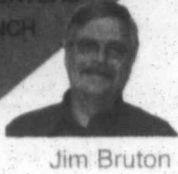


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## LOCAL SURGEON INJURED IN FALL, EXPECTED BACK IN US

BY DAVID BOWSER  
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A Pampa doctor is expected to return to the United States in a few days after suffering a fracture in his neck during a trip to Jordan. Dr. Vijay Mohan suffered a fracture between the first and second vertebrae in a fall in Jordan while on vacation with his wife Shanta.

Mohan tripped on some steps Tuesday, April 28, in a restaurant about three hours northwest of Amman, Jordan.

The Pampa surgeon is in an Amman hospital awaiting a flight back to the United States for surgery.

Jimmie Williams, a friend who's in touch with the family, said that Dr. Mohan can walk with help and there is no paralysis, but

he can't fly until a brace can be shipped from New York to Amman to hold his head in place and relieve the pressure on his neck.

The Mojans were part of a tour group. They had been in China and Peru and were touring the Middle East.

Williams said today that Dr. Mohan is doing well, and she expects him to return to his practice within a few weeks.

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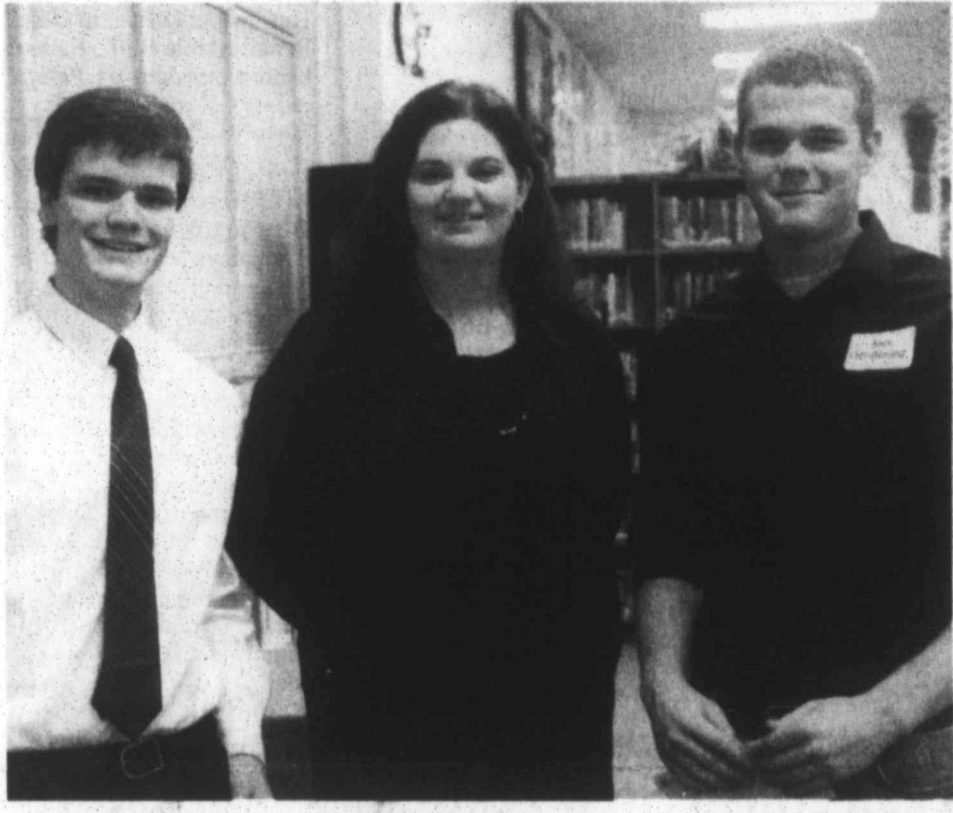
BY DAVID BOWSER  
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Two Pampa High School students were honored Thursday night at the school district's Teachers of the Year banquet.

Jonathan L. Murray and Alexander M. Clendening were invited to participate in the 2010 National Merit Scholarship Program's College Plans Reporting Service, said PHS Principal Tanya Larkin.

Murray and Clendening each scored 201 or above on the 2008 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test, Larkin said, putting them among the 50,000 highest scoring participants of some 1.5 million program entrants.

Of the 50,000 students being offered the service, about 16,000 will be named National Merit Program Semifinalists, according to Else-Britt DeLong, director of educational services for the National Merit Scholarship Corporation. Semifinalists will have an opportunity to compete for about 8,200 National Merit Scholarships in



Jonathan Murray, left, and Alex Clendening, right, flank Pampa High School Principal Tanya Larkin at Thursday night's Teachers of the Year banquet. Murray and Clendening were recognized for qualifying for the National Merit Program.

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## TEACHERS OF THE YEAR Troxell honored at Travis Elementary

BY RACHEL STENNETT  
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Kristie Troxell, Travis Elementary school Teacher of the Year, helps Taylea Matthews recognize numbers during a classroom activity.

For the last 16 years, Kristie Troxell has been the first teacher for many kindergarten students who begin their education at Travis Elementary.

For her continuing efforts and dedication teaching kindergartners how to read, write, and get along with each other, Troxell has been awarded Teacher of the Year of Travis Elementary school.

Troxell as always wanted to be a teacher. Influenced by her mother, who was also teacher, she said she always had respect for her mother.

"I wanted to touch the lives of children and make a difference, just as she did," Troxell said.

Even with Troxell's dedication and passion for the profession, she said she still faces challenges. Her greatest challenge as a teacher is in trying to spend enough time everyday with every child in her classroom to ensure that they will be successful.

The benefits of the job outweigh the challenges in most circumstances for Troxell.

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## PISD works on safety issues at PHS

BY DAVID BOWSER  
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As the Pampa High School renovation and expansion project nears completion, the Pampa Independent School District board of trustees is ordering the district's maintenance department to eliminate safety hazards on the concrete fence in front of the school while

they decide what will be done with the fence.

There had been plans to move the fence, thought to have been erected in the 1930s by the WPA, Works Progress Administration, but there is concern about whether the fence can be moved and there are Pampa residents who don't want it moved.

In the renovation plans, a por-

tion of the fence was to be moved to the high school's new main entrance on the north side of the main building from its present location on Harvester.

School board member Lee Porter said during Thursday night's board meeting that the district had tried to repair the concrete fence but with little success. He noted that there were several places where

steel rebar was sticking through the concrete, and he said he was concerned that some student might get impaled on it.

"It is a safety issue, no doubt," said Derrell DeLoach, vice president of the school board, "It has to be addressed. It's needed to be addressed for a long time."

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## PAMPA FORECAST

Saturday	Sunday	Monday
		
High 63 Low 43	High 61 Low 48	High 67 Low 52

**Saturday:** Patchy fog before 1pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a high near 63. Northeast wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

**Saturday Night:** Mostly cloudy, with a low around 43. East wind around 5 mph becoming north.

**Sunday:** Partly sunny, with a high near 61. East northeast wind around 10 mph.

**Sunday Night:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 48. East northeast wind between 10 and 15 mph becoming calm.

**Monday:** Mostly cloudy, with a high near 67. Calm wind becoming southeast between 5 and 10 mph.

**Monday Night:** Mostly cloudy, with a low around 52. South wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

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Corn.....	\$7.27

## Texas Two Step results

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Thursday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 20-30-31-21. Bonus Ball: 6.

Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 0.

Number matching four of four: 16. Prize: \$707.

Number matching three of four, plus Bonus Ball: 21. Prize: \$66.

Number matching three of four: 770. Prize: \$24.

Number matching two of four, plus Bonus Ball: 619. Prize: \$20.

Number matching one

of four, plus Bonus Ball: 3,628. Prize: \$7.

Number matching Bonus Ball alone: 6,715. Prize: \$5.

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## Obituaries

### John David Ball, 61

Pampa, Texas — John David Ball, 61, died on May 7, 2009 in Amarillo, Texas.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 9, 2009, at Carmichael-Whately Colonial Chapel, with Rev. Jim Sinyard, associate pastor of Carpenter's Church, officiating.

Burial will be at Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.

Mr. Ball was born September 30, 1947 in Huttig, Arkansas to John P. and Mable Ball. He had been a resident of Pampa

most of his life and was an electrical foreman. John enjoyed traveling very much. He loved his family, his children and grandchildren, and lived life to its fullest. He attended Carpenter's Church in Pampa.

Survivors include three sons, Michael Ball and wife Monica of West Monroe, Louisiana, John D. Ball, II and wife Valarie of Skellytown, and Nick Ball of White Deer; four daughters, Renee Porter and husband Carter Craft of Bastrop, Louisiana, Samantha Ball and fiancé Sean Gammel of

West Monroe, Louisiana, Chassie Germany and husband Robert of Borger, and Patience Ball of White Deer; mother: Mable Ball of Pampa; brother: Geary Ball and wife Marilyn of Pampa; eight grandchildren, Haley, Quinten, Regan and Paige Ball, all of West Monroe, Louisiana, Chelsie Porter and Ethan Craft, both of Bastrop, Louisiana, Brayden Ball of Skellytown and Camree Germany of Borger; two nieces, Hannah and Lesley Ball, both of Pampa. John was preceded in death by his father: John P. Ball.

MEMORIALS: BSA



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### Martin Middleton "Joe" Burroughs, 91,

McLEAN — Martin Middleton "Joe" Burroughs, 91, died Thursday, May 7, 2009 in McLean, Texas.

Services will be held at 1 pm Saturday, May 9, 2009 in the First United Methodist Church in McLean with Rev. Thacker Haynes, Pastor, officiating.

Interment will be at Hillcrest Cemetery in McLean.

Arrangements are being made through Robertson Funeral Directors of McLean.

Martin Middleton

"Joe" Burroughs was born August 17, 1917 in Center, Texas to William Monroe and Ruby Middleton Burroughs. He graduated from Gladewater, Texas High School in 1936. He attended

Centenary College in Shreveport, Louisiana. He married Dixie Patricia Bobo on May 26, 1939 in Gladewater, Texas. He was commissioned 1st Lt. in the United States Signal Corps, rising to the rank of Captain before he was discharged. He retired from Warren Petroleum in 1982 after 45 1/2 years of service.

As Joe said and believed, "There were three things that make a man's life complete, a good wife, a good family, and good friends, I have all three."

He was preceded in death by Dixie, his wife of 69 and a half years on January 17, 2009; his parents; and one brother, William Monroe Burroughs.

Survivors include a daughter, Dixie Jo Crockett and husband David of McLean; one son, Joe Bob Burroughs and wife Karen of Odessa; five grandchildren, Brock Crockett and

Shawn Bybee of McLean, Juliana Lewis of Panhandle, Lindsey Burroughs of Midland, Derek Burroughs of Lubbock; and 12 great grandchildren.

MEMORIALS - The family requests memorials be to BSA Hospice / 800 North Sumner / Pampa, Texas 79065.

The family will be at 101 Gray in McLean.

Visitation will be held from 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 8, 2009 at the funeral home.

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### Reece Field, 86

Pampa, Texas — Reece Field, 86, died on May 7, 2009 in Amarillo, Texas. At Mr. Field's request, his body has been donated to Texas Tech Medical School in Lubbock. Memorial services will be scheduled at a later date. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.

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## Sports schedule changes— again

BY DAVID BOWSER  
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With the changes in the perception of the dangers of the H1N1 virus, or swine flu, come changes with sports schedules.

Stuart Smith, Pampa Independent School District athletic director, said that the University Interscholastic League decision Wednesday reversing an earlier decision to postpone extra-curricular competition now means that the Harvester baseball team will have their Senior Day game at 5 p.m. Friday and the Lady Harvesters softball team will play Game 1 of their playoff round at 7 p.m., Friday in

Lubbock Coronado High School against Abilene Cooper and Game 2 at 1 p.m., Saturday, at Lubbock Coronado High School. If a third game is necessary, Smith said it will be played following Game 2.

Until Wednesday, Smith said, all games were to be played after May 11, but the UIL announced Wednesday that all UIL activities would resume Thursday.

"This will immediately impact our baseball and softball teams," Smith said, "whose schedules have changed dramatically."

## Teacher

"My favorite thing about teaching is interacting with the children and being able to teach children how to read and write. It is so exciting to see their expression when they realize can read. It is also very rewarding to give them their first academic experience that they will build on for the rest of their life," Troxell said of her position as kindergarten teaching.

After 16 years, Troxell has her routine established, but she continues

to set goals for herself and her students, like challenging her students to do their best they can do.

"With academic requirements on the rise, I want to have high expectations for my students," she explained.

The Teacher of the Year award was a first win for Troxell.

"I am honored to be selected for this award by the staff of Travis Elementary," Troxell said.

## Banquet

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2010.

During the banquet, the school district recognized Teachers of the Year from each school in the district.

Angel Wheeler was Teach of the Year at Austin Elementary; Jennifer Silhan was Teacher of the Year for Lamar Elementary; Kristie Troxell, Travis Elementary; Lena Mendoza, Wilson Elementary; Tammie Helton, Pampa Junior High, and Beth Shannon, Pampa High School.

The district also recognized their 2008-2009 Leadership Group, which consisted of Donald Archer, Susan Baker, DeAnne Blackwell, Jennifer Brown, Dana Cargill, Kathy Carter, Jan Cory, Sue Cree, Anita Grice, Barry Haenisch, Lexi Hill, Tom Laparka, Tanya Larkin, Cindy Loughmiller, Kandy McCarty, Dick McNeil, Chris Nies, Rhonda Patterson, Beth Ann Preston, Danny Seabourn, Evan Smith, Ky Smith, Jennifer Studebaker, Ann Thrasher, Melissa True, Debbie Weaver and Michelle Wilson.

## Amendment would change commission

AUSTIN, Texas (AP)

— The Texas Department of Transportation, widely criticized as dysfunctional, would be governed by one statewide elected commissioner rather than the current five-member appointed board under a proposal being debated in the Texas House Thursday.

The sweeping TxDOT overhaul would also call for the election of 14 regional commissioners and would ban any future red light camera systems from being implemented. Just before midnight, the House cut off debate on the bill without a vote and planned to return early Friday morning.

The House is debating a bill in response to a scathing state "sunset" report,

which called for a revamp of the department's governing board and its dealings with lawmakers and the public.

The bill by Rep. Carl Isett, R-Lubbock, removes some duties from the agency, including driver's license oversight. It also would establish a legislative oversight committee, made up of six members, to study and make recommendations for the operation and needs of the state transportation system.

"No longer will the public be in the dark about construction projects in their own towns," Isett said, as he introduced the legislation. "No longer will the public trust be disregarded."

## PISD

Sena Brainard addressed the school board, saying she was opposed to moving the fence.

"It is an historical fence," Brainard said, "and it should be repaired."

She said that if the fence is moved to the north side of the school, it would need to be replaced with something on the south side to slow students down and keep them from running into the street.

Brainard said that if the school board decides to move the fence, she hopes they will remove the WPA plaques and donate them to the Panhandle Plains Museum in Canyon.

"Unfortunately, in the past, Pampa High School," she said, "has thrown things away."

"It is historical," Porter agreed, "and it needs to be preserved in some form or fashion."

The board postponed a vote on moving 216 paving stones with names on them to the site of the flagpole at the new entrance to the high school until representatives of the Class of 1956 can be consulted. One of the options offered by the architect would have two lines of square plots, each plot containing 36 pavers, on either side of the lighted flag pole. Similar sized squares between the two lines of pavers would allow more named bricks to be added in the future.

A reunion planning committee from the Class of 1956 was given a tour of the high school earlier this month and commented on the placement of the Harvester statue in the rotunda at the new main entrance to the school.

"They were ecstatic," said Supt. Barry Haenisch.

The school board approved replacing blackboards with whiteboards in the main high school building. The funding, about

\$20,000, had already been budgeted. Porter also asked the architects to consider the possibility of replacing blackboards in the vocational building. The replacements will relieve any chalk dust issues in the building.

The board was told that crews would start waxing the tiles in the commons area Saturday, the finishing touches are being put in the kitchen area and books are ready to be moved into the new library.

Construction crews are still working on the flooring on the third floor of the high school.

The board approved the installation of 30 feet of electrical conduit at the site of the new Pampa Junior High School, electing not to run it further around the proposed site of a new football field to where a wind turbine could be erected to generate electricity for the school.

The school board also approved the selection of interior colors for the new junior high as recommended by the Color Committee. The basic color patterns

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will be neutral grays and rustic browns with accent colors. An abstract mural will grace one wall of the commons area. Green and gold will be used in athletic areas.

In a construction update on the junior high, the board was told that the foundation will be finished this week and slabs had been poured for weight room and band hall. The slab for the choir room is to be poured Friday. Three walls of the gym are up.

A representative of Western Builders said eight days of construction work had been lost to weather.

The board approved contracts for Casey and Stacey Alexander and Del Smith. They will be assistant football coaches coming from Tascosa High School with new head football coach Heath Parker.

Alan Segura was hired as the new golf coach.

Stephanie Smith was hired as an elementary teacher, and Barry Cochran was hired to teach English in the high school.

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"Wavorly" and "The Wedding" will be in concert this Saturday night at Calvary Baptist Church. The Pampa concert will be the first tour stop for these two Christian rock bands. Wavorly has gained much national popularity from their contemporary Christian radio single: "Praise and Adore." "The Wedding" has established a following in the Texas Panhandle since two of their members used to play in Amarillo bands. The concert begins at 7:30 p.m. and there is



a \$5 cover charge. Calvary Baptist Church is located at 900 E. 23rd Street. Please use the back (south) entrance.

## 4th Annual Mother, Daughter, Sister, Friend, Brunch is Saturday

First Baptist Church of Pampa Women's Ministry Presents the 4th Annual Mother, Daughter, Sister, Friend, Brunch will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 9, 2009 in the Fellowship Hall. Cost is \$5, you can pay at the door.

The brunch will feature Myra Green's Bible Alive Theater, presenting "Hannah's Song," Bible teacher/conference speaker, drama and music missionary, and Gospel singer Myra Green presents free musicals from the Bible where she gives away DVDs, CDs and tapes.

She is the cofounder of Green Ridge Ministries and Bible Alive Theater, with her husband Cliff who is president & manager. They present the Gospel

through music, drama, teaching and preaching across the USA and abroad.

Myra has led women's bible studies for several years, and has served as guest speaker and singer for retreats and conferences. She teaches and speaks with excitement from her personal journey with Jesus, and uses the Bible as the basis of everything she teaches. Myra is an accomplished portrait artist, home-schooled 11 years, and taught home school enrichment drama classes and directed student plays several years. Myra and Cliff live in Glorieta, NM.

Myra says, "Jesus has done so much for me. I am just an ordinary woman who loves to sing for Jesus."

## Myra Green and Bible Alive perform Sunday

On Mother's Day the Pentecostal Holiness Church, 1700 Alcock, will host Myra Green and Bible Alive Theater in a dramatic special presentation during the 10:45 a.m. worship service.

Through costuming and stage setting, the audience will be transported back through the centuries to the days of the biblical story of Hannah. This special Mother's Day musical will and dramatic event will recount the inspiring story of Hannah.

Hannah's Song is a musical from the Bible, out of the pages of first Samuel, the true story of the mother of Samuel, the priest and prophet. Hannah's childless condition leads her into an intimate relationship with God through the "blood of sacrifice." Her prayer is answered. God gives her a son and she gives him back to the Lord. There at the temple she offers her Lord the praise of her heart and speaks the prophetic words of God concerning the anointed one, the king who will rule forever— Jesus. Hannah is used by God to bless the world through her son, Samuel and through her prophetic song concerning the Lord's Christ.

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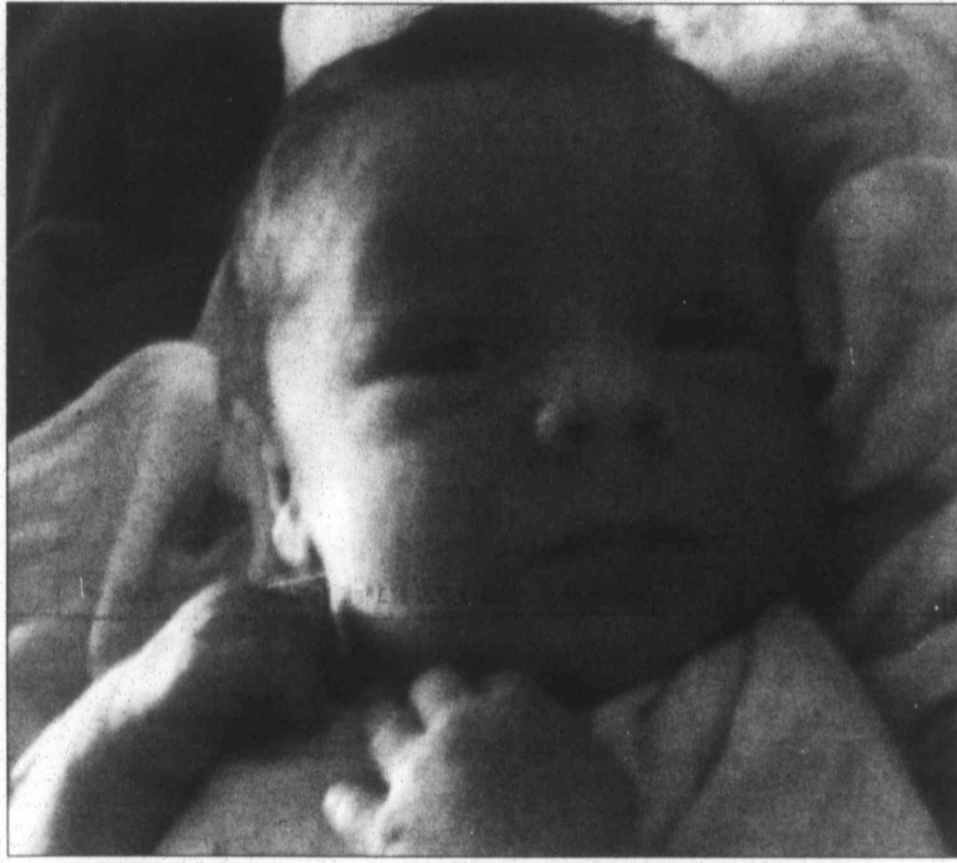
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# Around town



Left to Right: Lacy Crawford, first grade teacher and class at Travis Elementary School, and Kathryn Green, Altrusa member, at party for the Travis Elementary Students taking part in the reading program sponsored by Altrusa the past year. Altrusa members have volunteered once a month during the year to read to the students as one of the club's literacy projects.

## WELCOME



### Phoenix Risin Hickerson

Phoenix Risin Hickerson was welcomed by his parents Susette and Michael Hickerson of Pampa at 10:34 a.m. April 24, 2009. Phoenix weighed seven pounds, two ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long at birth. He was born in Pampa Regional Medical Center. He has two brothers,

Jonathan and Caleb and a sister, Serena. His grandparents are; Scott Stubbs of Pampa, Dan and Debbie Hickerson of Skellytown, Eugene and Stacey Stubbs of Pampa, Anna Rockhold of Amarillo and Burl and Louise Hickerson of Houston.

### Electrical fire major cause of home fires

Quincy, Mass. —The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) is reminding the public to be aware of the risks associated with the use of electricity, and providing safety tips to reduce the risk of experiencing a home electrical fire.

One of every seven home fires was an electrical fire. Any type of equipment that uses electricity may be involved in an electrical fire. NFPA offers the following safety tips.

- Replace or repair loose or damaged cords on all electrical devices.
- Avoid running extension cords across doorways or under carpets.
- In homes with small children, unused wall sockets and extension-cord recep-

tacles should have plastic safety covers.

- Consider having additional circuits or outlets added by a qualified electrician so you do not have to use extension cords.

- Avoid overloading outlets. Plug only one high-wattage appliance into each receptacle outlet at a time.

- If outlets or switches feel warm, shut off the circuit and have them checked by an electrician.

- Place lamps on level surfaces, away from things that can burn and use bulbs that match the lamp's recommended wattage.

Electrical fires tend to happen more frequently in older homes.

## East Texan Named to Texas Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame

Paul Hinton of Hemphill has been selected as the 2009 inductee into the Texas Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame.

Hinton was honored for his contributions as a communicator and educator due to 20 years of service as the Texas founder and director of East Texas Get Hooked on Fishing, Not Drugs.

Following retirement from the insurance industry, Hinton began a new career as an outdoor writer and educator, concentrating his efforts on introducing kids to fishing as an alternative to drugs. "He was driven to make children aware of the beauty and value of fishing as a good choice to make in life rather than a bad choice like drugs," wrote nominator Kathy Magers, who was herself inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2002.

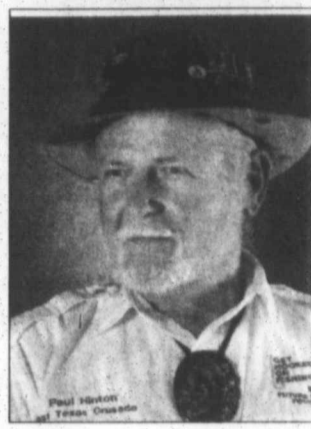
Hinton's nomination was supported by a host of well-wishers, including Sharon Rushton, founding executive director of the Future Fisherman Foundation; pro

angler and television host Jimmy Houston; two-time women's world champion angler Judy Wong; and pro angler Jay Yelas.

Hinton introduced thousands of children to fishing while partnering with Texas Parks and Wildlife Department to also teach boating and water safety and fish identification. He involved fishing industry manufacturers, state and local officials and sports figures. His home became a warehouse for supplies, and his life revolved around putting on events to get kids involved in fishing—all without pay and often with the expenditure of his own retirement income.

Hinton received many honors from governors and presidents for his efforts, but the ones he valued most came from children. One wrote, "Thanks for keeping a lot of people drug free in the U.S. . . . I've always wondered why you do this when you could be at home?"

For Hinton, the answer to that question was simple:



Hinton

When helping keep kids off drugs, he was at home.

Hinton will be honored at a banquet at the Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center in Athens on June 7. A video documenting his work will become a permanent exhibit in the Hall of Fame area.

The Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center is at 5550 F.M. 2495, four miles east of Athens. For more information call (903) 676-2277 or visit [www.tpwd.state.tx.us/tffc](http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/tffc).

## Safe Sitter classes to train babysitters

Texas AgriLife Extension, along with Salvation Army and First Baptist Church, will offer Safe Sitter® classes for girls and boys age 11 to 14 on May 23 at the Gray County Annex in Pampa. Registration for the program is open until May 12.

The Safe Sitter® program is a medically accurate program that teaches young adolescents how to handle emergencies when caring for younger children. The cost is \$28. For a registration form to register your son or daughter or your child's babysitter, call or come by the Texas AgriLife Extension Service office at 669-8033. Class size is limited.

Thousands of young adolescents across the country have been trained by Safe Sitter® Instructors to handle life threatening emergencies. During the course, students get hands-on practice in basic lifesaving techniques so they are prepared to act in a crisis.

Safe Sitters also receive helpful tips to make them more confident caregivers. They learn safety precautions and how to understand children of different

ages. To successfully complete the Safe Sitter® program, students must pass a rigorous practical and written test to show that they have mastered the key concepts and have the skills

necessary to handle an emergency. For more information about Safe Sitter®, contact Joan Gray-Soria at 669-8033; Captain Laura Martin at 665-7233, or Nicole Routh at 669-1155.

Sudoku

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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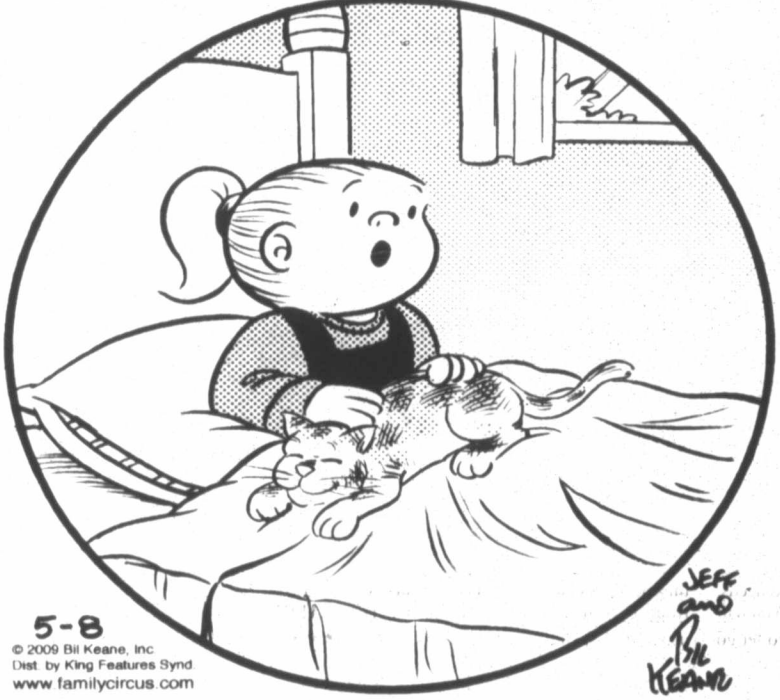
# Comics

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Flo & Friends



Daily Crossword Puzzle

## CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
- 38 Paper unit
  - 1 Spa attractions stop
  - 6 Paint-spilling sound
  - 11 Kind of committee
  - 12 Head out
  - 13 Magna —
  - 14 Puzzled
  - 15 Candle count
  - 16 Whole bunch
  - 18 Print widths
  - 19 Prevaricate
  - 20 Snoop
  - 21 Bemoan
  - 22 Cut off
  - 24 Made fun of
  - 25 Magic Kingdom setting
  - 27 Mississippi tributary
  - 29 Thyroid need
  - 32 Skater Jansen
  - 33 What's more
  - 34 Bolt connector
  - 35 Id — (that is)
  - 36 Naval initials
  - 37 Greek letter
- DOWN**
- 1 Bogart's "Key Largo" co-star
  - 2 Slow tempo
  - 3 Some court
  - 4 All the rage
  - 5 Surgeon's tool
  - 6 Gray
  - 7 Sulky state
  - 8 Presenta-tion aids
  - 9 Wide street
  - 10 Poked fun at
  - 17 Predes-tines
  - 23 NFL player
  - 24 Tack on
  - 26 Falls asleep
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  - 30 Subtlety
  - 31 Piano pieces
  - 33 Roadsters
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# TEACHERS OF THE YEAR

## Shannon honored by Pampa High

by Rachel Stennett  
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After 33 years of teaching full-time, Beth Shannon is finally getting the thanks she deserves through her Teacher of the Year award for Pampa High School.

Shannon started teaching in 1972 and is winning the award for the first time. Shannon is retiring in May, but has spent the majority of her life teaching chemistry to high school students. Right now, she teaches 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup> grades in Chemistry, AP Chemistry, and IPC.

"Since I have been at PHS, I have taught two generations of some families," Shannon explained of her experience. "I think it's time to pass on the torch."

Though Shannon never intended to be a teacher, she ultimately ended up going to college for education and winding up teaching. Her history in the profession is rich and varied.

Shannon started her career at Southside School in Altus, Oklahoma. She spent five years there before becoming a part-time night instructor

at Western Oklahoma State College in Altus, where she taught for three years before transitioning to a day time instructing position.

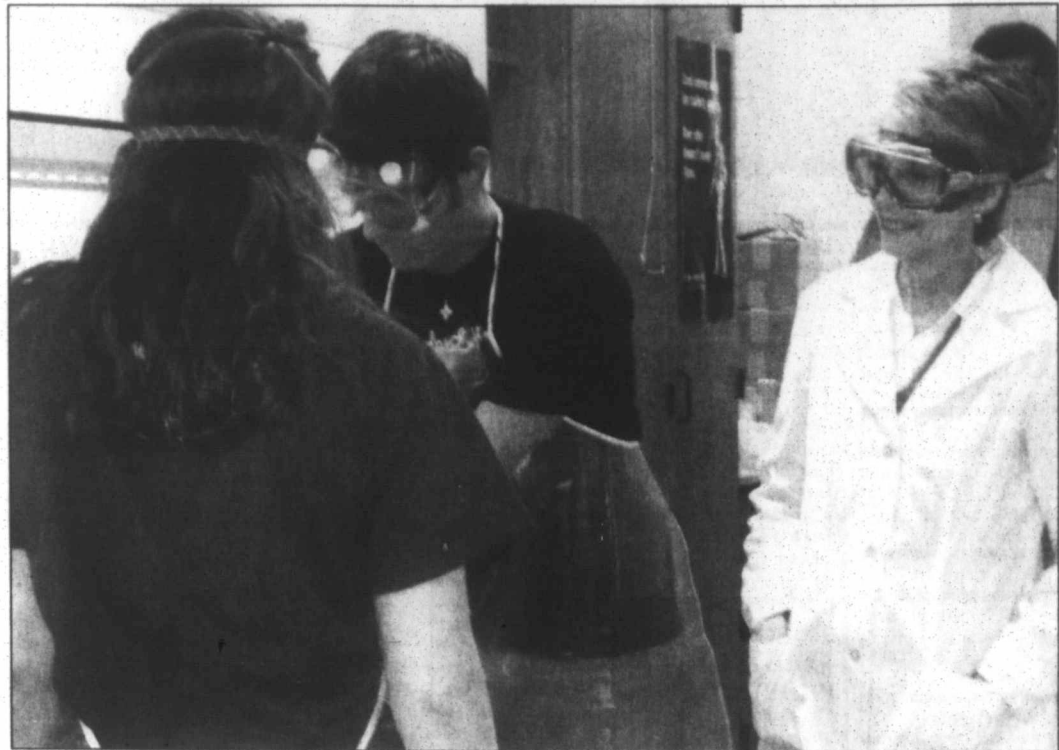
In 1978, Shannon arrived in Pampa where she started teaching at Pampa High School. Shannon also taught at Pampa Learning Center from 1988-1994 and at Clarendon College, Pampa branch. Shannon has taught on and off at CC since 1979.

With her years of experience, one thing has remained the same.

"My favorite thing about teaching is watching the expression on a student's face when he or she grasps a difficult concept or masters a challenging task. It's like watching the light come on," Shannon said of teaching. "Science is so important to our society; it is gratifying to see a student start enjoying science."

Shannon was unsure of why she won this award, but she jokingly suggested longevity was probably one of the reasons she won the award.

Shannon will be retiring from teaching and Pampa High School in May.



Beth Shannon, Pampa High School Teacher of the Year, instructs her students, Diana Mechelay and Blake Seick, in a chemistry lab. *staff photo by Rachel Stennett*

## Critics upset about bill on deadly agents

GALVESTON, Texas (AP) — Open government advocates are decrying a bill passed by the Texas Senate that would curtail the public's access to state laboratories' information on "select agents" such as the Ebola virus, anthrax and other deadly substances.

But supporters say the measure protects the security of the University of Texas Medical Branch-Galveston's National Lab and the privacy of researchers.

Researchers develop

drugs and vaccines to battle infectious diseases at the biodefense laboratory, which has received an open records request.

Under the proposal approved Wednesday, the Texas Public Information Act would be amended to keep that information off limits, as the federal law does. The legislation now goes to the House.

The Texas Press Association, the Texas Daily Newspaper Association and the Freedom of Information Foundation of Texas

oppose the bill authored by state Sen. Joan Huffman, a Republican representing part of Galveston County.

At issue are material transfer agreements, used to document the transfer of select agents and other samples to institutions that have permission to use the research material, UTMB officials said.

"We've been very open and transparent, and I certainly don't see this changing," said Dr. James LeDuc, deputy director of the national laboratory, The Galveston County

Daily News reported.

Although the names of principal investigators are in the public domain, medical branch officials say they are concerned about the privacy of other classifications of their own employees and the privacy of researchers at out-of-state institutions with which they are seeking to collaborate.

Federal law, which the bill is supposed to mirror, protects the names of employees, officials say.

A request to keep the names of researchers and others private on material transfer documents was denied by the Texas attorney general in April. The denial cost the medical branch an important collaboration with the University of Pittsburg, officials said.

## 6 indicted for state school fight club

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas (AP) — A grand jury has indicted six former employees of a state school for organizing fights among the mentally and developmentally disabled residents.

In March, police obtained a cell phone with videos of staged fights at the Corpus Christi State School. Police said then that those charged were the one who could be identified in fights where there were clear injuries. They believed the late-night fights went on for

at least a year.

The Corpus Christi Caller-Times reported in Friday's editions that D'Angelo Riley, 22; Jesse Salazar, 25; Guadalupe Delarosa Jr., 22; Vincent Johnson, 22; and Timothy Dixon, 30; were all indicted on a charge of injury to a disabled person, a third-degree felony.

Stephanie Garza, 21, faces the same charge but as a state jail felony. Garza was accused of failing to intervene.

## Happy Mother's Day!



## Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My wife is a vegetarian, but I am not. We agreed to raise our children as vegetarians until they could make that decision for themselves.

My children are now 6 and 10 and have indicated that they no longer want to be vegetarians. The older child is particularly frustrated that she's not allowed to eat such things as pasta sauce or soup that contains beef or chicken stock.

However, my wife is now reneging on our agreement. She says the kids aren't old enough to make such a decision, and she's refusing to set an age when they can do so.

I don't think we, as parents, should impose our preferences on our kids and deny them what they want. Am I wrong? -- MASSACHUSETTS CARNIVORE

DEAR CARNIVORE: Are you kidding? Parents impose their preferences on their children all the time, and for as long as they can.

Your wife may be right that the kids should refrain from eating meat and meat products, but she is being heavy-handed and going about it in the wrong way. Unless she is prepared to stand over them 24/7, there is no way she can prevent them from eating meat if they are determined to do so.

What she can do is make sure they understand why she is a staunch vegetarian and why she would prefer that they remain that way. But there's no guarantee that they will -- particularly if she permits this to become a power struggle.

DEAR ABBY: You have always encouraged your readers to stay informed and be prepared. That's why we are writing you on behalf of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's Office of Women's Health (OWH) and WomenHeart to share with you and your readers our new, free Heart Health

Kit for women and their families.

Heart disease is the leading cause of death among American women, but we can all take steps to protect ourselves. That's why the OWH and WomenHeart have teamed up to create this must-have kit. It features information on major topics that are essential to keeping your heart healthy -- including high blood pressure, cholesterol, diabetes and stroke. It also includes tips for women on recognizing the warning signs of a heart attack, which can be different from those experienced by men.

Abby, thank you for informing your readers about this serious issue, and please alert them to place their orders now because supplies are limited. -- KATHLEEN UHL, M.D., ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR WOMEN'S HEALTH, FDA; LISA TATE, CEO, NATIONAL COALITION FOR WOMEN WITH HEART DISEASE

DEAR KATHLEEN AND LISA: My readers' well-being is important to me, and I'm pleased to help get the word out.

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