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PAMPANEWS

Local jobs filled through community partnership

By Betsy phillips

editor@thepampanews.com Some area residents who have been laid off due to the economy have found a new career, thanks to a partnership between the Texas Department of Criminal Justice,

Clarendon College and the Pampa Economic Development Corporation. Tomorrow, 32 correc-

tional officers will graduate from Clarendon's first full correctional officer academy class.

They all already have jobs guaranteed at the Jordan/ Baten Unit here. Warden Joe Nunn

explained the program simply, "We're short of staff and there are some people here that need jobs.'

Nunn and CC Dean Ray Jaramillo arranged for TDCJ personnel to teach the classes. The PEDC helped with tuition.

If students agreed to work at the Pampa facility for one year, they received a signing bonus of \$1,500.

full salary during their 5 1/2 weeks of training.

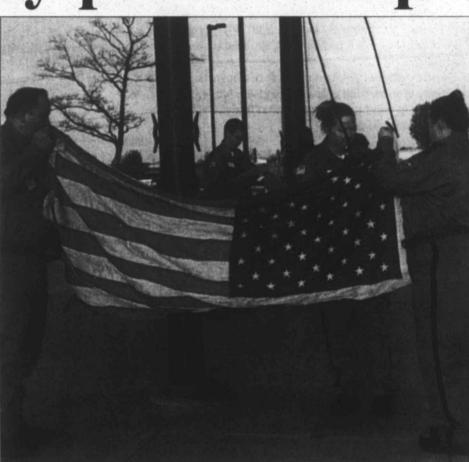
"We guaranteed them jobs in Pampa, that was a driving factor," Nunn said. When there was less of a shortage of correctional officers, graduates could be sent to any of TDCJ's locations after training.

Nunn said they had been working on establishing such a class for six to eight months, but "when the economy was good, there wasn't enough inter-

The PEDC helped fund the program, granting \$4,800 toward the program. That money paid for tuition expenses for the students. The jobs pay about \$27,600 per year.

"It's great to partner with Clarendon College, said PEDC CEO Clay Rice, It is very satisfying to help local people find employment. Clarendon's goal, like ours, is to build Pampa.'

Graduation and a swearing in ceremony will be



staff photo by Betsy Phillips

Correctional officers in training post the colors last week at Clarendon College. The officers graduate tomorrow and will begin jobs at the Jordan/Baten Unit in Pampa.

CRMWA board hears seasonal drought report

by David Bowser dbowser@thepampanews.com

PLAINVIEW - Lake Meredith is 52 feet deep.

"We were about two feet lower at this time last year than what we are now," said Chad Pernell, deputy general manager of the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority. "I guess we're a little bit ahead of the game compared to last year."

The Canadian River Municipal Water Authority supplies water from the lake and from its Roberts County well field north of Pampa to its 11 member

cities, including Pampa. Representatives of those member cities gathered here Wednesday for their

quarterly board meeting to hear that the U.S. Seasonal Drought Outlook shows persist drought across the Texas Panhandle down through the middle of the state to the border with Mexico and the Gulf Coast for the next two months.

While the water in Lake Meredith remains a concern, more than half of the water being sent to the member cities now comes from the Roberts County well field and CRMWA

has bought more water rights over the past several years.

Kent Satterwhite, CRMWA general manager, told the board that the water authority has completed its acquisition of additional water rights.

"We're done," he said. As of this month, Satterwhite said the water authority had acquired 209,213 acres of water rights at a cost of \$75,232,407. Part of that was a trade with the City of Amarillo, CRMWA gave Amarillo 88,275 acres of WATER cont. on page 3

Democratic Party wants apology from lawmaker

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) -The Texas Democratic Party demanded an apology Wednesday from state Rep. Betty Brown, R-Terrell for suggesting Asian-descent should adopt names that are "easier for Americans to deal with.'

Brown made the comments on Tuesday evening as the House Elections Committee discussed voter identification legislation, the Houston Chronicle reported in its online edi-

spokesman Brown Jordan Berry said Brown was not making a racially motivated comment but was trying to resolve an identification problem.

Ramey Ko, a representative of the Organization of Chinese Americans, told the committee that people of Chinese, Japanese and Korean descent often have problems voting and with forms of identification because there may be a difference in their legal transliterated name and a common English name used on their driver's

"Rather than everyone here having to learn Chinese — I understand it's a rather difficult language - do you think that it would behoove you and your citizens to adopt a name that we could deal with more readily here?" Brown asked, the newspaper reported.

She later told Ko: "Can't you see that this is something that would make it a lot easier for you and the people who are poll workers if you could adopt a name just for identification purposes that's easier for Americans to deal with?"

Democratic Chairman Boyd Richie Republicans are trying to suppress votes with a partisan identification bill and said Brown "is adding

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Five arrested on drug related charges

Please use extra caution.

by Rachel Stennett rstennett@thepampanews.com

Five drug arrests were made by the Gray County Sheriff's Office in two separate incidents late Tuesday night and early Friday morning.

At 8:44 p.m. Tuesday (April 7) a vehicle was stopped at the intersection of Frederic and Barnes streets. The deputy recognized the driver, Jesus Manuel Santacruz Sr., 45, for having existing war-

The warrants were confirmed and Santacruz was arrested. Upon a search of the vehicle, a substance believed to be methamphetamine was found,

according to Lt. Joe B. Hoard of the GCSO. Jesus Manuel Santacruz Jr., 24, also in the vehi-

cle, was searched for weapons, and drug paraphernalia was found in his pants. Santacruz Jr. was arrested and charged with pos-

session of drug paraphernalia. He was released from jail Wednesday on a \$400 bond. Santacruz Sr. was charged with possession of a

controlled substance, greater than one gram but less than four grams, and arrested on a warrant for permitting an unlicensed driver to drive. Santacruz Sr. was released from jail on a \$5,300 bond.

Wednesday morning (April 8) at 4:25 a.m., GCSO office deputies were dispatched to the Star Motel, 12037 East Frederic, in reference to a domestic violence call. Deputies saw someone get out of a car and enter room 111, and then leave the room, Hoard ARRESTS cont. on page 3









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High 56 Low 44



Sunday

High 60 Low 43

Friday: Sunny, with a high near 56. Wind chill values between 29 and 39 early. North northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 37. East southeast wind between 10 and 15

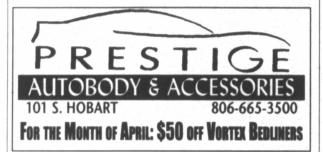
Saturday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 56. Southeast wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Saturday Night: A 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 44. South southeast wind between 5 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as

Sunday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 60. Calm wind becoming east southeast around 5 mph.

Sunday Night: A slight chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 43. North northwest wind around 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20%.

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Grain prices

The following grain quotations are provided by Atterbury Grain of White Deer. Prices quoted are for the close of the last market day.

Wheat\$4.80
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Cash Five Texas results

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) - Results of the Cash 5 drawing Wednesday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 24-31-18-4-20. Number matching five of five: 0. Matching four of five: 75. Prize: \$504 Matching three of five: 2,327. Prize: \$12 Matching two of five: 24,517. Prize: \$2 Next Cash 5 drawing: Thursday night.

Winning Lotto Texas numbers

Winning Lotto Texas numbers

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) -Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 43-39-15-20-9-28. Number matching six of six: 1. Prize: \$10 million Winning number purchased in Houston.

Number matching five of six: 17. Prize: \$2,314. Number matching four of six: 1,186. Prize: \$44. Number matching three of six: 24,894. Prize: \$3. Estimated jackpot for Saturday night drawing: \$4 mil-

3 killed when car topples into creek

after their car ran off a airlifted to Hillcrest Central Texas road and Baptist Medical Center in submerged upside down in Waco. There is no word on a creek near Marlin early the condition of the two, Thursday.

crash happened sometime reports are an adult and a after 1 a.m. at the Texas 7 bridge over Big Creek, about five miles east of Marlin.

KXXV-TV in Waco southeast of Waco. quotes local police as say-

MARLIN, Texas (AP) old girl and two infants. Three people are dead Two others in the car were which KCEN-TV Marlin police say the Waco-Temple-Killeen child.

> The crash happened about 100 miles south of Dallas and about 30 miles

ing the dead are a 17-year-

War hero chases men suspected of killing his dog

HUNTSVILLE, Texas suspects. (AP) — A soldier honored for surviving the worst the Navy Cross for combat single-day loss of life in heroism in 2006. He is the chased three men through to survive a June 2005 three counties after sus- firefight with the Taliban pecting they killed his in Afghanistan.

A Texas Department of Sheriff's Public Safety spokes- investigated the death of woman says Luttrell was involved in charged Michael John the high speed chase in the Edmonds II, 21, and early morning of April 1 Alfonzo Hernandez, 24, after finding his yellow with cruelty to a non-live-Labrador shot outside his stock animal. The driver Huntsville Onalaska Department stopped the

Luttrell was awarded SEAL history lone SEAL team member

The Walker County Department Marcus Luttrell's dog, Dasy. They home. of the vehicle was cited Police for not having a license.

For the Record

Obituaries

C.V. "Spud"Burrows, 87

C.V. "Spud"Burrows, 87, passed away, Tuesday, April 7, 2009, at Borger Healthcare Center. Carmen Vidal Burrows

was born on May 12, 1921, in Copan, Okla. and was a resident of Borger for 64 years.

He married Bea Gilliland on January 26, 1942 in Dewey Okla. Spud was a class A car-

for Phillips Petroleum for 34 years. Spud loved to play golf with his wife Bea and

loved fishing. Mr. Burrows was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 65 years, Bea, in 2007; his father Wesley Burrows; his

mother Burrows; his brother James Burrows; and two sisters, Lehoma Yard and Treva Kerr. Survivors include his

son, Joe Dean Burrows and wife Judy of Borger; three grandchildren Barry Burrows of Borger, Sherri Marsh and husband Jerod of Elko, NV, Kevin Burrows and wife Michelle of Lefors; seven great-grandchildren Austin Brown, Jackson Dean Burrows, Benjamin Burrows, Dillon Marsh, Roger Smith, Kyle Smith, Shelbi Burrows; sister Cleta Codding of Yukon, OK; and several nieces and nephews.

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Casket bearers will be Barry Burrows, Kevin Burrows, Jerod Marsh, Roger Smith and Kyle Smith. Graveside services will

be at 2:00 P.M., Friday, April 10, 2009 at Westlawn cemetery with Chaplain Darrell Burton of Hospice of the Southwest officiat-

Family will be at 217 Tumbleweed in Borger.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Hospice Care of the Southwest, 1301 Coulter Drive, Suite 404, Amarillo, Texas



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Arrangements entrusted Brown Funeral Directors of Borger.

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Nova Mears Little, 95

PAMPA (formerly of Clarendon) —Nova Mears 95, died on Monday, April 6, 2009 in Pampa, Texas.

Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday, April 10, 2009 in Citizens Cemetery in Clarendon with Rev. Kenny Rigoulot, Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Pampa, officiating. Interment will be at

Citizens Cemetery in Clarendon. Arrangements are being

Robertson by Funeral Directors

Mrs. Little was born November 10, 1913 in Texas to Lingleville, Melvin W. and Della Sheffield Cook. She married Curtis Mears on December 20, 1941. He preceded her in death on November 28, 1968.

She then married J.D. Little on April 3, 1970. He preceded her in death on August 30, 1988. She had been a resident of Clarendon before moving to Pampa in 1979. She was a graduate of West Texas University. She had been a school teacher for over 52 years and most of her teaching years were in Clarendon. She was a member of the Retired Teachers and was the Past Noble Grand of the Rebekah Lodge.

She never taught a child she didn,t love. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Pampa. She was preceded in

death by her parents, Mr. & Mrs. Melvin Cook; her sister, Nell Jones; her husbands, Curtis Mears and J.D. Little. Her survivors include a

son, Charles Mears of Pampa; her grandchildren,

Derek Mears of Oklahoma, and Veronica Mears of Grand Rapids, Michigan; her stepchildren, Marquita Lenerose and Charlotte Ashford of Amarillo, and Royce Little of Honolulu, Hawaii. The family request

memorials be to Citizens Cemetery Association / PO Box 983 / Clarendon, Texas 79226.

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Emergency Services

SHERIFF

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following calls between 7 a.m. Tuesday and 7 a.m. Wednesday.

Tuesday Isaac Lee Rodriguez, 21, of Pampa was arrested the GCSO for driving while license invalid in

Hale County and possession of marijuana in Hale Dane Hoffman, 23, of Albuquerque, N.M., 23,

was arrested by the GCSO for violation of probation on possession of a controlled substance, and bond surrender on possession of a controlled sub-Jaqulyne Lee Mears, 33,

of Lefors was arrested by the GCSO for manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance.

James Robert Gee, 38, of Lefors was arrested by the GCSO for manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance.

Christian Edward Bruce, 29, of Pampa was arrested by the Pampa Police Department for resisting arrest, criminal mischief, and criminal trespass.

Jesus Manual Santacruz, Jr., 24, of Pampa was arrested by the GCSO for possession of drug paraphernalia.

Jesus Manuel Santacruz, 43, of Pampa was arrested for posses-

sion of a controlled substance, and permitting an unlicensed driver to drive. Wednesday

Anthony Lee Williams, 31, of Pampa was arrested by the GCSO for possession of a controlled sub-Christian Dale King,

7 of Pampa was arrested by the GCSO for a blue warrant on possession of a controlled substance. Steven Wilson Rivera, 43, of Pampa was arrested

by the GCSO for possession of a controlled sub-David Ray Burrow, 29, of McLean was arrested

by the GCSO for no valid driver's license Jaime Garcia, 21, of Pampa was arrested by the Pampa Police Department for failure to identify, and warrants on no driver's

Thursday

license.

Daniel Craig Baker, 28, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO for theft by check

FIRE

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

Tuesday 11:05 am. — One unit four personnel responded to the 400 block of West Crawford on a med assist.

7:46 p.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to the intersection of Malone and Finley streets on a public service call. Wednesday

10:53 a.m. — Three units and seven personnel responded to the 2500 block of Perryton Parkway on a false alarm. Thursday

4:17 a.m. — One unit

and three personnel responded to the 1200 block of Garland on a lift

assist.

AMBULANCE

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

Tuesday

9:04 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1500 block of West Kentucky and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

9:39 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2600 block of Fir and transported a patient to PRMC.

11:09 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 400 block of Crawford and transported a patient to PRMC.

1:40 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 400 block of Crawford and transported a patient to PRMC.

1:52 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2500 block of Aspen. No patients were transported. 4:48 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2400

block of Rosewood. No

patients were transported.

Wednesday 2:30 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to North West Texas Hospital

in Amarillo. Wednesday 10:43 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of Garland and

transported a patient to PRMC. 11:51 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 700 block of Browning and transported a patient to

10:55 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 200 block of Hickory Drive. No patients were transported.

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Water board meeting

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water rights in return for 68,317 acres with comparable quantities of water. Pernell told the board that there had been three mechanical failures this past quarter, and the authority was checking to see if the failures were pumps or motors. He estimated the repair costs at slightly less than \$400,000.

"I think these estimates are high," Pernell said, "but we don't know the costs yet.'

Satterwhite said \$800,000 had been set aside in the budget for

"We're trying to get those back up and running as soon as possible,' Pernell said.

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John Kelley Parkhill, Smith Cooper, an Amarillo engineering group said six additional wells had been drilled as a part of the well field expansion program. Those wells are now being tested.

When they come on line, Kelley said, the will add another 22,500 acre-feet of water to the system per

A 12-mile pipeline is planned to tie the new expansion to the existing aqueduct and there will be a collection pipeline built. Bids will be opened for those pipelines on April 21. The project is scheduled for completion in April, 2010.

Satterwhite said the water authority had applied for federal funding for part of the project through the state for \$23 million, but it could be October before the money becomes available, and it could come with strings attached by the federal

dent of the executive committee, announced comappointments. mittee Pampa's representatives, Benny Kirksey and Jerry Carlson, were both named to the operating committee. Kirksey was named to the recreation, water quality and pollution control committee. Carlson was named vice-chairman of the legislative committee.

government. Norman Wright, presi-

Bill would allow local option fees for roads AUSTIN, Texas (AP) -R-Dallas, who favors

Voters in at least 19 Texas counties could impose taxes on themselves to build road, bridge and rail projects under a bill approved Wednesday by the state Senate.

The proposal, which could not take effect until statewide voters sign off on it, would allow county gasoline taxes and other assorted fees on parking, drivers' licenses and vehicle registrations. It also would allow for a "Texas new resident roadway impact fee" of up to \$250 on vehicles that were previously registered out of

The bill is still a long way from final passage. It faces another Senate vote. probably Tuesday, and an uncertain fate in the Texas House.

The vote was 23-8, according to an official Senate tally sheet.

All the money-raising proposals and the transportation projects would have to be approved by voters. Harris County, where Houston is located, is exempted from the bill, which sparked heated discussions in the Senate Wednesday night.

Sen. Dan Patrick, R-Houston, railed against the legislation even though his home county is currently not included in it. He said local authorities are already pressuring the Legislature to add the

"They want the opportunity to tax their citizens," Patrick said. "We're creating a mechanism for a tax." After more than a dozen amendment were adopted, carving out various exceptions and adding several counties, Patrick called the bill a "muddled mess."

The sponsor of the legislation, Sen. John Carona,

increasing the gasoline tax, said he would rather finance the growing backlog of transportation projects with a statewide approach. But, given political opposition to that idea, including from Republican Gov. Rick Perry, he said letting locals fund their own projects was better than nothing.

"If we don't go for this we're not going to get anything," Carona said.

Meanwhile, the Texas Public Policy Foundation, a conservative think tank, said the proposal contained too many fees and tax hikes and not enough safeguards against waste and fraud.

"As we initially feared when the bill was filed, what was originally presented as a tax bill for a single region now encompasses most of the state's population centers," said Justin Keener,

spokesman for the group. "This is a tax increase package with statewide implications, and all Texans need to read up on this bill over the weekend now that the Senate has opened it so broadly."

There were at least 19 counties included in the bill. It would apply to the entire Dallas-Fort Worth region, a 12-county area Collin, encompassing Dallas, Denton, Ellis, Hood, Hunt, Johnson, Kaufman, Parker, Rockwell, Tarrant and Wise counties.

It would also include Travis, El Paso, McLennan, Coryell, Cameron and Nueces counties. Bexar County, where San Antonio is located, would be included in the legislation but could only raise gasoline taxes to pay for projects.

After the Senate adopted

an amendment by Sen. Royce West, D-Dallas, Dallas-Fort International Airport and Love Field got exempted in the bill from coughing up any of their parking fee money to transportation projects.

The local-option proposal would not take effect until Texas voters approve a separate measure, amending the Texas Constitution, designed to stop budgetary diversions of revenue from the gas tax and vehicle registration fees to pay for projects not

related to transportation. Some of the funding in the bill, destined for mass transit proposals, is also contingent upon passage of a constitutional amendment that allows motor fuels tax dollars to be spent on rail projects.

The 20-cent tax on gasoline, which hasn't been raised in Texas since 1991, could eventually rise to 30 cents in counties where voters adopt the localoption increases under the legislation. Voters in the counties that fall under the bill could raise vehicle registration fees by \$60, and tack on up to \$15 in localoption vehicle inspection.

Carona, the bill sponsor, said opponents would use "every tool at their disposal to kill this legislation."

"They are obviously impacted by the various anti-tax groups that have been so vocal across the state and I suspect they fear their re-election prospects," Carona said. "This is the only practical solution for the Legislature this session."

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deputies entered the room and asked for consent to search

"Upon searchingthe room, deputies found a bag containing a quantity of what appeared to be a white substance," Hoard

said. The substance will be knocked on the door, tested in a labatory to reveal what type of drug it

> Three men inside the room, Anthony Lee Williams, 31, Christian Dale King, 27, and Steven Wilson Rivera, 43, were all arrested and charged with

possession of a controlled substance, greater than four grams, but less than 200 grams.

All three men remain in jail. River has bond set at \$7,500, Williams at \$6,500, and King at \$6,000. King is also being held on a blue warrant.

Texas county apologies to its "dead voters"

· AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Alegria Arce Hibbetts of Austin got a letter in late March saying that she might be dead.

Or more specifically, the Texas secretary of state's Election Administration Management system indicated she was a "possible deceased voter." She had 30 days to prove otherwise, and she wasn't sure how to do that - the response form allowed only for a family member to sign off on her death.

check "I'm alive," said Hibbetts, 74, who lives just north of the University of Texas. "I don't know where they got that information "

The letter was one of thousands sent to voters across Texas as part of a new effort by the secretary of state's office to remove dead people from the voter rolls. Two weeks ago, the state sent a list of the possibly deceased to each county, leaving local officials to find out who was still living. While some county officials did further research on the names, Travis County simply mailed out letters to all 140 people the state listed as

"possible deceased voter." The county learned of the error last week after Hibbetts complained and the voter registrar's office realized more information was included on the state ist. It sent out apology let-

ers April 1.
The renewed push to purge voter rolls of dead voters comes as state legislators debate proposed voter ID legislation and illustrates the lengths to which state officials already go to ensure the integrity of the ballot box, starting with maintaining accurate lists of registered voters. It's a process county with which officials are still wrestling.

"There's always that balance with someone's right to vote," said Randall Dillard, director of communications for the secretary of state's office. "But our responsibility is to keep the rolls as clean as

possible.' The latest problem began when the secretary of state, at the state auditor's urging, cross-checked its database of 12.8 million registered voters against a list of all Texans who have died since 1964, the farthest complete records go back, Dillard said.

State and county offices update voter rolls daily, adding new registrations and removing the ineligible, but this was the first time the state did a complete sweep for the deceased.

If a computer matched a full name, last four digits of a Social Security number and date of birth with those of someone who died, the system automatically purged that voter from the rolls, Dillard said. But if the computer could match only the last four digits of the Social Security number and date of birth, that voter was flagged as a "weak match," and the name was forwarded to the county.

The secretary of state's office sent 9,932 "weak matches" to county voter registrars. There were 140 in Travis County, including some duplicates, but only 47 of those people were actually dead, said Dolores Lopez, who supervises voter registration for Travis County's tax assessor-collector.

Although the county checked the information given by the state, it only verified the criteria that created the match in the first place. Officials, did not go name by name down the list because they didn't realize the electronic spreadsheet contained names for comparison, Lopez said.

"We're not trying to take anyone off the voter roles," said Nelda Wells Spears, tax assessor and voter registrar for Travis County.

"We want to keep them on."

Many of the larger counties in Texas keep their own voter databases and did additional fact-checking on the weak matches presented by the state. They include the state's two largest counties, Harris and Dallas.

"I'm always kind of dubious of matches," said Hammerlein, George director of elections for Harris County. "I know mine are good, but ... I'd rather be yelled at for leaving a few dead people on the rolls than taking a few living people off."

As for the "dear family" letters, as Hammerlein calls them, those could use some tweaking too, Lopez

Counties send the stateprescribed letters in English and Spanish, and the registrar's phone number is listed on the letter, but as Hibbetts noted, the response form assumes the voter is dead.

"It's not a friendly form. I will say that," Lopez said. "When we have a little bit of time, we want to go back to the secretary of state. We want to make it a little easier to respond."

Hibbetts, who received her apology letter last week, said she's just happy to be alive. "I think I'm a little sensitive about being dead," she said. "I just think what would happen to people that would be scared by that."

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insult to injury with her disrespectful comments."

Berry said Democrats are trying to blow Brown's comments out of proportion because polls show most voters support requiring identification for voting.

"They want this to just be about race," Berry said.





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Viewpoints

Today in History

Today is Thursday, April 9, the 99th day of 2009. There are 266 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

641 - An army commanded by Amr Ibn al-As conquers Egypt by seizing the Babylon fort in the Nile Delta. Alexandria capitulates the following November

837 - Halley's Comet makes its closest known passage to Earth: 5 million kilometers (3 million

1609 - Spain signs nine-year truce with Holland. 1682 - French explorer Robert LaSalle, reaches the Gulf of Mexico after traveling down Mississippi

1783 - Tippoo of Mysore forces British to surrender Bednore.

1833 - First U.S. tax-supported public library is founded in

Hampshire. There is no such 1865 - Confederate thing as conversa-Gen. Robert E. Lee surrenders his army tion. It is an illuto Union Gen. Ulysses S. Grant, sion. There are ending the American intersecting mono-Civil War. 1940 - German logues, that is all." forces invade Norway

Dame Rebecca West, Irish-born author

World War II. 1942 - American Philippine and

defenders on Bataan capitulate to Japanese forces during World War II; the surrender is followed by the notorious Bataan Death March, which claimed nearly 10,000 lives.

1948 - Jewish militia attack the Arab village of Deir Yassin in what is now Israel, killing more than 100 Arabs and forcing the rest to flee.

1949 - U.N. International Court of Justice delivers its first decision, holding Albania responsible for incidents in Corfu Channel and awarding Britain

1963 - Britain's former Prime Minister Winston Churchill is made an honorary U.S. citizen.

1986 - West Berlin expels two Libyan diplomats, says it suspects Libya of being behind bombing of Berlin discotheque.

1988 - China's National Peoples Congress names Li Peng as premier.

1990 - A three-decade ban on political activity is lifted in Nepal, and hundreds of thousands celebrate. 1991 - U.N. Security Council establishes a 1,440-

member peacekeeping force to monitor the Iraq-Kuwait border and the withdrawal of U.S. forces from southern Iraq

2001- Rioting breaks out in Cincinnati, Ohio, erupting out of what had begun as a peaceful demonstration against the shooting two days earlier of an unarmed black youth by the police.

2002 - The funeral of Queen Elizabeth, the queen mother, is held in London's Westminster Abbey.

Today's Birthdays: Charles Pierre Baudelaire, French author (1821-1867); Leon Blum, French socialist statesman (1870-1950); Paul Robeson, U.S. singer (1898-1976); Sir Robert Helpmann, Australian ballet star-actor (1909-1986); Joern Utzon, Danish architect (1918-2008); Jean-Paul Belmondo, French actor (1933-); Paulina Porizkova, Czech model-actress (1965-); Hugh Hefner, Playboy creator (1926—); Cynthia Nixon, U.S actress (1966—).

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Texas needs to think forward while planning its power grid

By Paul Sadler

At the turn of the 20th Century, the idea of manned flight was not only a pipe dream, but disproven by so-called experts. Within a generation, the airplane would transform modern warfare and modern transportation.

Over the course of the last two centuries, we have seen cars replace horses, electricity replace candlelight, and landlines replace the telegram, only later to compete with wireless phones. And with the arrival of the Internet, communications has been revolutionized.

Those of us involved in the energy sector think there is something fundamental that can be learned from all of these technological innovations: the investments we make in public infrastructure should be based on the technologies of tomorrow, and not merely the advances that have been made today. In other words, policymakers must continue to think forward, beyond the constraints posed by today's technology.

When it comes to tax, transmission and regulatory policy related to energy and electricity, it is tempting to think about tomorrow's electricity grid based on the viability of today's

That would be a costly mistake. Just as the splitting of the atom changed the complexion of weapons systems overnight, the capability to store electricity will instantly transform how we generate electricity.

Today there are a lot of smart minds seeking to "crack the code" when it comes to the storage of energy. They all tell us it is not a ques-

tion of "if", but "when" When it does happen, will we have a power grid that is ready for it,

Energy storage will change the way we generate energy because

or will we spend tens of billions of dollars to catch up to the new reality?

rently variable. This simply means wind turbines provide power intermittently based on when the wind blows. But while critics claim this is an inherent limitation on wind's reliability, it really is not. Today wind represents eight percent of our energy capacity, but because of a lack of transmission lines wind only supplies four percent of our power. And studies have shown that the grid can receive as much as 20 percent of its electricity from wind with minimal disruption.

renewable sources like wind are cur-

However, the day energy can be stored and released when needed is the day when energy generation will be truly transformed. Energy storage will change the way our electric grid is operated, allowing us to reach the total potential of renewable resources and benefit all generation sources by making our grid more reliable. Developers of wind energy won't have to engage any longer in debates about the reliability of their commodity. It will instantly be recognized not as just a clean alternative, but one of the only abundant resources we have that will never run dry (along with its cousin, solar.)

Today we are at a critical crossroads. On one hand, Texas has been blessed with both rich wind resources, and policy-makers willing to harvest our wind potential. As we sit here today, we have almost three times as much developed wind energy capacity as any state.

Last year we added more wind capacity than California has over the last 25 years.

Simply astounding.

On the other hand, if we don't add needed transmission capacity, our growth will slow to a crawl because it doesn't make sense to generate power if you can't get it to where people need it. The current transmission system is nearly tapped out when it comes to wind development.

Fortunately, lawmakers authorized the Public Utility Commission (PUC) to develop a plan for Competitive Renewable Energy Zones (CREZ). If built out as currently planned, CREZ will add another 11,553 wind-generated megawatts to the system - more than double what we have today.

All well and good right? Yes, except there seems to be a growing sentiment that maybe we are moving too fast on CREZ transmission, or maybe wind developers need greater restrictions than any other energy source when it comes to siting regu-

That's why representatives of more than 30 wind companies recently converged on the Capitol on "Wind Energy Day" as declared by Governor Perry.

There is ample reason to praise lawmakers for visionary tax, transmission and siting policies that have made Texas the envy of the nation. But there is also reason for concern, especially if Texas relaxes on building transmission lines, or puts up regulatory hurdles to the development of this clean resource.

When you consider the day is coming when we will be able to store wind-generated electricity, and even further down the road the day is coming when we will run out of fossil fuels, the wise course is to craft energy policy that reflects tomorrow's energy realities.

We hope Texas will continue to think forward.

Paul Sadler is the executive director of The Wind Coalition, a wind energy advocacy organization with more than 30 members seeking to grow our wind potential in the South Central United States.

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Sports



photo submitted by Lendi Jackson Valerie Miller makes a leap of 15'8 1/4" to win the long jump at the dis-

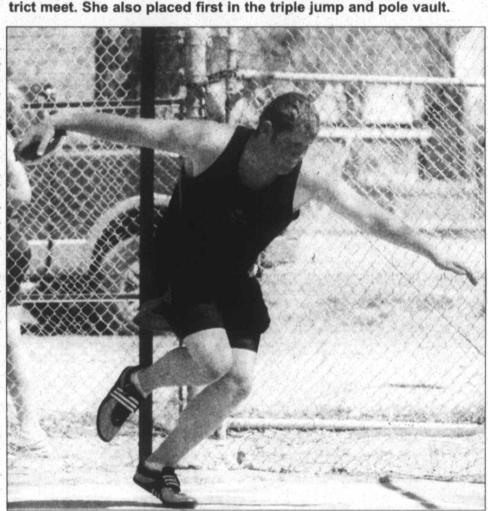


photo submitted by Lendi Jackson Dustin Forsyth throws the discus at the district meet. He won the event with a toss of 139'11". Forsyth also placed first in the shot put

with 45' 1/2". anyon tops PHS 6-5

CANYON -- As the full moon rose over left field the Pampa Harvesters took the lead over the home team and held it until Canyon tied the score in the sixth, sending the game into extra innings.

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Canyon ended up winning a close one in the eighht inning 6-5.

The first two inning were

scoreless. Pampa put five runs

across the plate in the third. Blake Sieck, Ryan Funderburg, Braden Hunt, Jeremy Busse and Casey Trimble each scored. Canyon managed two

runs in the third and brought another man home in the fourth.

The fifth inning was scoreless, but Canyon brought in two runs in the

The Pampa News thanks all the parents, teachers and coaches who continue to provide us with photos of and information on our community's youth.

The seventh inning was scoreless, sending the game into extra innings.

Jeremy Maxwell managed to advance to third in the eighth inning, but was left on base as the side retired.

A single run in the bottom of the eighth put Canyon over.

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DISTRICT CHAMPS Cruz, Andrus lead Rangers past Indians

ARLINGTON, Elvis Andrus reached the majors so soon because the Texas Rangers thought he could help shore up their infield defense.

The rookie showed Wednesday night that he can hit a little, too.

Andrus hit his first career homer, and Nelson Cruz added two solo shots and three RBIs to lead the Rangers past the Cleveland Indians 8-5.

"I said that the kid was not going to be an out," Texas manager Ron Washington said. "We've got nine guys in our lineup who can get you. Elvis is not going to hit many home runs. But every now and then, he's going to catch one.

The 20-year-old Andrus, who is 3-for-8 to start the season, was in Double-A last season and he got the shortstop job before the season started. Five-time All-Star Michael Young moved to third base to accommodate Andrus.

The rookie showed off his defense in the opener Monday by starting two double plays.

Andrus homered off Rafael Betancourt in the

"I just hit it hard and started running," Andrus said. "At first I thought it was a triple. I saw the umpire signal (home run) when I got to second

Ben Francisco homered for the Indians, who have been outscored 17-6 by Texas in the series.

Cruz led off the second inning with a home run off Fausto Carmona (0-1), who allowed six runs and seven hits in five innings. Cruz added another shot off reliever Rafael Perez in the seventh that landed in the second level of seats in

Vicente Padilla (1-0), the Rangers' win leader with 14 in 2008, allowed four hits and three runs in 5 2-3 innings to help the Rangers open 2-0 for the first time since 2000. Frank Francisco pitched a score-

less ninth for his first save. "It's always good to start

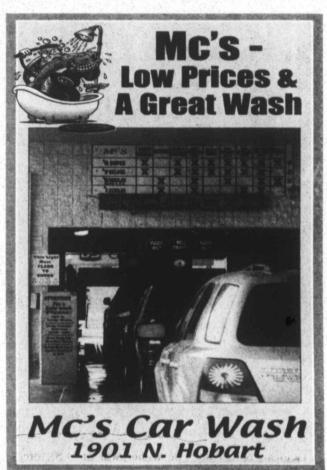
with wins," Cruz said. "Since spring training, everybody has talked about being together and supporting one another."

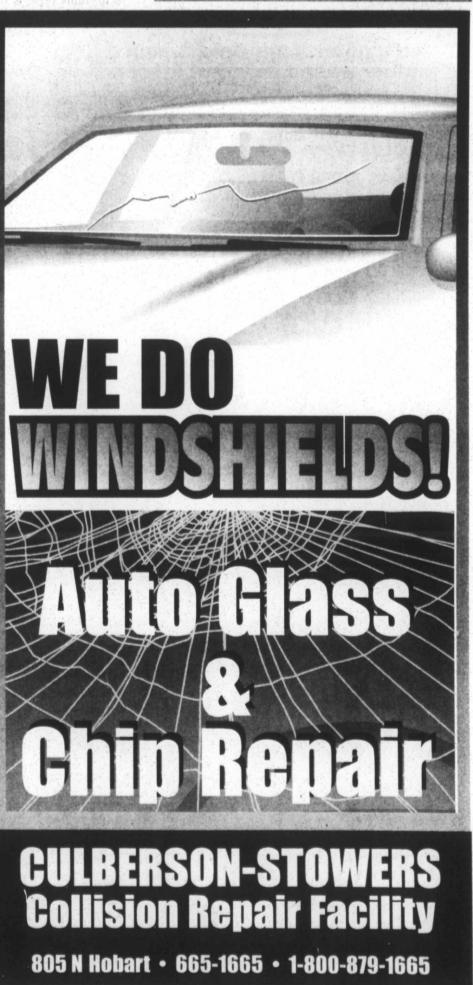
Cruz hit his first homer to left-center, and Texas then had four straight hits to build the lead.

Chris Davis scored on Andrus' infield single. Ian Kinsler followed with a run-scoring double and Young made it 4-0 on a fielder's choice.

Francisco hit a two-run homer in the sixth.

Andrus increased Texas' lead to 7-3 with his homer.





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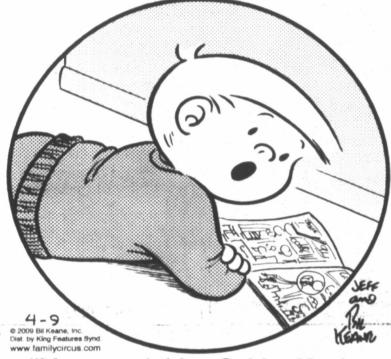
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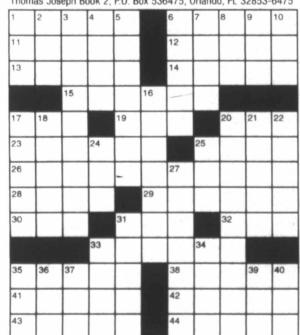
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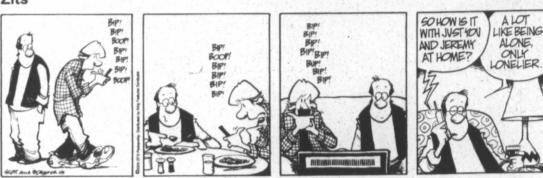
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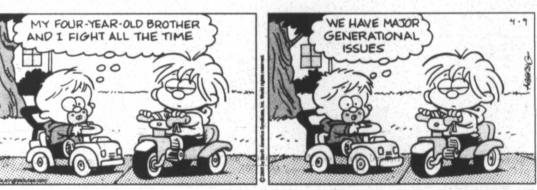
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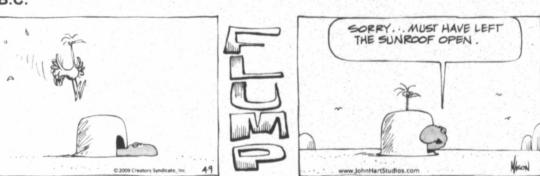
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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I was pleased that you advised "Remorseful in Georgia" (Jan. 27) to find another outlet for her guilt and "leave the scab alone." I was recently contacted by my fiance's former girlfriend, a woman who had made several attempts to break us up when we first became a couple. Although she apologized for the problems she tried so hard to cause between us, all it did was dredge the feelings of anger and anxiety up again. She was calling for purely selfish reasons --not to give me the chance to confront her, but under the guise of "wanting to be friends." Whatever made her think I would want her friendship?!

If "Remorseful" needs a way to rid herself of her guilt, I recommend she get therapy. She may be trying to escape her karma. In my experience, she can run, but she can't hide. --UNTOUCHABLE **NEW YORK**

DEAR UNTOUCH-ABLE: Some readers felt I should have preached forgiveness, and they referenced AA and the Bible -both of which advocate making amends to those we have harmed in the past. They may or may not be right, but I saw no reason for "Remorseful" to transfer her burden of guilt to the shoulders of the person she wronged -- just in case that woman didn't have the inner strength to be forgiving. However, read on:

DEAR ABBY: Sorry, but I don't agree with your reply to "Remorseful." It's never too late to say "I'm sorry," no matter what the offense. The words don't benefit only the person carrying the guilt. Someone who has been hurt in such a traumatic fashion needs to know that his or her pain has finally been acknowledged, even 20 years later.

Those women will never friends.

"Remorseful" admitting her part in the betrayal, albeit without comparing it to her own past pain, could start both women on a journey to emotional healing. I am sure that's why AA and similar support groups stress the need to seek forgiveness for past wrongs as one of the steps to keeping it together. -- DIANE IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

DEAR ABBY: I was in the same situation as "Remorseful." Although my husband and I had been divorced for years, I still felt I needed to apologize to his former wife. I finally summoned up the nerve to place the call. I told her who I was, how sorry I was for the pain I had caused her and asked for forgive-

She was gracious. She laughed and said, "Honey, you did me the biggest favor anyone has ever done for me. You took him off my hands!" We laughed, we cried and had a wonderful conversation. I'm so glad I made that call. --**RELIEVED IN TEXAS**

DEAR ABBY: This is for "Remorseful" -- the gal who feels guilt from 20 years ago for an affair she had. Why do women always feel the need to apologize for things that MEN do? The man was the adult here. The gal was 20 and living in a fantasyland of happily ever after. If the ex-wife feels anger, she should direct it where it is needed -- at the HUS-BAND, not the young girl lured in with fake promis-

Get over it! If the ex-wife is so stupid as to be bitter over a failed marriage from 20 years ago -- that she herself probably had a hand in the demise of -then it's HER problem and not "Remorseful's." Stop letting the men off the hook. The husband didn't care, so why should she? --FROM MESA, SUE ARIZ.

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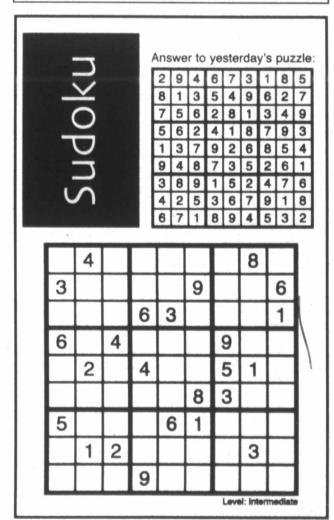
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Yesterday's Cryptoquote: YOU DON'T WRITE BECAUSE YOU WANT TO SAY SOMETHING. YOU WRITE BECAUSE YOU'VE GOT SOMETHING TO SAY. — F. SCOTT FITZGERALD



Daily Horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, April 10, 2009:

You have a way that warms up many. Your smile draws admirers and friends. Though you might not live a magical life. much flows in an unprecedented manner. You are best off relating individually in all areas of your life. Take good risks with Lady Luck on your shoulder. If you are single, you'll meet many people with ease. You love parties. Continue to meet people, and someone will knock your socks off this year. If you are attached, allow your significant other to dominate more. He or she needs a change! SCOR-PIO reads you cold.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

*** Eliminate issues through direct communication and a strong sense of direction. What you are seeing is a dark or hidden side that people will not discuss. Here lies the biggest issue or problem. Tonight: Join a friend or loved one for dinner.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

*** Break through cobwebs in your thinking. Open up your mind, and you'll see new vistas. Your instincts work well with bosses. Understand what you really might be saying. Tonight: Network. GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

*** Prioritize, knowing you have only so much energy. Someone might be draining you - whether it is intentional on this person's part is irrelevant. Make yourself your highest priority, and you'll come out on top of the situation. Tonight:

CANCER (June 21-July 22) *** How you deal with someone and your decisions make the difference with others. Your portfolio of "friendly people" in your life could be transforming. Do avoid someone who plays control games. The only way to win is not to play. Tonight: Out - introduce yourself

to a new face.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) *** How you deal with a personal matter will define your mood. If you are feeling pushed personally, you are more likely to be distracted. Your popularity soars, and you are able to make a big difference if you are centered. Use a break for a walk rather than a talk. Tonight:

Now for your personal life. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

*** The words you choose and the way you approach someone impacts more people than you realize. Before you, express frustration, think. Stay sensitive to your own limits. You could easily take on too much. Plug your imagination into plans for the next few days. Tonight: Finally, the weekend.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

*** Balancing your budget takes unusual attention. Rather than cutting back, consider a second job or working overtime. Opportunity floats in through a loved one or dear friend. Listen to a partner's chatter. Tonight: Remember, fun doesn't have to cost.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

**** Use your innate vitality to charge interactions and perhaps revitalize your communication. If you need to cancel a meeting or change your plans altogether, it makes no difference. You spring from an anchored and stable perspective - for now! Tonight: In the thick

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

**** Zero in on what you want. Say what you mean and feel, even if you

dress up your thoughts with pretty words and a soft smile. Others still will get your message loud and clear. At the same time, don't forget to seek out a loved one. You keep postponing connecting.

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Tonight: Just hang out. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

**** Friends, meetings and work could mix if you allow them to. On the other hand, you might separate them. Be aware of how someone looks at and admires you. Anything is possible. Don't commit to a financial investment just yet. Continue to air out ideas. Tonight: Find fun and friends.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

*** Take a stand and be clear with others. You could get some flak if you don't work with someone well. Your feelings pop out. Fortunately, you have a receptive audience. Make plans with friends and perhaps a business associate. Tonight: It is Friday - need we say

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

*** Back off, especially if you are absolutely sure or, on the other hand, confused. Airing out ideas adds to success and can bring only more information. If in another week you feel the same way after you have put some space between you and this concept, act. Tonight: Follow the music.

BORN TODAY Actor Omar Sharif (1932), actor Steven Seagal (1951), singer Mandy Moore

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