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Thompson crowned King of the Bricks

BY BETSY PHILLIPS
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Spectators and volunteers went home covered in black tire dust Saturday from the Burnin' on the Bricks in June, but no one seemed to mind.

Frank Thompson of Amarillo took home the King of the Bricks prize. The Best in Show trophy went to Scott Martin of Colorado for his 1955 cream-colored Corvette. Fifteen car owners entered the first King of the Brick competition. To be crowned King, entrants had to compete in the burn-out competition, the cruise, the drag race and the car show.

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This was the sixth year for Burnin' on the Bricks in June, sponsored by the High Plains Cruisers, and the Pampa Police Officers Association with proceeds going toward vocational scholarships for local students and to the police officer's association fund to buy equipment for its members.

Crowd favorites in the burn out included Terry Scobee in his Jeep mail delivery vehicle, who placed first in his class in 2008. Scobee said he bought the vehicle at an auction with plans to make it into a race car. "The front end was too worn out, it just wouldn't go straight," Scobee said, so he made into a burner instead.

Gary Brawley had a surprise for the crowd, having some fun with special tires that gave off yellow smoke. The tires, Gary said, are KUMHO ECSTA

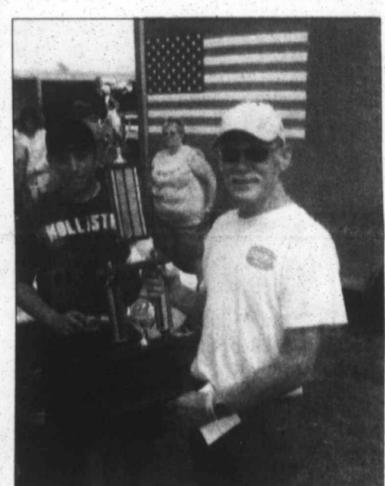
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staff photo by Betsy Phillips
 Charlie Emmons of Pampa takes a turn at burnin' in his 1955 Chevrolet. the car won best in its class in the car show.



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 Cruisers waived to spectators along the route Saturday evening. A list of winners from Burnin' on the Bricks in June and more photos will be in Tuesday's edition of The Pampa News.



Frank Thompson is the 2009 King of the Bricks. Frank won the title by accumulating the highest number of points in four events, the car show, cruise, burnin' bricks and drag races, in his 1955 Black Chevrolet. Thompson's car will be featured on next year's T-shirts. (photo courtesy Della Moyer.)

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Sales tax receipts down, but not as far as expected

BY DAVID BOWSER
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The bad news is that Pampa's sale tax receipts are down again this month. The good news is they're aren't down as far as city officials had expected.

The city received a check for \$333,517.87 this month from the State Comptroller for sales taxes collected in April. Of that amount, \$83,379.47 goes to the Pampa Economic Development Corporation.

The remaining \$250,138.40 that goes into the city's coffers is \$9,000 less than what the city had budgeted and \$25,000 less than the amount collected last year, said Pampa Finance Director Robin Bailey.

The city had budgeted for \$259,509.88 this month in anticipation of dropping economic activity due to the national recession. Last year for the month,

the city received \$275,095.83.

The city's budgeted figures held up pretty well until last month.

They received more than they had budgeted from the beginning of the fiscal year in October through May, exceeding the expected income number by double digits in three of the eight months. November's check was 27.92 percent over the city's budgeted income. January's check was more than 12 percent over budget. February's check was 18.43 percent over budget.

But in May, the nation's woes caught up with Pampa. The sales tax receipt check was 18.53 percent less than the city had expected.

By comparison to last year's numbers, the city still fared well until March. November showed a healthy gain and the February

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Bill passed to help bring doctors to rural areas

BY DAVID BOWSER
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That fellow taking a chaw of tobacco or a pinch of snuff is financing the future doctors that will heal the sick in rural Texas.

Pampa's State Representative Warren Chisum came up with a bill during this past spring's legislative session that will use tax money from smokeless tobacco to help medical students pay off their educational loans if they will work in rural Texas.

"It was a big piece of legislation," Chisum said. "It took a long time to get it passed, but we clearly always had the votes if we could just get it to the floor to get a vote on it."

He said he's been working on this for several years.

Chisum said there's a huge shortage of doctors in rural Texas. "Under federal guidelines, 114 counties are considered as medically under served," he said. "There's a huge need out there for

doctors in rural areas, but we also have an issue that the only tobacco that we don't tax in the State of Texas by weight is smokeless tobacco."

Chisum said he's been working with a group to try to have all tobacco taxed the same way.

"When you tax by weight, it's basically an excise tax," he said.

An excise tax is an indirect tax paid on certain products and is often included in the price of the product, such as gasoline.

"The reason you use an excise tax is because there's a residual human effect to the use of tobacco," Chisum said. "Most things that have excise taxes, because there's a residual effect to having it out there, the public has to pay."

By changing the way smokeless tobacco is taxed, Chisum was able to raise about \$50 million to attract physicians to rural areas.

"It also includes nurse practitioners and other health care professionals."

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Tonight: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly before 1 a.m. Some of the storms could be severe. Partly cloudy, with a low around 64. Southwest wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Tuesday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 96. Northwest wind 10 to 15 mph becoming south southwest.

Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 68. South wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Wednesday: Sunny and hot, with a high near 97. Windy, with a south southwest wind 10 to 15 mph increasing to between 20 and 25 mph. Winds could gust as high as 30 mph.

Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 67. South wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 95. South southwest wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

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Bonia V. Hamon, 79

Wheeler— Bonia V. Hamon, 79, Died Saturday, June 13, 2009 Place of Death Pampa, Tx.

Services and Officiant: Services will be at 2:00 P.M. Tuesday, June 16, 2009 at The First United Methodist Church in Wheeler, Texas with Rev. Ernie McGaughey, former pastor, officiating.

Burial will be in the Zybach Cemetery, Zybach, Texas under the direction of Wright Funeral Home, Wheeler, Tx.

Bonita was born December 10, 1929, in Hemphill County, TX, to Avis (Markham) Parker and George W. Parker. She attended Allison Schools and graduated Valedictorian of her class. She married Kenneth R. Hamon, August 23, 1947, at Allison, TX. He preceded her in death on May 19, 2005.

Bonita taught Sunday school for a number of years at the First United Methodist Church in Wheeler. She was also a licensed cosmetologist. Bonita was an employee of Wheeler Independent School District for 26 years. She loved her family, her job, and being active in the community.

In addition to her husband she was preceded in death by her parents, one grandson Jamie Brandon

Hamon, and one great-grandson Kenneth James Daughtry III.

She is survived by one son, Kenneth R. Hamon II and wife Susie, Pampa, TX, one daughter, Alana Hamon-Daughtry, Shamrock, TX. Three grandchildren, Kenneth J. Daughtry II and wife Laura, Wheeler, TX, Eric T. Daughtry and wife Valerie, Shamrock TX, Matthew S. Hamon and wife Dawn, Hutchinson KS. Seven great-grandchildren, Keana Bennett and husband Ryan, Dalhart, TX, LaKeisha Applewhite and husband Matthew, Shamrock, TX, Latham Daughtry, Goodwill, OK, Erica Daughtry and Tristan Blanchard, Shamrock, TX, Delaney Hamon and Dylan Hamon, Hutchinson, KS. One great-great-granddaughter, Teagan Applewhite, Shamrock, TX. One sister, Charlene Rainey, Allison, TX, and a host of relatives and friends.

Memorial Request: The family requests that instead of flowers to send donations to BSA Hospice, 800 N. Sumner, Pampa, TX, Wheeler ISD Library Fund, Wheeler, TX, or a charity of choice.

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Obituaries

Robert L. Edmondson, 85

Amarillo— Robert L. Edmondson, 85, died June 13, 2009 in Amarillo.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, June 16, 2009 at First Baptist Church with Dr. Johnny Funderburg, pastor and Rev. Carl Novian, associate pastor, officiating.

Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Edmondson was born November 16, 1923 in Electra, Texas to Robert Levi and Nelma Edmondson. He was a 1940 graduate of Pampa High School. He married Charlotte Cline on March 9, 1945 in Marysville, Kansas while serving in the Air Force; she preceded

him in death January 16, 2005 after 60 years of marriage. He was discharged as a 2nd Lieutenant from the U.S. Air Force in 1945 as a bombardier. After World War II, he and his wife became partners with his father in the Pampa Oilers professional baseball club. That partnership later purchased a ranch in Burlington, Colorado in 1950, where they helped build the First Baptist Church of Burlington. In 1962, they purchased a mountain ranch in Lake City, Colorado, known as Valley View Ranch. They were instrumental in building Edmondson Hall at the First Baptist Church of Lake City. He was a member of the First Baptist

Church in Pampa for over 50 years, and he served as a deacon and greeter for over 30 years. He was preceded in death by his son: Ron Edmondson on June 11, 2008.

Survivors include one granddaughter, Dr. Amy Edmondson Mulroy of Boerne, two sisters-in-law; Norma Stephenson of Pampa and Ann Berry Cline of Odessa, two special families; the Lyle Johnson family of Pampa and the Ed Smith family of Marshall, two great grandsons; Ian and Duncan Mulroy of Boerne and numerous nieces and nephews.

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



Edmondson,

0621 or favorite charity. FAMILY WILL RECEIVE FRIENDS MONDAY FROM 6:00PM to 7:30 PM AT THE FUNERAL HOME. Sign the online register at www.carmichael-whatley.com

Clara Washington Imel, 75

Pampa— Clara Washington Imel, 75, died June 13, 2009 in Pampa, Texas.

Memorial services will 11:00 a.m. Monday, June 15, 2009 at Bible Church of Pampa with Rev. Bob Banks, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Imel was born January 10, 1934 in Tecumseh, Oklahoma, later moving to Pampa with her parents to Pampa. She was a Pampa High School graduate and a life-long resident of Pampa.

She married Dale Imel on October 17, 1952 in Pampa; he preceded her in death November 9, 2006 after 54 years of marriage. She was a member of Bible Church of Pampa. She taught Child Evangelism Fellowship Good News Club for 35 years. Proceeded in death by 1 sister: Virginia Tate and 1 brother: James Washington.

Survivors include one daughter, Judy Williams and husband Rob of Amarillo, one son, Rodney Imel and wife Kathy of Baton Rouge,

LA., one sister, Donna Sims and husband Wayne of Pampa, one brother, Bill Washington and wife Emily of Pampa, one sister-in-law, Margaret Washington of Pampa, two special friends; Wynola Sanders and Deb Banks both of Pampa, five grandchildren and one great grandchild.

MEMORIALS: Child Evangelism Fellowship of Pampa c/o Bible Church of Pampa, 300 W. Browning, Pampa, Texas 79065.

The family would like to express their appreciation to all caregivers and



Imel

the staff of Hospice of the Southwest. Sign the online register at www.carmichael-whatley.com

Jesse H. Baker

Groom— Jesse H. Baker died June 11, 2009 in Groom.

Rosary was recited at 6:00 PM on Sunday, June 14 at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Groom. Mass was celebrated at 10 a.m. on Monday, June 15 at the church. Father Raj Samala will officiate. Burial will be held at 3:30 at Memorial Park Cemetery in Dalhart. Arrangements are by Schooler Funeral Home, 4100 South Georgia.

Jesse was born February 18, 1934 to Walter Chauncey and Mabel Murray Baker in Hartley County, Texas. He was a

proud graduate of Texas Tech and received his Master's Degree in education from WTA&M. He entered the US Army, but did not see combat. He met JoAnn Skalsky and they married January 12, 1957. He taught 38 years in public schools and 9 years in private school. Jesse and JoAnn are members of Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Groom. He was also a member of Knights of Columbus.

Jesse was preceded in death by his sons, Walter Douglas Baker and Jesse Keith Baker, his brother Murray Baker in Hartley and by his parents.

He is survived by his wife, JoAnn of Groom; three daughters, Karen Story and husband Ed, Donna Pyle and husband Doug and Jackie Whitehead and husband Phillip, all of White Deer; two sons, Brian Baker and Craig Baker, both of Groom; two sisters, Margie Williams of Pampa and Freida Byram of Amarillo; one brother, Charley Baker

of Dalhart; a daughter-in-law, Brenda Burgett; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be made to Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, P.O. Box 130, Groom, Tx 79039 or to St. Vincent's De Paul Catholic School, 2300 N. Hobart Street, Pampa, Tx 79065.

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This year's winners were Billy Barker and Billy Barker, Jr. in the Outlaw class, Cliff Hudson and John Coil were winners in the stock class and Cliff Hudson and Jake Thompson won the super stock class.

While contestants were burning rubber, some blowing out tires in their effort to win the burnin', smoke of a sweeter smell was drifting through the other side of Recreation Park.

Seven teams vied for Cookin' on the Bricks titles in several categories. The public was handed forms to rate each item they tasted from each team. Jim Bruton with Ashmore & Associates won the People's Choice Award for Brisket. Kevin Burrows and Roy Lott with Wingin' It won the People's Choice Award for Ribs. Logan Shedd and the



King of the Bricks winner Frank Thompson competing in the Run What You Brung drag race Sunday. staff photo by Betsy Phillips

rest of the U-Crew from United Supermarkets won the People's Choice Award for Chicken.

Cook Mark Montgomery of Amarillo won the brisket title last year and was hoping for a repeat, with his parents SueZan and Gary Montgomery of Pampa as assistants. Mark has been cooking at Homer's Backyard Ball, a fund-raiser for the Make-a-wish foundation for 10 years. Meat for Mark's efforts was donated by Fiesta Foods.

Local Boy Scout troops were in charge of the concessions. The funds raised are used to send scouts to summer camp.

The cruise Saturday evening was cut short by a thunder storm, but hundreds turned out to watch until the rain came. Saturday night's street dance fell victim to the rain and had to be cancelled.

Cruiser Fred Rabe in his blue roadster stopped many times along the route to encourage spectators to get in his car, especially children and take photos. "You gotta stop and smell the roses," Rabe said. "If we can make people smile and laugh, they'll forget their troubles for a while. That's what its all about."

Weather may have kept the crowd size down for Sunday's Run What You Brung drag race—but it didn't dampen the spirits of those who attended. Qualifying and grudge races ran all morning. Just when eliminations were to begin, a rain shower dumped just enough of the wet stuff to delay the show for about an hour.

The Hoover Volunteer Fire Department helped dry the track and then presented the colors to get the event underway again.

Complete results of Burnin' on the Bricks along with additional photos of the event will be in tomorrow's edition of The Pampa News.

Bill

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signals that would serve the people," he said.

They'll be able to access that money through a program where the state will pay part of the student's medical loans back.

"These are new physicians coming out of school," Chisum said. "They say that sometimes their average debt is like \$170,000."

Chisum said the state has a four-year program that will pay a new physician so he can repay his medical school loans.

"I believe it will have \$25,000 the first year, \$35,000 the second year and all the way up to \$55,000 over that four year period," he said. "That's the idea. We need to get them out there and help pay their student loans back if they come and work in

rural areas for at least four years."

Chisum said that the program works differently for different loans and different areas of health care, but it's designed to increase health care in rural Texas.

"That's our basis for doing it," Chisum said.

With a sly grin, the state representative admitted that it took a lot of political maneuvering to get the bill passed into law.

The smokeless tobacco industry has a very strong lobby.

"They have more than 50 people on their payroll for lobbying," Chisum said. "They're highly trained professionals that will not let legislation pass, so it took a lot of parliamentary procedures to make it happen."

State Farm could owe \$0 to \$1 billion

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Pick a dollar amount be zero and 1 billion. Depending on who you ask, that's what State Farm Insurance owes its Texas customers for overcharging on homeowner policies dating to 2003.

The Office of Public Insurance Counsel, the state's consumer advocate for insurance, says in documents filed this month that Texas' largest property insurer owes policyholders \$785 million plus interest, or nearly \$1 billion. State Farm has 1.2 million customers in Texas.

The Texas Department of Insurance calculates the overcharges at about \$250 million, plus nearly \$100 million more in interest.

State Farm says it owes customers nothing, that it didn't overcharge its customers, and that its rates have always been fair and competitive. The dispute dates to 2003 when Texas ordered State Farm and other companies to reduced premiums the state consid-

ered excessive.

State Insurance Commissioner Mike Geeslin will have to decide who is right, a ruling that could have significant political implications in next year's campaigns. Geeslin, an appointee of Gov. Rick Perry who held hearings on the case in the spring, is expected to rule this summer.

"It's a very big deal, no doubt about it," Alex Winslow of Texas Watch, a consumer group active in insurance issues, told The Dallas Morning News. "There are now real questions about whether State Farm will have to give back every penny they owe or whether the commissioner will let them off and order them to pay only pennies on the dollar."

Winslow said any decision by Geeslin that is short of the full billion will be "a slap in the face" for State Farm policyholders.

State Farm said in its filings that it is not responsible for any refunds.

Tax

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check was up, but March was 3.03 percent less than the year before.

Every month since has reflected less activity than for the same month last year.

May saw 23 percent less money collected this year than last.

The city's budget through June calls for an income of \$2,713,275.03.

The city is still some \$182,138.39 ahead, having collected \$2,895,413.42 through June. That is still 6.71 percent over budgeted income.

In year-to-year comparison, the city still remains ahead this year compared to last.

Last year to date, the city received at total of \$2,876,232.09, putting the city revenues a narrow

0.67 percent ahead of last year.

The city's budgetary forecast, however, is in doubt, Bailey said.

Although her office is still projecting a \$248,375.87 surplus by the end of the year, those numbers are based on past performance of the state and local economy and that appears to be changing rapidly.

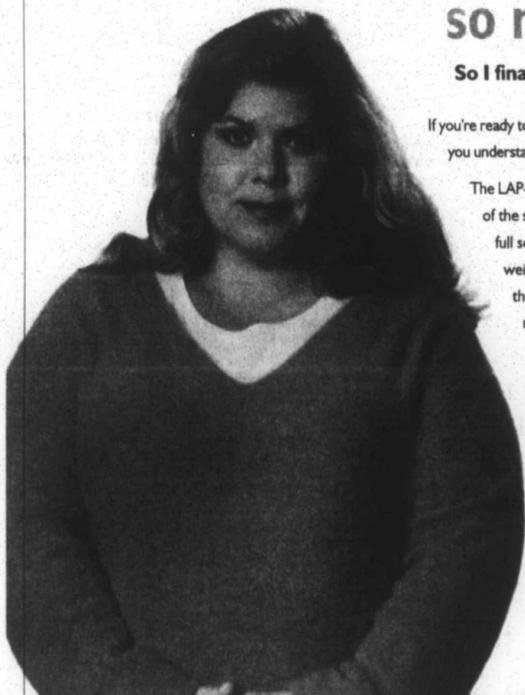
She said she doesn't trust those calculations anymore.

"The numbers have been dropping all year," she warned.

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Letter from Director Joe Weaver

As I am writing this I have been on the job as Executive Director for exactly ten days, so it's a little tough at this juncture to have accomplishments to report. I have had the opportunity to meet some folks and to get a feel for the community just a bit and I've got to say I like it. Having lived the past few years in a community of 5,000, I can assure you that Pampa has a lot to offer that I am not used to—a gym, beautiful parks, retail establishments, service providers—and while I love Mexican food and CFS, it's sure nice to be where the selection is a little broader. (I just hope it doesn't make me broader in the process!) And one brief, self-serving note here: my wife is anxious to get implanted in the community, but is looking for gainful employment in data management—resumes available on request.

I have gotten to know the chamber staff a little bit and am quite impressed by their knowledge and helpfulness. The same goes for the board and committees. I am eager to become more familiar with how things work here and to see if they can work better.

Plans are underway for the

The Chamber Luncheon will be held on Tuesday, June 16 at 11:45 a.m. at the Chamber Building. R&R Catering will be serving hamburgers, potato salad and beans, the price is \$8.50. This month's luncheon is sponsored by Ernie Wilkinson and Shepard's Crook Home Health Care and our speaker is Spencer McElhannon from the Entrepreneur Alliance. Please RSVP by E-mail or by calling 669-3241.

Country Fair on October 17th. Since this will be the 25th Anniversary of the fair, this year's event will be really special.

As you are reading this, I am out of the office, digging in the dirt at the Texas Archaeological Society Field School. I am assigned to the site known as Evans' Depot in Roberts County, which was a supply camp during the 1868 winter campaign against the Plains Indians. I worked on the site at last summer's field school, and returned in October where it was my good fortune to meet and work with Richard Mackie.

I will be back in the office—or on the job, anyway—on Monday, June 22. I encourage you to come by and say hello and have a cup of coffee. I will also be out visiting around the city, so if I miss you, try again. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve here, and look forward to serving and promoting Pampa!



1st Annual Pampa Chamber of Commerce Tourism Committee Father's Day Classic Softball Tournament June 20-21, 2009

Men's, Mixed C-D
\$175/team

Deadline:
June 15 @ 5pm

Contact Enrique at
669-5790 or 440-6791
for more information

MUD BOG

Saturday, June 20 at Rodeo Grounds

Tech Check : 7 - 9:30am

Race Begins at 10am

Entry fee \$30

Contact Nick @ 664-0327 or Jeremy @ 662-7671

Cookin' on the Bricks winners



Kevin Burrows won first place for his ribs



Hal West, winner of first place for chicken, second place in brisket and ribs.



Jim Bruton, first place for brisket



Logan Shedd, United Supermarket team with Chamber President Troy Newton. Logan won second place for Chicken.

This was the second year the Chamber sponsored Cookin' on the Bricks. Seven teams entered this year's competition. The public was handed forms to rate each item that they tasted from each cook team. Jim Bruton with Ashmore & Associates won the People's Choice Award for Brisket. Kevin Burrows & Roy Lott with Wingin' It won the People's Choice Award for Ribs. Logan Shedd and the rest of the U-Crew from United Supermarkets won the People's Choice Award for Chicken.

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Optimist tourney schedule announced

Kevin Davis, Optimist Baseball Commissioner, announced the schedule for the double-elimination City Tournament in the Pampa Optimist 11-12 Cal Ripken League.

Glo-Valve Service tests Cabot Corporation at 5:45 p.m. today at Optimist Park. Rotary Club plays Duncan, Fraser & Bridges Insurance Agency at 7:45 p.m. Tomorrow the two losing teams clash at 5:45 p.m. while the two winners take the field at 7:45 p.m.

The winner of Tuesday's early game plays the loser of Tuesday's late game Thursday at 7 p.m. On Friday at 5:45 p.m. a championship game will be played with a second game to begin at 7:45 p.m. if needed.

The Pampa Optimist Youth Club is a Pampa United Way agency.



Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I am starting to prepare for one of the most difficult hurdles of my career, the bar exam. Please tell me what I should do about my mother -- who just does not seem to get it. She interrupts me constantly about things that have nothing to do with me. She calls during my study hours with requests or comments about trite issues that could be more easily handled by one of my siblings.

Before I graduated from law school, my mother expressed doubt that I

could make it through. She said that two of my sisters are successful in their careers without a higher education. Shouldn't family encourage and support one another? -- FAMILY VS. CAREER IN BERKELEY, CALIF.

DEAR F VS. C: Yes, they should -- but unfortunately, not all of them actually do, and I respect the fact that you have persisted in spite of your mother's lack of vision. You didn't ask for advice, but allow me to offer

some. Turn your phone off and tune your mother out until after the bar exam is over.

DEAR ABBY: For years I struggled with chronic pain from deteriorating knees. My husband and young child saw our family life slowly diminish because of my increasing physical limitations. Chronic pain and frustration changed who I was.

Last year I was blessed to be able to have both my knees replaced. I had a wonderfully skilled surgeon, persistent physical therapists -- and a heroic husband.

He learned to do the laundry, grocery shopping, cooking, little girl hair, homework supervision and all of the other literal "legwork" required to keep our family going. And he did all this while working TWO jobs.

I am now completely recovered and realize how fortunate I am to have such a loving, devoted life partner. I make sure to tell him often how much I love and appreciate him, and I also tell others.

Abby, too often we neglect to recognize our own "everyday heroes." Please remind your readers that even what can seem mundane can be truly heroic -- and to let their loved ones know that their efforts are recognized. -- LUCKY WIFE OF A HERO, STAMFORD, CONN.

DEAR LUCKY WIFE: Thank you for an upper of a letter. I'm pleased you're singing your husband's praises, because he deserves to hear every note. You picked a winner.

Sudoku

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

3	1	6	7	5	9	8	4	2
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5	9	8	6	2	4	3	7	1
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Level: Beginner

Gov. Perry signs eminent domain bill

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Texas Gov. Rick Perry has signed a bill that asks voters to place limits on when the government can take land using its eminent domain authority.

In a ceremony in front of the Alamo on Monday, Perry said land ownership has been essential to Texans for a long time and that the proposed constitutional amendment provides stronger protection

for property owners.

If approved by voters, the state constitution would be amended to prohibit government officials from taking property and giving it to a private developer in order to boost the tax base.

Government officials could still take blighted properties using eminent domain.

A&M regents meet following resignation

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — Texas A&M University began sorting out its troubled leadership Monday following the abrupt resignation of embattled President Elsa Murano, who may have decided her own future before A&M System regents chose it for her. Just 17 months after being cel-

ebrated as a historic choice to lead the 48,000-student campus, Murano resigned Sunday ahead of a special meeting Monday called by the university's governing board. Regents were expected to discuss Murano's resignation in an open session later Monday.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ***** Greet some of your best days of the month. Being organized helps you accomplish the most. Don't be surprised if someone challenges you. This person simply might not know what he or she is up against. Others enjoy brainstorming. Ideas come in from out of left field. Tonight: Whatever you want. TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ***** Know when to cut out. You might be confused by all the mixed messages. Information you receive could be quite challenging or difficult to hear. Consider your alternatives, and don't feel pressured by various scenarios. Tonight: Do your thing. GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ***** Zero in on what you want. Associates will support your endeavors. Nevertheless, a partner could be inordinately challenging. Although disagreement with someone so close could be upsetting, trust your judgment.

Discussions open doors rather than close them. Tonight: Where the gang is.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ***** How you present yourself will make a strong impression. Know that it is time for you to take the lead — like it or not. Investigate alternatives with an eye to a new beginning at work or within your community. A partner or loved one could be very controlling. Jump over the issue by not playing. Tonight: In the limelight. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ***** Reach past the obvious for decisions. You might not be comfortable with a direct confrontation right now. Detach, and you'll get to the bottom of a problem. Make a point to schedule a checkup. At times you keep a grueling pace. Don't think that the pace won't catch up with you. Tonight: Time for mind candy. MOVIES? VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ***** Work with others directly; the end results will be much better. No matter which way you turn or what you do, others want to pull in and be closer. Someone shares a heavy piece of information. Do check out anything you hear. You might not be getting the whole story. Tonight: Dinner for two. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ***** Others dominate. You have a choice to make. On some level, you might feel sad if you are under siege. Pick and choose your battles. On another level, you might want to just toss your hands in the air. Tonight: Listen to any offers, then decide. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ***** Careful! An argument might start out of the blue. Though you can tough it out, do you really want to go that route? Communication will flourish once

more late in the day. Express your concerns. Tonight: Make it an early night. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ***** Let your get-up-and-go define your plans. A financial matter could trip you up in this close-to-perfect day. You could get really tied up or you could let go, knowing you will handle the issue no matter what. Tonight: Let the kid in you come out. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ***** You might not be aware of the pressure that develops around an immediate emotional matter. Try to understand someone's side of the story. A family member or roommate could develop an attitude. Be honest — did you feed this person's perspective? Tonight: Head home early. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ***** Curb a tendency to overwork an issue or a tendency to try too hard to convince someone you are right. Communication will flourish as it rarely does if you don't impose your will on someone. Tonight: Return a friend's call. It's time to catch up on news. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ***** Be aware of your assets and talents. You are aware of the mix that you are aware of. Walk away from a volatile situation, if possible. If you trigger, the situation could become much more complicated or difficult. Tonight: Gather your bills.

BORN TODAY Comedian Stan Laurel (1890), writer Erich Segal (1937), actress Joan Van Ark (1943) ***

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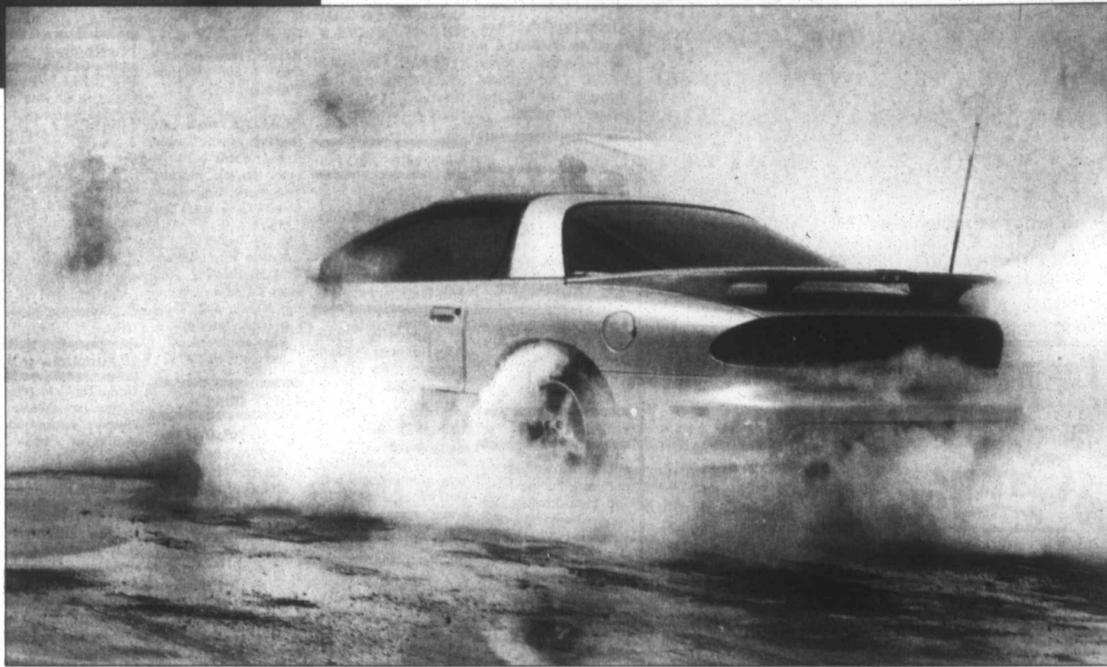
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Burnin' of the Bricks in June 2009

There was lots of action in Pampa Saturday and Sunday during the 6th annual Burnin' of the Bricks in June. At right, Gary Brawley of Pampa puts out some special yellow smoke for the crowd. Below, far right, Mike Pitts of Dumas was a contestant for King of the Bricks with his yellow 1962 VW bug. The spirit of the the Cruise was alive and well in the heart of Fred Rabe, who stopped along the route to encourage spectators to take photos in his car. At bottom, tabulating all the votes was hard work, but some fun too for Donna Stubblefield and Kathy Hammer



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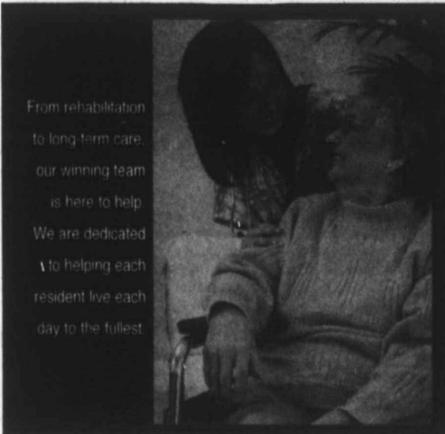
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