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A house on the south side of the 800 block of East Frederic is midway through demolition as the City of Pampa continues its cleanup campaign of various properties around town.

Cloud-seeding program gets little support

it.

By DAVID BOWSER The Pampa News

CLAUDE — Armstrong County Commissioner C.M. Bryant Jr. looked around the county judge's office where

tion program and its cost weather modification. effectiveness, the Armstrong County commission unanimously passed a resolution said the cost of the program

No one at the Armstrong

County commission meeting opposing the cloud seeding was a factor. No one said it was unnatural. Both reasons

fits of the weather modifica- assessments by supporters of complaints about the program, but nobody has been able to bring him any scientific information to refute its effectiveness.

Armstrong County last year. Wright said, was one of the counties that got the most benefit from the program. She explained that not all clouds are suitable for seeding, and the clouds that were seeded had to meet specific requirements. Wright said the clouds to be seeded must be buoyant with cauliflower structure and shiny white in color.

Water group to host hearing

SALES & RENTAL

AMARILLO - The Panhandle Regional Water Planning Group will hold a public hearing on the recommended scope of work elements of round three of the regional water plan this week.

Scheduled for 10 a.m. Wednesday in the boardroom of the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission, 415 W. 8th in Amarillo, oral and written comments will be taken.

Those comments will be considered during the group's 11 a.m. meeting that will follow the hearing.

The group will also discuss the budget for the 2011 regional water plan and consider authorizing Freese and Nichols, Inc., to develop a funding assistance application to be submitted to the Texas Water Development Board for continuation of funding for the regional 2011 state water plan.



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grime-faced farmers and ranchers had squeezed in and asked who was for the Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District's cloud seeding program. No one raised a hand.

Despite an extensive presentation by C.E. Williams, the groundwater district's manager, and general Jennifer Wright, the dismeteorologist, trict's designed to show the beneGray County can probably

program

expect pressure soon to pass a similar resolution, according to Jay O'Brien of Amarillo, who has ranching interests in Gray, Armstrong, Potter and Donley Counties, all within the Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District. O'Brien has long been opposed to the cloud seeding program, dismissing the district's data as flawed and review by others as

put forward by O'Brien.

While no one could mount a specific objection to the program, no one was for it.

Williams, general manager of the Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District, said he thinks there have been some misconceptions about the program, what it can and can't do and how much is being spent on

He said he's received

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Lamar to dismiss early

Lamar Elementary School will have an early dismissal Wednesday. Class will be dismissed at 1 p.m.



Don Emmons stands in front of a painting by Doug Pollard in the Freedom Museum. Emmons, a Korean War veteran, was a squad leader on a half track with four .50-caliber machine guns mounted on it like the one behind him in the painting.

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about Korea," Don Emmons said, standing in front of a mural in the Freedom Museum, "and he'll remember winter."

The mural shows a tank and a half-track with .50-caliber machines, like the one Emmons commanded, firing in a snow-covered landscape on a Korean village.

"That was part of the scorched earth policy of Gen. Ridgeway's," Emmons said.

After Gen. Douglas McArthur had been relieved by President Truman, Gen. Matthew Ridgeway took charge as U.S. forces withdrew from the Manchurian border in face of hordes of Chinese soldier when Communist China entered the war. His orders were to leave nothing behind for the Chinese, Emmons said.

Born in Iowa Park, Tex., on May

"Ask any Korean War veteran 26, 1930, Emmons moved to Pampa with his family in 1943, and graduated from Pampa High School in 1948.

"After I graduated from high school, I couldn't find a job so I

joined the Army," Emmons said. He was in the Second Infantry Division, the Indian Head Division, stationed at Fort Lewis, Washington, when the North Koreans flooded across the 38th Parallel and invaded South Korea on June 25, 1950.

Within days, they were loading. all their equipment on ships at Olympia, Wash., and getting replacements.

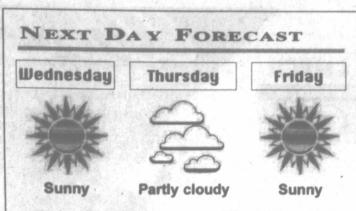
"We were down to about quarter strength," Emmons said. "They shipped us people form all over, trying to fill up our quota."

With their equipment already on the way across the Pacific, the See EMMONS, Page 3



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Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 78. Windy, with a south-southwest wind between 20 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

Wednesday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 43. Windy, with a south wind 20 to 25 mph becoming northeast. Winds could gust as high as 35 mph.

Thursday: A slight chance of showers, with thunderstorms also possible after 9 a.m. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 54. Windy, with a north wind between 20 and 30 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 38. North-northwest wind 5 to 15 mph becoming southwest. Winds could gust as high as 25 mph.

Friday: Sunny, with a high near 75. Southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph. Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 45. South wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

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Elijah William (E.W.) Osby, Jr., 58

Elijah William (E.W.) Osby, Jr., 58, of Pampa, died April 12, 2008, at Pampa. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

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Services tomorrow.

LANE, Sherry — 2:30 p.m., Cornerstone Baptist Church, Pampa.

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AMARILLO — Haley Suzanne Drennan, 1-year-5days-old, died April 9, 2008.

Funeral services were to be at 10 a.m. today, Tuesday, April 15, 2008, in Trinity Fellowship Church with John Love, Bo Williams and Dwayne Hollis, all Pastors at Trinity Fellowship Church, officiating.

Burial will be at Llano Cemetery East by Cox-LaGrone Funeral Home, 4180 Canyon Dr., in Amarillo.

Haley was born April 4, 2007, in Amarillo. As you read this, your first thought will be that Haley only lived such a short time, but this little life was one of the richest fullest life's I've ever witnessed.

She touched many lives, brought many people to prayer, softened many hearts, and most of all lead many people to the Lord.

Hugh W. Gracey, 75, a for-

mer Pampa resident, died

Saturday, April 12, 2008, at The Villages Regional

Memorial services are

scheduled at 10 a.m. Friday

in Hiers-Baxley Funeral

Services funeral home at The

Villages. Inurnment will be

Pampa, Texas, died April 14,

2008, at Amarillo, Texas.

Services are pending with

Carmichael-Whatley

March 15, 1934, in Antlers,

Okla. He had been a resident

of the Pampa area since

serving as an MP during the

Linden "Butch" Shepherd,

71, of April 14, 2008, at

Pampa, Texas. Services are

pending with Carmichael-

Whatley Funeral Directors.

Dec. 20, 1936, in Muskogee,

Okla., and had been a resi-

dent of Pampa since 1948.

He was a 1954 graduate of

Pampa High School and

graduated from Baptist Bible

College in Springfield, Mo.

Butch married Marilyn

Mr. Shepherd was born

Mr. McKnight was born

Funeral Directors.

Hospital.

THE VILLAGES, Fla. — at

Haley Suzanne Drennan, 1 Haley was known by those who loved her as "my little angel,"

gorgeous, Haley Girl, "my little yak-it-ti-yakyakins,", my little Haley-Coaster, beautiful, angelic, precious, sissy Lou, Haley Haley

Baby, baby girl. All these terms of love are

just an example of how those whole. who met her tried to put into good fight. You fulfilled words how truly special God has made this little girl. Haley was one of those Goodnight, baby girl. See

rare people that you meet you when Daddy and I get to that when she came into a Heaven to hold you, love room she brought such a you and play with you. --presence of the Lord with Love Mommy her you could not help but be touched. She truly is one of parents, Michael and Sondra Drennan, and her brother, His little angels. -Love

Daddy Michael Anthony Drennan, Haley's farewell from her all of Amarillo; her grand-

Hugh W. Gracey, 75

Florida Cemetery with full military honors. Mr. Gracey was born at Tulsa, Okla. He was a retired

colonel, serving 34 years and 34 days in the U.S. Army. He moved to Florida from

Enterprise, Ala., in 1997 and was a member of the

JERICHO — Sherry Cornerstone Lane, 64, of Jericho, former-Baptist Church in ly of Borger, died Sunday, Pampa, Texas, and April 13, 2008, at Baptist St. an advocate of the Anthony's Hospice in Susan G. Komen Breast

1943, in Delaware, Okla., to

Lamar

in

for

Sherry Lane, 64

Cancer

National belonged to The Village Masonic Lodge 394, Scottish Rite, MOAA and The Villages Golf Cart Drill

Mother: For my

Haley Girl, so

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est part of their

hearts. Go climb

up in the lap of our

heavenly father.

Run with Jesus

and fly with the

Angels. You are made

Haley you fought the

God's destiny for your life.

She is survived by her

Team. Mr. Gracey enjoyed golf and history.

Survivors include his wife, Donna, of The Villages; a son, Joe Gracey Presbyterian Church. He of Highland Village; two

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Rev. Doug Hixson, pastor,

officiating and burial at

Memory Garden Cemetery

Casket bearers will be

Services will be

Wednesday, April

2008,

handling horses.

Above all, he will

be remembered as

a loving husband,

father and grand-

father, spending

grandchildren and

Survivors

include his wife,

Shirley McKnight,

of the home; two

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husband Winfred Ron of Pampa, Texas, Vicky Perry Truelock and husband Harvey of

Borger, Texas.

mother, Linda "G-Ma" Whigham of Saginaw; her aunts and uncles, Susan and Keith Lee of Saginaw, and Stan and Angie Whigham of Amarillo; her uncle, Tony Hernandez of Pampa; her aunt and uncle, Al and Becky Erickson of Moore, Okla.; her aunt and uncle, Butch and Mary Ellen Rodiguez; her uncles, Lupe, Joe, Frank and Raymond Hernandez, and her aunt, Tia, all of Pampa; her uncle, Joaquin Hernandez of Seattle, Wash.; her aunt, Elizabeth Hernandez; her uncle and aunt, Robert and Lucy Cobb of Spring; and her cousins, Sarah, Aaron, Joshua, Alan, Khrista, Stephen and Katelynn and many other loving cousins. MEMORIALS: The fami-

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ly suggests memorials to Cooks Children's Hospital, Fort Worth, Texas.

daughters, Leslie Riley of Centennial, Colo., and Sara Robert of Edgewater, Md.; and four grandchildren.

MEMORIALS: Spencer Recovery, Inc., 1316 S. Coast Hwy., Laguna Beach, CA 92651 (specify for the Florida facility.)

Harold Cromer, Lindley, David Christian, Church, Kelly Williams and Buzz Britain. Family visitation will be

Paducah, Texas; 6-8:00 p.m., today, Tuesday, numerous April 15, 2008, at Brown's and Chapel Of The Fountains in

Sherry was born Aug. 10, Foundation Walk. She was preced-

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PATIENTS OF Dr. J. Scott Ellis, if you have requested your records, please have them picked up by April 16th.

TOWN HALL Meeting, 1964, in Springcreek, Texas. April 22nd for Levy of a Junior College District Headstart Branch Campus Maintenance Teacher College, Pampa Center.

Sherry worked as a Elementary at Tax, 7pm at the Clarendon Elementary in Pampa, Texas. She loved her job so much that she dreaded the summer break. She was a member and very active

Amarillo, Texas.

Orville and Ruby Mae ed in death by her (Dunn) Crupper. She marparents. ried Dave Lane on Dec. 11, She is survived

by her husband; a Lane son, Ron Lane and

wife Nikki of Guthrie, Cornerstone Baptist Church Texas; five sisters, Betty Blair of Oklahoma City, Okla., Phyllis Crupper of Pampa. Texas, Patsy Earnhart of Baton Rouge, La., Linda Simmons and

Loyd W. McKnight, 74

25 years, retiring in 1996, and then co-owned and operated his own until

> and husband Gary of Pampa, and Michelle McKnight of New Braunfels; one brother,

Linden 'Butch' Shepherd, 71

Survivors include his wife, Marilyn Shepherd, of the home; one son, Mike Shepherd and wife Christine of Pampa; three aunts, Hazel Buckley and Agnes Craig of Pampa, and Lorene Hussmann of Springfield, Mo.; two uncles, Bill Warford of Springfield, Mo., and Fred Warford of Muskogee, Okla.; and two cousins, Jerry Davis and Bill Davis, both of Pampa.

Mayo McKnight and wife Mary of Cushing, Okla.; one sister, Mozelle Crutcher and husband Pascal of Owasso, Okla.; 12 grandchildren including Codi Fowler, Cory Fowler and Shelby Wisdom, all of Pampa; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Loyd was preceded in death by his parents; and a brother, Derrill McKnight.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials to BSA Hospice, P.O. Box 950, Amarillo, TX 79105.

Butch was preceded in death by a daughter, Kimberly Rose Shepherd on July 6, 1987.

MEMORIALS: First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 621, Pampa, TX 79066-0621.

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1950. He graduated from member of the Lefors High School in 1954. Pampa Masonic Loyd married Shirley Lodge #1381 Teeters on January 15, 1955, AF&AM and was a Baptist. in Clovis, N.M. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army,

spending time on the ranch, tending cattle and especially

Loyd W. McKnight, 74, of Korean Conflict. Loyd worked Panhandle Industrial for over

He loved the outdoors,



Cox on June 22, 1956, in

Borger. He worked as a machinist for Panhandle Industrial and Grayco for about 40 years, retiring in 1996.

He was a member of the First Baptist Church for over 40 years and he taught the Everyman's Bible Class for over 30 years. He loved to play golf at Hidden Hills where he also worked in the pro shop.

Emergency Services

Ambulance

Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today. Monday, April 14

sonnel responded to a call for lifting assistance in the 1500 block of West Kentucky.

8:34 p.m. - One unit and two personnel responded to a possible fire in the

11:22 a.m. - One unit and four per- 1800 block of North Nelson. No fire was found.

9:10 p.m. - One unit and four personnel responded to the 1200 block of South Dwight on a medical call.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be made to Baptist St.

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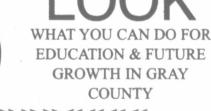
If your property has an assessed value of \$100,000 and the tax rate is set at 5 cents per \$100 of valuation, your tax would be \$4.17 per month.

Early voting by April 28th - May 6th will be at the Gray County Court House except Precinct 4 which will be at Lovett Memorial Library, 302 N. Main in McLean. Voting day is May 10th at your regular polling place.

TOWN HALL MEETING

April 22nd at 7PM at the Clarendon College Pampa Center

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Emmons

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troops sailed from Pier Nine in Seattle. It took 17 days to travel to Pusan, Korea, in

- an old World War II Liberty ship. Emmons said they had to train the new comers on their weapons on the way over. "They'd never been on our weapons

before," he said.

Most of the personnel that had been in the outfit for some time were promoted to at least corporal so there would be some leadership. They off loaded in Pusan the last day of

July, 1950.

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They moved up to the front the next day. "It was called the Pusan perimeter," Emmons said.

The North Koreans had pushed South Korean and U.S. forces down to the southern tip of the Korean peninsula, where the allied forces had formed a defensive perimeter around the port of Pusan.

On his third day in country, Emmons had his first taste of combat.

He was at a small seaport named Pohang Dong

"My half track was assigned to protect convoys going in and out of there," Emmons said

Volunteering his half-track with its four .50-caliber machine guns to help rescue a company of infantry pinned down in some rice paddies.

"I volunteered my crew," Emmons said. "I was squad leader.

That was where he earned his first Bronze Star for knocking out a machine gun nest with his carbine.

"We got that company of infantry out," he said.

Moving north as U.S and South Korean forces pushed the North Koreans back, Emmons and his outfit crossed the Naktong River.

"After we broke through there, it kind of broke the back of the North Korean army," Emmons said. "They started retreating."

U.S. forces were moving so fast at that time, a lot of the infantry were riding in trucks

Emmons and his unit were fighting up the middle of the peninsula as the Marines landed at Inchon on the eastern coast.

They linked up at Seoul.

Emmons' half track was part of the spearhead that led the way into North Korea in an effort to capture Pyongyang, the capital of North Korea, before they could evacuate their prisoners.

"When we got there, they had already evacuated the prisoners," Emmons said, "but we did capture one Russian officer. He was an advisor there.'

From there, Emmons and his unit pushed forward all the way to the Yalu River and the Manchurian border. Across the river was Communist China.

Up to that point, the war had been limited to fighting the North Korean army. That winter, the Chinese crossed the border and broke through the South Korean division on Emmons' left flank.

The South Koreans, Emmons said, didn't let anybody know about it.

"We'd been hearing rumors that the Chinese had come in," Emmons said, "but we didn't know for sure.'

After the South Korean division gave way, the Chinese flooded in behind U.S. troops.

"We didn't find out until it was all over that we were actually fighting four Chinese armies," Emmons said. "Not divisions, but armies.

Emmons' division, what was left of it, was ordered to delay the Chinese so the U.S. Eighth Army could pull back to below the 38th Parallel.

"We were in a valley that night and we. could hear the Chinese digging in on the slopes all around us," Emmons said.

The U.S. armor came in after dark, and Emmons said he doesn't think the Chinese knew it.

With the armor forming a line across the valley, the Chinese began blowing bugles at midnight and came charging down to meet a deadly fire.

"They sounded like a bunch of Comanche Indians," Emmons said. "We opened up, and there was so much fire going out that it looked like you could just walk on the tracers."

It was bitter cold.

Emmons said at the time he thought it must have been about 30 degrees below zero, but as it turned out, he found out later, it was only about 20 below.

"We had no winter clothes," he said. "All

All the equipment was left over from

But they still had to make it back to the 38th Parallel.

mountains. As their column withdrew to the south, the Chinese would hit a tank or a vehicle and the column would have to halt until could be moved out of the way.

"While the column was shut down," Emmons said, "the Chinese would come down out of the hills and take the dead from around the trucks and stack them across the middle of the road. They knew we wouldn't run over them."

That would further slow the column.

"We finally got out of there after dark." Emmons said.

He said he had five infantrymen holding on to his half track.

When they got to an aid station, medics had to come out and pour warm water over the men's hands because they were frozen to the armor.

On Christmas Day, 1950, Emmons and his unit were surrounded by the Chinese at Wonju, but the Air Force managed to airdrop Christmas dinner to them.

"The Chinese probably got as much of it as we did," Emmons said. "I'll bet there were a bunch of sick Chinese. They weren't used to that rich food."

It was one of the few hot meals that Emmons got during the 10 months he was in Korea

"Most of the time, we ate out of cans," he said. "They were good rations, but you get tired of it.

Emmons was in five major battles during those 10 months before he rotated out.

"I was there four seasons," Emmons said, "and there wasn't a season that I liked."

He said he lost a lot of good friends in Korea

According to the Second Infantry history, they lost 12 officers, 253 men and 26 M16 half tracks with the quad 50s like Emmons'.

Cloud

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Despite flying fewer missions on fewer days and seeding fewer clouds in 2007 than in 2006, Wright said cloud seeding produced 15,200 more acre-feet of rain.

In 2007, she said they produced an average of 2.80 additional inches of rain per acre across the district. In 2006, they produced 2.75 additional inches of rain per acre across the district.

The rainfall, Williams said, is based on radar readings

rainfall, Wright said, comes from Archimedes Ruiz, a meteorologist contracted by the state to review the district's program on a regular basis

Williams acknowledged that's an average. It would have rained in some places and not in others. He said they can only try to squeeze extra rain out of the clouds that are there. They can't direct the clouds in one direction or another.

Wright said that in answering critics of the program, she points to the review process

In addition to Ruiz, Wright said there has been independent review of the program by The amount of additional Dr. William Woodley of

Woodley Consultants.

Both Ruiz' and Woodley's studies were funded by the state and both indicated positive precipitation enhancement over the district.

Weather

"With Woodley's report," Wrights said, "Panhandle Groundwater's project was number one in the state."

Wrights said that cloud seeding helps to maintain thunderstorms a little longer so there's more rainfall. She said they are trying to increase rainfall by 10 to 15 percent.

She said the district wide value of the program is \$82,953,980. The cost of the program in 2007 was \$214,499.80.

Calculated on a cost per acre-inch of rain, Wrights said it would be about 1.1 cents. The cost per acre across the district is about a nickel. The weather modification program consists about 16 percent of the district's budget.

During that same time, the district's tax rate has dropped by more than half.

"If you have a million dollar ranch," Wrights said, "the taxes you would pay for the weather modification program would be about \$18."

She said she's been told by opponents to the project that cloud seeding reduces heavy rainfall for the ranchers. "That is a false statement,"

Wrights said. "That's very

in our district from 2000 to now.'

The program has never shown a negative effect at any time, Wright said.

"And that's analyzed by someone other than us," she said

Williams said he will support the cloud seeding program until somebody can show him that the project is harming someone.

"If my board of directors tell us to turn if off tomorrow," Williams said, "we'll do that."

Williams said he thinks one of the misconceptions with the district's program is that people think the district has more control over the weather than they do.

we had were field jackets."

World War II.

The roads were dirt and narrow, lined with

incorrect." She also said that if there is not enough moisture in a cloud, then cloud seeding won't be effective.

"We can't create moisture," Wrights said. "We work with what the atmosphere gives us.'

She also said that cloud seeding doesn't work immediately. It takes about 15 to 20 minutes to work.

Wright said there's no research locally that the cloud seeding program is causing harm.

"No studies in our project show that," she said. "For the Panhandle Groundwater project, there hasn't been any evidence to show that our project has harmed anybody

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I knew taxes had to be good for something

Today is the day that strikes panic in the hearts of every American wage earner. Today is the deadline to have your income tax returns postmarked if you do not want to face the wrath of the federal government.

Of course, various taxpayers have either already filed ; their returns, have completed one quarterly return and have awhile before the next, or have filed for extensions to gain them more time. although at possible extra expense to themselves in interest and penalties if it is found that they owe the Internal Revenue Service.

Most everyone will agree that paying taxes is about as

much fun as donating a kid- the IRS, hands down. ney. Those who will receive refunds are the happy ones who for once can hardly wait to get a piece of mail from a federal agency.

I understood at various out, "If two times in the past that completing one's income tax traveling return would be simplified and streamlined. Anyone who is disqualified from filing the short form will find out that this has not occurred. In fact, I think it has become even more confusing.

I don't know of anyone who is completely satisfied with the way the federal government handles things, but one of the top gripe-getters is

The forms remind me of those ultra-annoying mathematical

problems Marilyn that start **Powers** trains were Staff Writer toward each

other at 70 miles per hour . . . "

As if the thought of those maddening income tax forms wasn't bad enough, I looked on the World Wide Web in search of information on Cost of Government Day, the date on which the average American has earned enough gross income to pay for his or her share of gov-

ernment spending plus the cost of regulation.

I imagine the formula used to calculate when this day occurs each year is very similar to

those used figure to income taxes, so I'll take the Internet's word for it. **Ready?** Cost of Government Day is July 3 this year, just one day shy of America's Independence Day. How appropriate.

This date, according to web sites I found, is calculated by Americans for Tax Reform. ATR estimates that

than half the calendar year, or 183 days, working for the government.

I found some figures online that showed that back in 1997, the total cost of government was estimated at \$3.52 trillion. That factors out to \$13,500° for every man, woman and child in the U.S. for that year.

One institute's estimates put the cost of complying with federal rules at \$668 billion in 1995. Another center released a study that claimed economic output in the U.S. would be 30 percent higher if not for unnecessary red tape.

Today's figures must be

each American spends more even more mind-boggling. Maybe that's why I couldn't find any.

As you race to the mailbox at five minutes to midnight today, you can remember this column as a little bright spot in what has become a financially dark day for some American pocketbooks.

Just don't forget to celetwo-day brate a Independence Day this year. According to my calendar, that would create a four-day beginning weekend Thursday, July 3.

At last. I knew taxes had to be good for something.

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, April 15, the 106th day of 2008. There are 260 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

In the early hours of April 15, 1912, the British luxury liner RMS Titanic sank in the North Atlantic off Newfoundland, less than three hours after striking an iceberg. Some 1,500 people died.

On this date:

In 1817, the first American school for the deaf opened in Hartford, Conn.

In 1850, the city of San Francisco was incorporated.

In 1861, three days after the Confederate attack on Fort

'Patriotism is your conviction that this country is superior to all other countries because you were born in it."

- Bernard Shaw

Irish-born

Sumter, S.C., President Lincoln declared a state of insurrection and called out Union troops.

In 1865, President Lincoln died, several hours after being shot at Theater Ford's in Washington by John Wilkes Booth. Andrew Johnson became the nation's 17th president. In 1945, during World

War II, British and Canadian troops liberated the Nazi concentration



"CLEAN UP THE GARAGE, MOW THE LAWN, TAKE OUT THE GARBAGE AND THANK GOD THERE'S ONLY ONE OF ME !"

playwright (1856-1950) camp Bergen-Belsen.

1947, In Jackie Robinson, baseball's first

black major league player, made his official debut with the Brooklyn Dodgers on opening day. (The Dodgers defeated the Boston Braves, 5-3.)

In 1959, Cuban leader Fidel Castro arrived in Washington to begin a goodwill tour of the United States.

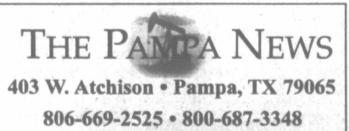
In 1986, the United States launched an air raid against Libya in response to the bombing of a discotheque in Berlin on April 5; Libya said 37 people, mostly civilians, were killed.

In 1989, 96 people died in a crush of soccer fans at Hillsborough Stadium in Sheffield, England.

In 1990, actress Greta Garbo died in New York at age 84. Ten years ago: Pol Pot, the notorious leader of the Khmer Rouge, died at age 73, evading prosecution for the deaths of 2 million Cambodians.

Five years ago: Looters and arsonists ransacked Iraq's National Library, as well as Iraq's principal Islamic library. In the Netherlands, Volkert van der Graaf, the killer of politician Pim Fortuyn, was sentenced to 18 years in prison. Umpire Laz Diaz was attacked by a fan during a game between the Kansas City Royals and Chicago White Sox; the fan, Eric Dybas, was later sentenced to six months in jail and 30 months probation.

One year ago: Riot police beat and detained dozens of anti-Kremlin demonstrators in St. Petersburg, Russia, on a second day of protests against the government of President Vladimir Putin. Brant Parker, who illustrated "The Wizard of Id" comic strip, died in Lynchburg, Va., at age 86, just days after the passing of the strip's writer, Johnny Hart.



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Pols show contempt for the Constitution

Do any of the prospective nominees of either party deserve respect from the American people? The answer partially depends on your knowledge, values and respect for the U.S. Constitution.

When either Barack Obama, Hillary Clinton or John McCain take office, they are going to place their hand on the Bible and take the oath, "I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the Office of President of the United States, and will to the best of my ability, preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States."

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It will be a phony affirmation, but what's worse is that the chief justice of the United States, who administers the oath, and the average American will believe the new president.

You say, "Hey, Williams, that's a pretty tall charge! Explain yourself." There's a measure introduced in every

Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

April 3

Austin American-Statesman on the Christmas Mountains Ranch dispute:

Perhaps Texas Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson has found a way to resolve the Christmas Mountains Ranch dispute to satisfy both himself and the public interest.

Or maybe not.

In a detailed letter on March 28 to William Wellman, the superintendent of Big Bend National Park, Patterson said he was willing to see the land transferred to the National Park Service if a way can be found to allow hunting on it. That could be possible if the land

Congress since 1995, by Rep. John Shadegg, R-Ariz., called The Enumerated Powers Act that would require that all bills introduced in the U.S. Congress include a statement setting forth the specific constitutional authority under which the law is being enacted.

The Enumerated Powers Act Walter currently Williams has 44 cosponsors in Columnist the House. the

Senate, it has never had a single cosponsor, and that's a Senate that includes our three presidential aspirants. The question one might ask is why would Sens. Obama, Clinton and McCain have a distaste for, and fail to support, a measure binding them to what the Constitution actually permits?

There's a two-part answer to that question. First, few

be allowed.

congressmen, including our presidential aspirants, have the integrity, decency and courage to be bound by the Constitution, but more important is that congressmen and presidents simply reflect the constitutional ignorance or contempt held by the American people.

Most of



Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution and includes: coining money, establish Post Offices, to support Armies and a few other activities. Today's federal budget is over \$3 trillion dollars. I challenge anyone to find specific constitutional authority for at least \$2 trillion of it. That includes Social Security, Medicare, farm and business handouts, education, prescription drugs and a host of other federal expenditures. Americans who have become accustomed to living at the expense of another American would not want Congress to obey "the Constitution, especially if it left out their favorite handout.

A harebrained politician or lawyer might tell us that the Constitution's general welfare clause authorizes those expenditures. Here's what James Madison, the acknowledged father of the Constitution, said: "With respect to the two words 'general welfare,' I have always regarded them as qualified by the detail of powers connected with them. To take them in a literal and unlimited sense would be a metamorphosis of the Constitution into a character which there is a host of proofs was not contemplated

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were designated a national preserve access. rather than part of a national park.

But Patterson has resisted the park service because it bans hunting in its parks and restricts visitors going armed for self-defense.

Wellman said Thursday he welcomes Patterson's apparent new willingness for the land to go to the National Park Service but added theres less progress than meets the eye.

For example, Wellman said, Patterson's insistence on a federal appropriation to pay for the land and other congressional action, which could take several years, makes what could be a relatively simple transfer far more difficult and time-consuming.

A private donor could buy the

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Sounds reasonable. After all, even

the conservation-minded donors who

gave the land to Texas provided in the

gift deed that regulated hunting could

Richard King Mellon Foundation and

the Conservation Fund, which acquired

the undeveloped 9,269 acres of the

Christmas Mountains, northwest of Big

Bend National Park, and then gave the

land to the state, expecting it would end

up either with the National Park

Service or the Texas Parks and Wildlife

Department. The Texas agency doesn't

want it, but the park service now does

and has offered a plan for how it would

be managed and opened to public

The original donors were the

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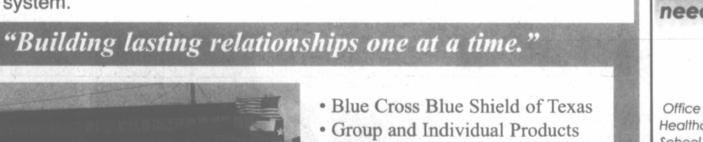
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By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My parents will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary this year, so my siblings and I have been trying to plan something special. I asked my mother what she would like us to do. Her response was she didn't want to tell me what to do, for us just to decide. When we suggested a Caribbean cruise, she said Dad didn't want to be on the water. So we planned a vacation in Mexico. Mom said she didn't want to get passports. Then I suggested a big party with family and friends. She said she would be hurt if people didn't show up. I asked Dad what he wanted to do; he suggested a trip to New York. Mother shot that idea down, too. My siblings and I have put months into planning this effort, and Mom is not making it an easy process. We even staged an "intervention" with all of us kids and Mom and Dad. We sat down and brainstormed ideas that might please her, even offering to give them several thousand dollars to spend as they wish. Nothing is good enough for Mom. I am frustrated. If I do nothing, she'll be upset with me and hold a grudge. If I plan something, it won't be the ILL. right thing. At 45 years of age, I just want to do ONE thing right in my mother's eyes. Help me, please. -- NEAR TEARS IN **HENDERSON, COLO.**

DEAR NEAR TEARS: The name for the behavior your mother is displaying is "passive-aggression." Because you say you would like to do "one" thing right in her eyes, I assume it has been going on since you were quite young. The advice I am offering is not what you expect. Here it is: STOP TRYING TO PLEASE YOUR MOTHER. It is impossible to accomplish. You and your siblings should throw the

party with family and friends. Do not show your mother the guest list; that way she cannot be hurt if someone doesn't show up. And make it a "surprise party." Do not expect to please your mother. She's not pleasable, and the sooner you accept that fact, the better off you will be.

DEAR ABBY: Because of a sudden, lifethreatening illness, I had to leave my job. During the time I worked there, I cultivated (I thought) some great friendships. Now I am heartbroken to realize the friendships I so valued were not valued in return. One woman broke off our phone conversation with, "I have to take this call. I'll call you right back." It has been nearly six months, and I'm still waiting for that returned call. I know I could have called her back, but I seem to be the only one initiating contact. Perhaps my one or two calls a month became too much for her. There must be others in similar situations. My question is, should I write this "friendship" off? -- SADDENED IN TAYLORVILLE,

DEAR SADDENED: Yes. Some people are so afraid of death that when someone close -- a friend, family member or spouse -- is stricken with a life-threatening illness, instead of stepping forward and offering support, they physically or emotionally run in the opposite direction. Why cling to this person? When the chips are down, she couldn't face it. And that, in my book, is not true friendship.

For Better Or Worse





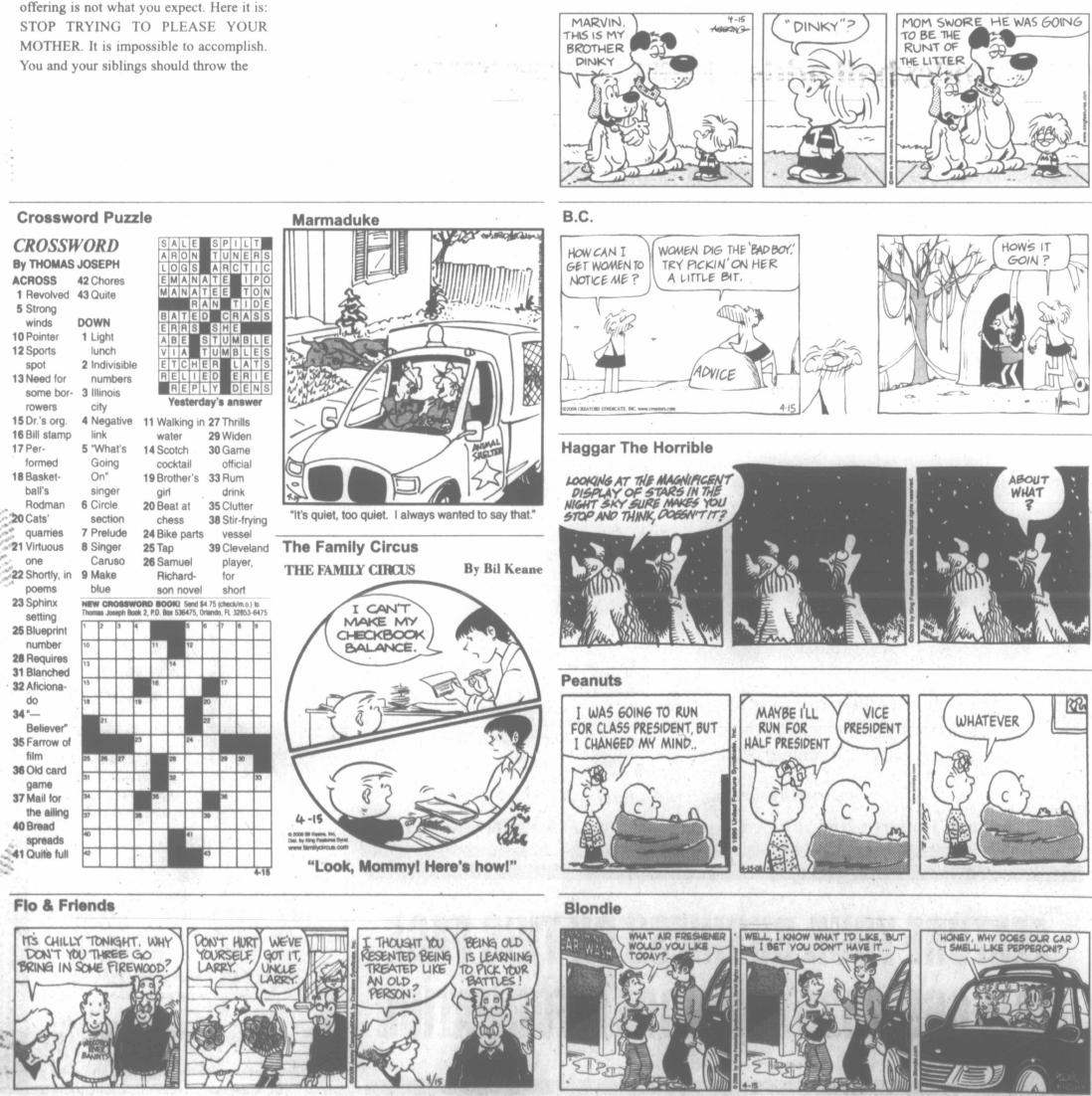
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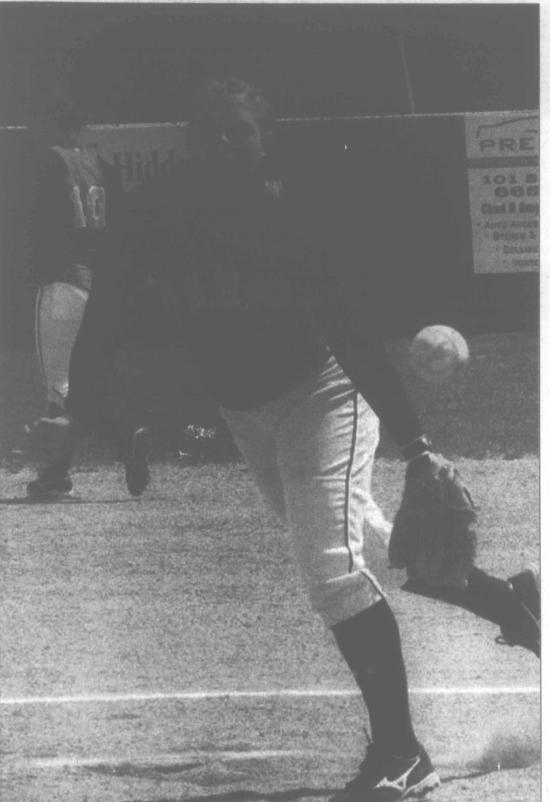




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Sports



WT Volleyball adds to 2008 signing class

Glo-Valve scores big in league season opener

Three pitchers combined inning for a shutout as Glo-Valve Service defeated Duncan, led by Trey Miller, who had play of the game was made Fraser & Bridges Insurance three hits, two runs scored by DFB's center fielder Agency 18-0 to open the and two RBI. Optimist 11-12 Cal Ripken season Monday.

was highlighted by a three five RBI. run home run high over the center field wall by Tyler two hits and one RBI. Powell.

walked three in working the times each. inning. third Martindale finished up and run. struck out three while walk-

Glo-Valve's offense was

including a double, a sacri-Glo-Valve's 13 hit attack fice fly, two runs scored and Club defeated

Brodie Gains slammed two

Ryan Powell picked up the hits, scored twice and had Valve takes on Celanese victory. He allowed three two RBI. Nickie Wells tal- Corporation at 5:45 p.m. hits, one walk and struck out lied twice, had a hit and three while Cabot and Rotary clash five in two innings. Jordan RBI. J. T. Skinner and at 7:45 p.m. On Thursday Lemons struck out two and Chance Douglas scored two D.F.B. plays Rotary at 5:45 Casey Martindale had a hit and a D.F.B. compete in the night-

Jacob Nelson, Roy Nelson

for D.F.B.

The outstanding defensive Jacob Nelson, who hauled in Aaron Allen had two hits, a long fly ball near the fence.

In the early game Rotary Cabot Corporation 12-9 in a game Lemons had three runs, shortened to four innings by the time limit.

In today's action Glo-Casey p.m. while Calanese and cap.

ing one in pitching the fourth and Ceegan Jameson had hits

Pampa JV downs Palo Duro

team defeated Palo Duro on had an outstanding day hit- Hereford on Monday and Saturday, April 12 with a ting with a double and three their last game of the season score of 18-14.

Jordan and a single. 11-5. Pitcher Mayhew allowed five hits

singles. Rachel Heuston and is on Friday, which is senior Pampa out hit Palo Duro Mayhew each had a double day at Pampa High School.

Pampa's record is now 15- 4:30 on Friday in Pampa and and eight walks but struck 11 for the season and 3-5 in the JV will follow.

The Pampa JV softball out six. Karla Dominguez district. The girls traveled to

The varsity will play at

Submitted photo At left - Jordan Mayhew warms up before a game Saturday against Palo Duro. The local team

came out ahead by 18-14. **National League Standings**





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Lone student-athletes for the immediately." class up to four.

CANYON — Riding the right side hitter, but has momentum of back-to-back begun training as an outside Star Conference hitter and shows promise Championships and National there as well. Erika's flexisemifinal appearances, the bility and athleticism will West Texas A&M volleyball add a great deal of depth to has received the commit- our lineup as well as give her ments of two outstanding more opportunities to help us

upcoming 2008 season. Flatness is a 5-foot-10 out-Erika Dupree and Leah side hitter who has the Flatness join Kristen Beck opportunity to make an and Kayla McKinny, who impact for the Lady Buffs on signed during December, to the court as a freshman folbring the 2008 recruiting lowing her prep career at Horizon High School in Dupree is a 5-foot-9 set- Scottsdale, Ariz. As a senior, ter/outside hitter from Poteet Flatness racked up 356 kills High School in Mesquite, and 339 digs to earn honor-Texas. As a senior, Dupree able mention All-State hongarnered Texas Girls ors as well second team All-Coaches Association Class State accolades from the 4A All-State and Academic Arizona Tribune. She served All-State honors following as team captain for HHS and her senior year in which she garnered Team MVP honors helped lead Poteet High to a after her freshman and senior regional quarterfinal appear- seasons, while being named ance. A four-time All- a AIA Scholar Athlete all District selection, Dupree four years. Flatness played also played club with Dallas club ball with the Arizona Premier - 18 Mizuno and the Juniors.

"Leah is a truly gifted out-Elite. Dupree was selected to side hitter who will make a play for the North Texas dramatic impact on our pro-Region team during the 2007 gram," Graystone said. USA Volley High "She's a big jumper who will Performance score a lot of points for us,

experienced as a setter and well."

Championships.

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but she also possesses a great "Erika is a very versatile block and enough ball conplayer who is capable of trol to make her a 6-rotation playing several positions for player. Leah is a huge signus," said head coach Tony ing for WT and will compli-Graystone. "She is most ment our line-up extremely

Journalists complain to China about **Olympics coverage interference**

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) — An international journalists group appealed to Chinese authorities to stop what it called interference with news coverage leading up to the Beijing Olympics.

The group said foreign journalists have been threatened for reporting on the disturbances during the torch relay around the world and the unrest in Tibet.

The International Federation of Journalists began a fourday visit to China to make its case in person. The Brusselsbased group is to meet with Chinese government and media officials as well as with foreign correspondents.

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Today's Games

(All Times EDT)

Arizona at San Francisco, 4:35 p.m. Houston at Philadelphia, 7:05 p.m. Atlanta at Florida, 7:10 p.m. Washington at N.Y. Mets, 7:10 p.m. Cincinnati at Chicago Cubs, 8:05 p.m. Milwaukee at St. Louis, 8:15 p.m. Colorado at San Diego, 10:05 p.m. Pittsburgh at L.A. Dodgers, 10:10 p.m.

Wednesday's Games

- Arizona (Webb 3-0) at San Francisco (Zito 0-3), 3:45 p.m.
- Houston (Oswalt 1-0) at Philadelphia (Kendrick 1-1), 7:05 p.m.
- Washington (Chico 0-2) at N.Y. Mets (Maine 0-1), 7:10 p.m.
- Atlanta (T.Hudson 2-0) at Florida (Hendrickson 2-1), 7:10 p.m.

Cincinnati (Fogg 1-1) at Chicago Cubs (Zambrano 1-1); 8:05 p.m.

Milwaukee (Villanueva 1-1) at St. Louis (Wainwright 1-1), 8:15 p.m.

Colorado (Redman 1-1) at San Diego (Germano 0-0), 10:05 p.m.

Pittsburgh (Maholm 0-1) at L.A. Dodgers (Penny 1-2), 10:10 p.m.

Thursday's Games

Houston at Philadelphia, 1:05 p.m. Milwaukee at St. Louis, 1:15 p.m. Cincinnati at Chicago Cubs, 2:20 p.m. Atlanta at Florida, 7:10 p.m. Washington at N.Y. Mets, 7:10 p.m. Colorado at San Diego, 10:05 p.m.

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Shares fall on deal to create mammoth airline

By JOSHUA FREED and HARRY R. WEBER **AP Business Writers**

For Delta and Northwest to complete their combination to "create the world's largest air-_ line, they'll have unions to cajole, politicians to placate " and antitrust regulators to convince - as well as persuading investors who have panned the deal to change their minds. Shares of both carriers fell sharply Tuesday after executives said they currently do not plan to cut the number of U.S. flights beyond what they already disclosed individually something analysts saw as 'limiting the cost saving or revenue increases from higher fares the airlines could get from the deal. Two of Northwest's largest unions also immediately declared their opposition to the long-in-the-works deal, announced late Monday after

several months of talks. Executives brushed off the issues, saying they are highly confident they will be able to consummate the deal and integrate the two carriers.

"Bottom line is, we think it's a really good fit," Delta Chief Executive Richard Anderson, who will head the combined airline, said Tuesday during a conference call with analysts.

Delta and Northwest executives said they are aiming to close their deal by the end of this year, which would be before the end of the mergerfriendly Bush administration. They are trying to avoid repeating what happened in 2001, when an attempted

also said the Education premium for their pre-

merger of United Airlines and US Airways fell apart amid antitrust concerns.

The share-swap agreement announced Monday calls for the combined airline to be named Delta, remain based in Atlanta, and be run by Anderson. If the deal becomes final, Delta shareholders will get a bigger company, while Northwest shareholders would get a 16.8 percent premium over Monday's closing stock prices.

Based on those prices, the agreement valued Northwest at more than \$3.6 billion. However, shares of both companies fell Tuesday, reducing the deal's value of Northwest to \$3.3 billion. Northwest fell 48 cents, or 4.3 percent, to \$10.74 while Delta lost \$1, or 9.5 percent, to \$9.48.

Investors had urged a com-

bination of the carriers on the premise of further domestic capacity cuts, which could lead to higher ticket fares and more revenue for the airlines.

Both airlines previously announced domestic capacity cuts for this year, and Delta suggested no more are in the works - though it didn't rule out more in the future if fuel prices continue to rise.

"We feel like we have pruned the domestic system for each respective system," Ed Bastian, Delta's president and chief financial officer, said on the conference call. As for union support, the

airlines tried something novel: They attempted to get their pilots to agree on a joint contract and seniority beforehand. That failed over seniority disputes

Delta made a deal with its

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday,

April 16, 2008 This year, keep a cap on strong feelings. If you feel uncomfortable in certain situations or as if you can't control your temper, indulge in an immediate stressreducing activity like walking. Often people act in an erratic manner. Look within to see if you have blocked knowing such a person in his or her true capacity. Sometimes denial floats into our relationships. You will work hard but also will get your just rewards. If you are community-oriented, you'll discover new prestige in this area. If you are single, be aware that someone quite spectacular could enter your life, but not until 2009 will you understand the extent of this bond. If you are attached, share more of your outside life and become closer. VIRGO understands you.

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)

★★★★ Don't blow a situation out of proportion. Your creativity emerges. You might decide to drive a hard bargain. Your fire sparks others' interest. Investigate different ways to streamline your work. Center before acting. Tonight: Easy works.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★★ Your imagination excels. Investigate alternatives. Make calls and get the ball rolling on a project. You understand the next step, but say no to risk-taking. You will be able to minimize a problem through this procedure. Tonight: Lighten up the mood.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

ing the Northwest pilots to work something out later. On Monday, Northwest pilots deal later.

pilots over the weekend, leav- declared their opposition to the combination "as it stands," perhaps leaving room for a

AXYDLBAAXR is LONGFELLOW

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

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LEAVES NO PLACE FOR DOUBT IS NOT A BELIEF; IT IS A SUPERSTITION. - JOSE BERGAMIN

McCain championing break in gas taxes

PITTSBURGH (AP) - John McCain called Tuesday for the federal government to free peo-.ple from paying gasoline :- Itaxes this summer and ensure that college students can secure loans this fall, proposals aimed at stemming the public's pain now from the troubled economy.

In the longer-term, the certain Republican presidential nominee said he would double the tax *- * exemption for dependent children and offer people the option of choosing a simpler tax system. "We know from experience that no serious reform of the current tax code will come out of Congress, so now it is time to turn the decision over to the people," McCain said in a sweeping economic speech at

Department should work with the country's governors to make sure that each state's guarantee agency – nonprofits that traditionally back student loans issued by banks – has both the means and the manpower to be the lender-oflast-resort for student loans

'We know from *experience that* no serious reform of the current tax code will come out of Congress, so now it is time to turn the decision over to the people."

scription drugs than lesswealthy people. -Raise the tax exemption for each dependent child from \$3,500 to \$7,000. –Offer people the

option of choosing a simpler tax system with two tax rates and a standard deduction instead of sticking with the current system.

-Suspend for one year all increases in discretionary spending for agencies other than those that cover the military and veterans while launching an expansive review of the effectiveness of federal programs.

Obama campaign spokesman Bill Burton said McCain's proposals offer "no change from George Bush's failed policies by going full

You might have to spend in order to end a problem. Remember, costs can vary. Play Ralph Nader and make sound choices. Tonight: Happy to head home. Now, act like it's your castle. CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ You might be more assertive

or aggressive than you realize. Your ability to weather a storm and sort through issues comes out. Don't expose someone to your frustration, if possible. Keep communication flowing. Tonight: Hang out with a friend. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

*** Your instincts guide you with a money matter. Rest assured, though you don't have all the answers, you are heading in the right direction. Choose to do nothing halfway, for your sake. You will feel better ultimately. Tonight: In the game of life. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

**** Use newfound energy to complete an important project or make that important call. Your energy level can be heard in your voice. Investigate another's idealism; this person is right. Tonight: In the whirlwind of living.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ Pressure builds, but trust yourself to take the right action. Your understanding of a situation might be a lot fuller than you realize. You alone can make a difference. Trust your instincts. Think clearly. Tonight: Work with someone closely

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

**** News or information from out of left field forces a stronger reaction than intended - not that you cannot deal' with it. Keep your eye on the big picture, and you'll achieve your desired results. Allow more give-and-take between you

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ A partner drives a hard bargain. Whether you feel comfortable with his or her action, you will need to deal with it. Irritation could bloom into a fight. You also could have a meaningful discussion. Tonight: In the whirlwind of living. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

**** Someone seems ready for a battle. Detach and try to understand what ails this person. Understanding will give you even more insight into this person and what makes him or her tick. By not reacting, you'll create peace in what could be a hot situation. Tonight: Choose an activity that allows your mind to relax and wander.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ A partner needs to call the shots. You might have mixed feelings. Whatever the case might be, open up to potential change and growth. If you want to continue this bond, you need to go with a swing of power at times. Tonight: Say yes to living.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ You find many people out of kilter, though you seem to make the best of even bad situations. Your resourcefulness sets someone back. He or she wants more of your ingenuity. Be less concerned about a misunderstanding. Tonight: Easy does it.

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Carnegie Mellon University a week before Pennsylvania's primaries.

To help people weather the downturn immediately, McCain urged Congress to institute a "gas-tax holiday" by suspending the 18.4 cent federal gas tax and 24.4 Memorial Day to Labor Day. He also renewed his call for the United States to stop adding to -----the Strategic Petroleum

Reserve and thus lessen to some extent the worldwide demand for oil.

Combined, he said, the two proposals would reduce gas prices, which would have a trickledown effect, and "help to spread relief across the American economy." Addressing the feared -fallout of the ongoing eredit crunch, McCain

— John McCain U.S. politician

Lawmakers, students and financial experts are worried that the credit crisis might make it more difficult for students and their families to find loans. Nearly two dozen lenders have dropped out of the federally backed student loan

program. Students, McCain said, "should not be denied an education, because the recklessness of others has made credit too hard to obtain."

Among other proposals, McCain said he would:

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speed ahead with fiscally irresponsible tax cuts for the wealthiest

Americans," and amount to "a gift basket of new tax cuts for corporate America at a time when some CEOs are making more in a day than some workers make in a year." The four-term

Arizona senator packaged the fresh proposals with long-standing positions in a wide-ranging economic speech on Tax Day in which he faulted not only Democrats but also fellow Republicans for failing to practice prudent spending and fix pricey entitlement programs.

"In so many ways, we need to make a clean break from the worst excesses of both political parties," McCain where along the way, too m a n y

Republicans in Congress became indistinguishable from the bigspending Democrats they used to oppose." He also that argued Democratic rivals Barack

Obama and Hillary Rodham Clinton would impose the single largest tax increase since World War II by allowing tax

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Thomas Jefferson explained, "Congress has not unlimited powers to provide for the general welfare, but only those specifically enumerated."

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We should consider ending the charade and get rid of our 200-year-plus presidential oath of office and replace it with: I accept the office of president.

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

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Christmas Mountains land quickly on behalf of the park service, (For legal reasons, the land office says, the state cannot simply give the land to the park service or anyone else.)

But Patterson - who last year tried to auction the land off to private bidders - wont sell to a private donor acting on behalf of the park service because, he said in his letter, he thinks such donations should not be used to acquire land already protected from development.

So now we have a state official refusing to take the money of a private donor to help the federal park service acquire land, yet that same official will take our federal tax dollars to do the same thing. (Patterson also wrote that without a federal appropriation, the land might be "neglected." The land was neglected for tens of millions of years, but, somehow, it endured.)

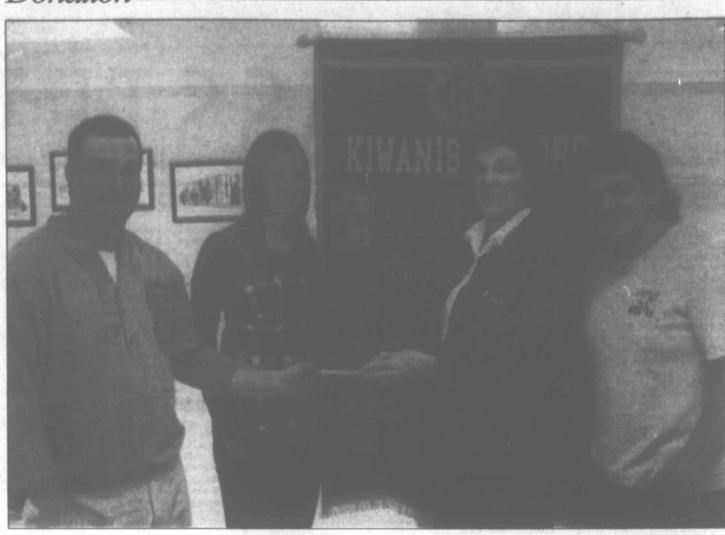
Another problem, Wellman said, is that even if hunting were allowed, it wouldn't be worth the cost of administering a hunting program. Theres too little to hunt, he said, especially in dry years - and this land is in a desert.

Still, Patterson has instructed his staff to contact the National Park Service, President Bush's administration and the congressman who represents the Big Bend area, U.S. Rep. Ciro Rodriguez, D-San Antonio, "to work through these issues and secure the necessary funding for the transfer of the Christmas Mountains to the National Park Service."

Rodriguez said he is ready to help and will especially rely on the park services "professional opinion."

Maybe Wellman is too skeptical. Well give Patterson credit for removing one roadblock. The commissioner can URL: should. more, and he remove http://www.statesman.com

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Ben Ceyanes, far left, local Kiwanis Club member, recently presented a check on behalf of the Kiwanis to benefit AFS Exchange Student Program. AFS local program coordinator, Darlene Birkes, accepted the check. Present for the donation were local exchange students Hanna Baumgartner of Austria and Rene Cazenave of Chili. The students presented a program to the Kiwanis about AFS.

Events calendar

 The Texas Department of State Health Services will be offering immunization clinics for vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases. The TDH will charge money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay. The following clinic(s) will be offered: 9:30-11:30 p.m. and 1-3 p.m., April 16, TDH, 736 S. Cuyler, Pampa.

. The Red Hat Society of Pampa will meet at 11:30 a.m. April 17 at Pampa Senior Citizens Center. For more information, call 669-

9916, 669-9297 or 669-3580. · Doug Holbert will present "Wildemess Survival for Adults" at 3 p.m. April 19 at Copper Breaks State Park near Quanah. Campsite Talks on a variety of topics will be presented April 19 and 26; May 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31; June 7, 14, 21 and 28; July 5, 19 and 26; Aug. 2 and 30; Sept. 6, 13, 20 and 27; and Oct. 4, 11, 18 and 25 at the park. For more information, call (940) 839-4331.

. The Friends of the Pampa Library will hold its annual meeting at 4:30 p.m. Center in Perryton and at 9

April 21 in the auditorium of Lovett Memorial Library in Pampa.

 Amarillo Panhellenic will host a mother/daughter rush information meeting at 3:30 p.m. April 27 at First Presbyterian Church in Amarillo. The meeting is open to all area high school senior girls interested in learning about membership in college sororities. Rush packets and deadlines will be distributed. For more information, call (806) 335-6131.

 Two meetings on wind farm leases are scheduled at 2 p.m. April 29 at the Ochiltree County Expo

30 at the a.m. April Memphis Community Center in Memphis. The meetings are being sponsored by North Rolling Plains Resource **Conservation Development** and Texas. One of the main presenters will be Alan Carmichael, co-author of a booklet titled "Wind Facts: A Landowners Guide." Topics will include wind development; wind options and energy leases; top 10 items to look for or include in a wind energy lease; wind farm facts; and generation and transmission issues. For more information, call 669-0312.



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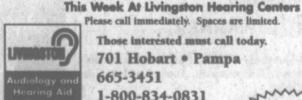
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