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PPD aids Cactus after tornado hits

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

The spirit of helping others was demonstrated in Cactus over the weekend as law enforcement officers from around the Panhandle, including two from Pampa, helped enforce a dusk-to-dawn curfew and deter looters in the aftermath of a tornado.

"We went because they asked for help," said Lt. Fred Courtney, who, along with Det. Casey Ingersoll, both of Pampa Police Department, patrolled Cactus from 7 p.m. Sunday to 6 a.m. Monday.

Courtney and Ingersoll were among almost two dozen peace officers who drove the streets of the town

Sunday and Monday. Others included two from Carson County, two from Borger, three Texas Department of Public Safety troopers, five from Moore County and Dumas, two Cactus officers, two Dumas Independent School District officers, one Cactus firefighter and several game wardens.

Cactus, which lies north of Dumas on Highway 287 in Moore County, was hit by a tornado Saturday evening which injured 14 and damaged most of the homes and businesses in the town, according to the National Weather Service. The tornado was estimated to be about

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Courtesy photo
A pickup ended up on a pile of rubble from a tornado that hit Cactus last week. Pampa police officers responded to a plea for help from the community.

Tree planting



Pampa News Photo by KERRI SMITH
Students from St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School helped plant a tree on the school grounds this week in honor of Earth Day. The Bradford pear tree was donated by West Texas Landscape.

Street maintenance top priority

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

A lack of maintenance, during the economic hard times the city faced over the past couple of decades has manifested itself in potholes and cracks in city streets, Pampa's city manager said.

Speaking during a work session following their regular meeting Tuesday afternoon, the city commission agreed that streets are a top priority.

"Streets are one of our main concerns," Pampa City Manager John Horst told the commission Tuesday afternoon. "Due to the downturn we had for several years in a row, we were not able to fund the five-year maintenance cycle that we would ideally have been on."

Horst said the streets are in terrible shape. The price of seal coating is

fluctuating right now because of the fire at the Valero plant north of Dumas a few weeks ago.

Richard Morris, Pampa's public works director, said the price last week of seal coating was close to two dollars per square yard. As of Tuesday, it was down to about \$1.40 to \$1.50, but he admitted that would probably rise in the future.

Horst said the newer figures are more in line with last year's prices.

"I think last year," Morris said, "it was \$1.42."

He said that Canyon recently got a bid of \$1.43, but Dalhart had gotten a bid of \$1.78.

Horst said that the city had budgeted \$120,000 for street, curb and gutter repair and \$300,000 for seal coating.

"That's the highest amount we've budgeted for seal coating in a number of years," Horst said.

The city manager said he would like to use some of the excess funds being generated by the sales tax revenues for improvements to the city's streets.

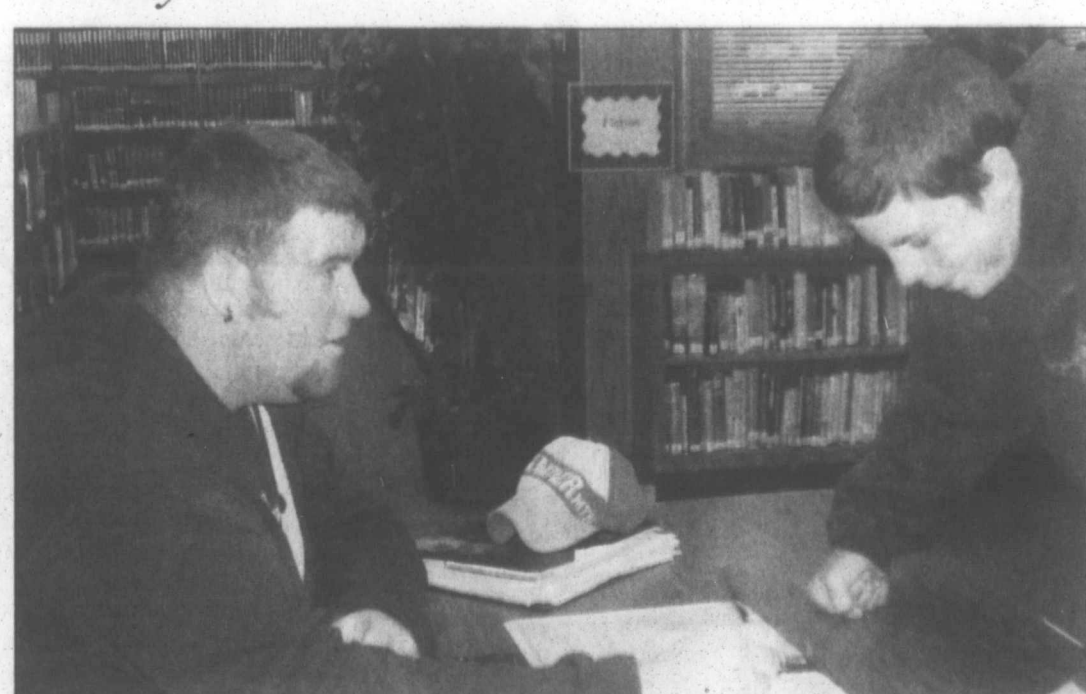
"What I'm suggesting Mr. Mayor," Horst said, "is that for the current year using some excess sales tax revenue and get some more coverage."

At Tuesday's meeting, Robin Bailey, Pampa's financial director, announced that sales tax revenues continued to remain higher than expected and that by the end of the year, if the current trend continues, the city could have an \$840,000 excess.

Horst said that with the curb and gutter maintenance and seal coating, the city has budgeted \$420,000 for street repair and maintenance for the next fiscal

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'Reality Store'



Pampa News Photo by KERRI SMITH
Pampa High School students participated in the "Reality Store" today, sponsored by Panhandle Worksource Youth Program. Students were given a salary from an entry-level job that they had to use to provide housing, transportation, groceries, child care and utilities. Senior Ashton Ray, left, lets freshman Tye Powell know how much his car insurance will cost each month.

Fund established for Lefors woman

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

A fund has been established at Lefors Federal Credit Union for Mary Ann Gifford of Lefors to assist with medical expenses related to a vehicle accident in which Gifford was injured.

Persons wishing to contribute may make checks payable to Lefors Federal Credit Union, with "Mary Ann Gifford Fund" on the memo line. Contributions may be mailed to the credit union at P. O. Box 425, Lefors, TX 79054.

Gifford, 60, was the driver and only occupant of a 1988 tan Ford Crown Victoria when the vehicle was southbound on Highway 273 at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday.

The vehicle left the roadway and struck a tree 3.2 miles west of Lefors, according to Texas Department of Public Safety reports. Gifford had to be extracted from the vehicle using the Jaws of Life.

She was transported by Guardian EMS Ambulance to a LifeStar helicopter, which took her to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

Gifford was wearing her seat belt at the time of the accident, according to DPS reports. The vehicle was not equipped with air bags.

Gifford is the wife of Eudell Gifford of Lefors, who participates in the "Pickin' Shack" bluegrass

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Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Partly cloudy	Mostly sunny	Mostly sunny

Friday: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 66. South-southeast wind around 10 mph becoming north-northeast.

Friday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before midnight. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 45. North wind between 10 and 15 mph becoming calm. Winds could gust as high as 20 mph.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 74. North-northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 52. East-northeast wind around 5 mph becoming southwest.

Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 86. Southwest wind between 5 and 15 mph.

Sunday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 58. South wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

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YOUTH OFFENDERS

TYC inmate population dropped by 650 this year

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Youth Commission has released hundreds of inmates as part of an overhaul of the scandalized agency, but a top official said more releases are needed to relieve problems related to understaffing and a high staff turnover.

The state's juvenile prison system population of about 4,700 inmates dropped by 650 between Jan. 1 and April 12, according to agency records obtained by the Houston Chronicle.

"There are so many people there (in TYC) that it takes a pretty significant number to have an impact overall," said TYC Conservator Jay Kimbrough, who was appointed by Gov. Rick Perry to clean up the agency.

The commission announced in early April that it planned to release 550 inmates who have completed their minimum sentences and haven't caused any trouble behind bars.

The move is part of a top-to-bottom investigation of agency policies amid allegations that surfaced in February that inmates were sexually and physically abused and employees who knew about the problems did nothing to stop them.

A state panel is also reviewing inmates who may have had their sentences improperly extended. Officials have said as many as 1,500 inmates may be released as a result of the review.

The largest reduction in inmate numbers occurred at the Marlin Orientation and Assessment Unit, which saw its population cut by 172 inmates.

Kimbrough said that's not a surprise because Marlin is the agency's intake facility and judges have been reluctant to send youths into the system since the abuse scandal broke.

The agency's halfway houses and contract care facilities also saw a significant drop with a combined reduction of 141 inmates.

TYC facilities housing more violent inmates have seen smaller declines in their inmate numbers.

The Evins Regional Center in Edinburg lost 12 inmates from its January count of 181.

The facilities in Crockett and Corsicana, which hold mentally and emotionally unstable youths, saw a combined reduction of 43 inmates from their population of 464 in January.

Obituaries

Services tomorrow

BRAGG, Helen Alice — 10 a.m., Church of the Nazarene, Pampa.
WEST, Melba P. — 2 p.m., N.S. Griggs & Sons Pioneer Chapel, Amarillo.

Melba P. West, 85

AMARILLO — Melba P. West, 85, died April 23, 2007, at Amarillo. Services are scheduled at 2 p.m. Friday in N.S. Griggs & Sons Pioneer Chapel with Pastor Lance Herrington, adult minister of Paramount Baptist Church of Amarillo, presiding.

Interment will be in Llano Cemetery under the direction of N.S. Griggs & Sons Funeral Directors of Amarillo.

Mrs. West was born July 2, 1921, at Desdemona. She married Merlin "Buster" West on May 26, 1938; he died in 1988.

She moved to Amarillo from Pampa in the early 1970s. She belonged to Paramount Baptist Church

and Eastern Star #760. Survivors include a daughter, Margaret Bizzell of Trinidad; a son, Eugene West of Mesquite; a sister, Evalyn Adams of Pampa; six grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.



COURTESY PHOTO

Rotary award

Clay Rice accepts an award for Gary Willoughby from District 5730 Governor Roger Sepulveda of Borger at the District Rotary Conference in Amarillo recently.

Emergency Services

Pampa PD

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

Eleven traffic stops were made.

A traffic complaint was received from the intersection of Kentucky and Hobart streets.

Animal control officers made stops concerning animals in the 1500 block of Williston, the intersection of Foster and Hobart streets, the 300 block of Canadian, the intersection of Foster and Cuyler streets, the 800 block of East Malone, the 200 block of East Brown, the 200 block of North Ward and the 300 block of North Ward.

A welfare check was made in the 400 block of North Gray.

Found property was reported on three occasions in the police department lobby.

Agency assistance was rendered in the 300 block of North Wells.

Warrant service was attempted on five occasions.

A civil matter was reported in the police department lobby.

A civil matter and abandoning or endangering a child were reported in

the 600 block of East Craven. Children were left at home alone, but the mother returned.

A suspicious vehicle call was received from the 1600 block of East Highway 60.

Disorderly conduct was reported at the intersection of Pitts and Barnard streets.

Sex offender registration was reported on two occasions in the police department lobby.

Harassment was reported in the 400 block of North Wynne.

Domestic disturbances were reported in the 1000 block of Darby and the 400 block of East 17th, where no injuries were reported in connection with the incident.

Sexual assault was reported in the police department lobby.

A violation of the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission laws was reported in the 2400 block of Charles. At least one arrest was made in connection with the incident.

Three burglar alarms were reported.

Theft was reported in the police department lobby.

Burglary was reported in the 1300 block of East Kingsmill.

Sheriff

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

Wednesday, April 25

Shambrica Allen, 25, of Osceola, Ark., was arrested by GCSO on two 31st District grand jury indictments for possession of a controlled substance.

James Robert Alexander, 20, of McLean was arrested by GCSO for driving while license is invalid and a capias pro fine for speeding.

Fire

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

Wednesday, April 25

10:15 a.m. — Three units and seven personnel responded to the 1500 block of West Kentucky on a fire alarm activation.

11:48 a.m. — Four units and eight personnel responded to the 2300 block of Chestnut on an odor investigation.

Sanchez to head new Latin American policy think tank

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A group of retired military officers and ambassadors is forming a think tank designed to advise governments in the United States and abroad on Latin American policy.

Retired Lt. Gen. Ricardo Sanchez, the U.S. and coalition forces commander from 2003 to 2004 in the Iraq war, will head the Center for Strategic Studies of the Americas, which will be based in San Antonio.

"San Antonio's geographic and economic ties to Latin America make the city the ideal location," said Sanchez, slated to be center's chairman. "San Antonio has extensive experience, and this center will help San Antonio build new relationships throughout Latin America."

The 10 founding directors, who all live in San Antonio, will fund the center to start.

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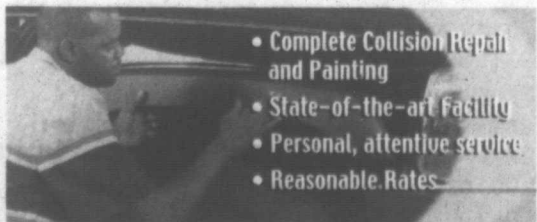
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Soybeans	6.07	Nat'l Oilwell	80.30	+0.38
The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa		Limited	28.89	-0.41
OXY	51.58	Williams	30.07	-0.14
BP PLC ADR	67.95	MCD	49.02	+0.39
Cabot Corp	45.02	Atmos	32.22	-0.05
Celanese	32.52	Pioneer Nat	50.33	-0.06
Cabot Oil Gas	36.63	JCP	82.01	-0.42
Coca Cola	52.04	COP	70.33	-0.49
VLO	72.41	SLB	75.80	-0.10
HAL	31.83	CVX	31.15	+1.97
TRI	53.16	Tenneco	77.83	-0.49
		Wal-Mart	48.57	-0.24
		OKE	46.61	-0.20
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Streets

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year. Horst wants to use part of the projected excess sales tax funds to expand the seal-coating project.

The city manager suggested adding another \$300,000 to the seal coating project, bringing the total for street repair and maintenance to \$720,000. Mayor Lonny Robbins said he would like to bring it up to an even \$800,000.

"I don't think the costs are going to get any cheaper than what we're seeing right now," Robbins said.

He said he would like to get on top of the problem. Robbins said the further into the summer, the more expensive it's going to get.

The mayor and commissioners agreed that streets were the one area where they received more calls than any other.

"I get more complaints over streets than anything

else," Robbins said.

Morris said he would like to seal coat 23rd, Harvester and 18th first.

Horst said that the \$800,000 still won't put the city where it needs to be, but it will help tremendously.

In other maintenance matters, Horst said that the city's water mains are not an insurmountable problem.

As city crews work today on a water main break beneath Cuyler, Horst said that he thinks the city can work through the replacement of older water mains with the program it now has.

"I think we can handle water line replacements," Horst said.

The city has budgeted \$125,000 for water main replacement for this fiscal year.

Horst said the replacement money hasn't been used yet, but the repair money is being spent rapidly.

"If we stay on line with our water line replacement," Horst said, "we'll be OK."

In response to a question

by Robbins, Horst said the city had applied for several grants but had not qualified for any of them.

If the water mains can be controlled, Horst warned that parts of the waste water system need extensive repair.

Morris said that the city has several waste water pipes that come above ground to cross creeks or other obstacles. Two of the larger ones, he says, are at the landfill.

They all need attention and need to be improved, Morris said.

If one of them were to break, it could cost a couple of million dollars to replace and the city could face expensive fines from state and federal environmental protection agencies.

These mains were installed in the 1960s, Morris said.

He wants to insert a plastic liner within the piping. He estimated it will cost \$174,000 and asked that it be budgeted for next year.

Cactus

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three-quarters of a mile wide as it passed through Cactus, with maximum winds of 130 to 135 miles per hour and a rating of EF-2 on the Enhanced Fujita Scale.

The northern part of Cactus sustained the most damage, Courtney said, although damage could be seen in most parts of the city.

"We saw eight-inch limbs on trees sheared off," he said. "At least three 18-wheelers were blown over. Trailer houses were bunched up and stacked up together."

Other damage included some buildings which were destroyed, a number of roofs blown off of structures, overhead doors at city offices crumpled and pushed inward, a two-by-four sticking out of a fender on a Peterbilt truck, and Dumpsters and debris blown as far as fields outside the town.

"The city had set a curfew to prevent looting," Ingersoll said. "We patrolled the damaged areas, enforced the curfew and watched the unsecured property."

The area sustaining the most damage was about the size of the Northcrest Addition in the Travis Elementary School area,

Courtney said.

"We had 15 officers or better patrolling that little area," he said.

Few problems were encountered by those keeping watch at the time Courtney and Ingersoll were in Cactus.

"We had the barest minimum of problems," Courtney said. "I understand they had some minor problems the night before, but we didn't see anything."

"We contacted several people, but they were very cooperative. Some were sightseers," Ingersoll said. "We ran some people off, but we didn't arrest anybody."

"We tried to be as positive and helpful as we could, and not oppressive," Courtney said.

The Cactus tornado appeared to be more severe than the June 8, 1995, tornado which hit Pampa, Courtney said.

"The damage there was massive compared to the 1995 tornado," he said.

"But not as many people were affected there as here," Ingersoll said.

Adding to the challenge of keeping watch overnight was the lack of electricity in the town.

"Cactus PD had one generator that ran the lights in the lobby and one coffee pot," Ingersoll said. "That's what we lived on through the night."

Other damage in the town included a large dent in the city's water tower and a porch roof blown off of the school building. Severely damaged homes were interspersed with homes which did not appear to have been damaged at all.

"One place would be destroyed, and right next door, there was not a lick of damage," Courtney said.

Access to the city was restricted with the help of Moore County officers who put their patrol cars out by the highway. Ambulances, including one from Moore County Hospital District, were on hand. The Red Cross fed the patrolling officers, and the Salvation Army was also helping out, Ingersoll said.

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Thornberry votes against war fund bill

WASHINGTON, D.C. — U.S. Rep. Mac Thornberry Wednesday voted against an emergency war funding bill that mandates U.S. troops largely withdraw from Iraq by March 2008.

"I voted against this bill because it emboldens our enemies and sends a message to our men and women fighting the war on terrorism that they are doomed to failure. Many in Congress seem to be focusing more on politics and the latest polls than our national security," Thornberry said.

"The struggle in Iraq, and the larger war against radical Islamic terrorists, is the most pressing national security issue facing our country. To succeed we must bring to bear the full array of our national assets, including our military, our diplomats, our foreign assistance, and our ideas and ideals.

"There is broad agreement that our troops cannot, and should not, be in Iraq forever, and that Iraqis should bear the burden of their own security. But put yourself in the shoes of our men and women going into battle in Baghdad, does the passage of this bill encourage you or discourage you?"

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Viewpoints

Insurance group offers prom night do's and don't's

The spring semester is waning once again. School will soon be out. Time for prom and end-of-year banquets for local high seniors and their dates.

This time of year is a happy time, but it can also prove tragic. Unfortunately, kids are kids, and bad things can and do happen.

Below is a list prescribed by Teachers' Insurance Plan on prom night safety do's and don't's.

For PARENTS:
 -- Get involved in planning your teen's Prom night.
 -- Talk to your teen in advance about how important it is not to ruin a great evening. Despite what they may say, teens want parents involved in their safety. Talk about what they should say or do in certain high-risk situations. Consider having a "contract" for the night, laying out the rules everyone agrees on.

-- Set out rules regarding post-Prom parties or other activities — with whom they will be, where, for how long and what they will be doing.
 -- Get a complete itinerary for the evening, including names of other Prom-goers they will be with and phone numbers of their parents.

-- Set a curfew based on past-behavior, but be reasonable. This is a special night. Have your teen call if there is a delay.
 -- Send your teen a text message during the night telling them to have fun, but reminding them not to ruin a great time.
 -- Limit the number of

passengers — at most one other couple in the car.
 -- Be on call for a ride home or other emergency.
 -- Have a "no questions asked" (at least not that night) policy on getting home safely.
 -- Join with other parents and rent a limo for them.
 -- Be the chauffeur for the night, but don't meddle. Rent a vintage car to make it more special.
For TEENS:
 -- Make an agreement

with parents to not drink and drive, and not to ride with anyone else who is drinking.
 -- Resist high-risk activities of all types.
 -- To avoid tampering, do not leave your beverage unattended.
 -- As a surprise, check in with your parents during the night. It will reassure them about how you are doing.
 -- Always buckle up.
 -- In short, follow your parent's rules."

Skyla Bryant

News Editor



Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, April 26, the 116th day of 2007. There are 249 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

Four hundred years ago, on April 26, 1607, English colonists went ashore at present-day Cape Henry, Va., on an expedition to establish the first permanent English settlement in the Western Hemisphere. (They later settled at Jamestown.)

On this date:

In 1785, American naturalist and artist John James Audubon was born in Haiti.

In 1865, John Wilkes Booth, the assassin of President Abraham Lincoln, was surrounded by federal troops near Bowling Green, Va., and killed.

'Perfect order is the forerunner of perfect horror.'

— Carlos Fuentes
 Mexican author

In 1937, planes from Nazi Germany raided the Basque town of Guernica during the Spanish Civil War.

In 1945, Marshal Henri Philippe Petain, the head of France's Vichy government during World War II,

was arrested.

In 1961, Roger Maris of the New York Yankees hit the first of a record 61 home runs in a single season.

In 1964, the African nations of Tanganyika and Zanzibar merged to form Tanzania.

In 1968, the United States exploded beneath the Nevada desert a 1.3 megaton nuclear device called "Boxcar."

In 1970, the Stephen Sondheim musical "Company" opened at the Alvin Theatre in New York.

In 1986, the world's worst nuclear accident happened at the Chernobyl plant in the Soviet Union. An explosion and fire killed at least 31 people and sent radioactivity into the atmosphere.

In 2000, Vermont Gov. Howard Dean signed the nation's first bill allowing same-sex couples to form civil unions.

Ten years ago: In his Saturday radio address, President Clinton prepared for the opening of a community service summit by asking Congress to pay for a drive to ensure that every third-grader can read.

Five years ago: Robert Steinhilber, an expelled student, went on a shooting rampage at a school in Erfurt, Germany, killing 17 people, including himself. David Gunn, who had run transit systems in New York City and Washington, was named president of Amtrak, the troubled national rail passenger service.

One year ago: Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld paid a surprise visit to Iraq, where they embraced the country's fledgling leaders as independent and focused on the future.

Today's Birthdays: Actress-comedian Carol Burnett is 74. Rhythm-and-blues singer Maurice Williams is 69. Songwriter-musician Duane Eddy is 69. Singer Bobby Rydell is 65. Rock musician Gary Wright is 64. Actor Giancarlo Esposito is 49. Rock musician Roger Taylor (Duran Duran) is 47. Actress Joan Chen is 46. Rock musician Chris Mars is 46. Actor-singer Michael Damian is 45. Actor Jet Li (lee) is 44. Rock musician Jimmy Stafford (Train) is 43. Actor-comedian Kevin James is 42. Actress Marianne Jean-Baptiste is 40. Country musician Joe Caverlee (Yankee Grey) is 39.



ONE WEEK AFTER VIRGINIA TECH.

Some tips to hone Net-searching skills

Never before have we had so many ways of searching the Net. Depending on what you are looking for, a myriad of tools exists to assist you ... if you only know where to look. In the next few columns, you will learn how to become an "Internet Search Guru!"

Keyword Searching

If you've ever gone to Google (http://www.google.com) and typed something into their search blank, you've performed keyword searching. However, as you've no doubt discovered, the amount of information returned can be torrential. How do you find your needle in that haystack?

To search these sites more efficiently, you need to understand how they work. Picture an incredibly powerful computer with a high speed connection to the Internet. This computer uses special pieces of software called "spiderbots" (short for spider robots). These spiderbots are used to scour the Web and create a huge searchable database.

The process: A spiderbot

starts at one Web page. It indexes (or makes a list of) every word on that page. It then follows EVERY link on that page. Each link takes it to a new page or site, where it indexes every word and follows every link, and so on, and so on ...

When you perform a keyword search, in a sense, you are searching through EVERY word on EVERY Web page on EVERY Web site. Of course, in reality, this is not exactly true, as the spiderbots cannot keep up with all of the new pages being added daily. However, they come awfully close to that goal.

In my opinion, Google is by far the best site for this type of search. In tests, their database has proven to be the largest and most up-to-date of any other site. However, my primary reason for using Google lies in their relevancy algorithm.

Let me put that another way: When you type a word

or words into Google and hit "search," chances are, it will return a few thousand (or million) hits. How are those pages ranked? Out of those thousands, how does Google decide who gets listed first? Well, they use a relevancy formula.

Years ago, this formula was very simplistic. Pages that had more instances of your search keywords were listed first. However, Web site owners figured this equation out and started abusing it by loading their pages with numerous, repetitive keywords, unfairly increasing their listing rank. So, the nerds at Google put their heads together and came up with a different strategy ...

Relevancy would now be based primarily on "referring links." In other words, the more people that have links TO a particular site, the higher that site will appear in the listing. "Sites that people like" will appear higher in

the list on a Google search. Therefore, Google's results tend to be more relevant than other search sites.

Tips

To increase the relevance of your searches, type as many keywords as possible into the search blank. For instance, if you are tasked with writing a report on our solar system, typing "planet Pluto atmosphere" will result in a much better hit-list than just typing "Pluto." The latter will require you to sift through numerous Disney canine pages to find your target information.

Speaking of "Pluto," don't get distracted by sites off the beaten track. Many newbie Internet researchers have been lured off the path of their initial search by "interesting" sites they discovered during the search. Focus on the task at hand, or you'll suddenly look up at the clock and realize you've lost a couple of hours!

One more thing: Have you noticed the "I'm Feeling Lucky" button? If you type in a search phrase and hit that button, Google will

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Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

April 16

Austin American-Statesman on the American Dream:

As the subprime market of risky home mortgage loans continues to collapse, the state Legislature is considering a bill that could help Texans seeking those types of loans.

Lenders who specialize in mortgages for high-risk clients are seeing their business fall apart as more and more borrowers cannot meet their payments. Subprime lenders put the borrowers at a disadvantage with high interest rates and balloon payments or took risks by not requiring a down payment or not

verifying the borrowers' ability to repay the loan.

The result is a spate of home foreclosures around the country and the wreckage of subprime lender companies now facing bankruptcy. But this is more than an unfolding business story it's a human tragedy.

Homeownership has long been the standard for a middle-class life in the United States, so foreclosure is a disaster for those who suffer it. Foreclosure means not only the loss of the home, but the loss of the equity in it all the sweat and money the buyer put into the house. Loss of a home takes the former owner's pride with it, as well.

In too many cases, a high-risk home buyer does not understand that the terms of the mortgage are detrimental

to successful homeownership. That's why Senate Bill 987, sponsored by Sen. Eddie Lucio, D-Brownsville, is so important to Texans. The bill, approved by a Senate committee, has a House companion sponsored by Austin Democrat Eddie Rodriguez.

Both bills would require buyers seeking riskier mortgages those of less than \$125,000 that do not have a fixed interest rate to get mortgage counseling. Counseling would be mandatory for those seeking loans with variable interest rates and interest-only or balloon payments.

Some loans have high fees or increasing monthly payments following an initial period of low payments.

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Five generations of the Youngblood-Doss families gathered recently in Pampa. Standing from left are Dustin Youngblood and Bob Doss. Seated from left are Deborah Youngblood, Derrick Youngblood and Martha Doss.

Ford's 1Q loss narrows to \$282M

DEARBORN, Mich. (AP) — Ford Motor Co. on Thursday posted a first-quarter net loss of \$282 million, a vast improvement over the \$1.4 billion it lost in the first quarter of 2006.

It was the company's seventh consecutive quarter of losses, but the automaker said the smaller deficit reflected its restructuring efforts aimed at cutting costs in the face of fierce competition from Asian automakers.

Ford's revenue rose 5 percent, its loss excluding special items was smaller than Wall Street expected and its shares rose nearly 10 percent in premarket trading. CEO Alan Mulally said Ford was making progress.

The loss of 15 cents per share for the January-March period compared with 76 cents per share in the same period a year ago.

Revenue rose to \$43 billion from \$40.8 billion a year ago.

Without special items, primarily restructuring costs, Ford said it would have lost \$171 million, or 9 cents per share, in the latest quarter compared with an operating profit of \$223 million, or 12 cents per share, a year ago.

The loss excluding special

items was far less than Wall Street estimates. Sixteen analysts polled by Thomson Financial expected a loss of 60 cents per share. Those estimates typically exclude special items.

"We are making progress

on executing the four priorities of our plan — restructuring the company, accelerating product development, funding our plan and working effectively as one team," CEO Mulally said in a statement.

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Most people use Google's basic search window for all of their queries. However, if you TRULY want to speed up your searches, you must delve into Google's advanced options. We'll explore that treasure trove next week. Until then ... See you in Cyberspace!

transport you DIRECTLY to the first site that would have come up in the hit-list. Nine times out of 10, it works for me. Give it a try!

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losing their homes to foreclosure because they didn't understand the unfavorable terms and couldn't make the payments.

Texas has the nation's sixth-highest home foreclosure rate, according to the state Department of Housing and Community Affairs. A statement accompanying Lucio's bill notes that there are "virtually no protections for home buyers against high-risk, or 'exotic,' home loans."

The bill would require free or low-cost counseling with a certified mortgage counselor or a state-licensed attorney with experience in mortgage lending. Counselors would study the conditions of the loan and make sure the borrower understands the condition.

One potential problem with the bill is the availability of certified mortgage counselors and lawyers with expertise in home lending. That's a problem that should be worked out by the companies that make high-risk loans.

Mortgage counseling for those receiving risky loans could help prevent foreclosures, which are on the increase in Texas and the country. As the implosion of the subprime market proves, too many would-be homeowners enter into dicey loans without knowing what they're getting into. Any information that helps them is beneficial to them and to the lenders.

Rodriguez said banking interests are not yet behind the bill because they fear losing business. But surely consumer protection should be paramount when it comes to home loans. This bill should be the law in Texas.

Lenders should, but don't always, inform borrowers of terms that are not beneficial to them. In some cases, that leads to borrowers

Prosecutors: Woman pleads guilty to posing as attorney to have sex with inmates

BALTIMORE (AP) — A woman pleaded guilty to using a false ID badge to enter a corrections facility while posing as an attorney so she could have sex with an inmate, state prosecutors said.

Tiffany Weaver, 29, entered the plea Wednesday. She was charged with identity theft and use of false government identification after entering the Maryland Reception Diagnostic and Classification Center in November to meet with inmate Jason Moody. Moody is serving a 30-year sentence for manslaughter.

Weaver arrived at the center with a Maryland State Bar Association Security Identification Pass with a photo and a business card

with attorney Amanda Sprehn's name.

She asked for admittance to meet with Moody and showed the fraudulent badge. Corrections officials responsible for monitoring inmate meetings with attorneys witnessed the two having sex once they were alone. The corrections officers ended the meeting.

The real Amanda Sprehn, an Annapolis attorney, told The Baltimore Examiner she was on leave when her firm received a letter banning her from the jail.

"I was out on maternity leave," she said. "They informed me they received a letter saying I had been caught having sex with an inmate — which was a real laugh."

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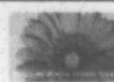
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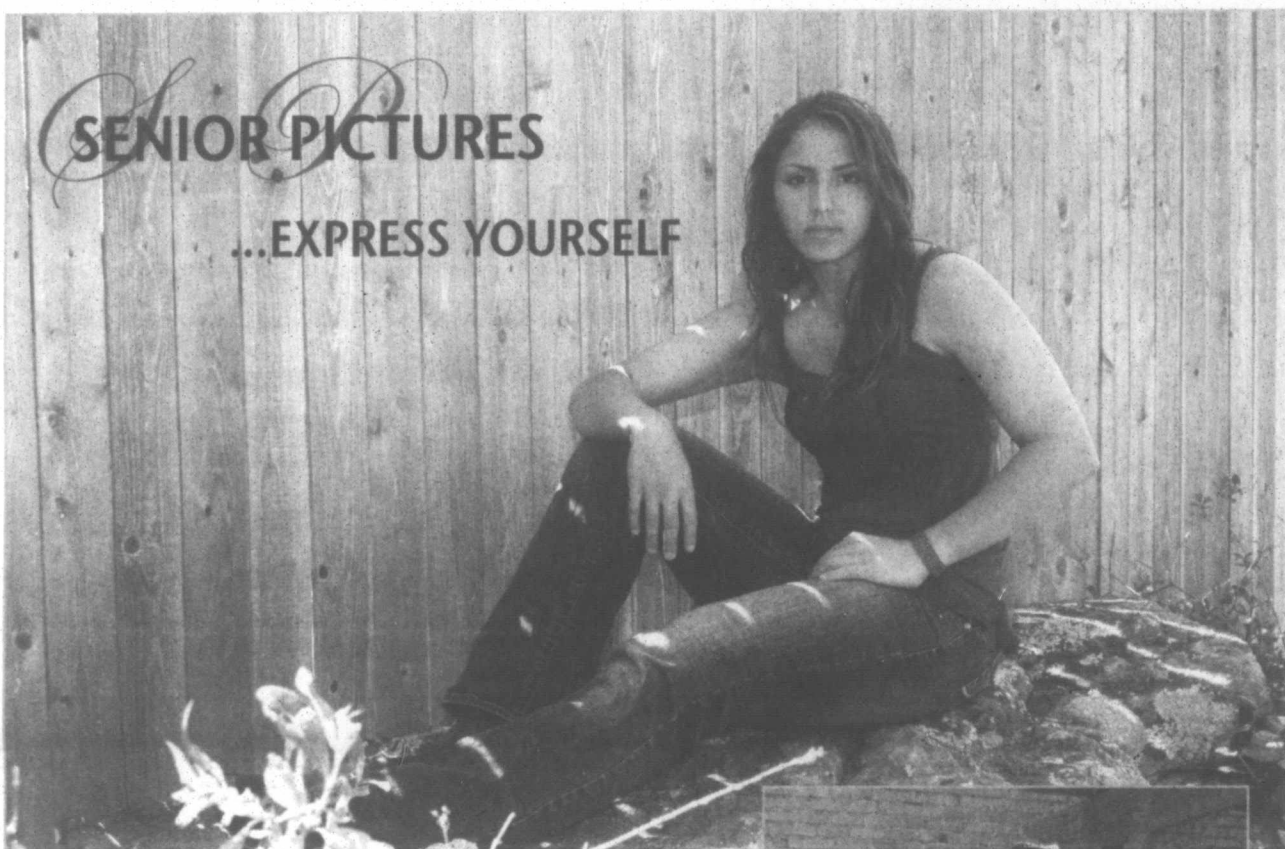
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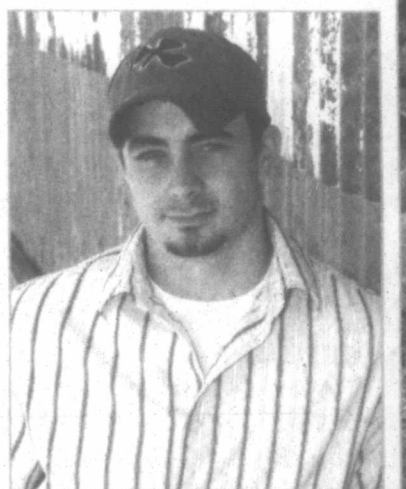
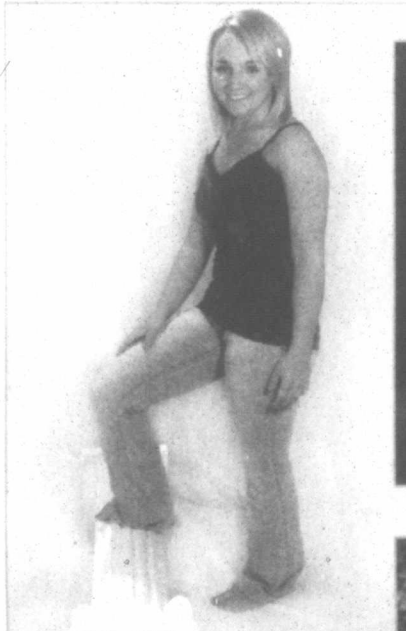
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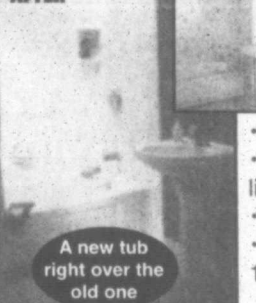
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Chance Kerbo uses the "one foot" landing method at CREATE-a-Beat!'s recent "Good Behavior Games."

Events calendar

- **Heritage Art Club** of Pampa will conduct its club show and silent auction from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday at Pampa Senior Citizens Center. Proceeds from the event will benefit Pampa Senior Citizens Center. Items for the auction will be on view at the center a week prior to the show.
- **Clarendon College Choir** will present its Spring Concert at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the atrium area of the Pampa campus. Admission will be free.
- **The Small Business Development Center** at West Texas A&M University will present a QuickBooks course from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Tuesday at 701 S. Taylor in downtown Amarillo. Cost of the course will be \$45 due April 27. The amount is \$75 after the 27th. For more information, call (806) 372-5151.
- **A Texas Cooperative Extension Wheat Tour & Field Day** is planned Wednesday on a variety plot 1/2 mile west of Claude on Highway 287. Participants will meet at 9:45 a.m. at Taylor Mart in

Claude. The event is worth 2 CEUs. Lunch will be provided. For more information, call the local Extension service at 669-8033.

- **The Texas Department of State Health Services** will offer immunization clinics for vaccines. The TDH will charge money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The following clinic(s) will be offered: 9:30-11:45 a.m. and 1-3:30 p.m., Wednesday and May 16, 736 S. Cuyler, Pampa.
- **Pampa Book Club** has scheduled to discuss "The Last Promise" by Richard Evans, May 9. The group meets at 10 a.m. in the Texas Room at Lovett Memorial Library.
- **The Amarillo field office** of the Texas Department of Insurance, Division of Workers (compensation division), will host a brown bag education program for health care providers, employers, human resource managers, claims adjusters, case managers and employee organizations from 12-12:45 p.m. May 10 at 7112 IH-40

West, Building D, Amarillo. The topic will be disability management. For more information, call (806) 351-1222 or e-mail Linda.Marlow@tdi.state.tx.us.



Five generations of the Doss-Quarry family gathered recently. Standing from left are James Quarry, Robert Doss and John Robert Doss. Seated from left are Clara Quarry, Clarice Doss and Dalton Doss.

NY TROOPER DEAD

Body found after standoff

MARGARETVILLE, N.Y. (AP) — The smoldering ashes of a quiet farmhouse and the body found inside left investigators with many questions but no certainties — even whether the dead person was the suspect authorities had been pursuing in three shootings of state troopers, one fatally.

Police could not immediately confirm the body was that of Travis D. Trim, a 23-year-old from northern New York suspected of shooting the troopers. Police had been looking for him since a trooper was shot during a routine traffic stop Tuesday in rural upstate New York.

Preston Felton, acting superintendent of the New York State Police, said there was a "reasonable degree of certainty" that Trim was hiding in the unoccupied house in Delaware County when the fire broke out.

"I can't tell you whether he was dead or alive when the fire started," Felton said at a news conference late Wednesday.

That was just one of the questions investigators were trying to answer.

Among the others: Had the non-incendiary tear gas canisters fired into the house by troopers ignited — or fed — the blaze? Had the person set the fire to cover an escape attempt?

Felton said it could take a day or two to identify the body. While he wouldn't say it was Trim, he said he believed it was the same person who shot two troopers in the house Wednesday morning, one fatally, because the body was found in the area of the house where the gunshots came from.

"It's reasonable to say he had no intention of coming out of there alive," Felton said.

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DEAR ABBY: I am 24 years old and pregnant by a married man. I didn't find out that he was married until after I learned I was pregnant. I love him so much, and he swears he loves me, too. He has not told his wife anything about me or his expected child. I am afraid to tell my family that he's still married. He has promised me that he's going to leave his wife, but I don't see that happening. Please tell me what to do. — **ALL ALONE IN EUSTIS, FLA.**

DEAR ALL ALONE: First of all, tell your family what is going on. It appears you are going to need all the emotional support they can give you. This man has lied and misrepresented himself to you from the beginning, so don't expect him to suddenly stand up and act like a man now. Give him a clear choice. Either he leaves his wife, or you are going to a lawyer. If he doesn't follow through on his promise to you, a lawyer is what you will need to ensure that he provides financially not only for his child, but also for your prenatal care.

DEAR ABBY: I have recently begun taking a two-hour bus ride to a nearby city on the weekends. I always buy a round-trip ticket, as I take the last bus back at night. I park my car near the bus terminal, and the same clerk always waits on me when I come in. I began to notice that most of my fellow passengers had a different-colored ticket than mine. I didn't pay much attention to it at first. I now realize that the clerk has been selling me "senior" tickets, the kind that are reserved for people age 65 and older. Abby, I have more than 10 years before I turn 65. By today's standards, this

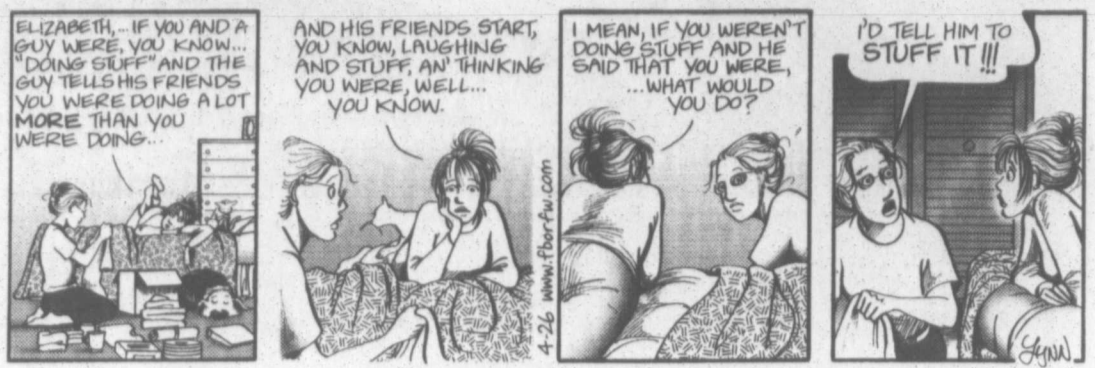
is far from old. This has caused me considerable embarrassment. I want to continue using the service, but I want to have the proper ticket. I think these employees should be given some sensitivity training. I'd like your thoughts on "senior citizen" discounts. — **UPSET IN UTICA, N.Y.**

DEAR UPSET: The age of eligibility for senior discounts can begin from a person's mid-50s, and they can be a blessing for people who are no longer working and living on fixed incomes. The clerk may have been trying to do you a favor. Instead of being embarrassed or upset, inform the clerk that although you appreciate his/her attempt to save you money, you are not yet eligible for the discount and would prefer to pay the full fare. That should solve your problem.

DEAR ABBY: I am a freshman in high school, and my parents are divorced. My mother lives in Florida and my dad lives in Ohio. By June, I will have to choose which one of them I want to live with -- which will mean not seeing the other one for three-quarters of the year. I love both my parents and hate going through this. Do you have any advice for me? — **DIFFICULT CHOICE, BALTIMORE, OHIO**

DEAR DIFFICULT CHOICE: My heart goes out to you because I know this is a difficult time and a wrenching decision to make. However, because your e-mail address is in the name of "Hellraisin' Devil," you should choose the parent who will be able to provide you with the most supervision until you're out of high school.

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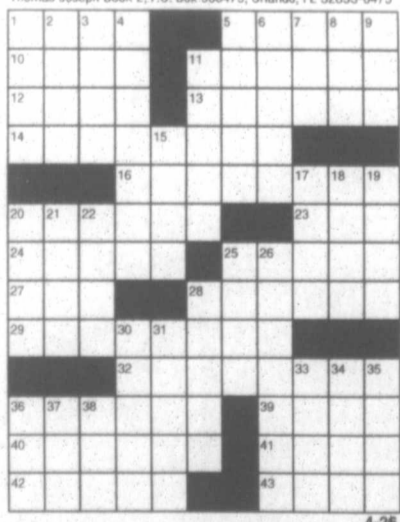
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Sports Day

Softball girls end perfect district season over PD



Pampa News photos by JORDAN REAGAN

Senior Nicole Clark gets a hit in last week's home game against Hereford. At Palo Duro Monday, Clark had two singles, scored two runs, and was the winning pitcher with nine strikeouts.

By JORDAN REAGAN
Sports Editor

If ever anyone deserved the No. 1 seed going into the playoffs, it would be the Pampa Lady Harvesters this season.

The girls had claimed the district crown three games back, but also went undefeated in district, making their big win even more special.

It was official on Monday, when the Lady Harvesters defeated the Lady Dons 15-0 in five innings at Palo Duro.

"Overall the girls played really well," coach Bobbi Gill said. "It was great that this team was able to accomplish their goal of an undefeated district season."

Nicole Clark pitched and picked up the win with nine strikeouts to improve her record to 10-3-2 on the year.

Pampa had several power players, such as Cassy Tice, who hit two home runs (her 10th and 11th on the season)

and had four RBIs, but also got help from everyone else on the team to help push them and keep them ahead.

Stephanie McVay had four runs and two stolen bases, Logan Winkelman had a triple, two stolen bases and an RBI, and Callie Preston had two singles, two stolen bases and three RBIs.

Kambra Jimenez, Shelbie Watson and Holly Winegeart also each scored a run.

With their last win before heading into the playoffs, the girls improved their record to 24-6-2 overall, 10-0 in district, and claimed the No. 1 seed in the playoffs.

As one of the perks for taking the district championship, the Lady Harvesters earned a first round bye in the playoffs, and will wait until next weekend to play an El Paso team.

In the meantime, the girls will have a warm-up game against Perryton at 5:30 p.m. Friday in Perryton.

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Beijing announces 2008 Olympic torch relay will pass through Taiwan

BEIJING (AP) — Organizers of the 2008 Beijing Olympics said today the torch relay will pass through Taiwan in a compromise over a highly symbolic event that the political rivals had bickered over.

At a ceremony in Beijing attended by senior members

of China's ruling Communist Party and the International Olympic Committee, organizers said the torch would pass through Europe, the Americas, Africa and many Asian countries.

Toward the end of its international leg, the torch would go from Vietnam's Ho

Chi Minh City to Taipei, Taiwan's capital, according to a video shown at the ceremony. Among its dozens of stops in China would be Tibet.

Taiwan and China had held months of discussions about the route. They split 58 years ago amid civil war and

have remained politically estranged ever since.

Beijing says that Taiwan is Chinese territory, while Taiwan maintains it is independent.

Both sides had hoped to use the torch relay to bolster their positions.

Pacers fire coach after 4 tumultuous seasons

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Larry Bird's first big move after becoming the Indiana Pacers president four years ago was to oust Isiah Thomas as coach in favor of old Boston Celtics teammate Rick Carlisle.

Near-constant turmoil since the 2004 brawl between Pacers players and Detroit Pistons fans during Carlisle's second year led to ever-growing loss totals and Bird's announcement Wednesday that Carlisle was being fired after a season in which the team failed to make the playoffs for the first time in a decade.

Carlisle spoke with reporters just minutes after Bird, saying he had talked with his old friend about his coaching future in recent days and understood that it was time for the Pacers to hear a "new voice."

The Pacers finished the season 35-47, their worst since 1988-89. Indiana was 29-24 shortly after the All-Star break, but lost its next 11 games to fall out of the top eight in the Eastern Conference.

With the first major post-season move out of the way, Bird said anything is possible — and the new coach might have to adjust.

"We don't know the direction," he said. "We have an idea, but if there's something out there that can be a major trade, we'll probably do it if it benefits us. He's got to understand going in that we will trade any one of these

players, and it might not be what he likes, but he's got to know that going in."

"Any of these players" includes forward Jermaine O'Neal and point guard Jamaal Tinsley, the team's top commodities.

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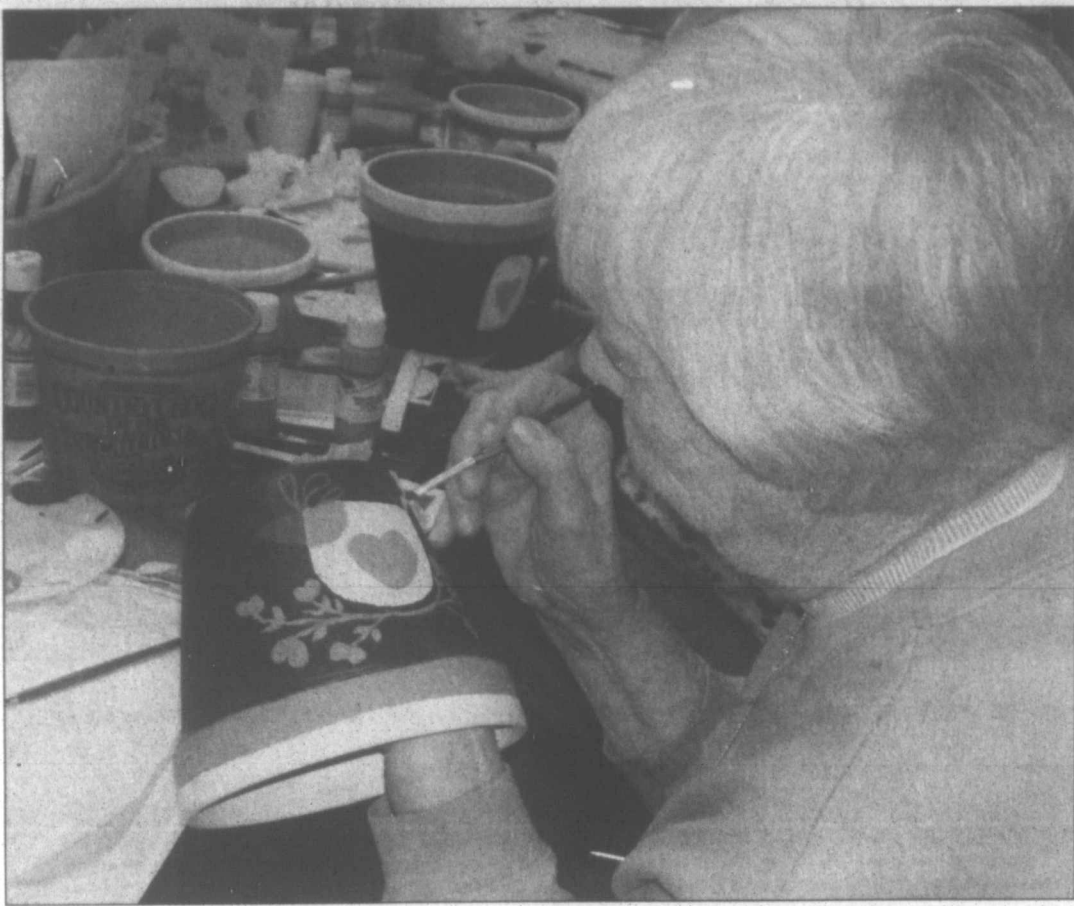
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Artwork



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Heritage Art Club member Ruth Barrett paints a hen on a flower pot. She is preparing for the art exhibit scheduled for 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at the Pampa Senior Citizens Center. There will also be a silent auction at the exhibit with proceeds benefiting the senior citizens center.

Soil, water board election Tuesday

A member to the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board will be elected by soil and water conservation districts in State District One on Tuesday. Gray County Soil and Water Conservation District is one of 49 conservation districts in the Panhandle Plains region which comprises State District One.

The election will be held at 6 p.m. in the South Ballroom of Plainview Country Club in Plainview.

The current TSSWCB member for State District One is Aubrey Russell of Panhandle.

"Since its beginning, the TSSWCB has been governed by five board members, elected by delegates from each of five regions of the state's 217 soil and water conservation districts," said David Bowers, chairman of the Gray County SWCD. "However, with the enactment of S.B. 1828 by the 78th Legislature, two governor appointees also serve on the TSSWCB to create a seven-member board."

Elections occur annually at regional conventions, and TSSWCB members serve two-year staggered terms.

"Since this is an odd-numbered year, TSSWCB member elections are being held in State Districts One, Three and Five," Bowers said.

Elected State Board members must be 18 years of age or older, hold title to farmland or ranchland and be actively engaged in farming or ranching. The governor appointees must be actively engaged in the business of

farming, animal husbandry, or other business related to agriculture and wholly or partly own or lease land used in connection with that business, and may not be a member of the board of directors of a conservation district.

The TSSWCB is responsible for numerous natural resource conservation efforts, the most prominent of which is serving as the lead state agency for the prevention, management and abatement of non-point source pollution resulting from agricultural and forestry-related activities in Texas.

"In short, the services and programs provided by the TSSWCB target rural Texas farmers and ranchers through soil and water conservation districts such as ours, but the results of these services benefit all Texans," Bowers said. "For example, soil and water conservation districts provide technical assistance in cooperation with the USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service to assist agricultural producers implement voluntary conservation plans that best address the capabilities of the land they operate."

"In addition to on-site soil and water conservation benefits to a farmer or rancher, the public enjoys residual benefits which include wildlife enhancement as well as the prevention of sediment, pesticides, nutrients, bacteria and other contaminants from impairing Texas waters," Bowers said.

The TSSWCB was organized in May 1939 and established its state headquarters in Temple, Texas in July of that year.

Gere sought for public kiss in India

NEW DELHI (AP) — A court issued arrest warrants for Hollywood actor Richard Gere and Bollywood star Shilpa Shetty today, saying their kiss at a public function "transgressed all limits of vulgarity," media reports said.

Judge Dinesh Gupta issued the warrants in the northwestern city of Jaipur after a local citizen filed a complaint charging that the public display of affection offended local sensibilities, the Press Trust of India news agency reported.

Gupta earlier viewed television footage of the event, which he called "highly sexually erotic," saying the pair violated India's strict public obscenity laws.

Gere and Shetty "transgressed all limits of vulgarity and have the tendency to corrupt the society," PTI quoted the judge as saying.

Such cases against celebrities — often filed by publicity seekers — are common in conservative India. They add to a backlog of legal cases that has nearly crippled the country's judicial system.

Gere left India shortly after the kissing incident and it was not immediately clear how the warrant would affect him.

Gere is a frequent visitor to India, promoting health issues and the cause of Tibetan exiles. The Tibetan spiritual leader, the Dalai Lama, has his headquarters in the north Indian town of Dharmasala.

Pampa TAKS scores

Pampa Jr. High				
Grade	Test	School	Region 16	State of Texas
6th	Reading	93	92	91
7th	Reading	74	80	79
8th	Reading	81	85	83
7th	Writing	93	92	90
6th	Math	71	80	79
7th	Math	71	71	70
8th	Math	67	69	67
8th	Science	75	75	71
8th	Social Studies	87	84	83
6th	All Tests	71	77	77
7th	All Tests	64	65	64
8th	All Tests	59	60	57

Pampa High School				
Grade	Test	School	Region 16	State of Texas
9th	Reading	86	90	87
10th	Reading	89	87	85
11th	Reading	91	89	88
9th	Math	59	60	56
10th	Math	61	62	60
11th	Math	85	77	77
10th	Science	63	64	60
11th	Science	85	75	75
10th	Social Studies	84	83	83
11th	Social Studies	93	93	94
9th	All Tests	59	60	56
10th	All Tests	51	51	49
11th	All Tests	77	65	64

Pampa Elementary Schools						
Grade	Test	Austin	Travis	Wilson	Lamar	State of Texas
3rd	Reading	96	79	88	89	90
4th	Reading	89	80	76	86	83
5th	Reading	95	76	85	76	81
4th	Writing	80	80	76	83	92
3rd	Math	92	76	81	61	82
4th	Math	85	77	73	80	83
5th	Math	99	67	71	58	81
5th	Science	90	67	59	58	75
3rd	All Tests	89	68	68	57	77
4th	All Tests	73	68	57	55	73
5th	All Tests	93	58	45	43	64

All Tests - all students in district				
Grade	Test	Pampa District	Region 16	State of Texas
3rd	All Tests - all students in district	71	79	77
4th	"	65	76	73
5th	"	61	69	64
6th	"	71	77	77
7th	"	64	65	64
8th	"	59	60	57
9th	"	59	60	56
10th	"	51	51	49
11th	"	77	65	64

Reading - all students in district				
Grade	Test	Pampa District	Region 16	State of Texas
3rd	Reading - all students	88	92	90
4th	"	79	85	83
5th	"	83	85	81
6th	"	93	92	91
7th	"	74	80	79
8th	"	81	85	83
9th	"	86	90	87
10th	"	89	87	85
11th	"	91	89	88

Writing - all students in district				
Grade	Test	Pampa District	Region 16	State of Texas
4th	Writing - all students	80	92	92
7th	"	93	92	90

Math - all students in district				
Grade	Test	Pampa District	Region 16	State of Texas
3rd	Math - all students	79	85	82
4th	"	80	85	83
5th	"	75	85	81
6th	"	71	80	79
7th	"	71	71	70
8th	"	67	69	67
9th	"	59	60	56
10th	"	61	62	60
11th	"	85	77	77

Science - all students in district				
Grade	Test	Pampa District	Region 16	State of Texas
5th	Science - all students	73	79	75
8th	"	75	75	71
10th	"	62	64	60
11th	"	83	64	60

Social Studies - all students in district				
Grade	Test	Pampa District	Region 16	State of Texas
8th	Social Studies - all students	87	84	83
10th	"	63	64	60
11th	"	93	93	94

TAKS scores, an academic excellence indicator system, are compiled from the 2006 school year. All of the figures listed are percentages.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, April 27, 2007:

Your strong sense of direction emerges this year. Gathering support might be a completely different issue. Bring others together, but never consider that you will have unilateral agreement. If you proceed with this attitude, you won't be upset. Expenses often get out of control. Expectations might vary with different situations and circumstances. You will need to flex more. If you are single, many people surround you. Don't even consider that a relationship is long term until it has lasted a year. If you are attached, you need to flex and not always be vested in being right. Agree to disagree. Romance flickers even in the oldest of bonds. VIRGO understands your needs.

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) *** Potentially, you could be volatile if you don't handle stress and feelings well. Reconsider a decision that surrounds your daily life. No matter which way you turn, there could be a problem, or at least a stress-filled situation. Tonight: Do your thing.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ***** Your imagination steers you to new and different turf. You could be a bit tired or pushed. Friends, as well as loved ones, tend to create their share of uproar. Refuse to get tied into a touchy or volatile situation. Tonight: Where your friends are.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20) *** Yes, you might have the best intentions, yet at the same time they

could backfire. How you view a personal situation could change because of someone's demands. You might have had enough pressure for a long time. Tonight: Mosey on home.
CANCER (June 21-July 22) ***** Initiate conversations. You could be extravagant or express some disdain that could have ramifications you have yet to think of. The unexpected occurs with plans. New information sheds a different perspective. Tonight: Say the word.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ***** Scrutinize expenses with an eye on change. You might feel like you cannot control a situation. (And you are right; you can't!) Friends certainly push hard to have what they want. You have to decide what is or isn't possible. Say "no" if need be. Tonight: Do some shopping.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ***** Your smile proves to be a sure-bet winner. Your personality comes through even when dealing with a difficult or belligerent person. How you say what you think can and will make a big difference. Tonight: As you like.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ** Take your time making a choice. Don't pressure someone if you don't want a strong reaction. The unexpected opens up your mind, though you might not be comfortable. Taking some time away from a pressured situation will help. Tonight: Do your own thing.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ***** Listen to a friend more carefully. You might want to do something differently. A risk could cause an automatic backfire. Be sensitive to someone who often helps you out. This person really is a friend. Tonight: Aim high.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

*** You might be in the limelight a little too much for your taste. Every decision seems to fall on your shoulders. Follow-through, as well as understanding, allows you to be a sure-bet winner. Don't use your energy carelessly. Tonight: It could be late.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ***** Reach out for others with the knowledge that you can and will make a difference. The unexpected or news that proves disruptive might cause a problem. Don't let anger build. Know when to say "no" — even to your feelings. Tonight: Take an overview.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ***** Work with someone directly. Opt to do nothing halfway. Much confusion surrounds relationships and finances. Get to the bottom of an issue, but know that you might not need to do anything else just now. Use this time to evaluate. Tonight: Togetherness works.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) *** Others might see you as a loose cannon. Certainly you can be unpredictable and touchy. Perhaps this might be at the core of some strange reactions. Step back and look at yourself. Do you like what you see? Tonight: Let someone else dominate.
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NOW hiring all positions. Full-Time. Apply in person before 11am. & aft. 2pm., Dixie Cafe. No phone calls please.

MAINTENANCE Man needed. Must have own tools & plumbing exp. a must!! Call 665-1875.

OUTREACH Health Services is hiring providers in Pampa. Please call Mary 1-800-800-0697 or 806-373-0986. EOE.

NOW HIRING:
Experienced, dependable and outgoing cashier with excellent customer service skills. West Texas Landscape 120 S. Hobart. Please No Phone Calls!!!

NEEDED:
General laborers! Drug testing Required!! Apply in person, West Texas Landscape, 120 S. Hobart No Phone Calls!!!

NOW HIRING:
Experienced, dependable and self motivated laborer and customer Rep. for gift shop and greenhouse. Must be able to lift 50 lbs and operate machinery. Customer skills needed. West Texas Landscape 120 S. Hobart. Please No Phone Calls!!!

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SONIC DRIVE-IN is now accepting applications for dependable, mature, enthusiastic and friendly crewmembers for all shifts, all positions. Starting carhops \$5.85 + tips, other positions \$6+. Apply in person at 1404 Hobart EOE

Weststair Gas and Equipment, L.P. is looking for a Warehouseman / Driver. The qualified applicant must have a minimum Class B CDL with Haz-Mat endorsement, or be 21 and be able to get a Class B CDL & Haz-Mat, pass a drug test, DOT physical and be able to lift up to 50 lbs. Weststair is a joint venture with Praxair, Inc., which assures an outstanding benefit pkg. which incl. medical, dental and life ins., a great 401K plan, along w/ competitive pay. We have the benefits of a large co. and the attitude of a small co. Come join our team! We are an Equal Opportunity Employer Applications are available at our location in Pampa at 740 W. Brown or call 806-665-2351 for more info.

TRUCK DRIVERS needed. Drug tests and references required. Competitive pay! Call 665-0379.

BASIC energy services
JetStar Division has immediate openings for: Field Supervisors / Operators / Drivers for pressure pumping services at our Pratt, KS & Liberal, KS facilities.
*Paid time off based on length of service
*A 401(k) retirement program, offering a company match of employee contributions.
*Affordable medical and dental coverage for employees and dependents.
*Voluntary, vision care insurance.
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FULL-TIME Evening Cook's Helper needed. Complete benefits pkg. incl. new vision plan. Must be able to work weekends. St. Ann's Nursing Home in Panhandle. Apply in person or call for more info., ask for Linda or Phyllis 537-3194

LVNs / CNAs Experience preferred, but will also consider recent grads! Competitive rates and company benefits avail. for FULL TIME employees! EOE / MFHV. For more info., call 806-273-3785, or apply in person, Mon.-Fri., 9am.-4pm. BORGER HEALTH CARE CENTER, 1316 S. Florida, Borger, TX 79007

CHEMIST/ Salesman needed for Oilfield Chemical company. Oilfield experience preferred but not required. Send resume to: Tech Lab Chemical LLC PO Box 433 Canadian, TX 79014 or fax to 806-323-8723

WANTED oilfield worker hand, 2-3 days per week. For more info., call 868-5904.

PEN Runner. Must have horses & tack. Cowboy exp. nec. References req. Good salary & benefits. Call Mon.-Fri., 8-5pm., 806-668-4731.

ALL Positions incl. Management avail. at Pak-A-Burger. Apply in person, 1608 N. Hobart, Pampa.

CITY of White Deer is accepting appls. for Utility Operator and/or City Superintendent. Salary based on exp. & licenses. Send resume to P.O. Box 98, White Deer, 79097, or come by 317 S. Main.

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DRIVEWAY Attendant Needed. Able to fix flats & change oil. 40+ hrs. a week. NO PHONE CALLS. Apply in person, Utility Oil, 501 W. Brown

50 Building Suppl.
White House Lumber 101 S. Ballard 669-3291

60 Household
SOLID oak dining table (round or oblong) w/ 6 chairs. Solid oak lrg. coffee table. Call 669-7198.

69 Misc.
ADVERTISING Material to be placed in the Pampa News MUST be placed through the Pampa News Office Only.

BASIC Lawn Care.
Call 665-0310 Leave message.

CROSSWAYS RV Storage, 12072 E. Frederic Ave. 662-6089.

METAL STORM CELLAR. CALL 806-683-2700.

WANTED: Responsible party to take on small mo. payments on High Definition Big Screen Tv. 1-800-398-3970

CRAFTMATIC BED (hospital bed) like new. Orig. price \$3400. Price neg. 669-2896.

4" & 6" Phillip panhead screws 10¢ ea., #5 & 8 nails 60¢ lb. by 50 lb. boxes. New dbl. pane glass panels \$50 ea.-ideal for sunroom, etc. sold for about \$250 ea. Furniture, books, VHS movies \$2 ea. Much more! Red Barn, 1420 S. Barnes, Sat. 10am-5pm. 665-2767, call anytime.

69a Garage Sales
Mother's Day is coming! Many gift items on sale at: The Yellow Barn 543 W. Brown Tues. thru Sat.

INDOOR Sale, Thurs. & Fri., 8-5pm. Church Fellowship Hall, 1700 Alcock (corner Alcock & Zimmers). Lots of misc. 4PM. Fri. afternoon, Sat. 9am. 1909 Lea. Oak table & 6 chairs, curio cabinet, vacuum, tvs, clothes, etc.

2520 Charles, Sat. 8-? Two twin beds, table, lots of baby clothes, carseat, CD's and videos.

GARAGE Sale: 1309 Williston Thursday evening 6-8 and Friday morning 7-??

ESTATE Sale. 1939 N. Banks, Fri. 1pm., Sat. 8:30am. Furni., collectibles, refrig., console tv.

96 Unfurn. Apts.
LAKEVIEW Apt. 1 & 2 bdr. unfurn. apt. avail. Ref. dep. req. 669-2981 or 669-4386

NUMEROUS Houses, Apts., Duplexes & Commercial properties thru-out Pampa for rent. Call 665-4274 or 665-1875.

THE Schneider House, now leasing apts. Seniors or disabled, utilities included. Stop by 120 S. Russell or call 665-0415.

98 Unfurn. Houses
PICK up rental list from Gray Box on front porch of 125 S. Houston, Pampa.

332 N. Christy, 2 bedroom, central heat & air, references required. 669-2080 or 440-1969.

TRAILER house in LeFors 2 bdr., 1 ba., fenced yard. Window ac. 1 car gar. \$275 mo., \$275 dep. Pay your own utilities. Call Maxine 835-2860.

99 Stor. Bldgs.
TUMBLEWEED Acres. self storage units. Various sizes. 665-0079, 665-2450.

AXYDLBAAXR is LONGFELLOW
One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

4-26 CRYPTOQUOTE
CTQUYPZ OYGMYPB YW
QW LQCU MB XT QW
MCVYPZ MB LYM Q
MQCZTMEV LNCJYPZ
OTQMLTCW QM YM

— K Y J J Y Q X H Q X T W
Yesterday's Cryptoquote: FIRST FIND THE MAN IN YOURSELF IF YOU WILL INSPIRE MANLINESS IN OTHERS. — A.B. ALCOTT

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CLOTHES, Clothes that's all there is! Great prices, great condition, women's 16-2x. Friday & Saturday 8-12. 415 N. Sumner.

SAT. 8-? Many lrg. items- 3 couches, enert. center, Little Tykes playhouse, TV console, etc. Many sm. items as well. 2226 N. Nelson. No early birds!

MOVING Sale: 324 Canadian St., Fri., Sat., Sun. or until all sold. Everything must be moved day of sale. Lots of everything! Priced to sell! 9-?

GARAGE sale: Fri. 1001 S. Banks, 9:00am. Rocking chair, drum set, entertainment center, desk & chair, old metal lawn chairs, name brand women's & boys clothing.

75 Feeds/Seeds
SWATHING & Baling. Also looking for hay on the halves. Call 806-883-2152

HAY hauling, big squares and round bales. Call 806-357-2450 or 806-344-2198

77 Livest/Equip.
Serviceable BLACK ANGUS BULLS FOR SALE. Bred for low to mod. birth & quick growth. More info, contact THOMAS ANGLUS 806-655-4318 or 589-497-7217 Reydon, Okla

NEED PASTURE LAND for 100 to 200 COWS. Call 940-937-2800

89 Wanted To Buy
BUYING radio tubes, parts, tube guitar amps & test equipment. Call 806-376-9811.

95 Furn. Apts.
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STK#C06315

NEW 07 AVALANCHE LT 2WD

MSRP • \$33,765
C/S DISC • \$1855
REBATE • \$2000

SELL PRICE \$29,910



STK#C06274

NEW 07 CHEVROLET HHR LT

MSRP • \$20,014
C/S DISC • \$740
REBATE • \$1500

SELL PRICE \$17,774



STK#C07069

NEW 07 TAHOE 4WD SPECIAL EDITION PACKAGE

MSRP • \$41,650
C/S DISC • \$2470
REBATE • \$2000

SELL PRICE \$37,180



STK#C07027

NEW 07 CHEVROLET SILVERADO 2WD EXT CAB LT1

MSRP • \$28,855
C/S DISC • \$1865
REBATE • \$1000

SELL PRICE \$25,990

SALE ENDS APRIL 28, 2007

80th



STK#B05007

NEW 06 BUICK LACROSSE CXL

MSRP • \$29,605
C/S DISC • \$2600
REBATE • \$2000

SELL PRICE \$25,005

Anniversary Sale



STK#C07031

NEW 07 CHEVROLET IMPALA 2 LT

MSRP • \$23,704
C/S DISC • \$755
REBATE • \$1500

SELL PRICE \$21,449



STK#B06023

NEW 07 BUICK LUCERNE CXL

MSRP • \$31,510
C/S DISC • \$1460
REBATE • \$1250
BONUS CASH • \$500

SELL PRICE \$28,300



STK#G06070

NEW 07 GMC YUKON XL 4WD SLE-2

MSRP • \$42,025
C/S DISC • \$2331
REBATE • \$2000

SELL PRICE \$37,694



STK#G07015

NEW 07 GMC SIERRA 2WD CREW CAB CLASSIC

MSRP • \$26,595
C/S DISC • \$1460
REBATE • \$1750
BONUS CASH • \$500

SELL PRICE \$22,885

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