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Property appraisal notices going to property owners

By **MARILYN POWERS**
Staff Writer

Some property tax owners in Gray County will soon receive notices of appraised value of their real estate.

"Each year about this time, the appraisal district mails notices to property owners notifying them of changes relating to the value of their property," said Chief Appraiser Pat Bagley of Gray County Appraisal District.

Not all property owners receive notices each year. Notices are mailed when a property changes ownership, loses an exemption, is reappraised,

increases in value or has any change that affects the tax liability of the property.

A larger-than-usual number of notices are being mailed this year due to recent legislative changes. Anyone owning property within a Gray County school district that overlaps into another county will receive a notice.

"Since the school districts within the Gray County Appraisal District extend into four of the surrounding counties, there will be a sizable number of notices mailed for that pur-

pose," Bagley said. "Owners of these properties will need to make sure that all applications for exemptions and special values are filed with both appraisal districts, according to their particular notice."

Property owners may call the appraisal district office at 665-0791 to make sure the description of their properties is correct and that all applicable exemptions are properly filed.

"Because of the numerous changes due to recent legislation, the notices will look different this year,"

Bagley said. The new notices will be printed on two sides of a page of white paper and placed in a regular appraisal district envelope. In addition to the notice, another page will be included that will have taxpayer rights, remedies and responsibilities on one side of the paper and a blank "Notice of Protest" form on the other side.

"Taxpayers may have questions about their property value and should call or come by the appraisal

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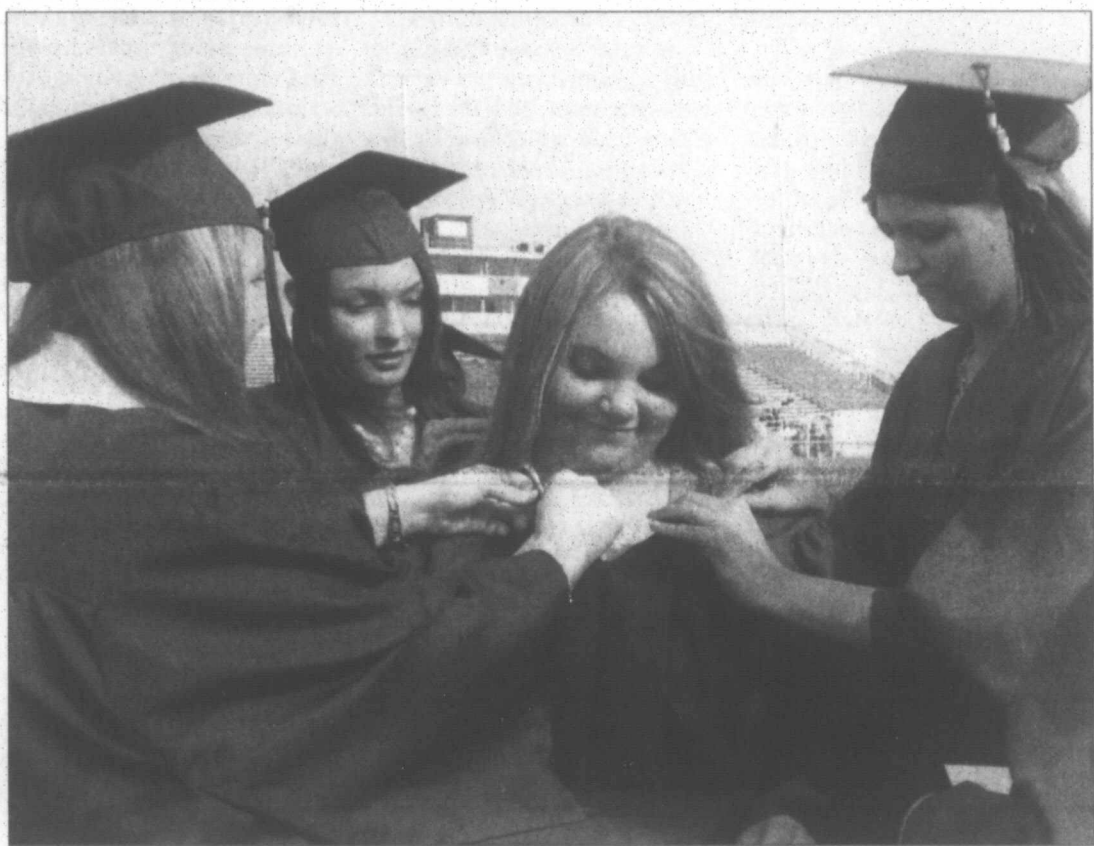
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Pampa High School seniors get prepared for graduation Saturday morning. A group of girls pitched in to get Stephanie Preston's graduation gown on correctly. Helping from left are Desirae Rochelle, Katie Kirkpatrick and Amber Fisher.

News office disrupted due to phone line out

A telephone line went dead at The Pampa News office Friday morning, disrupting communications.

The dead line affects Internet access and the main fax number.

Since e-mail is a function of the Internet, anyone who has e-mailed information to The News since Friday morning may resend that information to fax number 806 665-2808.

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State looks out for gas pirates

AUSTIN — As gasoline prices continue to increase so will the cost for those caught cheating Texas drivers.

Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples has announced the Texas Department of Agriculture is increasing penalties for any fuel pump found out of tolerance in the state. This is the first time since 1996 TDA has increased the penalties for weights and measures violations.

"Gas prices are high enough without consumers getting shortchanged at the pump," Staples said.

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New warden needs little introduction to area

By **KERRI SMITH**
Staff Writer

The Jordan and Baten units, the Pampa prison which is part of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice system, are under the direction of a new warden. Joe Nunn, who has worked in the prison system for 17 years, just moved back to Pampa from Breckenridge for his third stint at this prison.

Nunn first worked as a classification case manager at the Jordan unit when it opened in 1992. After working here for a few years, he moved to Amarillo and worked at the Neal unit.

He returned to Pampa in 2001 as assistant warden. By that time, the prison had expanded and also contained the 400-bed Baten unit, which is used for parole violators.

"I stayed in Pampa until

2003, when I returned to Amarillo and worked as the senior warden at the Clements unit in Amarillo," Nunn said. "I stayed there until I moved down to Breckenridge where I remained until May 1."

Nunn said he feels fortunate and blessed to be the warden of a prison which was named after close friends of his dad and family.

"I grew up in Panhandle when my father, John, was a Carson County Sheriff," Nunn said. "Dad was a sheriff at the same time Rufe Jordan was a Gray County sheriff and Bill Baten was a Hale County Sheriff in Memphis before becoming a Texas Ranger."

"My family and the Batens were close and we'd get together for dinner a lot. They were very special

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Pampa News Photo by **KERRI SMITH**

The new warden for the Jordan and Baten units, Joe Nunn, shows off some of the items his dad used while serving as Carson County Sheriff. Nunn grew up socializing with Rufe Jordan and Bill Baten and their families.

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Sunday night: Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 50s. Southeast winds 10 to 20 mph.

Memorial day: Partly sunny with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 80s.

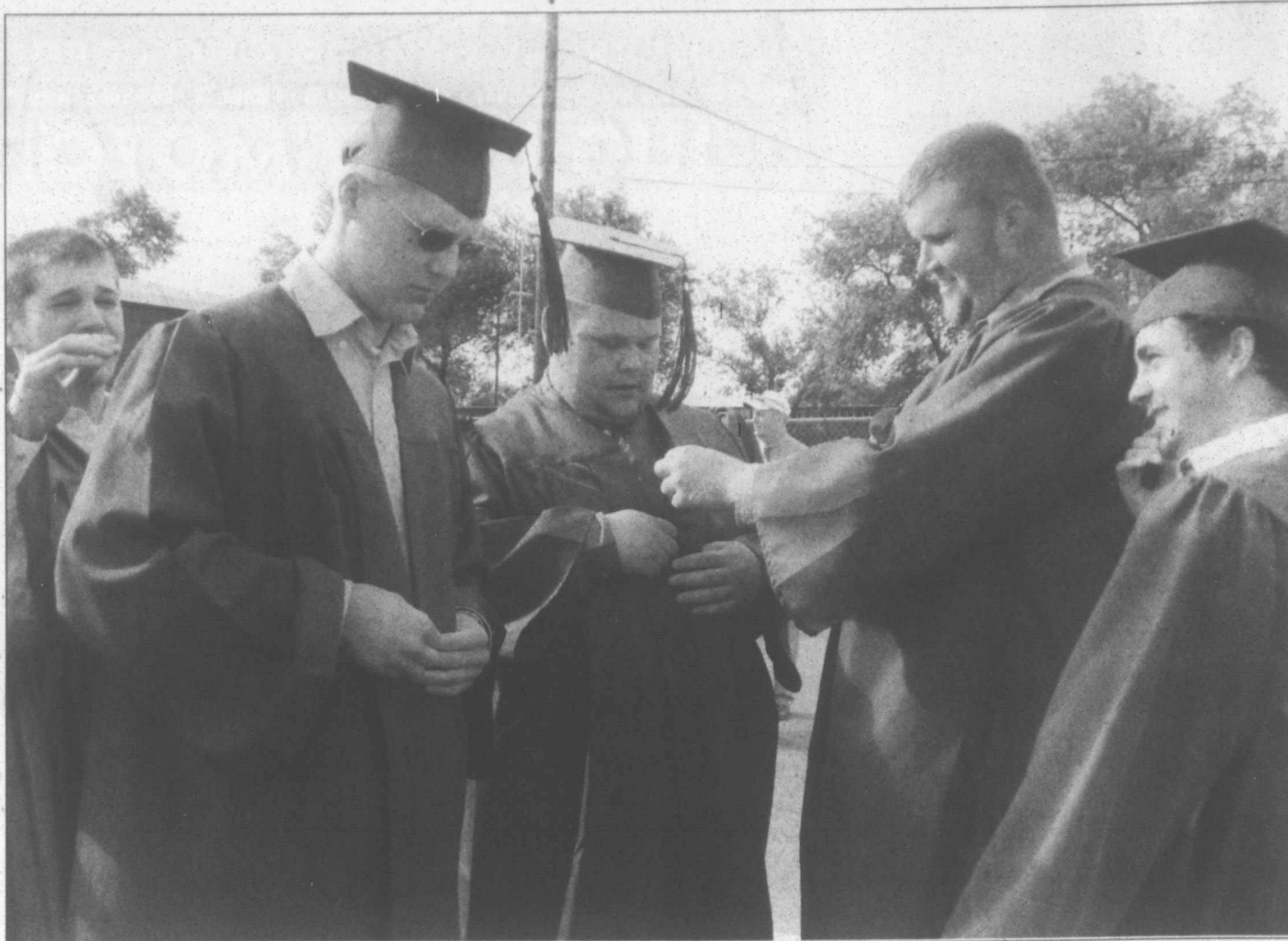
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A few seniors finish getting their caps and gowns on for Pampa High School graduation Saturday morning. Pictured from left are Cody Adams, Jeremy Been, Daniel Heare, Ashton Ray and Austin Bruner.

Creation Museum to open in Kentucky Memorial Day

By DYLAN T. LOVAN
 Associated Press Writer

PETERSBURG, Ky. (AP) — Adam and Eve fall from grace and Noah survives an epic flood at a new museum that tells the Bible's version of history on a theme-park scale.

But the scene near the front lobby might stop a puzzled paleontologist in his tracks: a pair of ancient children frolic just a few feet away from a group of friendly dinosaurs.

That exhibit, among others, has earned the Creation Museum notoriety among skeptics and anticipation from believers who are expected to pack its halls when it opens on

Memorial Day.

"We wanted to show people there's no mystery with dinosaurs, we can explain them," said Ken Ham, founder of the nonprofit ministry Answers in Genesis that built the \$27 million facility near Cincinnati.

Scientists say there's a gulf of millions of years between man and the giant lizards, but according to the Creation Museum, they lived in harmony just a few thousand years ago. It's part of the literal interpretation of the Bible adopted by Ham and other creationists.

"People are just fascinated by dinosaurs, but they've sort of become synonymous with millions of years and evolution," he said.

Evolution is derided at the 60,000-square-foot facility, packed with high-tech exhibits designed by an acclaimed theme-park artist, animatronic dinos and a huge wooden ark. In this Old Testament version of history, dinosaurs appeared on the same day God created other land animals.

The museum also contains fossils, hung in large glass cases in a room visitors spill into after taking a tour of Old Testament history. Ham said most fossils were created by the massive flood detailed in the book of Genesis.

"The Bible doesn't talk about fossils, but it gives you a basis for understanding why there are fossils around

the world," he said.

Ham said the stories of the Bible are supported by science, a notion that has drawn the ire of science educators around the country.

"They make such a point of trying to make it appear scientific," said Lawrence Krauss, a physics professor, author and critic of the museum. "Instead of shying away from those things that clearly disprove what they're trying to say, they use those things for deception."

Krauss, a professor at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, said the exhibits rival those of a "very fancy natural history museum," making them enticing to young visitors.

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Emergency Services

Gray County Sheriff's Office recorded the following arrests before 8 a.m. Saturday.

Friday, May 25
 Paul Brown, 34, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO on bond forfeitures for possession of a controlled substance and unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon, both enhanced.

Katherine Hockaday, 19, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa Police Department and charged with unlawful carrying of a weapon.

Melissa Thomas, 34, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO and charged with theft of property involving between \$1,500 and \$20,000; two charges of theft of property by check involving between \$20 and \$500 out of Potter and Randall counties; and two charges of issuance of a bad check.

Michael Mitchell, 38, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa PD and charged with less than 2-ounces of marijuana.

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

Friday, May 25
 2:07 p.m. — Two units and six personnel responded to the 700 block of Frost on a smoke investigation. Nothing was found.

4:05 p.m. — Two units and six personnel responded to the 1100 block of Prairie where a fire alarm activated setting off a false alarm.

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Ty Elledge, son of Doak & Marla Elledge and brother to Con Elledge, graduated from Texas A&M University with a B.A. in International Studies on May 11, 2007. Also on May 11, 2007, Ty was commissioned as a 2nd Lt. in the United States Air Force. He will be attending a 6 week ASBC at Maxwell AFB, AL. and then start training to be an intelligence officer at Goodfellow AFB in San Angelo, TX. Attending Ty's graduation and commissioning were his Mom and Dad of Pampa, grandparents, Joy Elledge of Nowata, OK, Jim & Becky Elledge of Stratford, TX, and Phyllis Price of Perryton, TX; Aunts, Tanis McMorris of Howardwick, TX, and Penny Clark of Perryton, TX; Uncle, Rusty Elledge of Longview, TX; cousin Allyson Elledge with mother Jayne Sherman of Decatur, TX; and Mallory Weaver of McKinney, TX.

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Taxes

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district instead of just filling out and mailing the protest form," Bagley said. "Since we have to acknowledge all protests by certified mail, it could get expensive and is not necessary when we can answer most questions on the telephone or in the office."

Tax rates are shown on the notice so that property owners may make comparisons with past years. Current school tax rates shown on the notices will not be accurate.

"We used the 2006 tax rates set by the taxing entities in the notices this year," Bagley said. "Although we have nothing to do with the setting of the tax rates, we do know that the school rates are mandated by the Legislature to go down again this year. Using last year's tax rates gives the most direct comparison for those values that increase from one year to the next, and it would be unlikely that we could predict the school rates for the coming year."

The Gray County Appraisal District office is located at 851 N. Sumner.

Monopoly man



Pampa News Photo by KERRI SMITH
Jan Andrews, who works in the receiving department of United Supermarket, surprised employees and patrons Friday afternoon by dressing up as the "Monopoly Man" to kick-off the store's new game for customers.

Nunn

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people, honest and upstanding and it was a privilege growing up around them. Jeanetta, Baten's daughter, and I were about the same age so we played together when our families got together."

Working in law enforcement or the criminal justice system was not what Nunn aspired to do growing up. Through his father's commitment to his job and the public, the family had to put up with many late night calls and canceled vacations.

"Dad was in that position to take care of the public, that was his job," Nunn said. "And if that meant canceling a family trip because he was needed somewhere, then that's what he did."

After graduating from high school, Nunn worked at Pantex for a while before getting into farming and ranching. When the need arose for good medical insurance for his wife and three children,

Nunn took a job with the state and began his work for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

"God has blessed us over the years with good jobs and benefits," Nunn said. "My family and I just learned that sometimes those late night calls do come and it just goes with the position. I'm here to help whoever needs me, regardless of the time of day or night."

Nunn knows he will enjoy working with the excellent employees, who he knows are trustworthy and dependable, at the Jordan and Baten units. He said some of the employees were here last time he worked in Pampa, so he is looking forward to working with them again.

"Pampa has changed and grown so much since we lived here years ago," Nunn said. "There is a new Wal-Mart, United and CVS. And it's also nice to see some of the same faces and businesses also."

Gas

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pump," Commissioner Staples said. "Drivers need to have confidence they are receiving exactly what they are paying for every time they fill up."

In accordance with specifications published by the National Institute of Standards and Technology, TDA tests fuel pumps using a tolerance of six cubic inches — about six tablespoons — per five gallons. The new penalties for first and subsequent offenses are based on how much a pump varies from the tolerance level.

The penalties are:

- More than twice in excess of tolerance (12 cubic inches) — \$100 per device for the first offense and \$200 for each device for the second offense;

- More than three times in excess of tolerance (18 cubic inches) — \$150 per device for the first offense and \$300 for each device for the second offense; and

- More than four times in excess of tolerance (24 cubic inches) — \$250 per device for the first offense and \$500 for each device for the second offense.

TDA has 72 weights and measures inspectors throughout the state checking more than 68,500 fuel pumps a year. An inspector

will place an "out of order" tag on any pump not dispensing the correct amount of fuel within the allowable tolerance.

An entire station can also be tagged out of order if a majority of the pumps are dispensing fuel in favor of the station owner, even if the pumps are within the tolerance level. The owner or operator is responsible for having a pump fixed and re-inspected by TDA before the pump can be further used to sell fuel. This is in addition to any penalty the owner or operator may incur.

"At TDA, we take our consumer protection efforts very seriously whether inspecting eggs, grocery store scales, plants from nurseries or gas pumps," Commissioner Staples said. "Since we oversee many regulatory programs that directly impact a consumer's pocketbook, our inspectors are on the frontlines, helping ensure shoppers are getting both high quality and accurate quantity for the products they are buying."

In addition to fuel pumps, TDA is also increasing fines for non-compliant commodity scales and pricing discrepancies at the checkout counter. All of the new penalties go into effect May 25, 2007 just in time for the Memorial Day Holiday Weekend.

Special Ops adds 37 names to wall

FORT BRAGG, N.C. (AP) — The brass bell tolled 37 times — once for each of the Special Operations soldiers who died in Iraq during the past year — after their names were added to a memorial wall at Fort Bragg.

About 200 family members sat under tents during the ceremony, dabbing at their eyes as names were read. Several hundred stone-faced soldiers clad in the green or tan berets of the Special Forces or Rangers stood outside.

"Their deeds are legends, and we will recount them for years," said Lt. Gen. Richard Wagner, head of the Army Special Operations Command.

About 1,000 names are on the copper-plated wall, which was created after Vietnam but grew with other conflicts. Five names from the Korean War also were added Thursday. One soldier's mission recently was declassified and the others

were somehow overlooked until now, Wagner said.

Even as the soldiers were honored, there was a somber reminder that they will soon be joined by others. Four more soldiers have died since the March 31 cutoff for this year's additions, and they will be added next year.

At the end of the ceremony, many went to the wall and touched names or left a rose at the base. Some made rubbings of loved ones' names.

One soldier honored was Sgt. Jimmy Regan, a 2002 Duke University economics graduate and lacrosse player who became an Army Ranger after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. The col-

lapse of the World Trade Center towers in New York killed many people he knew who worked in the buildings, his father said.

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Norway study finds television not good for diabetic children

CHICAGO (AP) — Diabetic children who spent the most time glued to the TV had a tougher time controlling their blood sugar, according to a Norwegian study that illustrates yet another downside of too much television.

The findings, based on a study of children with Type 1 diabetes, lend support to the American Academy of Pediatrics' advice that children watch no more than two hours of TV daily, said lead author Dr. Hanna Margeisdottir of the University of Oslo.

Type 1 diabetes is the less common form of the disease and used to be called juvenile diabetes. It is not related to obesity and is caused when the body cannot make insulin, which converts sugar from food into energy. People with Type 1 must take insulin daily and regulate their blood-sugar levels.

Snacking and overeating can increase blood-sugar levels; physical activity can lower them. While TV-viewing is often accompanied by snacking, the researchers didn't examine diet or physical activity.

The study results "suggest that encouraging children with Type 1 diabetes to watch less television may be important for improved blood glucose control and better health outcomes," the study authors wrote.

Other experts said the study also might suggest something else. Diabetic

children who already have consistently high blood-sugar levels could feel too sick to do much besides watch TV, said Jill Weissburg-Benchell, a psychologist and diabetes educator at Children's Memorial Hospital in Chicago.

"It's very clear that there is a relationship. Now the question is what underlies that relationship," she said.

Results of the Oslo research will appear in the June edition of the journal Diabetes Care.

The study involved 538 children with an average age of 13. In Norway, about 25,000 people have Type 1 diabetes. In the United States, there are 3 million with the condition and about

30 million worldwide.

The study evaluated results of a routine test that measured average blood-sugar control over three months. There was a continuous increase in the level of blood sugar with every hour of TV watched, rising to the highest level for those who watched at least four hours daily.

The results didn't surprise Chicago diabetes educator Monica Joyce, who founded a basketball camp for diabetic children.

Campers typically are asked how much TV they watch and are taught "they can get much better blood sugars if they're active," Joyce said.

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Viewpoints

Message to America: Respect Memorial Day

Here is a surprise: I am not going to defend the Iraq war. I won't even explain the importance of the war on terrorism. VA budget? Not today. That's because this column is about Memorial Day, a hallowed day that should be about honoring the more than one million men and women who died in the service of this nation in wars and conflicts dating back to 1775. It should be above politics. Period.

Yet one presidential candidate has blatantly violated the sanctity of this most special day. I recently received an e-mail from a group called

"Supportthetroopsendthearmy.com." It included a video of former Sen. John Edwards. He calls on Americans to use Memorial Day weekend as a time to "bring an end to this war."

Shockingly, the video is titled "A Memorial Day Message From John Edwards," with the smoking gun note, "Paid for by John Edwards for President." Moreover, the e-mail recommends that Americans bring signs with the message "Support the Troops, End the War" to local Memorial Day parades. Revolting is a kind word for it. It's as inappro-

priate as a political bumper sticker on an Arlington headstone.

Edwards is hardly the first politician from either political party to exploit this day, a holiday that was consecrated with the blood of American heroes. But the e-mail makes me sick nonetheless. It needs to stop. This isn't about Edwards, it's about everybody. As national commander of The American Legion, I

implore all candidates to refrain from politicking on Memorial Day.



Paul A. Morin
Columnist

The families of those killed in war should not be led to believe that their loved ones died for a less-than-worthy cause. They died because they took an oath to defend this nation and its Constitution. The sacrifice is the same whether it's for a "popular war" or an unpopular one.

Memorial Day should be

an occasion to bring Americans together to honor these heroes.

It brings to mind the words of Army SFC Jack Robison, who recently wrote from Iraq, "Sometimes I think God must be creating an elite unit in heaven, because He only seems to select the very best soldiers to bring home early."

If you want to honor these heroes, visit a veterans' cemetery on Memorial Day. Attend a parade without the divisive political signs. Make cards for the comrades of the fallen that are recuperating in military and VA hos-

pitals. Lay a wreath at the stone of a departed hero.

We Americans need to remember why Memorial Day is special. It's not about picnics or trips to the beach. It's not about making pro- or anti-war statements. It's not about supporting political candidates. It's about honor, duty and the ultimate sacrifice. It's about people who have decided that the United States is worth dying for.

Paul A. Morin of Chicopee, Mass., is national commander of the 2.7 million-member American Legion, the nation's largest wartime veterans organization.

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, May 27, the 147th day of 2007. There are 218 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 27, 1937, the Golden Gate Bridge connecting San Francisco and Marin County, Calif., opened to pedestrian traffic (vehicular traffic began crossing the bridge the next day).

On this date:

In 1896, 255 people were killed when a tornado struck St. Louis and East St. Louis, Ill.

In 1907, 100 years ago, marine biologist and ecologist Rachel Carson, author of "Silent Spring," was born in Springdale, Pa.

In 1933, Walt Disney's Academy Award-winning animated short "The Three Little Pigs" was first released.

In 1935, the Supreme Court, in *Schechter Poultry Corp. v. United States*, struck down the National Industrial Recovery Act.

In 1936, the Cunard liner *Queen Mary* left England on its maiden voyage to New York.

In 1941, amid rising world tensions, President Roosevelt proclaimed an "unlimited national emergency."

In 1941, the British navy sank the German battleship *Bismarck* off France, with a loss of more than 2,100 lives.

Our readers write

It's up to the economic development corporation to think big ...

Cotton seed is processed for food for cattle, hogs, horses, and produces an oil that is being used for human consumption. The oil is considered the same as vegetable oil. There is no reason it could not be used as an additive to petroleum based diesel.

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Competition for this facility will be highly competitive from Dumas, Childress, Plainview and Elk City, Okla. Failure to obtain a mill will severely damage our

ability to acquire a biodiesel plant.

Corn for animal consumption and ethanol processing also produces an oil that could be used for biodiesel production. Our last adventure with ethanol was far from successful. Highly subsidized by federal government dollars, the plants folded when the federal government stopped payments.

Methane gas is another requirement for biodiesel being available on the market. It is in cattle waste, plentiful around dairies and feedlots. There has to be some method to obtain it from this waste.

It's up to the PEDC to think big. It will be beneficial to all the community.

James R. Braxton
Pampa



Idle American: Signs of life along the road

A cynic once offered this description of West Texas — "miles and miles of nothing but miles and miles."

Maybe it's true some of the time, but not now. Rains have drenched much of the sprawl of the Lone Star State. Now, there's colorful evidence that God has used all the paint brushes for unending acres of spring wildflowers.

The crop is the best in years. When a few grouches complain about mosquitoes, they are told, in the memorable words of Archie Bunker, to "dummy up." They're advised to splash on insect spray, then busy themselves drinking in the beauty of drives in any direction. Some may even want to make pictures of photographers making pictures of youngsters amongst the blankets of bluebonnets. ...

On a recent drive, I spotted an old nester, leaning back in a cane bottom chair. He was stationed next to the unleaded gasoline pump, peering out at a field of wild-

flowers as he engaged in what appeared to be breathing exercises.

"I'm taking in nature's beauty while I get whiffs of gasoline," he said. "So far, lookin' and sniffin' are still free."

I've driven a few thousand miles this spring on both freeways and side roads. Sometimes I choose the former mostly to see if there are any clever new billboard messages. And there are. ...

Score one for Starbucks, whose billboards underscore similarities of freeways and speedways.

Before exits to their stores on the super slabs, an ad urges: "Ladies and Gentlemen, start your blinkers."

(Starbuck officials, by the way, have quashed the rumor that they are enlarging their

Don Newbury
Columnist



restrooms to make room for additional Starbucks locations. ...)

One sign in Granbury, Texas, advertises "Jackhammer Tattoos."

The big boys down at the pool hall say the name makes them cringe a bit. They think the name could be particularly rough on the body piercing side of the business.

And what about that discount diaper store in Tyler? It's called "A Little Behind." ...

The U.S. Post Office should not be overlooked in our ad-clad world. How about their Star Wars promotion: "May the stamps be with you."

Time was when stamps commemorated presidents, national monuments and such.

One Fort Worth woman,

lining up to buy 2-cent stamps for add-ons to her inventory of outdated 39-centers, grumbled about first-class mailing increasing to 41 cents. "Do you mean it's going to cost 41 cents to mail a letter from Fort Worth to Houston?" she questioned.

The clerk answered, "Ma'am, you're looking at it all wrong. That's just a penny a day."

Some businesses feature big marquees; the plan is to post clever weekly messages. And sometimes, creative juices run dry.

That happened to Green Oaks Inn in Fort Worth several decades ago, so humorist George Dolan was hired on to write clever weekly postings. The late writer did so for several years, usually brilliantly.

Once when the University of Alabama football team lodged there to get out of the Cotton Bowl melee in Dallas, Dolan wrote:

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Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

■ May 21

The Dallas Morning News on a Texas water plans:

What struck us in talking to House members about the Legislature's main water planning bill is how some confess to knowing little about the proposal. They have only a fuzzy notion of SB 3 which the Senate passed unanimously. It is the roadmap to identify new reservoirs, ramp up conservation, and determine how much water urban and rural folk alike can draw from Texas rivers.

Perhaps this single point will persuade House members to pass SB 3 when it comes up for a vote today: The

bill, which is based on the state's 50-year water plan, is incredibly conservative in its projections for how much water Texans will need. The Texans who designed the plan came from local communities, and they were cautious and painstaking in their examination of how much Texas will need.

If the House kills the bill, or renders it useless by restrictive amendments, Texans will have to scramble like mad for enough water. It isn't as if there are magical supplies lying around. The state needs to plan now to store enough for the future.

Legislators worried about climate change also should remember that point. The most recent drought would seem like nothing compared with what we might endure. Some of those projections have us looking like the Dust

Bowl.

That's why it's so important to plan ahead with reservoirs, conservation and healthy rivers. Texans will need every ounce of water they can find to survive dry times.

We're speaking from a position of realism, not fear-mongering. We hope Texas House members will vote from that position as well and remove the amendments the House Natural Resources Committee recently approved to make it financially difficult to build new reservoirs. Plus, we hope House members restore the four lakes the panel yanked. Texans needs every part of this conservative plan.

We applaud Speaker Tom Craddick for bringing this bill to the floor. May the House do Texas right.

Events calendar

• **Registration for the first summer semester at Clarendon College-Pampa Center is ongoing through June 4.** Classes offered include English, composition, technical writing, Web site design, non-western world literature, federal and state government, U.S. history, psychology and more. For more information, call 665-8801.

• **Texas Panhandle Mental Health** Mental Retardation will offer a summer

program for individuals with mental retardation, Down Syndrome, autism or similar disabilities between the ages of 3 and 21. The "Summer Adventure Program" will be conducted from 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m. May 29-Aug. 24. Activities will include arts & crafts, games, movies, books, field trips and more. Cost is covered by insurance, Medicaid and the family's ability to pay based upon income. For more information,

call (806) 351-3478 or (806) 356-9238.

• **Carson County Square House** Museum in Panhandle will host a train display presented by Scot Free Model Railroaders through May 31. Admission to the exhibit is free.

• **The deadline to enter the Panhandle Parade of Breeds junior heifer and steer show is June 1.** The dates for the annual event is June 15-17 at the Ollie Liner

Center in Plainview. Stalls will be assigned as entries are received. The fee is \$40 for Ring A and \$15 for Ring B before June 1. Exhibitors must exhibit in Ring A to show in Ring B. An addition \$10 is added to late entry fees. Cash only at the show. Entries can be mailed to Panhandle Parade of Breeds, Angie Carver, treasurer, P.O. Box 434, Abernathy, TX 79311.

Tralee Crisis Center



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Dee Dee Laramore, executive director of Tralee Crisis Center in Pampa, recently received a donation from Joan Gray-Soria, president of Altrusa International Inc., of Pampa. Tralee is one of several community service projects that Altrusa supports annually.

Order of the Rose



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Irvine Riphahn, from left, president of Preceptor Chi Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi, recently bestowed the Order of the Rose Degree upon Norine Greer during Preceptor Chi and Preceptor Theta Iota Founders Day activities. Greer earned the degree for 25 years of loyal membership.

Idle

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"Welcome Coach Bryant. We have TWO pools for you to walk on."

A message on several mar- quees around the state pro- motes road safety.

"Don't drive faster than your guardian angel can fly," it implores.

One gigantic motor home was spotted lumbering down the highway. It was pulling a tiny sub-compact car. Perhaps depending on humor to keep his mind off gasoline being guzzled, the driver had an eye-catcher sign in the little vehicle's back window: "I go where I'm towed."

Finally, some businesses feature unusual combinations of goods and services. One southern town has a "funeral home and grocery store."

Another's sign touts "hot doughnuts and fishing worms." As an entrepreneurial 14-year-old, I talked the owner of a firearms firm into making room for my summertime snow cone stand. I painted a large sign that served us well: "Snow Cones and Hand Guns."

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▲ Volunteers with CASA of the High Plains raised funds recently helping Brandons Flowers of Pampa deliver flowers on Mother's Day. In the photo above, Jane Adams makes a delivery to Pansy Prince.

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'Trailer Trash,' 'Tole Roads' exhibits at Carson County Square House

PANHANDLE — the museum at (806) 357- 3524. "Trailer Trash" and "Tole Roads" are both currently featured exhibits at Carson County Square House Museum in Panhandle.

A reception for the artists will be from 2:30-4 p.m. today in the Purvines and Hazlewood galleries of the museum complex.

"Trailer Trash" showcases the art of Paige Davidson of Gainesville. Her art explores the iconology of objects such as an Airstream trailer and a collection of souvenir pillows.

Davidson has been involved in a number of exhibitions and was even featured in the 2005 film "Hate Crime." Her pieces are in various collections including that of Brazilian jazz singer Marissa Monte and the UTA Printmaking Collection.

Jo Whitehead of Panhandle is a wife and mother who began pursuing her art after receiving an art kit. She has sold her often whimsical pieces at craft shows, through photos and word-of-mouth.

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The artifacts will be used in "Sense of Self," an upcoming exhibit examining how people identify themselves with specific ethnic and cultural groups from the rich heritage of the Panhandle-

Plains.

Sense of Self, to be on display from Sept. 15, 2007, to April 13, 2008, will be seen by thousands of visitors and will be on display during the museum's largest annual event, "Christmas Open House."

All objects loaned to the museum will be returned to the owner after the duration of the exhibit; however, PPHM will accept donated items also.

For more information, call Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum at (806) 651-5231 or (806) 651-5233.

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- Work some lime into Hydrangeas to produce a vibrant pink hue or Aluminum Sulphate for a rich blue.
- Time to plant annuals, perennials, and to seed vegetables in your garden.
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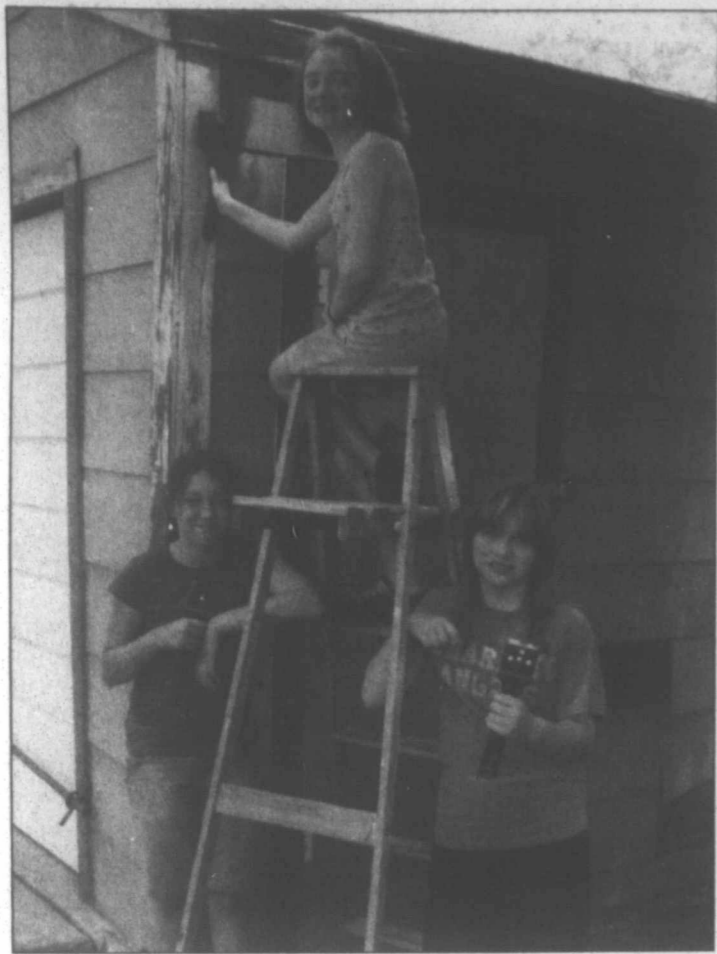
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Little House

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Learning giving



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Students from Lamar Elementary School in Pampa recently donated items to the tornado victims from Cactus and Tulia through Pro News 7 in Amarillo. Above: (back row, from left) Head Start Assistant Sharon Lane, Head Start teacher Debbie Lee, Principal Jan Cleek; (front row, l-r) Christian Copado, Shelby Watson, Caleb Rich and Kalee Ham, all Head Start students.



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Thousands of campers will be on the WTAMU campus to participate in more than 25 different summer camping opportunities. Day and residential camps for children of all ages begin in late May and continue through mid-August.

"Our summer camps give the young campers an opportunity to become acquainted with WTAMU while having a fun, educational experience," Roxie Pranglin, interim director of WTAMU's Continuing Education Center, said.

Horse lovers will have fun learning the skills and techniques of horsemanship at the University's various Horsemanship Camps scheduled during June and July. And those 14-18 inter-

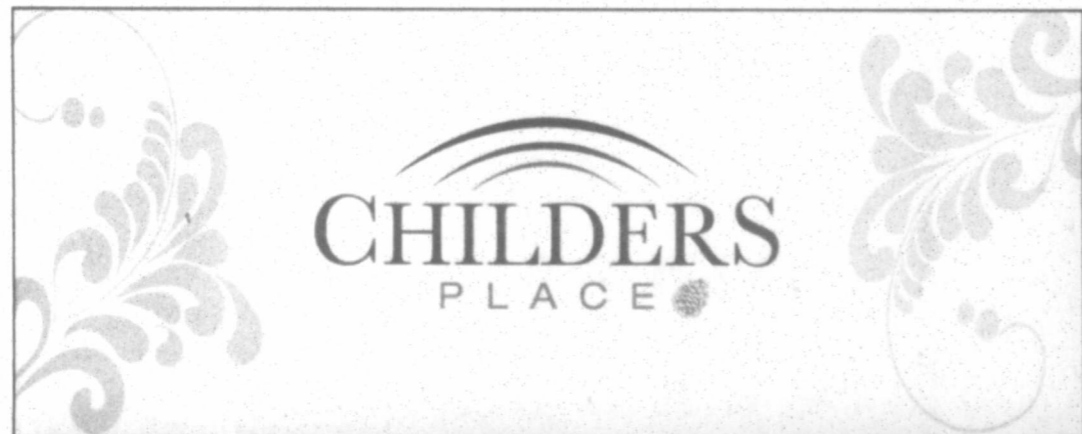
ested in health careers can sign up for MASH Camp. The camp runs June 3-6 and offers everything from CPR training to forensic science activities.

WTAMU also offers the only two-week band camp in the state of Texas. The camp is July 8-20 for junior and senior high school students. There also is a Choir Camp June 17-22 and an All-State String Camp Aug. 12-15. Other summer camps include the annual Speech

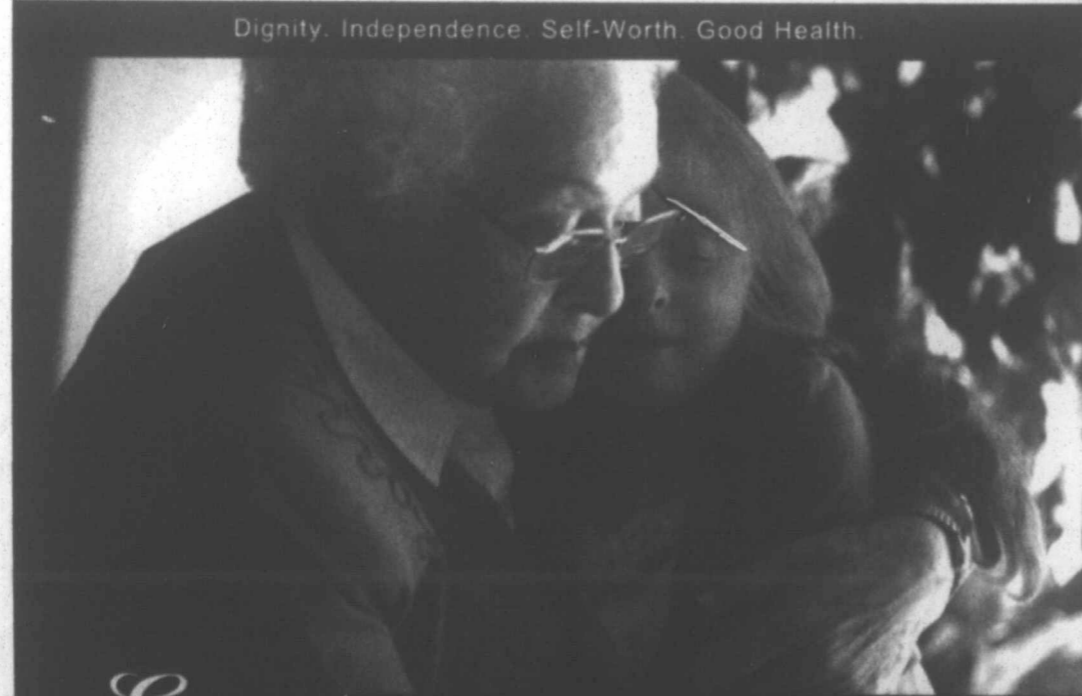
and Theatre Camp June 24-July 6, a Tech-Know Camp July 12 and a dance camp in June.

All camps are taught by WTAMU's own staff and offer instruction for beginners to the advanced.

For more information about WTAMU's summer camp offerings, call the Continuing Education Center at 806-651-2037 or visit www.wtamu.edu/administrative/vpa/ce.



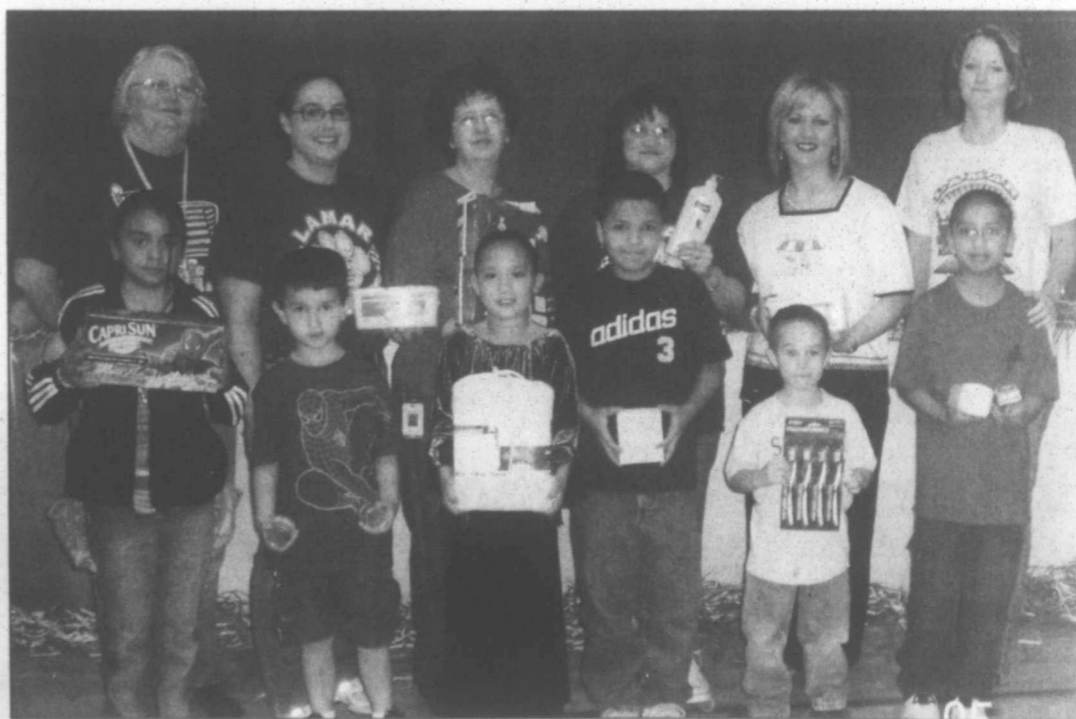
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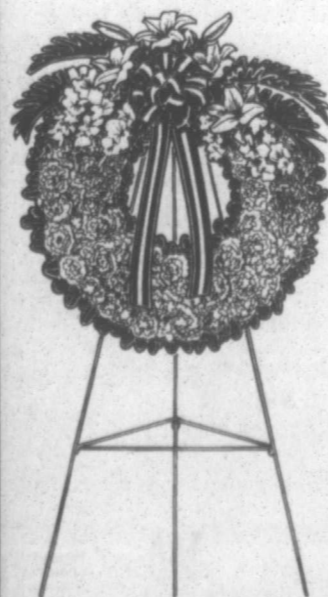
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Lamar Elementary School students recently donated items to the tornado victims from Cactus and Tulia through Pro News 7 in Amarillo. Above: (back row, from left) Beverly Morse, Angi Woelfle, Linda Ditmore, Michelle Ditmore, Shelly Brooks, Julie Richardson; (front row, l-r) Rosa Cabrales, Isaias Cortez, Haylee Horton, Nestor Dorado, Ace Hawley and Hernan Silva.

Remembering Those on Memorial Day



This Memorial Day, Memory Gardens Cemetery and Mausoleum of Pampa would like to say "Thank You" to all Veterans who served and are serving our country.

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AUSTIN — According to the Texas Railroad Commission, the Texas average rig count as of April 20 was 824, representing about 47 percent of all active land rigs in the United States. In the last 12 months, total Texas reported production was 341 million barrels of oil and 6.1 trillion cubic feet of natural gas. Texas naturally 29 percent of total U.S. natural gas demand.

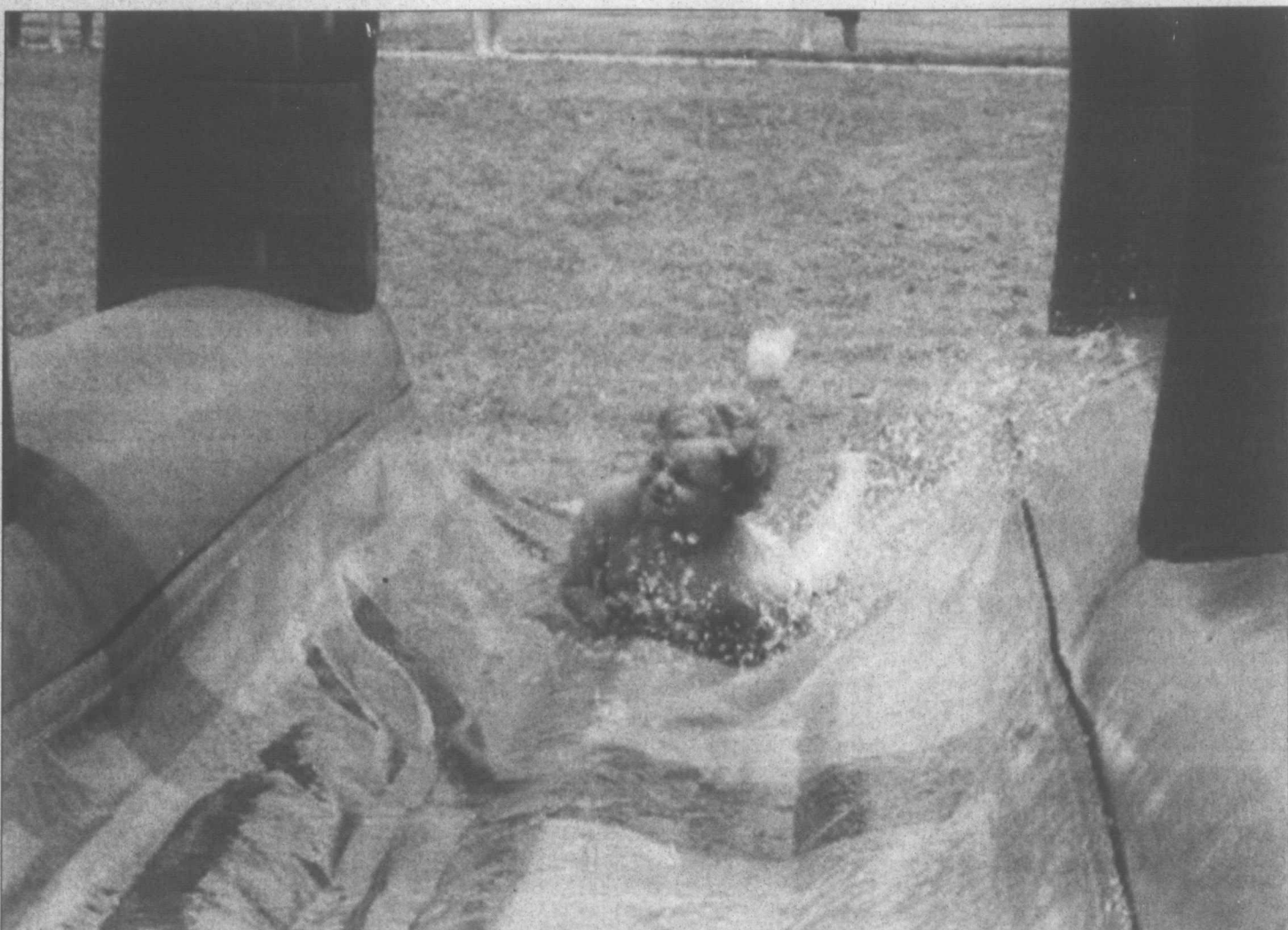
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We would like to thank everyone who has helped sponsor and support our benefit. Without this support, we would not be able to do such a wonderful thing for someone in need. Benefits such as this are hard to predict, but we are happy to announce that The Mardi Gras Party Benefit 2007 raised \$13,510 for the Benefit of Emma Allen. With that in mind, we are certain this will meet all of Emma's medical needs. We would like to extend a special thank you to all who made special donations to this benefit, several donations were deposited in the bank with no address to send thanks. We would like to send an extra special thank you to Jerrod Imel for his generosity and to El Major and the Martinez family for all the wonderful food, we couldn't do it without your help. Last but not least we would like to thank Texas Bone Yard and the Boozefighters MC Chapter from Wichita Falls, TX for the wonderful music. Once again, we would like to thank you for supporting our cause, without you this would not be possible.

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End of year party



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Kaydan Stidham got a blast of water recently during Austin Elementary School's end of year party for kindergarten and first grade students. The children enjoyed a slip-n-slide and castle bounce house provided by Clown Around Party Rental.

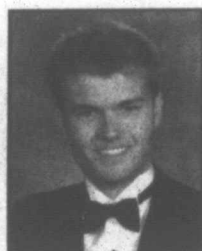
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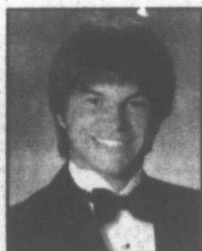
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Honor society



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Trevor McVay, Danielle Zuniga and Evan McElwain served as officers for Pampa Junior High School's chapter of the National Junior Honor Society during the 2006-07 school year. McVay acted as president, Zuniga as secretary and McElwain as vice president. PJHS joined the national honor organization this year. The charter group consisted of 48 seventh graders and 33 eighth graders. Kelli Aderholt served as faculty adviser. Each member was required to perform one community service project which were presented during an end-of-year party.

Texas monthly oil, gas statistics announced by state railroad commission

AUSTIN — The Texas Railroad Commission issued a total of 1,711 original drilling permits in March 2007 compared to 1,844 in March 2006. The March total included 1,508 permits to drill new oil and gas wells, 38 to re-enter existing well bores, and 165 for re-completions. Permits issued in March 2007 included 284 oil, 490 gas, 880 oil and gas, 49 injection, two service and six other permits. Texas preliminary February 2007 crude oil production averaged 905,111 barrels daily, up from the 902,676 barrels daily average of February 2006. The preliminary Texas crude oil production figure for February 2007 is

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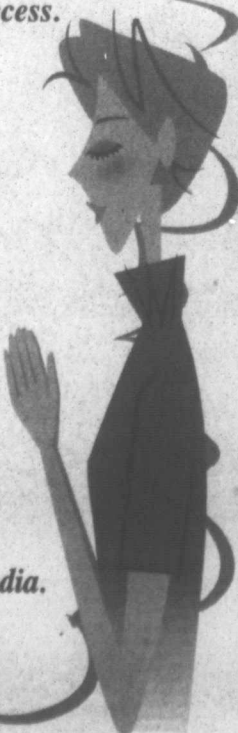
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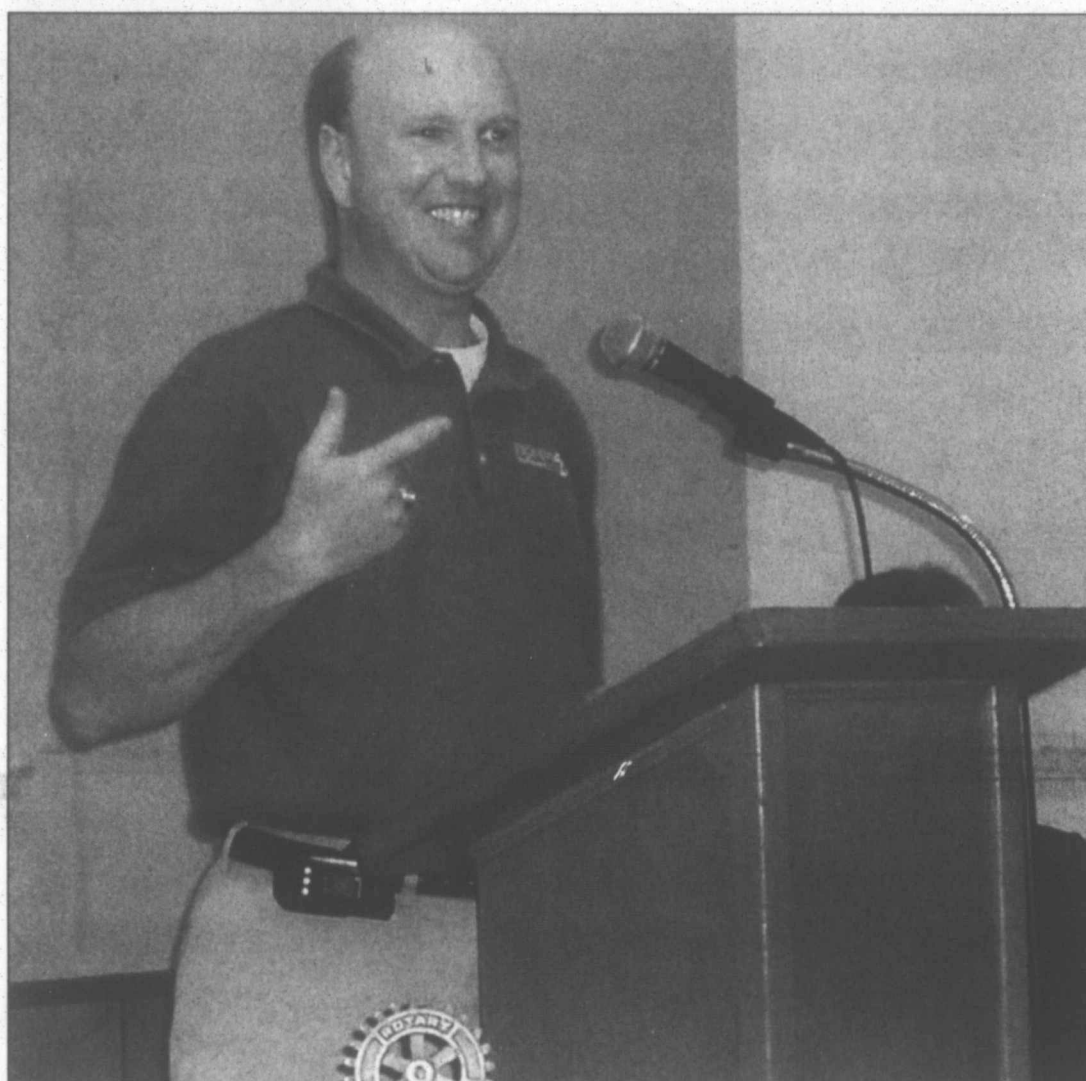
New Altrusans



Kelly Porter, from left, Linda Shackelford and Laura Martin were recently initiated as new members of Altrusa International, Inc., of Pampa.

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Rotary Club



Steve Kersh, meteorologist with KVII-TV in Amarillo, recently addressed a meeting of the Pampa Rotary Club. Kersh has been with the station since 1997. He discussed the station's coverage in the area — KVII has 84 weather stations — and current weather patterns.



Dixon scholarship award

COURTESY PHOTO

Michael Foreman recently received the Billie Dixon Scholarship award, given to an ASTRA member in memory of the late Billie Dixon, president of Altrusa when ASTRA was organized. Eileen Kludt and Rochelle Lacy, ASTRA coordinators, made the presentation. Above, from left: Kludt, Foreman and Lacy.



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The Commission's estimated final production for February 2007 is 26,541,834 barrels of crude oil and 423,476,033 Mcf (thousand cubic feet) of gas well gas.

The Commission derives final production numbers by multiplying the preliminary February 2007 production totals of 25,343,105 barrels of crude oil and 382,164,094 Mcf of gas well gas by a production adjustment factor of 1.0473 for crude oil and 1.1081 for gas well gas. (These production totals do not include casinghead gas or condensate.)

Texas natural gas storage reported by the Commission for March 2007 is 273,646,299 Mcf compared to 276,418,435 Mcf in March 2006. The April 2007 gas storage estimate is 284,984,737 Mcf.

The Texas Railroad Commission's Oil and Gas Division set initial May 2007 natural gas production allowables for prorated fields in the state to meet market demand of 19,408,772 Mcf (thousand cubic feet).

In setting the initial May 2007 allowables, the Commission used historical production figures from previous months, producers' demand forecasts for the coming month, and adjusted the figures based on well capability.

These initial allowables will be adjusted after actual production for May 2007 is reported.

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25,343,105 barrels, an increase from 25,299,033 barrels reported during February 2006.

In March 2007, operators reported 370 oil, 697 gas, 12 injection and five other completions compared to 520 oil, 787 gas, 39 injection and zero other completions during March 2006.

Total well completions for 2007 year to date are 3,683 up from 3,399 recorded during the same period in 2006.

Operators reported 536 holes plugged and seven dry holes in March 2007 compared to 352 holes plugged and zero dry holes in March 2006.

Texas oil and gas wells produced 435,771,712 Mcf (thousand cubic feet) of gas based upon preliminary production figures for February 2007, up from the February 2006 preliminary gas production total of 389,177,648 Mcf.

Texas production in February 2007 came from 138,837 oil and 77,340 gas wells.

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 June 11 - 15
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 Cost is \$50
 Questions contact - coach Troy Fry at 662-8055 or 665-5113, athletic office at 669-4830

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 June 4 - 8
 Lady Harvester Field

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 Cost is \$70
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 Extra cost is \$30
 Questions contact - athletic office at 669-4830

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PHS track closed

The Pampa High School track and stadium will be closed for public use June 4 - Sept. 7 due to track reconstruction.

Diamondbacks rookie achieves five-hit game

By The Associated Press

Matt Reynolds could have hit for the cycle. He just hit the ball too far.

The Diamondbacks' rookie came up in the eighth inning Friday night needing a double to complete the cycle. His shot to right field had a little too much behind it, however, clearing the wall for his second homer of the game and Arizona routed the struggling Houston Astros 13-3.

Reynolds, who 10 days ago was an obscure Double-A infielder, went 5-for-5 two home runs, a triple and four RBIs.

"I mean, I was trying to hit a double," Reynolds said with a chuckle. "I'll take a fence-scraper any day. I'm just glad I didn't strike out."

Reynolds is batting .459 (17-for-37) with eight extra-base hits and 11 RBIs in his

first 10 big league games. "It's unbelievable," Reynolds said. "It's been a great ride so far."

Reynolds was promoted after Chad Tracy, the Diamondbacks' regular third baseman, went on the disabled list with a rib cage injury. Brian Barden, the third baseman at Triple-A Tucson, also was hurt, opening the door for Reynolds.

Manager Bob Melvin looked smart for batting Reynolds in the cleanup spot for the first time on Friday night.

"It wasn't much of a move," Melvin said. "It was easy to do. He's just going about his business. I don't think he knows where he's hitting in the lineup to tell you the truth."

For the record, Melvin said Reynolds will be back in the No. 4 hole for his 11th major league game.

Summer softball leagues

The City of Pampa Recreation Department will offer the following leagues for Summer Softball:

Men's Open
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The entry deadline is May 30 at 5 p.m. There will be no teams added after this date.

Schedules will be available after 1 p.m. on June 6, 2007 at the Recreation Office.

Play will begin the week of June 11th.

Roster forms, fact sheets and bylaws are available at the Recreation

Office at City Hall, Room 204 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5p.m. Monday through Friday or on the internet at www.cityofpampa.org

If you have any questions or would like more information on the Summer Softball Leagues, please call 669-5740 during business hours.

Former Tour de France champion Bjarne Riis admits to doping

COPENHAGEN, Denmark (AP) — Bjarne Riis became the first Tour de France winner to admit using performance-enhancing drugs to win the sport's premier race, further eroding cycling's credibility after a series of doping confessions. His admission Friday means the top three finishers in the 1996 Tour have all been linked to doping — and two have admitted cheating.

The retired Dane said he used the blood-booster EPO from 1993 to 1998, including during his 1996 Tour victory, confirming years of speculation that he benefited from banned substances. He also admitted taking cortisone and human growth hormone, but didn't say when. "I have taken doping. I have taken EPO," Riis said at a televised news conference. "I have made errors and I would like to apolo-

gize." EPO — or erythropoietin — is a synthetic hormone that stimulates the production of oxygen-carrying red blood cells.

Riis said he no longer considered himself a worthy winner of the Tour, and indicated he would be willing to give back the title.

"My jersey is at home in a cardboard box," said Riis, now manager of the Danish team CSC. "They are welcome to come and get it. I have my memories for myself."

Cycling's governing body said even though time limits for sanctioning Riis have expired, it "urges the former rider to return his yellow jersey, the symbol of his victory."

Tour director Christian Prudhomme used even stronger words:

"Bjarne Riis said himself

that he is did not deserve to have won the Tour in 1996 because he cheated. I think the same thing, because he has soiled the yellow jersey," Prudhomme told The Associated Press when reached by telephone. "Seeing as he did not deserve to win, does he deserve to lead a major cycling team?"

Riis' confession comes while 2006 Tour winner Floyd Landis tries desperately to keep his jersey and awaits a ruling in his doping case.

Landis tested positive for synthetic testosterone and could be stripped of his title and banned for two years if found guilty. An arbitration panel considered his case in a nine-day hearing that ended this week. Prudhomme already said he didn't consider Landis to be last year's winner.

Tocchet, former NHL player, coach pleads guilty in gambling case

MOUNT HOLLY, N.J. (AP) — The case began loudly in February 2006 when New Jersey authorities announced a former hockey star and a state trooper had been charged with running a gambling ring that had ties to organized crime.

Wayne Gretzky was dragged into it, along with his actress-wife Janet Jones, on the eve of the Turin Olympics. But it was settled with little fanfare Friday as the former player, Rick Tocchet, pleaded guilty to promoting gambling and conspiracy to promote gambling in a plea deal that may spare him jail time.

The case looked much milder at the end than it did 15 months ago, when it appeared it might inflict a serious blow to a sport that was struggling to regain fans after a season-long lockout the year before.

But the worst suspicions were not substantiated. There didn't seem to be mob ties or betting on hockey. No other hockey figures are being charged or will have to testify in a criminal trial.

"I'm sure everyone recalls the manner in which the case was initially announced and

described," said Kevin Marino, the defense lawyer for Tocchet. "I think (Friday's) proceeding speaks for itself."

It was two days after the 2006 Super Bowl when State Police Col. Rick Fuentes announced the charges against Tocchet, Trooper James Harney and a third man, James Ulmer.

Fuentes said that during a 40-day stretch that had just ended, they had handled bets totaling \$1.7 million from a list of gamblers that included a movie star and other hockey figures.

Quickly, the prospect developed of a trial featuring a cavalcade of hockey players as witnesses. Even Gretzky, hockey's greatest player and a friend of Tocchet's, was caught on an investigative wiretap discussing how his wife could avoid being implicated.

It turned out Jones didn't have much to worry about. Authorities didn't charge her, or any other bettors, because placing bets — even with a bookmaker — is not illegal in New Jersey.

While Tocchet was the big name in the case, it became clear in coming months that

the corrupt state trooper was the main target for law enforcement.

Even after Tocchet pleaded guilty on Friday, state Criminal Justice Director Gregory A. Paw's most damning words were about Harney, who Paw said took bets while sitting in his patrol car watching traffic.

Harney agreed to help prosecutors in a deal that could get him up to seven years in prison.

Ulmer, who had a lesser role in the bookmaking operation, pleaded guilty later last year. His sentence will be up to a judge, but authorities said they would ask for it to be between six months and a year in jail.

Tocchet, who spent 2,970 minutes — or the equivalent of more than two days — in the penalty box during his 22-year NHL career, may not serve any jail time at all.

Under state law, he could be sentenced to up to 10 years in prison. But, as his lawyer emphasized, the third-degree crimes he pleaded guilty to usually do not result in incarceration for people like Tocchet who have had no other brushes with the law.

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It's exciting to now have another alternative for the treatment of prostate cancer that has proven to be so effective; the outcomes have been very good, Grabato said. Grabato received his training for this procedure at both UCLA and Baylor.

Cryotherapy can be performed under regional anesthesia on an outpatient basis, but depending on your circumstances an overnight stay may be required. In most cases, the procedure takes less than two hours. An insertion template is placed against the perineum. Ultra-thin needles are easily guided via the template and inserted through the perineum into the prostate. Argon gas circulating through these needles generates very low temperatures causing the formation of iceballs. The iceballs combine to create a frozen region that conforms to the size and shape of the prostate. The freezing process is lethal to all cells and thoroughly ablates all prostatic tissue. The needles are easily inserted and guided to their target locations using an ultrasound probe. Moreover, the entire procedure, including the freezing and thawing process, is carefully monitored in real-time with ultrasound imaging.

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The traditional screening procedure for detecting prostate cancer is by DRE (digital rectal exam). The exam is quick and generally painless and can be a good indicator that further tests are necessary. An additional screening method that has revolutionized prostate cancer detection is a simple blood test to check PSA (Prostate Specific Antigen) level. If the DRE or PSA level indicates that cancer may be present, your doctor will perform an ultrasound and biopsy of the prostate. Biopsies of the prostate are taken with tiny hollow needles inserted through the thin rectal wall. Biopsy is the only definitive way to diagnose the presence of prostate cancer.



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Lifestyle

Senior prom: A night to remember



Gavin Eggleston and Nikki Brown got a "lift" to the prom by sitting on a platform which rested on the business end of a forklift.

The audience and participants in this year's Pampa High School Prom, held May 19, took changes in the usual prom routine in stride as vehicles deposited promgoers at the edge of the red carpet at M.K. Brown Civic Auditorium.

Recent landscaping prompted the change in routine. Newly planted grass was roped off, and spectators were asked not to bring lawn chairs but to sit in grandstands placed on the pavement.

Vehicles stopped at the curb on the northeast corner of the building rather than directly across from the east doors of the auditorium. Passengers alighted to a longer walk to the door than usual.

What didn't change was the variety

of vehicles used to get to that red carpet. Antique and classic cars were present, as well as more recent models. Joining them were a fire engine, a military vehicle, a moving van and other motorized transportation, even a forklift. At least one conveyance, a shopping cart, relied on muscles rather than a motor to move.

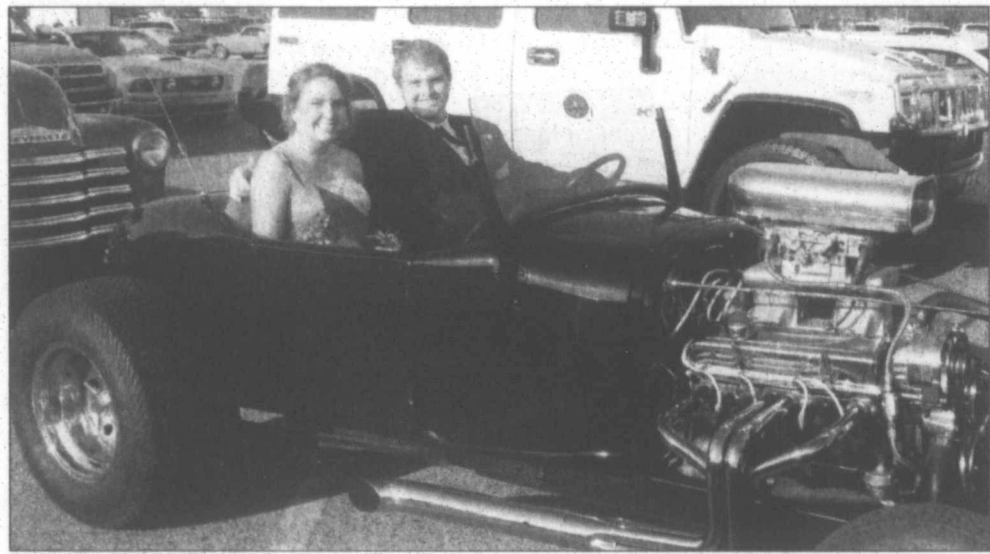
The theme of this year's prom was "Diamonds Are Forever," a James Bond movie.

Prom gowns represented every shade of the rainbow, and were often complemented by matching colors for the men. Beads and sequins on the gowns were echoed in the decorations, which included mirrored disco balls hung from the ceiling and a handful of "diamonds" at every table.



Connor Key and Katie Kirkpatrick

Pampa News text and photos by Marilyn Powers



Warm, dry weather allowed Jenee Norris and Clint Devoll to wait in line comfortably in a 1927 T-bucket roadster.



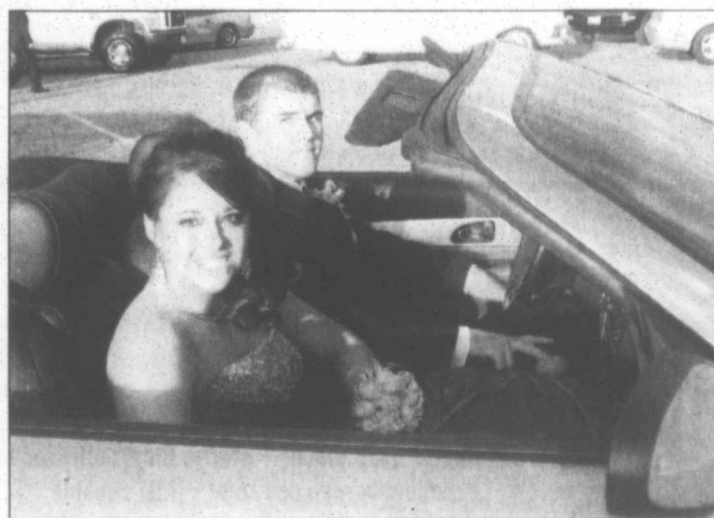
Lori Presson and Ashton Ray



Isela Resendiz and Cesar Marrufo perch atop a 1992 Corvette.



Unlike most prom vehicles, a shopping cart was powered not by an engine but by Kayleen Stallings as she pushed Adam Hagerman to the red carpet.



Nicole Clark and James Coffee arrive in a 2004 Thunderbird.



A military vehicle is the means of transportation for Deidra Williams and Andrew Van Houten.



◀ Ashley Owen and Lex Rabel are ready to go in a 1987 custom S-10.



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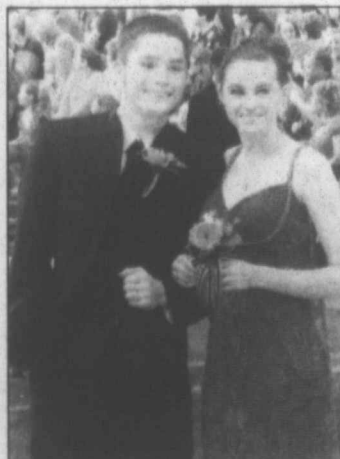
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Luis Lopez and Diana Castillo



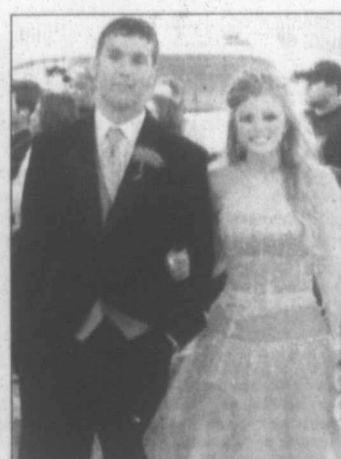
Nick Millikan and Michelle Linder wait their turn in a 1925 Touring T.



Justin Curtis and Telissa Sealy



Oscar Figueroa and Briana Stephens



Devan Shults and Maegan Patterson



Monica Schepp and Bradley Johnson

Menus

Week of May 28-June 1

PISD Summer Nutrition Program

MONDAY-TUESDAY
Closed.

WEDNESDAY
Breakfast: Sausage, biscuits.

Closed.
WEDNESDAY
Mini twin cheeseburgers, cheese portion, peach cup.

Senior Citizens MONDAY
Closed.

FRIDAY
Catfish/hushpuppies or Swiss steak, potato wedges, broccoli/cheese, beans, fun-fetti cake or tapioca cups, slaw, tossed or jello salad, garlic bread sticks, hot rolls or cornbread.

Meals On Wheels MONDAY
Closed.

TUESDAY
Sausage/rice casserole, green beans/tomatoes, pears, cornbread salad.

WEDNESDAY
Chicken spaghetti, pickled beets, peas, pineapple.

THURSDAY
Swedish meatballs/noodles, lima beans, carrots, applesauce.

FRIDAY
Oven-fried chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, jello.

Club news

Club news is published strictly on a first come, first serve basis due to space limitations. The deadline each week for Sunday's paper is Wednesday at 5 p.m., (Tuesday at 12 noon on holidays such as Thanksgiving and Christmas.) The deadline does not guarantee publication that week. Thank you.

Genealogical Society
Gray County Genealogy Society will meet at 7 p.m. Monday at Lovett Memorial Library in Pampa. Jeanette Perrin Coaly of Hollis, Okla., will present the program, "Revealing Our Roots."

Coaly is an experienced genealogist with three Web sites and a 75,000 database.

The meeting is open to the public.

Born in Wheeler, Coaly briefly lived at the Coltexo Plant at Lefors before attending school in Shamrock and Abilene. She and her husband, Delbert, raised four children in Arizona.

She has been a regular visitor to courthouses, libraries and family history centers in Phoenix, Mesa and Baghdad, Ariz. She gathered her mother's records and searched out her first 1,500 names, posted them onto a disk before purchasing her first home computer in 1998. That beginning has grown to an online database of more than 75,000 connecting relatives.

Red Hat Dollies

The Red Hat Dollies of Pampa met May 17 at Pampa Senior Citizens Center with Helene Baumgardner presiding in the absence of Shirley Nicholson. Among those present were two guests, Christine Driver and Karen Kinzer.

The following business was conducted and announcements made:

—Emilie Schneider delivered the treasurer's report.

—Jean Meeker, Geneva Barton and Schneider won prizes.

—Baumgardner gave a demonstration on making hand-made red hats for summer.

—Members sang accompanied by Rita Geiger on the piano.

—Past years' club activities were reviewed.

—Pam Dennon read "Lines of Humor."

The next meeting will be at 11 a.m. June 21 at Pampa Senior Citizens Center.

TEEA

Texas Extension Education Association of Gray County met May 19 at the home of hostess Madeline Gawthrop with

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Bridal Registry...

Morgan White and Blake Baldrige
Emily Curtis and Chris Hicks
Meredith Hendricks and Brett Aiken
Rebekah Warner and Zachary Elliott
Teryn Stowers and Vince Gonzalez
Jennifer Schroeder and Leif Claassen
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where Jesus uses the common element of water to teach some uncommon lessons. Kids will be challenged to plunge into obedience, worship, courage, faith and service.

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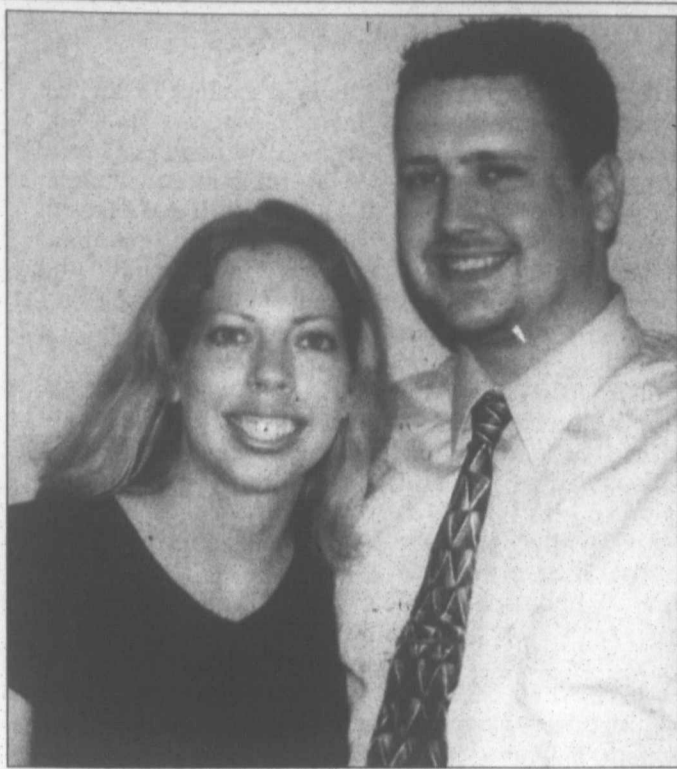
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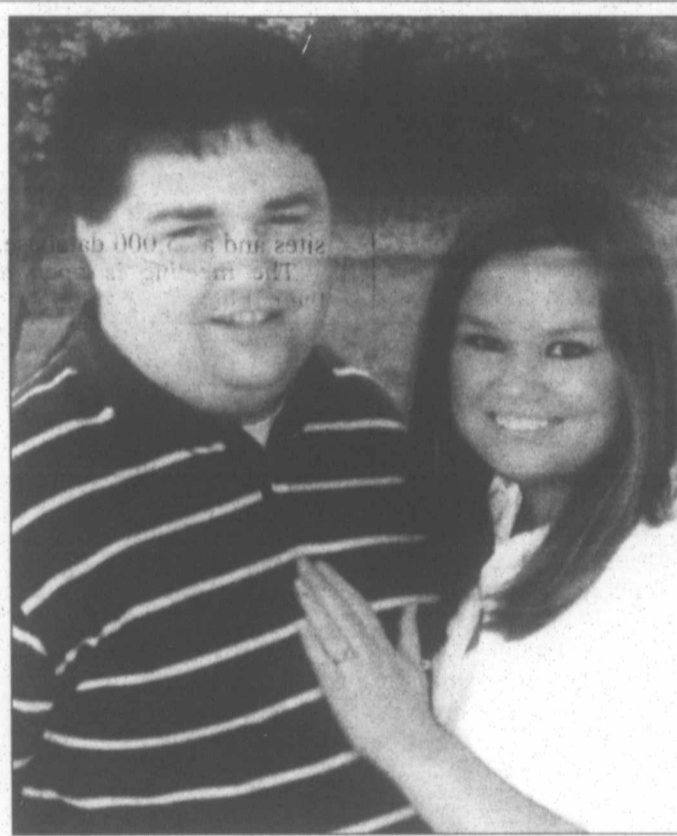
Green/Thompson

Kelli Renee Green of Frisco and James Andrew Thompson of Frisco plan to wed June 30 in Lake Tahoe, Nev.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Ms. Linda Olson of Pampa and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Kent Green of Plainview. She graduated from the University of North Texas in 2004 with a Master of Science degree in Library and Information Sciences. She is currently employed at Corbell Elementary in Frisco, Texas.

The prospective groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Aeri Thompson Jr. of Arlington. He graduated from the University of Texas-Arlington in 2002 with a bachelor of science degree in Management Information Systems and was a member of Pi Kappa Phi fraternity. He is currently the Information Technology Manager for Studio Movie Grill, Inc.

A reception for the couple will be held July 21 in Arlington.



Roach/Lancaster

Rachelle Roach of San Marcos and Todd Lancaster of Austin plan to wed Aug. 3 at St. Ann's Church in Canyon. The bride-to-be is the daughter of Steve and Jean Roach of Canyon. She graduated from Canyon High School in 2002 and Texas State University, cum laude, in 2006. She is employed as a teacher in the San Marcos school district. The future groom is the son of Michael and Kim Lancaster of Pampa. He graduated from Pampa High School in 1998 and attended Amarillo College. He is currently employed by Dell Financial Services in Austin.

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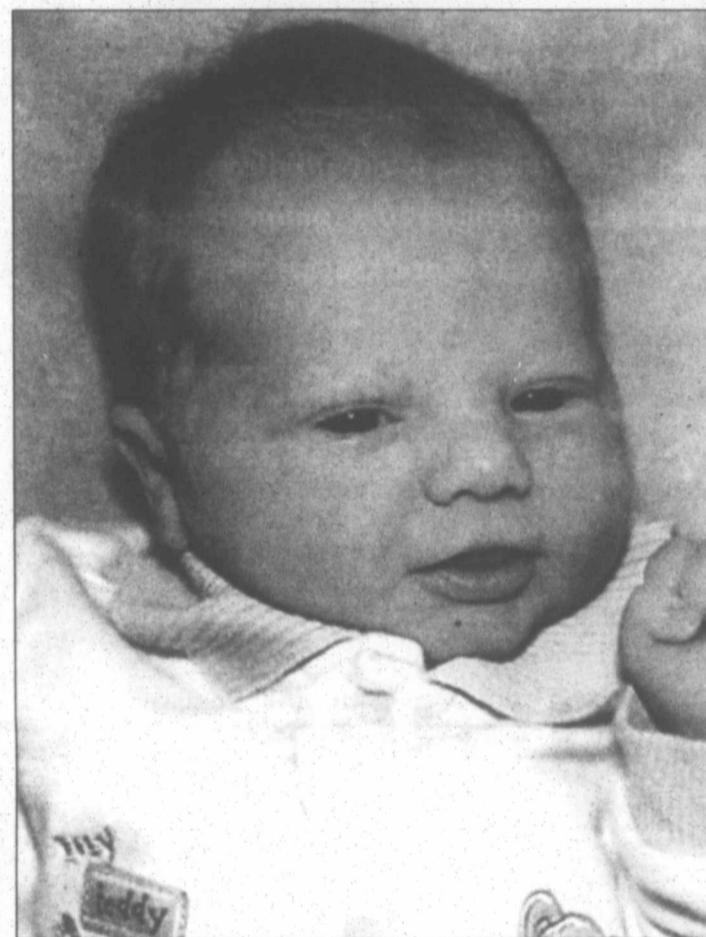
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Cradle call



Boston E. Ziegelgruber

Boston Edward Ziegelgruber was born at 10:01 a.m. April 5 at Allen Presbyterian Hospital in Allen, Texas, to Chad and Aubrea Ziegelgruber of Allen. At birth, the infant weighed 8-pounds, 15-ounces and was 19½-inches long. The newborn is the grandchild of Terry and Vicky Ward, and Lee and Carol Ziegelgruber, all of Pampa.



Kylan James Leach

Kylan James Leach was born at 6:15 p.m. March 7 at Pampa Regional Medical Center to Les and Terri Leach of Miami. At birth, the infant weighed 8-pounds, 2-ounces and was 21-inches long. The newborn is the brother of sisters Caitlyn and Kensley of Miami; and is the grandson of Jim and Janie Tolbert of Miami, and Don and Allene Leach of Texhoma, Okla.

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NEWSMAKERS

Shawn David Strate, a 2001 Pampa High School graduate, recently received his master's degree in urban planning from the University of Illinois - Champaign-Urbana.

Strate graduated in December 2004 from Oklahoma State University with a bachelor's degree in political science and geography and is certified in geographic information systems/global positioning systems technology.

Strate is the son of L.D. and Lois Strate, former long-time Pampa residents. He is married to Afton (Eiland) Strate from Jenks, Okla.

Strate is employed by Bucher, Willis & Ratliff Corp., an engineering, architecture and consulting firm. His holds the position of community planner and works at BWR's home office in Kansas City, Mo.

Taylor Ranney, a sixth grader at Pampa Junior High School, was recently named to "Who's Who Among Outstanding Students in America."



Ranney

maintains an A average at PJHS where she participates in band, soccer and drama. She was a member of the Art Club. Honors and accomplishments include Duke Talent Search, honor roll, Reading Award, spelling bee and Academic Achievement Award.

Ranney was commended for performance on the TAKS test in English, reading, math and science. A poem she wrote titled "The Midnight Light" was published in the Anthology of Poetry by Young Americans 2006 Edition.

Ranney enjoys acting, arts and crafts, computers, dancing, music, video games, writing and more.

She is the daughter of Roger and Kelli Ranney.

Carrie L. Angel of Pampa was recently awarded membership into the National Society of High School Scholars in recognition of academic achievement and excellence while a student at Pampa Learning Center.

Angel is the daughter of Vickie Daley and Steve



Angel

Angel, and is the granddaughter of the late Lee Hoover and the late James and Imogene Angel.

Hayden Wade, a 2003 graduate of Pampa High School, recently graduated from Texas A&M University in College Station with a bachelor's degree in biomedical science.



Wade

Wade has been accepted into an accelerated nursing program at TCU in Fort Worth, where he will complete his bachelor of science in nursing and pursue a career as a nurse anesthetist.

Wade is the son of Kevin and Ann Wade of Canyon, formerly of Pampa; and is the grandson of Johnnie and Shirley Wade, and Linda Duncan, all of Quanah.

The United States Achievement Academy recently announced that Bobby Sikes and Rachal Nunn, both of Pampa, were named



Sikes

United States National Leadership and Service Award Winners.

The Academy bestows USAA awards upon fewer than 10 percent of all American high school students.

All USAA award-winners will appear in the USAA Official Yearbook, published nationally.

"Recognizing and supporting our youth is more important than ever before in America's history," said Dr. George Stevens, USAA executive director. "Certainly, United States Achievement Academy winners should be congratulated and appreciated for their dedication to excellence and achievement."

The Academy selects USAA winners based upon the exclusive recommendation of teachers, coaches, counselors and other qualified sponsors. Other criteria includes academic performance, interest and aptitude, leadership qualities, responsibility, enthusiasm, motivation to learn and

improve, citizenship, attitude and cooperative spirit and dependability.

Sikes is the son of Rhonda and Danny Holman and the late Robert Sikes of Pampa and is the grandson of Jo Sikes of Pampa and Margie and Virgil Jones of Fort Worth.

Nunn is the daughter of Raymond and Rebekah Nunn of Pampa and is the granddaughter of Ed and Marylynn Black of Cambria, Calif., the late Ruth Black and the late Thelma Webb, both of Pampa.

WEATHERFORD, Okla. — Southwestern Oklahoma State University recently announced its President's and Dean's honor rolls for the 2007 spring semester. To be eligible for the President's Honor Roll, a student must earn all A's while enrolled in 12 or more semester hours. Students named to the list include Jared Smith Prock and Erin Renay Raber, both of Pampa; and Morgan Leigh Hill and Lauren Elizabeth Maxey, both of Miami.

To be eligible for the Dean's Honor Roll, a student must earn a 3.5 grade point average or higher while enrolled in 12 or more semester hours.

Students named to the list include Narcisso Soliz Jr. and Whitney Marie Wichert, both of Pampa; Charles Rutledge-Morgan of Canadian; Abigail Wilson of Miami; and Shanna R. Horton of Wheeler.

SAN ANGELO — Benjamin D. Frogge recently graduated cum laude from Angelo State University with a bachelor of science degree.

PLAINVIEW — Wayland Baptist University recently announced students named to its Dean's List for the 2007 spring semester.

To qualify for the Dean's List, a student must maintain a between a 3.5 and 3.99 grade point average for the semester. Students named to the list include Sarah Langford, daughter of Mark and Sandra Langford; and Stephanie Nelson, daughter of Ron and Robin Nelson.

VERNON — Jackie Gerber of Pampa was recently awarded the "Dr. Thomas A. and Ethel S. King" by the scholarship committee at Vernon College.

Club

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President June Rowin presiding and serving as co-hostess. Twelve members and one guest were present.

The following business was conducted and announcements made:

—Rowin presented awards for the year in the

absence of Extension Agent Joan Gray-Soria. Gawthrop received the Woman of the Year award and Belle Lee earned Member of the Year award. Certificates were awarded to Baumgardner (65 years of service), Leny Howard (52 years of service), Geneva Barton (31 years of service), Lee (28 years of service), Maxine Bennett (20 years of service), and Mary Ann Bailey

(15 years of service).

—Plans for a November district meeting in Pampa were discussed.

—Gawthrop gave an account of responsibilities by the local chapter for a state meeting at Tyler in September.

The next meeting will be in August.

—Altrusa Altrusa International Inc.,

of Pampa met May 22 at First United Methodist Church with President Joan Gray-Soria presiding. Lindsey New attended as a guest.

The following business was conducted and announcements made:

—Eileen Kludt, ASTRA chair, presented the Billie Dixon Scholarship to Michael Foreman. Kludt also introduced Foreman's parents, Synda and Scott

Foreman, and his brother, Myles Foreman, who attended as guests.

—Mary McDaniel conducted an initiation ceremony for new members Laura Martin, Kelly Porter and Linda Shackelford.

—Gray-Soria delivered the president's annual report and passed the pin and gavel to incoming president, Terri Williams. After presenting the president's pin and plaque to the outgoing presi-

dent, Williams announced her theme, "Helping Hands and Caring Hearts," and her goals for the next year.

—Brenda Tucker, District Nine governor, installed the club officers for 2007-2008.

—The Gal-Events social will be at 6:30 p.m. May 29 at the home of Annette Chase of Pampa.

The next meeting will be at 12 p.m. June 12 at First United Methodist Church.

PROPERTY TAX PROTEST AND APPEALS PROCEDURES

The law gives property owners the right to protest actions concerning their property tax appraisals. You may follow these appeals procedures if you have a concern about:

- *the values placed on your property
- *any exemptions that may apply to you
- *the cancellation of an agricultural exemption
- *the taxable status of your property
- *the local governments which should be taxing your property
- *any action taken by the appraisal district that adversely affects you

Informal Review

The first option a taxpayer may use to protest a value is to visit with the chief appraiser or a staff member. Records on individual properties are available for review by every taxpayer. This informal review is to the benefit of the taxpayer, as many protests are resolved at this level.

Review by the Appraisal Review Board

If you cannot resolve your problem with the appraisal district staff, you may have your case heard by the Appraisal Review Board (ARB).

The ARB is an independent board of citizens that reviews problems with appraisals or other concerns listed above. It has the power to order the appraisal district to make necessary changes to solve problems. If you file a written request for an ARB hearing (called a notice of protest) before the deadline the ARB will set your case for a hearing. You will receive written notice of the time, date and place of the hearing. The hearing will be informal. You and the appraisal district representative will be asked to present evidence about your case. The ARB will make a decision based on the presented evidence. NOTE: You should not try to contact ARB members prior to the meeting. The law requires ARB members to sign an affidavit saying that they have not discussed your case prior to the ARB meeting.

Review by District Court

After the ARB decides your case you will be sent a copy of its order by certified mail. If you are not satisfied with the decision, you have the right to appeal to district court. If you choose to go to court, you must start the process by filing a petition within 45 days of the date you receive the ARB's order. If the appraisal district has appraised your property at \$1,000,000 or more you must file a notice of appeal with the chief appraiser within 15 days of the date you receive the ARB's decision.

Additional Information

You can also get a pamphlet describing how to prepare a protest from the appraisal district. You may obtain more information by contacting the appraisal district at the address or phone number before or by contacting the State Comptroller at the following address:

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May 27, 2007

Lifestyles Policy

1. The Pampa News will not be responsible for photographs used in announcing births, weddings, engagements or anniversaries. We also reserve the right to refuse publication of photographs of poor quality. Photographs cannot be returned unless they are accompanied by a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

2. All information must be submitted by 5 p.m. Wednesday (12 noon Tuesday before a holiday such as Thanksgiving or

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3. Engagement, wedding and anniversary news only will be printed on Sunday.

4. Engagement announcements will be published if the announcement is submitted at least one month before the wedding, but not more than three months before the wedding.

5. Bridal photos and information will not be accepted in The Pampa News office later than one month past the date of the wedding.

6. Anniversary announcements will be published for celebrations only of 25 years or more and will not be published more than four weeks after the anniversary date.

7. Birth announcements will only be published for 0- to 3-month-olds. (See form for more details.)

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DEAR ABBY: My husband and I are in our 60s and raising our 4-year-old grandson. His mother is incarcerated, and the father signed away his rights a couple of years ago. The child is starting to ask questions about his father. How much of the truth should we tell him? — **STUMPED IN CORPUS CHRISTI**

DEAR STUMPED: Be as honest with your grandson as you can without being cruel. Explain that when he was born, his father "wasn't ready" to be a father, so it was his wish that you take care of his son. If the boy asks where his father is, tell him he is "far away." (Even if he lives across town, emotionally he is far away.) As your grandson grows older, he will have to be told more of the truth. But the information he receives should be age appropriate. Please don't think your situation is unique. Millions of children today are being raised by their grandparents. Grandparents As Parents (GAP) is a support network where grandparents like you can share feelings and find support. The mailing address is: GAP, 22048 Sherman Way, Canoga Park, CA 91303. The Web site is www.grandparentsasparents.com. When you contact this organization, you may be surprised to learn how much company you have on this "adventure" of parenthood the second time around.

DEAR ABBY: I am in the process of a divorce. My wife said she doesn't love me anymore and found love in another man's arms. I poured out my heart to "Marta," a mutual friend of ours, and she helped me through it all. Marta also had a lot of issues, and I did the same for her. Later on, we found ourselves attracted to each other. However, we have decided not to pursue a

relationship because we don't want to hurt other people. Marta and my wife work together. (Also, Marta is still with someone else.) Should we dismiss our feelings for the sake of others or go for it for the sake of our happiness? — **CONFUSED IN TEXAS**

DEAR CONFUSED: If Marta is married, she owes it to her husband to see if they can work out their problems. If she's not married, then I see no reason why you and she should not give your relationship a chance and see where it leads. The fact that Marta works with your wife should have no bearing on the matter. P.S. Answering your question would have been simpler if you had made clear who the "others" are you would sacrifice your happiness for.

DEAR ABBY: A man I know is devastated by the loss of his 19-year-old son. The young man was a high school graduate, an excellent student and an athlete. The police are still investigating, but it seems he was just in the wrong place at the wrong time — a victim of random violence. I'm at a loss as to how to help my friend. Is there any kind of support group that might help him get through this? — **DAN IN DETROIT**

DEAR DAN: Yes, there is. It's the National Organization of Parents of Murdered Children, a group that was founded in 1978. With 300 chapters, it provides mutual support to people who have survived the violent death of a loved one as they seek to heal from their loss. It would be a kindness to refer your friend to the Web site: www.pomc.org, or give him the toll-free phone number: (888) 818-7662.

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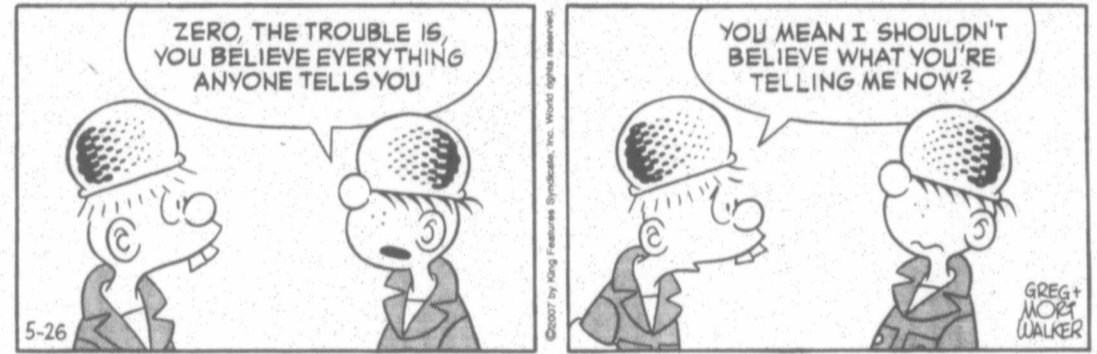
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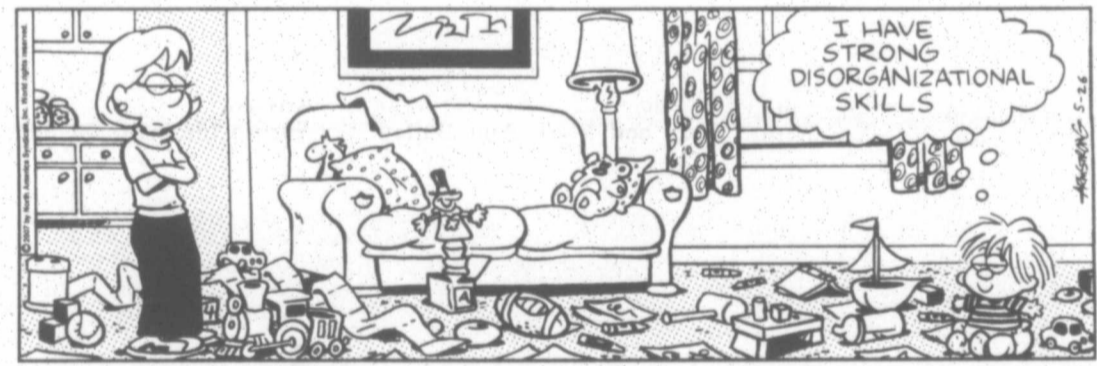
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5 Jest

10 Lose it

12 Crude carrier

13 Game site

14 Like acrobats

15 The piper's son

16 It comes to those who wait

18 Through musical pitch

19 Breaking into

22 Gaffer's tally

24 Stop

25 Heading to land

29 Tints

30 Out

32 Suffer

33 Utmost

34 Bill word

35 Court figure

37 Draw out

39 Musical sounds

40 Kitchen gadget

41 Speak

DOWN

1 Petty

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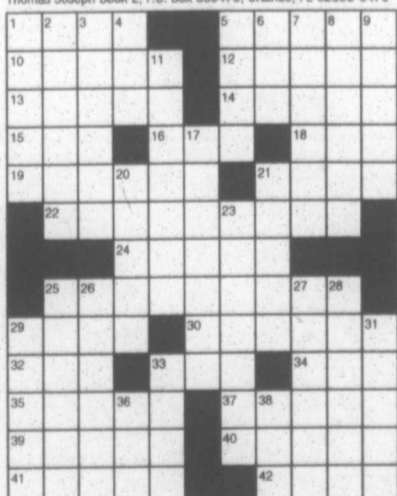
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MAY 31, 2007

Table of TV schedules for Thursday afternoon/evening. Columns include time slots (12pm, 12:30, 1pm, 1:30, 2pm, 2:30, 3pm, 3:30, 4pm, 4:30, 5pm, 5:30, 6pm, 6:30, 7pm, 7:30, 8pm, 8:30, 9pm, 9:30, 10pm) and network/channel names (KACV, KAMR, KCIT, etc.).

FRIDAY AFTERNOON / EVENING

JUNE 1, 2007

Table of TV schedules for Friday afternoon/evening. Columns include time slots (12pm, 12:30, 1pm, 1:30, 2pm, 2:30, 3pm, 3:30, 4pm, 4:30, 5pm, 5:30, 6pm, 6:30, 7pm, 7:30, 8pm, 8:30, 9pm, 9:30, 10pm) and network/channel names (KACV, KAMR, KCIT, etc.).

SATURDAY AFTERNOON / EVENING

JUNE 2, 2007

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FEATURE STORY BOX containing three articles: 'EDUCATION, OTHER FAN BOOKLET', 'FEAR NOT FOUNDATION offers free to the public Lee Crull's "Ten Golden Rules for Safety"', and 'www.FreeEnterpriseInstitute.org on the World Wide Web'.

Mardi Gras Benefit honoree



Courtesy photo

2007 Mardi Gras Party Benefit honoree Emma Allen was awarded a check for \$13,510 to cover medical expenses due to cranial surgery. On hand were, back row from left, Wendy Henderson, Don Gerber and Valerie O'Brien. Front row from left, Terry Osby, Trina Hernandez, Emma Allen, Shelly McCullar, John Allen and Junior Wilkleblack. Not pictured is Christy Robinson.

Wind power stymied by some zoning rules

By PAUL J. WEBER
Associated Press Writer
MELISSA, Texas (AP) —

An orange flag marks where Gary Lisle planned to put up a 33-foot windmill behind his house. But that's about as far as his green idea got in this Dallas suburb.

Denied a building permit in March, Lisle joined the growing ranks of frustrated homeowners across the U.S. whose hopes of harvesting wind energy in their backyards have been dashed.

Some communities have outlawed residential turbines. Others entangle applicants in so much red tape that they simply give up.

"The fact is, we're dealing with ignorance," said Lisle, whose turbine would resemble a big pinwheel with three small blades spinning atop a flagpole.

Standoffs between cities and green-minded homeowners are becoming more common as interest grows in residential turbines. Backyard windmills are already an \$18 million-a-year industry in the U.S., and manufacturers think that could triple if wind got the

same local acceptance and federal incentives as solar energy systems, which typically involve nothing more intrusive than panels on the roof.

Zoning boards and neighborhood associations have heard complaints that the windmills would be unsightly, that the blades could break loose and fly into someone's yard, that a twister could knock a pole down or send it flying like a missile, or that the spinning blades would make too much noise. (Unlike big industrial wind turbines, the backyard varieties are barely audible.)

"Planning and zoning are the single biggest obstacle to wind energy in the United States," said Roy Butler, owner of Four Winds Renewable Energy in western New York, who often consults with local governments faced with turbine permit requests.

Local officials insist they are not environmentally close-minded; they are just following the rules and taking into account their constituents' concerns.

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, May 27, 2007:
Celebrate your birthday with the many caring people in your life. Festivities and happenings punctuate much of this coming year. Often you carry a lot of responsibilities and are pivotal in making events, work or daily life flow. Use self-discipline with eating and exercise. A business and/or personal partnership plays an intricate role in your year. You make quite a team. If you are single, you naturally relate well. Someone you meet close to your next birthday adds magic and adventure to your life. If you are attached, your significant other and, consequently, your relationship benefit from time together. Play Scrabble, paint a room and/or plan a trip. Just be together. LIBRA pitches in.

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)
★★★★ Getting your bearings this morning could be challenging. Once you are up and running, the day continues with the weekend's festive tones. Whether at a barbecue or visiting a friend really makes no difference. Invigorate a friendship. Tonight: Follow the action.
This Week: Others clearly want what they want. Let them have it!
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Know you are the blender that mixes all the elements of this holiday weekend. Your social skills might be only part of the picture. Your abilities to understand, plan a happening and help others feel at ease star. Tonight: Flipping the burger.
This Week: Be yourself. Allow others the same freedom.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Few weekends have the social and romantic potential of this one. Remember, you can squeeze in more than one invitation or barbecue, as long as you don't go overboard. A child or friend does an interesting dance around

you. Tonight: Add your special touch.
This Week: Plunge into work Tuesday — there's much to do but so little time!
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ If you want to entertain, do just that. Find the right time to bring special people together. Mind you, not everyone has to have something in common, other than knowing you. Go for easy, not complicated. Tonight: Nice and easy works.
This Week: Intrinsically you make the right decision and correct move.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Slow down and make calls to those who are not around you. Everyone likes catching up on news. Your thoughtfulness touches someone deeply. Good feelings touch you. Tonight: Drop in on several parties, if possible.
This Week: Others follow the leader — you!
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ Though you might not want to be concerned with expenses, you are. Perhaps this moment, this day, might not be the moment to halt spending. You also don't need to go hog-wild. A little less indulging wouldn't hurt! Tonight: Note all the warmth around you.
This Week: Break past restrictions through dynamic thinking.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Follow your natural inclinations, as ultimately they will not misguide you. Note that many are taking their cues from you. Be sensitive to this role, but enjoy the first unofficial weekend of summer. Tonight: Just dream it up.
This Week: Money dominates too many discussions. Get this issue under control.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★ Sometimes the less said the better. Still, you might be a bit taken aback by how someone has changed or an unexpected twist to the celebrations. Worry about this occurrence in a few days. Get into the many festivities. Tonight: Know when to call it a night.
This Week: Smile, and others naturally agree.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Your friends demand your

presence. Though you are a free spirit, you discover that this sudden popularity is fun and OK. Bring people together who might have never met each other. Wherever you are, you become the surrogate host or hostess. Tonight: Only where there are people.
This Week: Know when to take a break — like now.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Touch base with an older friend or relative who somehow might feel left out. Draw this person into your plans. Your sense of duty might detract from the carefree nature of the holiday. Tonight: A force to be reckoned with.
This Week: Whatever you touch seems to work — if not immediately, very soon.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Your mind might be on everything and everyone but the immediate. Your escapist tendencies might need to be indulged a touch. Make a call or reach out to someone at a distance. Your thoughtfulness is appreciated. Tonight: Opt for what you have not tried. Be adventurous.
This Week: Reach out for what you want. Step into leading your life.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Someone certainly demands your attention. You could find several people wanting to chat or share news. Make it your pleasure. Even at a party, you can pull back and have a private discussion. Be receptive to a loved one. Tonight: Finally, special time with a special person!
This Week: Work to see the big picture first, then decide.
BORN TODAY
Actor Todd Bridges (1965), former secretary of state Henry Kissinger (1923), actor Vincent Price (1911) ***

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Monday, May 28, 2007:
This year, many opportunities head in from different directions. Your libido and creativity reach new heights. Explore your options. Always honor who you are. Travel and education could play significant roles this year. If you are single, be ready for someone quite different and interesting to enter your life. Count on romance and excitement. This person might be quite significant to your life's history. If you are attached, agree to disagree. Learn to accept your differences rather than force one or the other to change his or her mind. SCORPIO presents many options.
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)
★★★★ You could be easygoing and let others make the first move. In fact, what is wrong with this idea? An important person or a domestic matter cannot be put on the back burner for much longer. Tonight: Make special time for a special person.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Pitch in and get the job done. Listen to what others have to share, and go along with their plans. Respond to a request that comes forward. You can make this day very special just by hanging out and enjoying others. Tonight: Just say "yes."
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ You wake up with a sense of mischief. Act on your whims. As the day progresses, help situations run more smoothly. Your presence puts the finish-

ing touches on a get-together. Tonight: Enjoy the ones you are with.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You come from a grounded position where caring naturally emanates. Let go and enjoy others. Let go of what you think should happen, and enjoy what is happening. Tonight: Who would think you are working tomorrow?
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Make calls and catch up on news. You also might want to make sure you and others are on the same page regarding plans. Choosing to be close to home adds to your comfort and allows others to respond to your hospitality. Tonight: Yes, your home is your castle.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You still might be juggling your finances, and the outcome could be uncertain for a while. Why not forget what is happening and get into the holiday celebrations and people? Visit and get to know a new person or two. Tonight: Celebrate the unofficial beginning of summer.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You wake up in the pink. Make a call to someone far away who has been on your mind. Expenses could add up later today. Be sensitive to your boundaries, and be a touch less agreeable. Make yourself No. 1. Tonight: Time to pitch in.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Though you act like a tortoise this morning, you energize as if you were a hare by the afternoon. Be queen or king of May. Allow yourself to relax and enjoy what is happening. Tonight: You have more choices than you think.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Use the morning to get together

with friends. You might want quieter plans by late afternoon. Make it OK to break from your usual pattern and choose a different type of activity or happening. If you want to be with one person, make it so. Tonight: Take your time.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Accept your role as chief in whatever might be happening. Others expect you to put plans together and execute them. The good news is, by the afternoon, you are out there living life to the max. Celebrate more often. Tonight: Live it up.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Take an overview this morning. Walking in another person's shoes might be very important for both of you. Accept that others need and depend on you. Step up to the plate and make what you want happen. Tonight: You're the lead actor, even if you think you are being subtle.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Work with one person at a time. You have a way of helping others really express their depth. If the opportunity presents itself, take off in the afternoon. You will like a change of pace and perhaps not having to always be responsible. Tonight: As you like, but it needs to be different.
BORN TODAY
Author Ian Fleming (1908), former mayor of New York City Rudolph Giuliani (1944), singer Kylie Minogue (1968) ***
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/s/ Karen Price
Interim City Secretary

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LEGAL NOTICE:
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