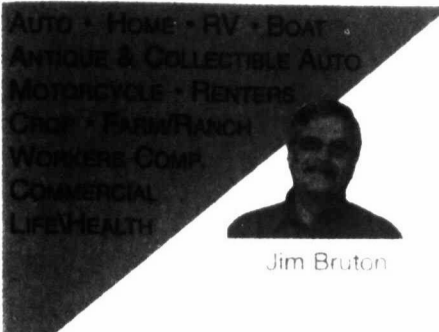


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Illegal burn causes \$10,000 damage



photos by Rachel Stennett

Above, Pampa firefighters responded to an illegal burn yesterday afternoon (March 31). The fire caused \$10,000 in damage, burned three cars, and damaged a mechanic shop. Below, firefighters bust through the door of a burning mechanic shop yesterday. Most of the contents of the shop were saved.

by Rachel Stennett
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A fire illegally started in a barrel caused \$10,000 in damages to an individually owned mechanic's shop yesterday afternoon near the Cole Edition.

Matthew Gilbert Maul started the illegal fire in a barrel at his residence, located at the Cole Edition in the county, 11905 Stokes Road.

Maul was later issued with a citation by the fire department for illegal burning.

The fire spread and quickly, igniting brush, debris, a mechanic shop and three cars on the outside of the building, according to Deputy Chief Randy Dunham of the Pampa Fire Department.

"The fire started in a barrel, which was unauthorized burning because of the burn ban in effect for the city and county. The fire spread from that to a large amount of debris outside, near the building, including two or three junk vehicles," Dunham explained.

The tires and upholstery from the burning vehicles sent thick, black columns of smoke into the air, which were seen as far north as Pampa Regional Medical Center, Dunham said.

The cars were a total loss, but the building was saved from the fire.

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RED FLAG WARNING
 Gusty winds and low humidity are expected through the week. A burn ban is in effect for Gray County. Burning is never allowed in the City of Pampa.

Enterprise fund pulling from unemployment

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — While Republican Gov. Rick Perry firmly opposes accepting federal economic stimulus money for the state's unemployment system, his Texas Enterprise Fund for businesses steadily pulls in tens of millions of dollars from the dwindling Texas unemployment tax pool.

That arrangement is getting more scrutiny at the Capitol as more Texans lose their jobs, as Perry's opposition to federal government money persists and as the enterprise fund and its sister account, the Emerging Technology Fund, overseen by the governor increasingly come under fire from legislators.

Under existing law, one-tenth of 1 percent of taxable wages paid by businesses to the Texas Unemployment Trust Fund goes into a holding account. Each October, if the amount of money in the unemployment insurance fund is above a certain level, 75 percent of that holding account money goes to the Texas Enterprise Fund and 25 percent to a skills development fund to help retrain workers.

For Perry's enterprise fund — a deal-closing account and a cornerstone in his efforts to create jobs and lure businesses to Texas — it brings in as much as \$120 million for a two-year state budget cycle.

Now Democrats and Republicans in the Legislature are questioning whether the division of money is a fair amount and whether unemployment tax money should go to the enterprise fund at all, especially since it came to light that Perry moved money from the enterprise fund into the emerging technology fund and gave \$50 million in January to the Texas A&M University System, his alma mater, for a biotech manufacturing center.

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Did snowfall help county farmers?

by David Bowser
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The heavy wet snow last weekend may disrupted city life, but rural Gray County desperately needs it.

Even so, Brandon McGinty, the Gray County Agriculture extension agent, said it may be too late to save some of this year's wheat crop.

"The older wheat that we have," McGinty said, "there's the potential that some of it is already lost."

Depending upon its growth stage, he said that the older wheat may be far enough gone that it won't recover.

"There could potentially be some that could recover," he said.

He said the older wheat is at the stage where the grain yield is being developed and even if it survives, the yield would be poor.

The younger wheat that was planted in October and even in November behind cotton, with the moisture that the area had in January, has just started coming up, McGinty said.

"There's just some small tillers," he said. "It's not at the joint stage."
 McGinty said there could still be some good potential yields with the younger wheat with the snow and especially if the area gets some more moisture next month.

"Hopefully," he said,

"this younger wheat will be able to develop with that moisture and have some good yields with it."

McGinty said not all the wheat in Gray County is a lost cause, but some of it has failed.

Some farmers will plow up the wheat, he said, and plant another crop.

Others may wait and plant wheat back on it for next year. They could leave the stalks in the field to retain any nutrients or moisture in the soil.

Crop insurance may cover part of the loss, McGinty said, but it won't cover all of it.

McGinty said he's already submitted some

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Thursday Friday Saturday



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Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 33. North northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 74. Windy, with a south wind 10 to 15 mph increasing to between 20 and 25 mph. Winds could gust as high as 35 mph.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 48. Windy, with a south wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 40 mph.

Saturday: Partly sunny, with a high near 67. Windy, with a west southwest wind 15 to 20 mph increasing to between 25 and 30 mph. Winds could gust as high as 50 mph.

Saturday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 35. Windy, with a northwest wind around 25 mph, with gusts as high as 45 mph.

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Grain prices

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Corn.....	\$7.01

Cash Five Texas results

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Results of the Cash 5 drawing Tuesday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 12-2-29-13-1.
Number matching five of five: 0.
Matching four of five: 76. Prize: \$461.
Matching three of five: 2,406. Prize: \$10.
Matching two of five: 25,583. Prize: \$2.
Next Cash 5 drawing: Wednesday night.

Remorseful note near hit and run victim

LEAGUE CITY, Texas (AP) — League City police say a note expressing remorse was left near a hit and run victim whose body was found in a ditch.

Police on Tuesday said the author of the note apparently was the driver who fled the scene.

An investigator, who asked to be identified only as Detective Aldridge, told The Associated Press that no arrests have been made in the death of 34-year-old Maurice Jones.

His body was discovered Sunday morning, hours after Jones got off work at a fast-food restaurant and was walking home.

His mother, Roberta Jones, said in Tuesday's online edition of the Houston Chronicle that the note made the loss even worse.

"I am speechless," she said. "If you hit somebody's car you apologize, but when you kill a person that's a totally different story."

The Galveston County Daily News reports a medical examiner ruled Jones died from blunt force trauma. Jones was walking home from work because his pickup truck was not running, the newspaper reported. The night he died was only the third time he had walked home.

Aldridge declined to reveal more details of the message, scribbled on paper from a spiral notebook. He said the handwritten note possibly was done by a female.

Death row inmate wins hearing

HOUSTON (AP) — A convicted murderer sent to death row more than 13 years ago for a double slaying in San Antonio has won a new punishment trial from the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals because his lawyer did a poor job preparing for the penalty phase of his capital murder trial.

The state's highest criminal court has ordered Ricky Eugene Kerr returned to Bexar County for a new punishment hearing.

Kerr was convicted of the 1994 slayings of his landlord, Elizabeth McDaniel, 57, and her son, Garry Lawrence Barbier, 42. Both were fatally shot in the climax of an apparent dispute over his lease.

US Marshals Service arrests Dallas man

DALLAS (AP) — A man accused of driving over his wife's friend and then escaping with his wife was arrested Tuesday afternoon by a Dallas-Fort Worth U.S. Marshals Service.

Authorities said Bobby Scott, 26, is accused of running down 38-year-old Tracy Araujo and leaving her pinned beneath his minivan on the side of a busy expressway in Dallas last week. Dallas police said he faces an aggravated robbery charge in the attack. Araujo, a mother of two, remains in a coma at Baylor University Medical Center after undergoing brain surgery.

Police believed Bobby Scott assaulted his wife, Misty Scott, 25, during a fight at a Dallas hotel last week and that Araujo went to the hotel to get her friend. Araujo was struck after getting out to confront Bobby Scott.

Police believed Bobby Scott had abducted his wife. However, authorities now say Misty Scott apparently went with him willingly.

"We took this very seriously and to find out that she's not been to see her friend and she's not concerned that we were looking for her, that's disturbing," Dallas police homicide Lt. Craig Miller said in Tuesday's online edition of The Dallas Morning News.

For the Record

Obituaries

Lisa Kathryn Elliott, 53

Howardwick, Texas — Lisa Kathryn Elliott, 53 died on March 29, 2009 in Howardwick, Texas.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Ms. Elliott was born September 25, 1955 in Kermit and attended Pampa High School. She was a former member of the First Christian Church in Pampa. Lisa was preceded in death by a sister, Jo Beth Shelley in 2004, her father, B. J. Elliott in

2008, and her stepfather: Bob Baker in 2001.

Survivors include one daughter, Shana Greenleaf and husband Robert of Spring; two sons, Jason Schuman and Casey Elliott, both of Houston; mother, Peggy Baker of Cuernavaca, Mexico; one sister, Valorie Pfannenstiel of Houston; two brothers, Dean Elliott and wife Debbie of Pampa, and Bobby Elliott of Odessa; one stepbrother: Kelley Baker and wife Melody of Pampa; one stepsister,

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Terri Wilterding and husband David of Amarillo; two grandsons, Cody Greenleaf and Chase Greenleaf, both of Spring; several nieces and nephews.

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Elliott

Myrtle Brock, 89

Pampa, Texas — Myrtle Brock, 89 died on April 1, 2009 in Pampa, Texas. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Emergency Services

PAMPA PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following calls between 7 a.m. Tuesday and 7 a.m. Wednesday.

Officers conducted 19 traffic stops.

A total of five calls and/or stops concerning animals were made.

Two alarms were investigated.

Theft was reported in the lobby of the PD, and the 100 block of Gillespie, where an Xbox and games were stolen.

Disorderly conduct was reported at Pampa High School, 111 East Harvester.

A burglary was reported in the 300 block of North Starkweather, where two leather coats and knives were stolen.

A civil matter was reported in the lobby of the PD.

Forgery was reported in the lobby of the PD.

Agency assistance was rendered at Loop 171, east of Highway 70.

A traffic complaint was received from the 2300 block of North Navajo.

An assault was reported in the 1600 block of North Sumner.

Suspicious person calls were received from the 1300 block of North

Coffee, and the intersection of Somerville and Francis streets.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 2100 block of North Duncan.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 800 block of North Nelson.

A prowler was reported in the 400 block of North Frost.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 700 block of East Frederic.

SHERIFF

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests.

Daniel Craig Baker, 28, of Lefors was arrested by the Pampa Police Department for tampering with identification numbers, four warrant charges, expired motor vehicle insurance, and failure to change address on driver's license.

James David Howard, 47, of Lefors was arrested by the Lefors Marshall for interfering with public duties.

Heath Dwayne Kulhanek, 24, of Pampa was arrested by the PPD for driving while license invalid.

Trinity Leon Hill, 23, of Shamrock was arrested by the GCSO for public intoxication.

Elizabeth Marie Behlen, 21, of Lubbock was arrested by the PPD for failure to identify, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Russell Allen Owen, 42, of Skellytown was arrested by the PPD for expired driver's license.

Alton Miles Day, Jr., 63, of Amarillo was arrested by the GCSO for bond surrender on driving while intoxicated, and two warrant charges.

David Price Farrar, 47, of Pampa was arrested by the PPD for assault causing bodily injury-family violence.

Jorge Leon Desantiago, 31, of Pampa was arrested by the PPD for evading arrest, resisting arrest, driving while intoxicated, invalid driver's license, no insurance, expired motor vehicle insurance, and expired motor vehicle registration.

FIRE

Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls between 7 a.m. Tuesyda and 7 a.m. today.

Tuesday 9:23 a.m. — Three units and six personnel responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center on a false alarm.

2:23 p.m. — Seven units and 12 personnel responded to the 11900 block of

Stokes Road on a structure fire.

AMBULANCE

Guardian EMS ambulance service reported the following calls between 7 a.m. Tuesday and 7 a.m. today.

Tuesday 8:17 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of North Wells and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

10:44 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to McLean.

1:41 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1400 block of West Somerville and transported a patient to PRMC.

2:44 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 16900 block of Stokes Road on a fire standby.

3:46 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to the 1400 block of West Somerville.

4:28 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of North Wells and transported a patient to PRMC.

Wednesday 4:47 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 200 block of North Sumner and transported a patient to PRMC.

Dallas police investigate new allegations

DALLAS (AP) — Two Dallas police patrol sergeants have been transferred off the streets pending the outcome of an investigation into whether officers used improper force against three suspects and a Taser on one of them.

Much of the March 20 incident in a downtown Dallas freeway interchange was captured on dash cam video and audio. The Dallas Morning News reported Tuesday in its online edition.

Senior police officials who reviewed the dash cam recordings told the newspaper that a Dallas police sergeant can be heard yelling as another officer uses a Taser to stun a handcuffed suspect.

"Something took place that one officer found inappropriate," said Dallas police spokesman Lt. Andy Harvey in a report by Dallas-Fort Worth station KTUT.

"An internal investigation has been initiated, as well as looking into any possible criminal violations," Harvey told the newspaper.

Dallas police are still dealing with the national fallout from dash cam video that showed an officer delaying NFL player Ryan Moats from visiting a dying relative at a Plano hospital in the early morning hours of March 18.

Patrol Sgts. Elisa Martinez and Elliott Forge were transferred, the newspaper reported. Sr. Cpl. Armando Dominguez, who fired the Taser, remains on patrol.

Phil Bursleson, who is representing Forge and Dominguez, said his clients deny that they did anything improper. "They don't recall doing anything inappropriate," he said.

Dominguez said he has done nothing wrong. "I have nothing to hide and it

will all come out," Dominguez said.

Police officials said on the video they could hear the sound of the stun gun being used, and officers yelling. They also said they could hear one of the suspects, Eric De La Garza, screaming. The police investigation will seek to determine whether the Taser was improperly used.

A police report filed because the stun gun was used said Martinez yelled "Take it like a man" as De La Garza was stunned.

Police said the incident began around 2:30 a.m. when a man who had been beaten by three men stopped police. Police then sought the suspects who were driving a Honda which almost knocked Forge to the ground. He wasn't seriously injured.

De La Garza told the newspaper that "Everything that was done to me was done while I was

in handcuffs," who declined comment under advice from his lawyer.

De La Garza, 21, was arrested on suspicion of third-degree felony assault on a public servant, evading arrest and resisting arrest.

Alejandro Rivera, 20, was arrested on a public intoxication and assault charges. Morgan Brito, 21, was arrested on an assault charge and for outstanding warrants.

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Unemployment fund

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House Appropriations Chairman Jim Pitts, a Waxahachie Republican, questioned Perry's staff at length about that transfer last week and moved for more legislative oversight of the job creation funds. He said he worried about how unemployment taxes going into the funds were being spent.

The unemployment fund is projected to have only \$48 million, or \$812 million less than it should, by October, triggering a higher tax on employers.

Meanwhile, Perry opposes accepting \$550 million in federal economic stimulus money for the unemployment system because he says it will require the state to change its unemployment coverage rules and commit Texas businesses to paying higher taxes for years to come.

"He's being hypocritical, because what he has said is he doesn't want taxes raised on businesses, yet he is taking dollars from businesses and giving it essentially to another business," said Democratic Rep. Garnet Coleman of Houston, a longtime critic of the enterprise fund.

Coleman said he thinks no unemployment money should be diverted to other funds during a recession.

Perry spokeswoman Allison Castle said Tuesday that lawmakers, not the governor, determine the funding source for the enterprise fund and that Perry is not voicing a preference on whether the

fund receives unemployment tax money. (A large chunk of the money comes from general state revenue.) But Perry wants to continue putting millions of dollars into "the most successful, proven job creation fund in the state's history," she said.

Perry asked for \$260 million for the enterprise fund in the upcoming budget; Pitts is recommending \$136 million.

A Texas House committee charged with overseeing federal economic stimulus money, chaired by Democratic Rep. Jim Dornan of Waco, said in a staff memo last week that one way to keep the unemployment fund replenished is to return money diverted to the enterprise fund.

"Currently the Governor's Enterprise Fund has a balance of \$245 million which could be moved to the Trust Fund to help avoid or reduce the increase in unemployment taxes on all Texas businesses," a staff memo said.

Perry's office disagrees because it's only a short-term remedy, Castle said.

Then there is the question of whether to change how that unemployment money from the holding account is split between the enterprise fund and job skills development.

Rep. Norma Chavez, an El Paso Democrat, filed legislation seeking to split the holding account money — up to \$160 million per two-year budget cycle — 50-50 between the enter-

prise fund and the job skills development fund. She sponsored the legislation that created the current holding account split, working with Perry's office in 2005, she said.

In 2007, Chavez won passage of a proposal to maintain the division at 67 percent in favor of the enterprise fund and 33 percent for skills development. It would have kept the 75-25 split from taking effect. Perry vetoed her proposal.

"I was very upset," Chavez said, adding that Perry's office would have never had unemployment fund money in the first place if not for her original bill. "The governor never throughout the process told me there was a problem."

Castle, in Perry's office, said his veto wasn't a statement on whether he wanted money to come to the enterprise fund from the unemployment fund. It was just that he didn't want to lose more than \$12 million that would have left the enterprise fund. Perry made similar remarks in his veto message at the time.

Chavez said she expects heightened interest in the holding account this legislative session because of the recent concerns over the enterprise fund.

"The Texas Enterprise Fund is lacking sincere accountability," she said.

The unemployment fund holding account bill by Chavez is HB1180.

State panel warns paddling judge

BROWNSVILLE, Texas (AP) — A South Texas justice of the peace who offered the parents of school-dodging kids the option of paddling their children in court has been admonished by the state panel overseeing judicial conduct.

The State Commission on Judicial Conduct admonished Gustavo Garza of Los Fresnos for violations of judicial conduct including offering spankings instead of \$500 fines. The commission found that Garza exceeded his authority by providing a "safe haven" for corporal punishment.

"Judge Garza routinely facilitated and permitted the paddling of juveniles in his courtroom thereby clothing the practice with an improper judicial blessing," the commission wrote in its March 9 public warning.

Garza told The Brownsville Herald in Wednesday's editions that he

believed the positive result of reduced truancy cases in the school district outweighed any harm from the spankings.

"I understand their (the commission's) function and they performed their function as best they thought they could," Garza said. "I respect them. I performed (my function) as best as I thought I could."

The commission's investigation included an incident when a stepfather reluctantly paddled his 14-year-old daughter because he could not afford the \$500 fine. Garza criticized him for paddling softly with the large plank that court staff referred to records as the B.O.E., or Board of Education.

The commission found, that among other violations, Garza did not ask parents if they could pay the fine or offer alternatives such as a payment plan or community service.

Court: Gov't should pay lawyers for clemency work

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court said Wednesday the government should pay federally appointed lawyers for working on state clemency requests for death row inmates.

Convicted murderer Edward Jerome Harbison wanted the government to pay for his federal public defender to represent him in a clemency petition to the Tennessee governor. But the 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Cincinnati ruled against the request, saying the law "does not authorize federal

compensation for legal representation in state matters."

The high court disagreed, reversing the appeals court's decision.

Federal law "authorizes federally appointed counsel to represent their clients in state clemency proceedings and entitles them to compensation for that representation," said Justice John Paul Stevens, writing for the court.

Justice Antonin Scalia dissented, saying the applicable statute "is most naturally and coherently read to provide federally funded

counsel to capital defendants appealing in a federal forum."

The nation's appeals courts had split on the question, with some saying federal public defenders could also get taxpayer dollars for working on state clemency petitions and others banning the practice.

Harbison was convicted in the 1983 beating death of an elderly woman in Chattanooga, Tenn.

The case is Harbison v. Bell, 07-8521.

Did snow help farmers?

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information to crop insurance companies explaining that the area is so dry that plowing the failed wheat up and leaving the fields fallow could cause wind erosion.

"They'd also lose any topsoil moisture that they have," McGinty said of the farmers. "If you've got wheat stubble, it's so tight that any moisture we get, it's going to retain in the

soil and prevent it from blowing."

It essentially serves as a cover crop, even though it may be dead.

Illegal burn costs \$10k

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"Our guys were able to get inside and extinguish the fire, they saved a lot of the contents. The only thing that burned was

shelving in the back corner of the building and the exterior of the building."

The fire took two hours to fully extinguish. A total

of six units and 12 personnel responded to the fire. No injuries were reported.

Highlights from the Texas Legislature

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Some are sad over time lost with family. Some are angry at being forced to live in a prison cell.

All are innocent. More than a dozen men who spent more than 200 years in prison for crimes they did not commit asked Texas lawmakers Tuesday to pass bills to improve eyewitness testimony, expand post-conviction appeals and DNA testing, and pay more compensation to the wrongly convicted.

"I'm still not completely free. I'll never be completely free," said Billy James Smith, who spent 20 years in prison for aggravated sexual assault but was exonerated by DNA testing in 2006.

"There was no joy in my release," Smith said. "I knew for 20 years I didn't do it. There's something inside of me I lost."

DNA evidence has freed 36 wrongly convicted people in Texas, the most in the nation, according to the Innocence Project, which works on DNA exoneration cases. Another exoneree, Timothy Cole, who was cleared in February, died in prison in 1999.

Many of the exonerees have a common thread: A false eyewitness identification.

That's what happened to Johnnie Earl Lindsey, who was picked out of a photo lineup by the victim. The woman, who had been attacked a year earlier, described her assailant as shirtless. In the six-photo lineup police mailed to her, Lindsey was one of only

two men not wearing shirts, making him easy to pick out.

She also ID'd him at trial even though he could show time cards that showed he was at work when the crime occurred. Lindsey served 20 years of a life sentence before he was finally cleared.

The eyewitness identification bill by Sen. Rodney Ellis, D-Houston, requires lineups be conducted under industry "best practices."

Those include having lineups conducted by someone who doesn't know which person is the suspect and getting a statement from the witness about the confidence in the selection. All individuals in the lineup would have to fit the description of the suspect.

At least eight other states require some of the same or similar standards, and some are already being used by local police and sheriffs. The bill passed the Senate Criminal Justice Committee 5-0.

The exonerees also say it's critical that Texas boost the compensation and care of people who have been wrongly convicted.

A bill filed by Rep. Rafael Anchia, D-Dallas, would increase lump sum compensation from \$50,000 to \$80,000 for each year of incarceration. It requires the state to pay some of the compensation in annuities, assuring exonerees a lifetime income.

SOBRIETY CHECKPOINTS

As expected, the Senate gave final passage Tuesday

to legislation that would allow police to set up sobriety roadblocks.

The bill allowing police roadblocks in large counties and cities, known as SB 298, passed the Senate 20-11 Tuesday and now moves to the state House, where its fate is less certain.

Texas is one of only 11 states that does not allow sobriety checkpoints, according to a Senate analysis. The U.S. Supreme Court has ruled that checkpoints are constitutional but they haven't been allowed in Texas since 1994. That's when a state court ruled they violated the Texas Constitution because there were no statewide guidelines.

Under the bill, SB298, only the police in counties with a population of 250,000 or more, and cities with a population of 500,000 or more, would be allowed to set up roadblocks to check for drunk drivers.

The bill would also exempt federal highways and interstates, bridges, causeways and roads that serve as a single route into and out of a designated area, such as the one used to access South Padre Island, officials said.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Texas' 1,292 deaths in alcohol-related crashes in 2007 were the most in the nation. Another 30,000 were injured.

SENATE WOMEN

It's long-standing tradition in the Senate to give newcomers some good-

natured hazing when they offer up their first bill. Tuesday was no exception, when freshman Sen. Joan Huffman, R-Southside Place, brought up a bill — her first — related to criminal defendants under community supervision.

But Huffman got some help from her female colleagues — all five of them — who stood beside the newcomer as she debated the legislation.

That prompted Sen. Royce West, D-Dallas, to call for back up.

"I'd like to get all the men over here by me," West said. "Don't be afraid. Come on guys." Huffman's bill passed 30-1.

SEX ED

A House committee is considering proposals to expand Texas' sex education curriculum to incorporate more medical information about contraception and disease prevention and replace the existing law that leans toward abstinence-only instruction.

Legislation being considered would give teenagers access to expanded sexual health information at school with the intent of reducing teen pregnancy and infections.

Social conservatives have voiced concern with changing the sex ed system, in place since the mid-1990s when George W. Bush was governor. Republican Gov. Rick Perry's office said he would review the new proposal but that he likes the existing policy.

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Today in History

Today is Wednesday, April 1, the 91st day of 2009. There are 274 days left in the year. This is April Fool's Day.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 1, 1945, American forces launched the amphibious invasion of Okinawa during World War II.

On this date:

In 1853, Cincinnati established a fire department made up of paid city employees.

In 1933, Nazi Germany began persecuting Jews with a boycott of Jewish-owned businesses.

In 1939, the United States recognized the government of Gen. Francisco Franco in Spain, the same day Franco went on radio to declare victory in the Spanish Civil War.

In 1958, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed a \$1.85 billion emergency housing measure.

'Si mi abuela tuviera ruedas seria una bicicleta.' (If my grandmother had wheels, she'd be a bicycle.)

— Spanish proverb

In 1960, the first weather satellite, TIROS-1, was launched from Cape Canaveral, Fla.

In 1970, President Richard M. Nixon signed a measure banning cigarette advertising on radio and television, to take effect after Jan.

1, 1971.

In 1984, recording star Marvin Gaye was shot to death by his father, Marvin Gay Sr., in Los Angeles, the day before his 45th birthday. (The elder Gay pleaded guilty to voluntary manslaughter, and received probation.)

Five years ago: President George W. Bush signed into law new protections for the unborn that for the first time made it a separate federal crime to harm a fetus during an assault on the mother. Michigan won the NIT championship with a 62-55 victory over Rutgers. Actress Carrie Snodgrass died in Los Angeles at age 57.

One year ago: The Pentagon made public a legal memo dated March 14, 2003, that approved the use of harsh interrogation techniques against terror suspects, saying that President George W. Bush's wartime authority trumped any international ban on torture. (The memo was rescinded in December 2003.) Top executives of the country's five biggest oil companies told a skeptical Congress they knew record fuel prices were hurting people, but argued it wasn't their fault and their huge profits were in line with other industries.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Jane Powell is 81. Actress Grace Lee Whitney is 79. Actress Debbie Reynolds is 77. Country singer Jim Ed Brown is 75. Actress Ali MacGraw is 71. Rhythm-and-blues singer Rudolph Isley is 70. Reggae singer Jimmy Cliff is 61. Jazz musician Gil Scott-Heron is 60. Supreme Court Justice Samuel Alito is 59. Actress Annette O'Toole is 57. Movie director Barry Sonnenfeld is 56. Country singer Woody Lee is 41. Movie directors Albert and Allen Hughes are 37. Political commentator Rachel Maddow is 36. Tennis player Magdalena Maleeva is 34. Singer Bijou Phillips is 29. Country singer Hillary Scott (Lady Antebellum) is 25. Actor Josh Zuckerman is 24.



Redefining fertility policies in the age of the Octomom

by Dr. Lorna Marshall

As specialists in the field of fertility, we cringe every time a higher order multiple pregnancy (three or more gestations) receives special attention. Almost every Mother's Day contest for "Mother of the Year" selects a woman who has carried and delivered four, five, or six babies at once. Jon & Kate Plus 8, which chronicles a couple raising twins and sextuplets, has become one of the most popular reality TV shows. To fertility specialists, such pregnancies are associated with preterm labor, tiny babies that need weeks or months of special care in the nursery, and likely one or more children with long-term health or behavioral difficulties. So, in a way, the public outcry against the recent birth of octuplets by Nadya Suleman can have a positive effect.

It's hard to believe that any conscientious professional would ever consider transferring six embryos into a young woman's uterus. The current guidelines by the American Society for Reproductive Medicine state that women less than 35 should have one or two embryos transferred into their uterus. Indeed, there are times when medical judgment suggests that perhaps three instead of two embryos can be transferred when their quality is poor or when there have been mul-

tipled failed cycles. And, yes, a patient has a right to make her own decisions about health care, but her physician has an obligation to ensure that those decisions are well-informed. Dr. Kamrava's decision to transfer six embryos into the uterus of 32-year-old Nadya Suleman deviated so much from professional guidelines that every agency that has the power to sanction him should.

When medical care falls below the standard of care, there are many avenues available to reprimand the physician. Hospitals can withdraw privileges, medical societies can expel a member, state licensing boards can suspend the physician's license, and patients can file a liability claim. Whatever official sanctions are imposed, the negative publicity has significantly harmed, if not ruined, Dr. Kamrava's career. The public backlash should strongly deter other physicians as well.

So why the cry for new laws to "protect" the public from another set of octuplets? Professional guidelines by the American Society for Reproductive Medicine are strong and have been shown to be effective in reducing the number of embryos transferred and risk of multiple pregnancies. Those who label fertility care as the "wild west of medicine" aren't aware that the clinical delivery of

fertility care in the United States is one of the most regulated areas in medicine. Since 2004, fertility clinics and sperm banks must register with the FDA, which sets standards on infectious disease screening of egg, embryo and sperm donation. Many in our field believe that the FDA's attempt to regulate the field of fertility has neither improved care nor protected patients, only increased the cost to deliver already costly services.

A recent attempt in Georgia to prevent another "octuplet mom" shows how misguided politicians can be when trying to regulate health care. The original Georgia proposal was drafted by the Arizona-based Bioethics Defense Fund, which opposes embryonic stem cell research and abortion, and the proposal was introduced by Georgia Right to Life. Clearly, the agenda included more than the prevention of multiple pregnancies.

Most higher order multiples are not the result of in vitro fertilization, but are due to the use of injectable fertility drugs, also known as gonadotropin therapy. With gonadotropin therapy, it is difficult to control the number of eggs that ovulate, become fertilized, and eventually implant. Jon and Kate of "Jon and Kate Plus 8" conceived their sextuplets this way. A bill like the one initially

proposed in Georgia would actually do very little to affect the risk of quadruplets, quintuplets or octuplets. Because most patients have to foot the bill for IVF, many choose gonadotropin therapy first because of its lower cost. Only 14 states make insurers cover some infertility treatments. In the current state of the economy, it would not be popular to suggest legislation to extend this, although this additional service has been shown to cost insurers very little and may even save them money by lowering the risk of higher order multiple pregnancies.

In response to the birth of the octuplets, we should punish the rogue physician who completely ignored established standards of care in the field of reproductive medicine. But until the government mandates insurance coverage for IVF, don't let lawmakers who know nothing about reproductive medicine -- and often have other reproductive agendas -- pass regulations that protect neither patients, the public, nor future children.

Marshall is a practicing specialist in reproductive endocrinology and infertility in Seattle, WA. She is president-elect of Pacific Coast Reproductive Society and a former member of the ethics committee of the American Society for Reproductive Medicine.

Don't ban stem cell research in Texas

by Josie R. Williams, MD

The Texas Medical Association (TMA) opposes the state budget rider proposed by Sen. Steve Ogden (R-Bryan) that would prohibit any state money from going toward research using embryonic stem cells. TMA policy calls for

supporting well-controlled studies on all stem cells — stopping short of human reproductive cloning. Research on diseases like cancer, heart disease, and Parkinson's disease potentially could thwart these life-threatening conditions.

There also is a financial impact. A 2008 Families USA's study says each dollar of National Institutes of

Health funding generated \$2.49 in business activity in Texas, and created and supported more than 20,000 jobs. Can Texas afford to reject that financial boost?

If this budget rider were to pass, Texas will regress. Researchers will leave. Progress will halt. Patients will lose out.

Texas must be a leader in scientific advances. We

must progress, not regress.

We hope wisdom prevails and senators strike this rider from the budget. The lives and health of patients here and worldwide may depend on this research.

Josie R. Williams, MD is the president of the Texas Medical Association.

Have a photo of your organization's special get-together? Email it to: editor@thepampanews.com

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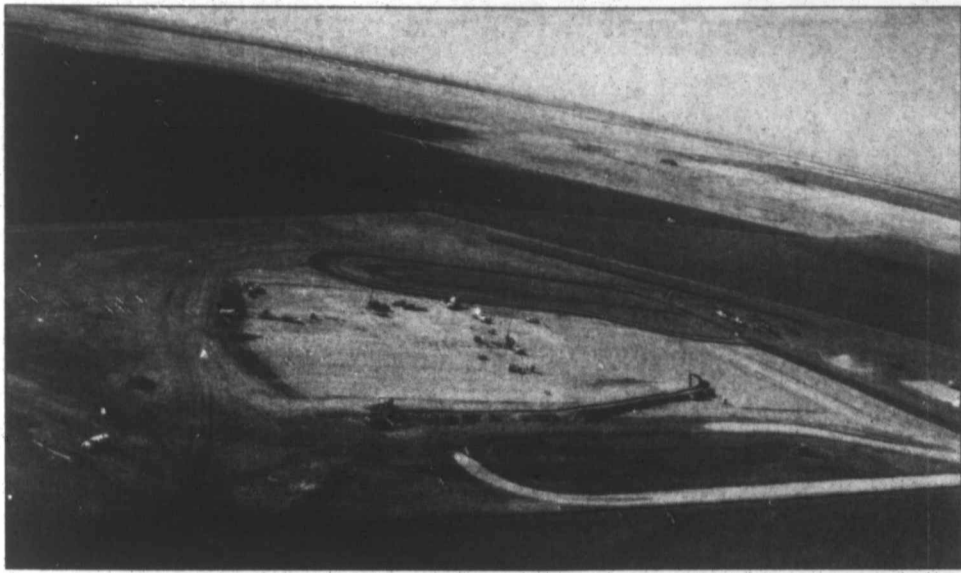
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Around town

A BIRD'S EYE VIEW OF SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION



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Taci Fernuik and her husband Ron took a look from the air last week at the progress of the new junior high school.

Janie Shed joins REMAX Hometown

Janie Shed has joined RE/MAX Hometown as the newest member of the sales team. Janie brings to the office 30 years of experience in real estate and formerly owned her own company, Shed Realty. She also is a master senior appraiser and holds designations of CRB, Broker and CRS.

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Shed said another advantage offered by the company is RE/MAX Mainstreet, an extranet that allows its agents to share referrals, marketing techniques and the latest information about technology, advertising and similar topics. "Ongoing education is a strong priority at RE/MAX," said Shed. "No

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Hunt promoted to NBC assistant VP

National Bank of Commerce announces the promotion of Kevin Hunt as Assistant Vice President in the Pampa office.

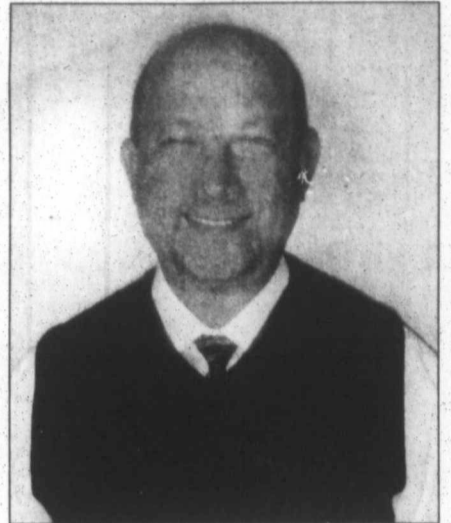
Kevin has been with National Bank of Commerce since April 2001. He started his banking career as a loan officer for First National Bank in Borger where he was eventually promoted to Vice President/Branch Manager of their banking center in Panhandle.

Kevin was raised in Pampa and graduated from Pampa High School in 1987. He attended West Texas State University and also Wayland Baptist University. He is also a graduate of Texas Bankers Association's Lending School.

Kevin has been married to his wife Shawna for three years. He has two sons, Braden, a junior at PHS, and Ethan, a seventh grader at PJHS. Kevin also has a daughter, Carsyn, who is two years old.

Kevin enjoys playing golf and softball, and also coaching and umpiring baseball.

He is a member of the Pampa Optimist Club, past member of the Chamber of Commerce Board of



Kevin Hunt

Directors, and past board member of the Tralee Crisis Center.

He has also served as a United Way volunteer, serving for several years as a loaned executive and also on the budget allocations committee.

Kevin is currently serving on the Board of Adjustments for the City of Pampa.

School board candidate debate slated for April 21

Pampa Classroom Teachers Association will sponsor a School Board Candidate Forum at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 21, 2009 in the Pampa Junior High Library. The public is encouraged to participate and all teachers are encouraged to attend this

important event.

Audience questions may be submitted during the forum.

Contact Carrie Johnson @ 669-7295 or 669-4750 for information.

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR READERS: Among the questions I am frequently asked is, "Do you ever get letters that have been made up, and can you tell when someone has indulged in 'creative writing'?" The answer is yes, and today, in honor of April Fools' Day, I'll share a few. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: My beloved mother used to sleep in the nude, rest her soul. Well, one night we were woken up by relatives at our front door. Needless to say, it gave her a massive heart attack. She thought it was OK to be nude at 81, but after getting caught that way, it was too much for her to handle, and she croaked!

I, however, still sleep in the nude and practice witchcraft in my birthday suit, too. While I was out in the woods one night, I ran smack dab into a deer. He stared me down as if he was looking at headlights. I was so embarrassed getting caught that I quickly climbed a tree.

Luckily, I had my cell phone with me, so I dialed 911, and the entire police department came to my rescue. To top it off, my picture was on the front page of the newspaper with a nice story line to go with it. Talk about embarrassing ... I'll probably never go nude again. -- NAKED WITCH IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

DEAR NAKED WITCH: What did the headline read -- "Deer Trees Em-bare-assed Witch"? Please write back and let me know. And when you do, be sure to mention where you were carrying that cell phone and whether you have recovered from the trauma.

DEAR ABBY: I was adopted by Elizabeth

Taylor before she became famous. It was in the early '60s. I was 3 when I was kidnapped from her and taken to Washington, D.C., then to New York and Texas.

Now, 39 years later, while incarcerated for DUI, I recall the events of my life before I came to Texas. Now I ask to be reunited with my adopted mother, Ms. Elizabeth Taylor. I had her address years ago -- she gave it to me -- but I received a head injury and forgot about it. Please see if you can reunite us so that I can relocate to California. -- WANTS TO MOVE WEST FROM TEXAS

DEAR WANTS TO MOVE: Elizabeth Taylor has had a storied career since becoming an international star at age 12, after appearing in the film "National Velvet" in 1944. Her life has been filled with many triumphs and tragedies -- none too minute to be overlooked by the world media.

I am sure she'll be as shocked as I am to learn that she had an adopted son who was spirited away at age 3. If she is interested in learning more, she is welcome to contact me, and I will give her your information. Until then, I'm afraid you will have to pay your OWN way to California.

DEAR ABBY: I want you to know I enjoy reading your column daily. It's the only thing my cell-mates and I look forward to besides the bread pudding.

My question: I'm a middle-aged, penniless federal prisoner. I am also fat and bald. What are my chances of finding true love in the "real" world?

I subscribe to all the rel-

evant magazines to better myself -- i.e. People, US, GQ and stuff. I know I'd make a great companion because I have read how to make quickie and sew. I have also learned not to ask a woman for sex until the third date (the August 2007 edition of Bizarre magazine).

I promise not to drink every day, and I'd take Sundays off -- besides, it's NASCAR day. I promise to keep the toilet seat down and listen to a woman's needs -- as long as she's standing in front of the stove.

I think that once I'm released, I will make a great companion. What do you think? -- OUT IN 24 MONTHS

DEAR STILL SERVING: I'll be waiting at the gate. In the meantime, I'm

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Sudoku

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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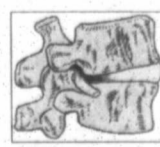
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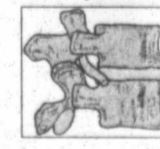
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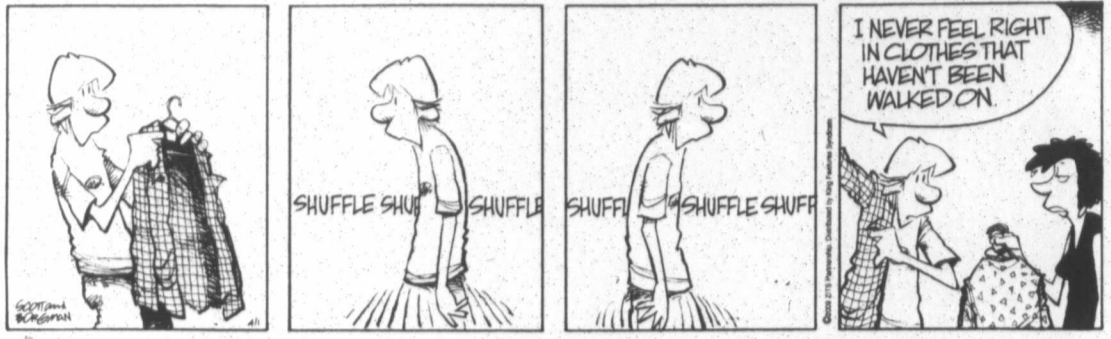


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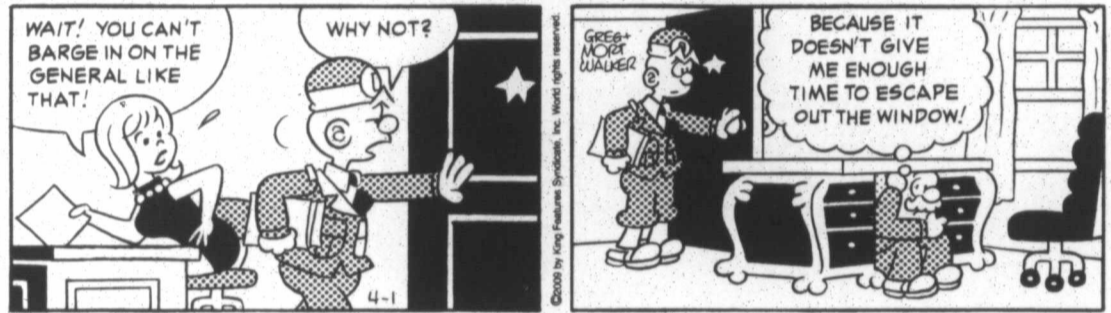
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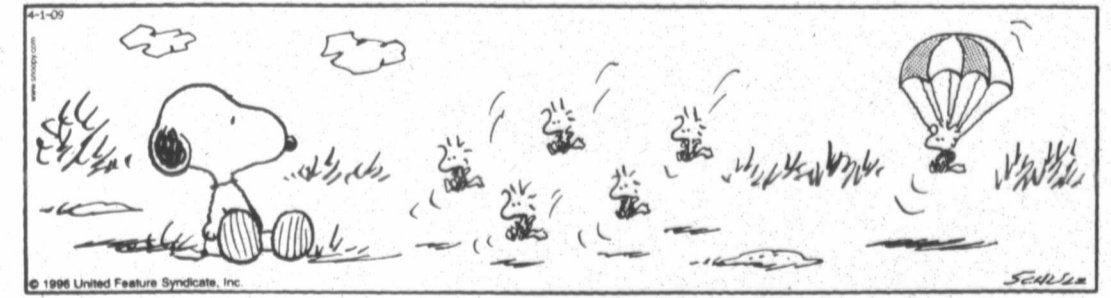
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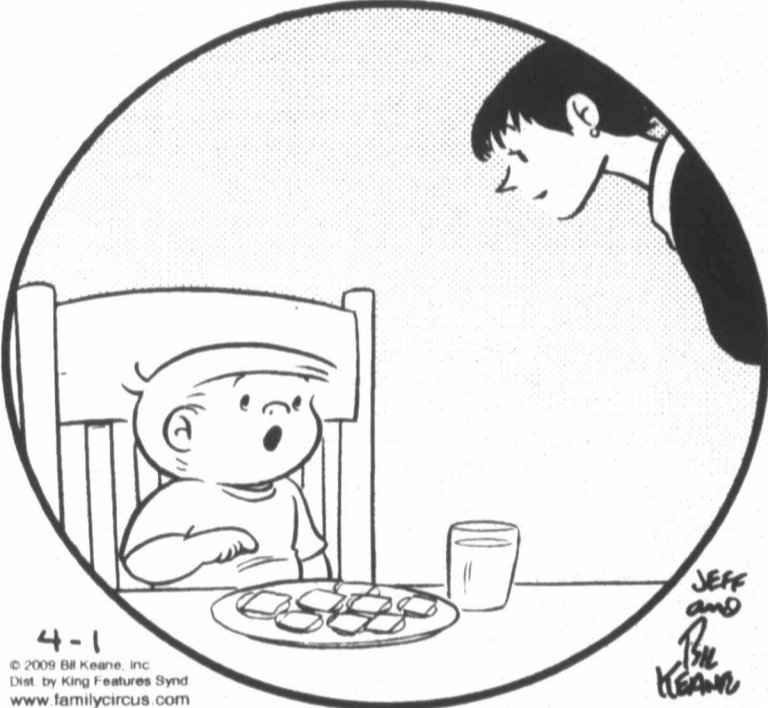


Flo & Friends



THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



"How much of a snack do I get to eat before it becomes a meal?"

Daily Crossword Puzzle

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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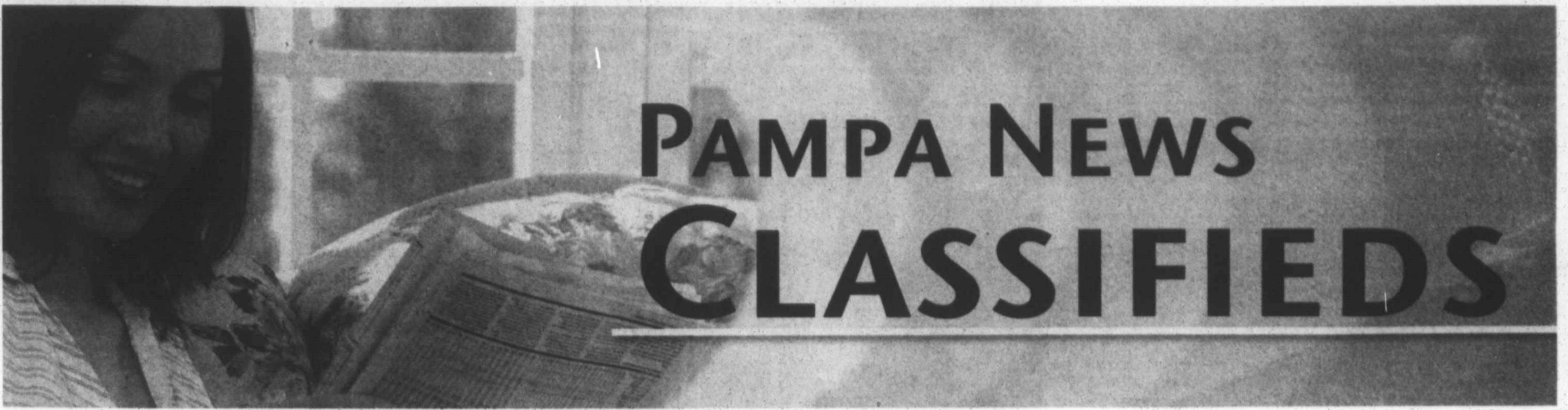
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Memory Gardens egg hunt April 4

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The fifth annual Family Easter Egg Hunt will take place this weekend on Saturday (April 4). Over 12,000 people from the community attended last year, hunting for eggs containing prizes or candy.

The hunt will start at 11 a.m. Saturday at the north empty lot at Memory Gardens, located at 23rd Street and Price Road. Kids will be broken into age categories for hunting, starting with the 0-2 years old category, and continue up to the special egg hunt for parents. According to Daniel Zuniga of Memory Gardens, the parent egg hunt is a big draw in the community.

All 7,000 eggs will have candy or prizes in them. Some of the donated items include certificates for food from Sonic, and even Dairy Queen. The easter egg hunt is free, and sponsored by Memory Gardens, and local churches and businesses.

"This is a good way to give back to the community and give families the opportunity to come together and have fun," Daniel Zuniga of Memory Gardens said.

Along with traditional plastic egg hunting, other entertainment will be provided. The Easter bunny will also be at the egg hunt.

If there is inclement weather on the day of the egg hunt, it will be rescheduled for Sunday, April 5 at 2 p.m. Call 665-8921 for information.

BASKETBALL AWARDS



Pampa High School's annual basketball banquet was held March 10. Those honored include: Hayden Skinner (Offensive Player of the Year), Blake Sieck (Defensive Player of the Year and Assist Award), Alex Clendening (Rebound Award, MVP Award and Hustlin' Harvester Award) Alex Torres (Free Throw Award, VISA Award, Offensive Player of the Year), Cobran Harris (Most Improved), John Luke Covalt (I Am 3rd Award)

Pampa actors honored at contest



Pampas One Act Play performed "The Miss Firecracker Contest" Tuesday at Amarillo College in the District 3-4A contest.

The play was directed by Mallory Reasor. While Pampa's play was not chosen to advanced further in competition three of the students received awards for their outstanding acting.

Haley Smith was All-Star Cast, Tanner Kimbell And Alexis Downen was awarded Honorable-Mention All-Star Cast. The play will be performed for the public this Thursday at 6:30 P.M. at the high school auditorium. The public is encouraged to come and support The One Act Play students.

submitted photo Dale Montgomery, Alexis Downen, Katey Jones, Tanner Kimbell and Haley Smith after performing yesterday at Amarillo College.

Volunteers with office skills needed

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) is seeking volunteers to serve as office assistants within the Eligibility Services program in Pampa.

Eligibility Services helps provide low-income families with basic food, financial and medical assistance through the following programs: Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program. (SNAP), Temporary Assistance to Needy Families, (TANF), and Medicaid. Tasks available are varied and placement is based upon the volunteer's interest,

capability and availability of openings.

Volunteering with HHSC is a rewarding way to give back to your community and make a difference. If you have a love for organization or simply want to retain your office skills while gaining work experience - HHSC has a number of activities to keep you involved; Pull cases for appointments; make agency and community referrals for individuals and families; assist families complete applications for assistance; file; collate forms;

compile case folders and applications; answer phones; process mail; copy and fax documents.

Hours are flexible but must be provided within the business hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. A minimum commitment of at least three hours per week is preferred. On-the-job training is provided. For more information on how to volunteer in this program, contact Sandra McKinney at (806) 663-5330 or, Beth Miller at (806) 663-5328.

Special event? Send the information to editor@thepampanews.com.

Parent University Friday, April 3

Pampa ISD Parent University, which was cancelled last week due to the blizzard will be held will be Friday, April 3rd, at Trinity Fellowship Church from 8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. Classes will be held every hour.

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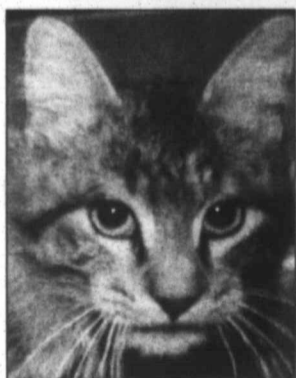
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