and rookie Johnson Wagner, who all shot 66s in the morning, before the wind kicked up and made the 7,457-yard Tournament Course at Redstone more treacherous.

Leonard kick-started his round by chipping in from behind the green at No. 2. He holed a 10-foot putt on the next hole and added birdie putts on Nos. 7, 12 and 13.

He's worked with Randy Smith for only two weeks

and already has renewed confidence in his shots around the greens.

"We go over the short game area and he's purposefully trying to frustrate me, giving me the most difficult shot you can imagine," Leonard said. "I get on the golf course and everything feels easy after everything I've been through with him."

Leonard also enlisted the help of a sports psychologist three weeks ago and is learning a thought process before each shot.

"I had gotten into, 'There's my target, I'm going to start it there,' rather than really seeing the whole shot and getting into it," Leonard said. "It's actually been a lot of fun, visualizing shots and trying to match that up."

BPA competitors



COURTESY PHOTO

Business Professionals of America recently had its state competition in Corpus Christi. Courtney Meyer of Pampa High placed as a national qualifier in "advanced office systems and procedures." Sara Swan is a national alternate in "basic office systems and procedures." Meyer will be attending National Leadership Conference May 9-13 in New York City, representing both Pampa High and the state. Above, from left: Lensey Mixon, Courtney Meyer, Andrea Burkhalter, Chelsea Cain and Sara Swan, all attended the national event.

Web agency turns down .xxx online domain name

LISBON, Portugal (AP) — The Internet's key oversight agency voted Friday not to give adult Web sites their own ".xxx" domain, the third time it has rejected the idea.

Many in the adult-entertainment industry and religious groups alike had criticized the plan. The Canadian government also warned this week that it could put the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers in the tricky business of content regulation, having to decide which sites are pornographic and which are not.

Porn sites opposed to ".xxx" were largely concerned that the domain name, while billed as voluntary, would eventually lead to governments mandating its use and pushing them into a so-called online ghetto.

Religious groups worried that ".xxx" would legitimize and expand the number of adult sites, which more than a third of U.S. Internet users visit each month, according to comScore Media Metrix. The Web site measurement firm said 4 percent of all Web traffic and 2 percent of all time spent Web surfing involved an adult site.

"This decision was the result of very careful scrutiny and consideration of all the arguments. That consideration has led a majority of the board to believe that the proposal should be rejected," said Vinton Cerf, ICANN's chairman.

The 9-5 decision came at an open board

meeting, with each of the voting members explaining their reasoning. It came nearly seven years after the proposal was floated by ICM Registry LLC, a Florida startup that handles Web-site registrations with the aim of overseeing sites that want to have the ".xxx" Internet suffix.

Paul Twomey, ICANN's chief executive, who had described the proposal this week as "clearly controversial, clearly polarizing" abstained from the vote but did not say why.

"We are extremely disappointed by the board's action today," said Stuart Lawley, ICM's president and chief executive.

He added that ICM would pursue the matter further and said a lawsuit against ICANN was likely.

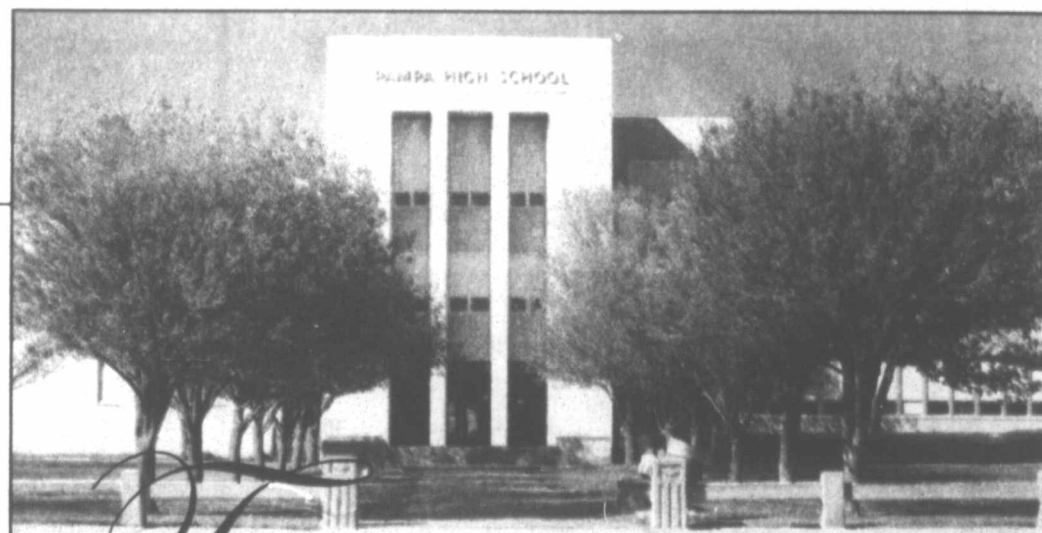
Supportive board members said ICANN should not block new domains over fears of content regulation, noting that local, state and national laws could be used to decide what is pornographic.

Nearly all of the board members who voted against approving the domain said they were concerned about the possibility that ICANN could find itself in the content regulation business.

Opponents said they believed that opposition to the domain by the adult industry, including Web masters, content providers and others, was proof that the issue was divisive and that ".xxx" was not a welcome domain.

'We are extremely disappointed by the board's action today.'

— Stuart Lawley
ICM president
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