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PIPELINE PROGRESS



City crews lay down pipe for new water park

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City of Pampa crews were busy this week on what will become the city's new aquatic park.

As Lee Bolton, the city's water department foreman, and his crews proceeded with laying underground pipe at the site, contractors across the nation were busy readying their bids for the project.

"We'd gone out for bids for the pool contract," said Shane Stokes, assistant city manager.

The bids, he said, are expected to be opened May 4 and awarded by the Pampa City Commission at their May 11 meeting.

In the meantime, the city's water department is laying water lines into the vacant field that will house the park. Existing water lines in the area, said Jildardo Arias of Pampa's engineering department, will be upgraded from four-inch mains to six-inch mains.

Six-inch water mains will also be installed around the park, he said, along Randy Matson on the north, Somerville on the west and Harvester on the south.

Stokes said the contracts to begin work on the aquatic center should be let by the end of May.

The target date for completion of the project is April, 2011, with a grand opening scheduled for May, 2011.

"One thing for sure," said Pampa City Manager Richard Morris, "it's a major project."

Arias said the project has drawn the interest from contractors across the nation. "It's a pretty good sized public works project," Morris said.

It will be the biggest water park in the area, he added.

"It will be a showcase park," Stokes said.

staff photo by **Randy Pribble**
Lee Bolton of the Pampa Water Department works on an underground water line in what will become the Pampa aquatic park in the 1000 block of West Harvester.

Local authors release book of Pampa history, photos

DAVID BOWSER
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Anne Davidson and Deborah Chambers of the White Deer Land Museum will have a new book out next week.

"Pampa," part of the "Images of America" series, is a 132-page book published by Arcadia Publishing showing a history of the city.

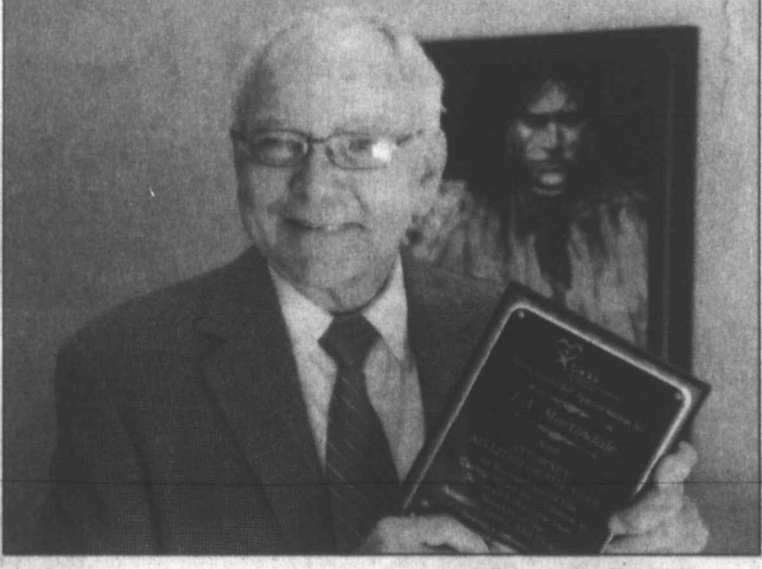
The pictorial history of the city begins with Red River Indian War of 1874, which effectively ended the reign of the Native American tribes on the Southern Plains and opened the Texas Panhandle to settlement. This led to the railroad coming through in 1888 and the establishment of the White Deer Land Company by an English syndicate. There office building at 116 South Cuyler now serve at the county's museum.

The new book traces the founding of Pampa and the changes in the area economy from cattle to wheat to oil.

The book features historical photos of Gray County, many from the archives of *The*



staff photo by **Arnie Aurellano**
"Pampa," part of the Arcadia Publishing's "Images of America" series, was written and compiled by Anne Davis and Deborah Chambers.
Pampa News.
 The stories in the volume document the city and the people connected with it ranging from **BOOK** cont. on page 3



staff photo by **David Bowser**
Pampa lawyer Gene Martindale holds the plaque presented to him last week by CASA in Amarillo.

Martindale honored by CASA

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Family has always been important to J.A. "Gene" Martindale. Last week he was recognized for his concern.

The Pampa lawyer was recognized last week by CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) for his work representing children in court with difficult family situations.

CASA officials reported that there are about 780,000 children across the nation that are caught up in court and child welfare cases each year because they are unable to live safely at home.

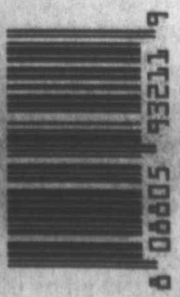
Martindale was given an award from the Amarillo Area CASA Program for the Ad-litem of the Year.

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Sunday: Sunny, with a high near 70. Northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 43. Northwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming southeast.

Monday: Partly sunny, with a high near 65. Southeast wind 5 to 15 mph becoming north northeast. Winds could gust as high as 20 mph.

Monday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 42. Southeast wind between 5 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Tuesday: Partly sunny, with a high near 69. East southeast wind 5 to 15 mph becoming south southwest. Winds could gust as high as 25 mph.

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Obituaries

Joe B. Pafford, 79

Mr. Joe B. Pafford, 79, of Port Huron, Mich., died Wednesday, April 21, 2010.

He was born April 6, 1931 in Pampa to the late Ernest J. and Gladys Pafford. He married Joan Rodger Dingman on January 6, 1968 in Pampa.

Mr. Pafford graduated from Texas A&M University with a B.A. in Accounting. He was a member of the Corps of Cadets. He served in the United States Army as a Second Lieutenant. Joe was employed by Cabot Corporation for 38 years in many positions and locations, including the United States, Canada, England and Malaysia. He was a member of First

Presbyterian Church. Joe gave freely of his endless supply of small town goodness, generosity, ethics and expertise by helping others wherever he lived in both his church and his community.

He is survived by his wife of 42 years, Joan R. Pafford; five children, Laurie (Greg) Whittemore of San Jose, Calif., Meredith (Doug) Sutton of Del Valle, Jon Dingman of Sarnia, Ontario, Andrew (Katie) Dingman and Mike (Barb) Pafford, all of London, Ontario; grandchildren, Jessica and Sam Whittemore, Tyler and Dylan Sutton, John and Crystal Dingman, Austin and Macauley Pafford; two sisters, Marilyn (Bob)

Connor of Norman, Okla., and LeAnn (Jim) Pafford of New Braunfels; a sister-in-law, Nancy (Stan) Znamierowski of Green Valley, Ariz.; and several nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be 5-8 p.m. on Monday, April 26, 2010 in Pollock-Randall Funeral Home, 912 Lapeer Avenue, Port Huron, MI with a prayer service following at 8 p.m. The Reverend Jason E. Pittman of First Presbyterian Church will officiate.

A celebration of Joe's life will be held at a later date with interment of his ashes in his boyhood home in the Texas Panhandle by the north fork of the Red River.

Memorial contribu-



Pafford

tions may be made to the Parkinson's Foundation or the American Lung Association.

To send condolences, visit pollockrandallfuneralhome.com.

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April 21, 2010

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At 9:30 a MICU Unit provided transport from the 800 block of West 25th to PRMC.

At 10:10 a MICU Unit responded to the 400 block of Purviance.

At 3:57 a MICU Unit provided a transport from the 1200 block of Bill Farley to PRMC.

April 22, 2010

A MICU Unit provided transport from the 800 block of S. Summerville to PRMC.

A MICU Unit provided transport from PRMC to NWTH.

A MICU Unit provided transport from the 1100 block of Christy to PRMC.

A MICU Unit provided transport from the 400 block of Hughes to PRMC.

A MICU Unit provided transport from PRMC to The Pampa Nursing Home.

A MICU Unit provided transport from the 200 block of Mary Ellen to PRMC.

A MICU Unit provided transport from PRMC to the 1300 block of W. Kentucky.

A MICU Unit provided transport from the 1700 block of N. Hobart to PRMC.

A MICU Unit provided transport from the 1000 block of N. Wells to PRMC.

A MICU Unit provided transport from the 2700 block of Hobart to PRMC.

April 22, 2010

At 15:24 a MICU Unit provided transport from the 1300 block of W. Kentucky to PRMC.

At 17:40 a MICU Unit responded to a call from the 1100 block of Duncan.

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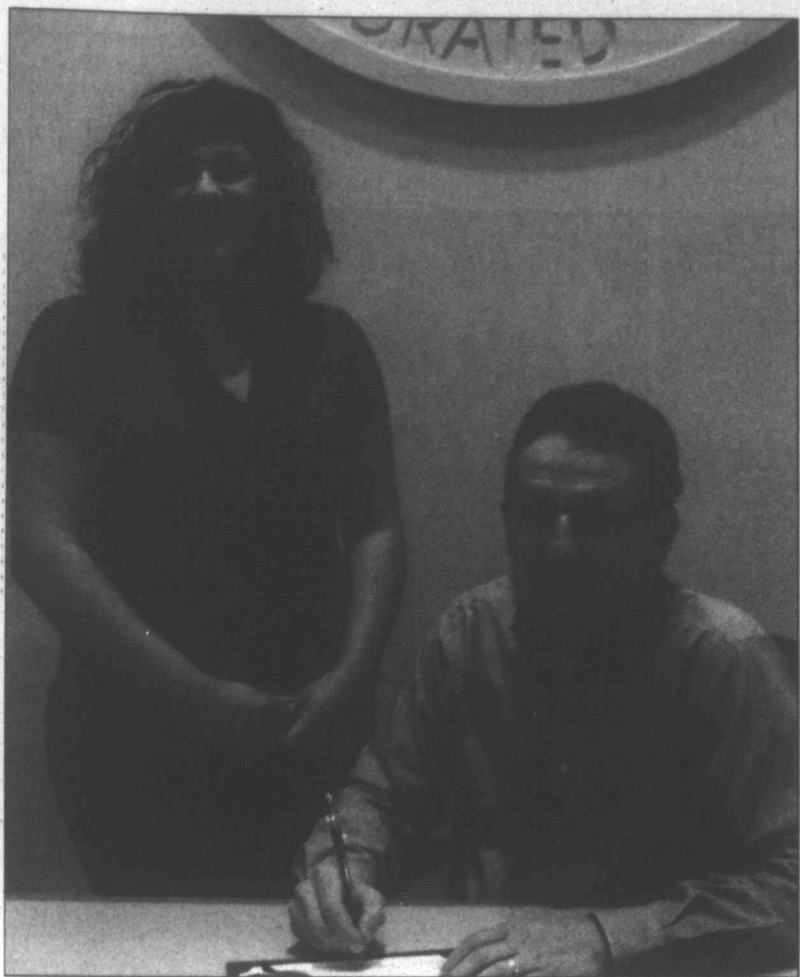
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Mayor designates April as 'Sexual Assault Awareness Month' in Pampa



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Cinthia Cordova of the Tralee Crisis Center witnesses Mayor Lonny Robbins proclaim April "Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention" month.

ARNIE AURELLANO
The Pampa News

Last week, Pampa Mayor Lonny Robbins signed a proclamation observing April Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month, a practice that has become an annual tradition for the city.

The proclamation signing was done in conjunction with the Tralee Crisis Center and witnessed by Tralee volunteer coordinator Cinthia Cordova.

According to the Crisis Center's Dee Dee Laramore, the yearly proclamation is a sign that the city of Pampa recognizes the ongoing need to bring the issue of sexual assault further into light.

"We've had wonderful cooperation with the city on it every year," said Laramore. "The mayor has been especially helpful. I think that he's a strong believer in the cause of sexual assault awareness and he understands the importance of what we're doing."

While Sexual Assault Awareness Month is a national observance, Laramore said that the purpose of the annual proclamation in Pampa is to underscore that sexual assault is a local as well as a national issue. Last year, in its eight-county service area — Carson, Childress, Collingsworth, Donley, Gray, Hemphill, Roberts and Wheeler — Tralee provided services to 453 sexual assault victims. Of that total, 110 were new clients.

"The whole purpose (of the proclamation) is to help people understand that it is a problem," she said. "Awareness brings change. We need to educate more people so that, if we can't end the issue (of sexual assault), we can at least make it less of a problem by not standing by and letting it happen."

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the Cheyenne warrior Wolf Robe, said to have been the model for the Indian Head nickel, to Dust Bowl of the 1930s to the wildfires that burned a million acres in 2006.

"Pampa" retails for \$21.99 and is

distributed by Arcadia Publishing. It is available at local retailers, online bookstores and through Arcadia Publishing at www.arcadiapublishing.com or 888-13-2665.

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Martindale

The ad-litem is the attorney who is appointed to represent the child in a Child Protective Services case.

"I've been doing this for a long time," Martindale said. "I was on the CASA board in Pampa when it was created."

That was two decades ago.

"I was court appointed back in those days," Martindale said. "I've

just been doing it ever since."

Martindale's done more ad-litem cases than any one else in Gray County.

"When you have a case like that," Martindale said, "there are lawyers that are appointed to represent the children and lawyers that are appointed to represent the parents."

Martindale said he primarily represents the children in such cases.

These cases ordinarily, CASA officials said, involve abused or neglected children. Lawyers are appointed to represent the children so they don't get lost in the legal or social services system.

Martindale was recognized Tuesday night at a banquet in Amarillo.

Appropriately, his son, Amarillo lawyer Matt Martindale, was the master of ceremonies who

introduced his father at the presentation of the award.

Family is important, Martindale said.

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Pampa ISD Events for the Week of April 26-30

Watch this space every Sunday for a weekly listing of non-athletic events from every campus in our school district

Pampa High School
April 26-30 • TAKS Testing

Pampa Jr. High
April 26-30 • TAKS Testing

Austin Elementary
April 27-29 • TAKS Testing

Lamar Elementary
April 27 • 2nd Grade Field Trip • Amarillo • 10:30 a.m.
April 27-29 • TAKS Testing
April 28 • 1st Grade Field Trip • 9:30 a.m.

Travis Elementary
April 27-29 • TAKS Testing
April 28 • First Grade Field Trip • Thompson Park Zoo

Wilson Elementary
April 27-29 • TAKS Testing
April 29 • Moms Only "Attitude of Gratitude" • 6:00-7:30 p.m.
April 30 • 4th Grade Field Trip
April 30 • 5th Grade Conferences

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Viewpoints

Today in History

Today is Saturday, April 24, the 114th day of 2010. There are 251 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

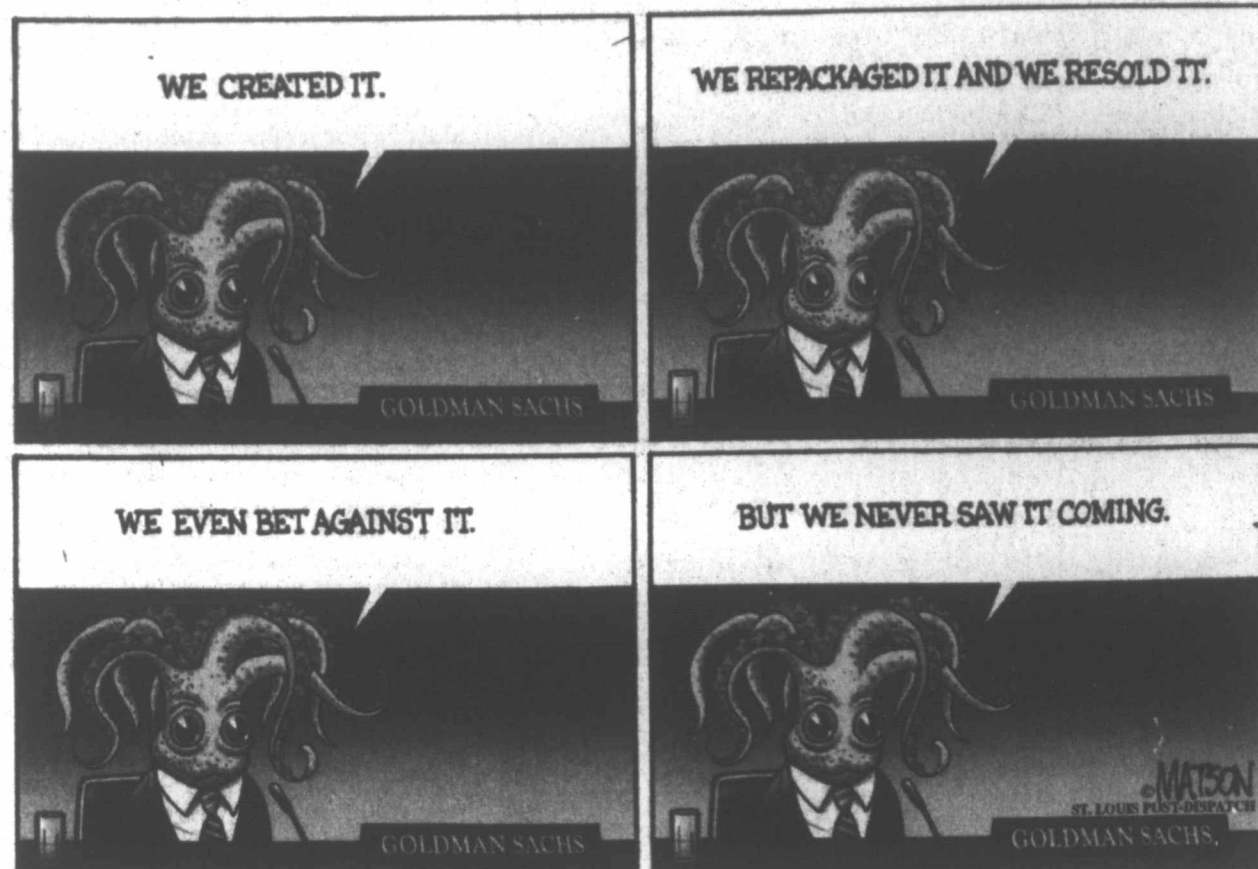
- 1521 - Spanish rebels are defeated at Villalar, Spain, and leaders of anti-Hapsburg movement are executed.
- 1617 - Concino Concini, Marquis d'Angre, is assassinated by order of France's King Louis XIII, and Charles d'Albert, Duke of Luynes, takes charge of government of France.
- 1671 - Defeated Cossack rebel leader Stenka Razin is captured by loyalist Cossacks in Russia and turned over to the czar's forces.
- 1704 - The first regularly issued American newspaper starts publication.
- 1792 - Claude-Joseph Rouget de Lisle composes France's national anthem, La Marseillaise.
- 1877 - American Federal troops are ordered out of New Orleans, ending the North's post-Civil War rule in the South.
- 1898 - Spain declares war on United States after receiving U.S. ultimatum to withdraw from Cuba.
- 1915 - The Ottoman Turkish Empire begins the brutal mass deportation of Armenians during World War I.
- 1916 - Some 1,600 Irish nationalists launch the Easter uprising by seizing several key sites in Dublin. The rising is put down by British forces several days later.
- 1953 - British statesman Winston Churchill is knighted by Queen Elizabeth II at Buckingham Palace.
- 1967 - Soviet Cosmonaut Vladimir Komarov is killed when parachute straps of his spacecraft get entangled, and he plunges to earth.
- 1969 - Lebanon's Premier Rashid Karami resigns amid dispute over government's restrictions on Palestinian guerrillas.
- 1971 - Soviet cosmonauts link up with unmanned satellite prior to attempt to build world's first orbiting space laboratory.
- 1975 - Terrorists from the German Red Army faction occupy the West German Embassy in Stockholm, taking 12 people hostage and killing two of them.
- 1975 - Thousands of Vietnamese refugees are flown to U.S. island of Guam as communists move rapidly in their takeover of South Vietnam.
- 1980 - The United States launches an abortive attempt to free American hostages in Iran, a mission that results in the deaths of eight U.S. servicemen. President Jimmy Carter announces the failed mission to the American people.
- 1989 - Rebels shell eastern Afghanistan city of Jalalabad, killing at least 54 people.
- 1990 - The U.S. space shuttle Discovery takes the Hubble Space Telescope into orbit.
- 1991 - South African government announces it will uphold agreement with African National Congress to free all political prisoners by April 30.
- 1992 - OPEC nations reject a demand by Iran for increased production.
- 1993 - Commandos break into a cockpit of a commandeered Indian Airlines plane in Amritsar, India, shoot dead the lone hijacker and free all 141 people aboard.
- 1994 - Cuban exiles are received by President Fidel Castro, the man some have long wanted to overthrow.
- 1997 - Islamist militants armed with sabers and axes strike two villages in Algeria, butchering 47 people in a pre-election terror wave that leaves an estimated 420 dead in a few weeks.
- 1998 - In front of a cheering crowd, 22 Rwandans convicted of genocide are executed by firing squad in Kigali.
- 1999 - A car bomb explodes in one of London's biggest Bangladeshi communities, injuring seven people. A racist group claims responsibility.
- 2001 - A jury is chosen in the murder trial of a former Ku Klux Klansman charged 38 years after the church bombing that killed four black girls in Birmingham, Alabama.
- 2003 - Winnie Madikizela-Mandela, the former wife of Nelson Mandela, is convicted of fraud and theft by a regional court in Pretoria, South Africa, and sentenced to five years in prison. Madikizela-Mandela was charged with running fraudulent schemes to obtain about \$125,000 in bank loans and insurance payments.
- 2005 - Hundreds of thousands of demonstrators collect in Mexico City's central square and surrounding streets to protest the prosecution by federal authorities of Lopez Obrador, the capital city's mayor and a leading contender for president in 2006.
- 2006 - Three bombings hit an Egyptian beach resort popular with foreigners, killing at least 21 people and wounding more than 60 a day after Osama bin Laden issues a taped warning against Westerners.
- 2008 - Nepal's former communist rebels are declared the biggest party in a new governing assembly. While the Maoists won't have a majority, they are expected to usher in sweeping changes for the poor Himalayan nation.
- 2009 - Mexico shuts down schools, museums, libraries and state-run theaters across its overcrowded capital in hopes of containing a swine flu outbreak that authorities say killed at least 20 people.

Today's Birthdays:

Edmund Cartwright, English inventor of first power loom (1743-1823); Anthony Trollope, English novelist (1814-1882); Shirley MacLaine, U.S. actress-dancer-author (1934-); Sue Grafton, U.S. mystery/crime novelist (1940-); Barbra Streisand, U.S. actress-entertainer (1942-); Eric Bogosian, U.S. actor (1953-); Cedric the Entertainer, U.S. comedian (1964-); Kelly Clarkson, U.S. pop/rock singer (1982-).

Thought For Today:

We are what we think. All that we are, arises from our thoughts. With our thoughts, we make the world — Buddha, founder of Buddhism.



Blue ribbons symbolize Child Abuse Awareness Month

MARILYN POWERS special to The Pampa News

Ribbons are no longer just for decorative trim on clothing. They have become one way to symbolize an event or group.

There are the original cloth ribbons, cut into appropriate lengths and looped over once, that can be pinned to clothing. Then someone came up with the idea of magnetized ribbons that can be placed on vehicles. Ribbon stickers and decals became available.

Along with the growing popularity of ribbons as emblems came the color choices. Each event or group chose a particular color of ribbon for their purposes. Pink, red and yellow were some of the first colors to be chosen.

Blue became the color of choice for Child Abuse Awareness Month. Why blue?

"Blue serves as a constant reminder to me to fight for protection for our children," said Bonnie Finney, a Virginia grandmother who in 1989 tied a blue ribbon to the antenna of her van "to make people wonder."

Whenever the sight of the blue ribbon made someone wonder enough to ask her

about it, Finney would tell them the tragic story about the abuse of her grandchildren, abuse that ultimately led to the brutal death of her grandson.

"It had been so long since I sat by my grandson's side in the hospital," Finney said. "Of course, I knew something was wrong as I sat there. I saw fear on his face, the bruises on his body, and the healing cigarette burns on his hands. His doctor did not believe my daughter's story that he fell in slippery water in the bathtub."

After his release from the hospital, Finney's grandson was placed in foster care for three weeks. He was then returned to his mother, at which point he cried, Finney said.

"I ached for this dilemma, but I was not physically able to care for him," she said.

The ordeal was not over. "I never saw him again," Finney said of her grandson. "My 16-month-old granddaughter was hospitalized after being beaten severely. Her leg was broken in four places and her hand was burned from the tip of her little fingers to her wrist."

"It was only then that the search was on for my grandson. We learned

that he had been killed, wrapped in a sheet, stuffed in a toolbox and dumped into a swamp three months earlier."

Finney was unable to prevent the abuse her grandchildren suffered, but she was determined to try to help others.

"My grandchildren had suffered and battled so much throughout their young lives that it sickened me. My life was turned into physical and mental chaos. My efforts to understand became a plea to stop abusing children. I tied a blue ribbon on my van antenna to make people wonder, why blue? I intend never to forget the battered, bruised bodies of my grandchildren. Blue serves as a constant reminder to me to fight for protection for our children."



Powers

Since Finney tied that blue ribbon to her van antenna, blue has become the color for Child Abuse Awareness Month, which is generally observed each April.

For more information on how to help area abused and neglected children, call CASA of the High Plains at 669-7638.

Republican feud threatens party fortunes

LIZ SIDOTT AP National Political Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) - The plight of Florida's Charlie Crist - a Republican governor who apparently can't win his own party's U.S. Senate primary - underscores the divisions dogging an otherwise emboldened national Republican Party.

Crist's hefty lead in the polls has plummeted to a double-digit deficit in the primary race against former Florida House speaker Marco Rubio, a darling of party conservatives. However, polls suggest Crist could win as an independent in a three-way race and he's considering doing just that.

Races in all corners of the country raise the question of whether moderate candidates have a future in a party imposing ideological purity, and whether the Republicans can attract moderate voters. In Senate races in Florida, Arizona, Utah, Kentucky and New Hampshire, conservatives backed by activists in the Tea Party movement are challenging more centrist

candidates largely preferred by the party establishment in Washington.

The tea party movement is a loose-knit coalition of community groups largely made up of people with conservative and libertarian views who say government has grown too large, threatening individual liberties. The movement's name is taken from the anti-tax Boston Tea Party protest in 1773.

Such bitter primaries are threatening the Republican Party's fortunes even though, by nearly every other measure, the political winds are blowing against Democrats ahead of congressional and gubernatorial elections this November. The ramifications of the party's family feud could extend to the presidential election in 2012.

The Republican Party already is facing declining membership and a diminished geographic foothold as it has moved further to the right over the past few decades.

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candidates from the party, how can it attract moderates and independents? Do those voters, already the most likely to be turned off by politics, simply stay home? Or do they turn out for independent candidates, making the two-party structure less relevant?

Neither result would be good for the Republicans.

Still, party politics is hardly the only issue likely to sway votes in the fall. The economy is at the top of most voters' lists.

And the Democrats face their own nasty Senate primary in Arkansas, where moderate Sen. Blanche Lincoln is trying to fend off union-backed Lt. Gov. Bill Halter. And in North Carolina, a labor group angry at moderate House Democrats over their health care votes has formed a third party although they are struggling to get candidates on the ballot.

But those largely are isolated cases.

The Republican moderate-conservative feuds have been fierce for quite a while, long before the emergence of the tea party movement. Last spring, moderate Sen. Arlen Specter bolted from the party as he faced a conservative challenge in Pennsylvania.

"I have found myself increasingly at odds with the Republican philosophy and more in line with the philosophy of the Democratic Party," Specter

said when he switched. Joe Sestak is opposing him for the Democratic nomination in the May 18 primary.

No race epitomizes the Republican fracture more than the ugly Florida contest between Rubio, who has been embraced by conservatives and tea party activists, and Crist, a moderate considered for the party presidential ticket in 2008.

Crist has dropped from favored Republican with a hefty lead in polls to Republican outcast in a race that shows no signs of tightening. Polls suggest Crist could win as an independent in a three-way race. Rep. Kendrick Meek is the likely Democratic nominee.

Now Crist says he's being "very, very thoughtful and deliberate" as he considers an independent run.

National Republicans are pressuring him to quit rather than run as an independent: Rep. Eric Cantor, the second-ranking Republican in the House, said Tuesday: "Marco Rubio is just the type of leader our country needs."

"The Republican Party, like the Democratic Party, goes through phases where it re-identifies itself and repositions itself somewhere on the conservative spectrum. Right now, this party is very conservative. And there's good reasons for this party to be conservative," said Sen. George LeMieux, Crist's former

chief of staff. LeMieux was appointed by Crist to fill the seat until a successor was chosen.

Arizona Sen. John McCain, a four-term senator with an independent streak who was the party's presidential nominee just two years ago, is in a tough primary battle against former Rep. J.D. Hayworth, a conservative talk-radio host embraced by Tea Party activists.

And one of the most conservative members of Congress, Sen. Robert Bennett of Utah, is facing a serious challenge from his right. His vote for President George W. Bush's bank bailout drawing the wrath of conservatives.

Republicans succeeded when they backed a moderate in Massachusetts earlier this year as Scott Brown captured Sen. Edward M. Kennedy's Senate seat.

But last November the intraparty split cost the party a House seat in New York that it had held for decades.

In New York's 23rd congressional district, the nominee hand-picked by party leaders, Dede Scozzafava, dropped out of the race after a fierce challenge by conservative Doug Hoffman. Both remained on the ballot and split the Republican vote, which allowed Democrat Bill Owens to narrowly win the upstate New York seat Republicans had held for decades.

Democrats, too, have battle scars from past ideological party fights and years in the political wilderness, reflected by liberal George McGovern's failed presidential bid in 1972.

The 2006 elections were a high-water mark for the Democrats' recognition of big tent politics. The party recruited conservative and moderate Democrats who better fit their constituents' viewpoints in conservative-leaning states.

Still, Connecticut Sen. Joe Lieberman was re-elected that year as an independent after losing the Democratic primary to liberal Ned Lamont. The race showed that the Democratic Party tug-of-war still can flare up, but it was largely an aberration.

Democrats seized control of the House and Senate, and in 2008, they added to their numbers for comfortable majorities.

This year, despite attempts by some liberals to challenge moderate Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand in New York, Democratic Party leaders and the White House successfully cleared the field to ensure the vulnerable senator wouldn't face a primary challenge.

After years of struggle, some Democrats have decided the cost of purity is just too high.

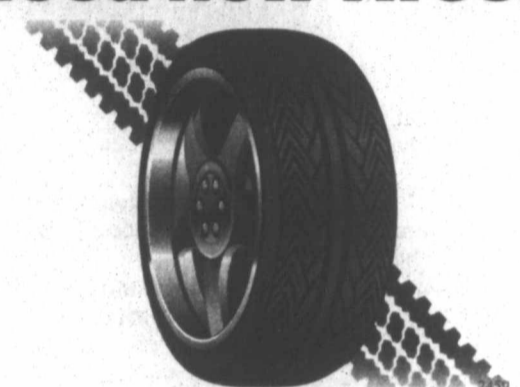
Come November, Republicans may be paying that price.

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Ex-prison official faces 20 years in abuse case

ODESSA, Texas (AP) - A former youth jail administrator convicted of sexually abusing a teenage inmate faces up to 20 years in prison in a case that ignited a statewide scandal over the treatment of young offenders.

Ray Edward Brookins was convicted Thursday of two counts each of having an improper sexual activity with a person in custody and having an improper relationship between an educator and student.

Brookins, a former assistant superintendent of the Texas Youth Commission's West Texas State School in Pyote, was accused of having a sexual relationship in 2005 with a then-18-year-old inmate.

Brookins is one of two former school administrators accused of sexually abusing teenage inmates. Several top agency officials have resigned, and former principal John Paul Hernandez awaits trial.

In all, authorities believe at least 13 boys were sexually abused. The case led to accusations of a cover-up and reports exposing lax medical care, youth beatings and a culture of retaliation against whistle blowers, and eventually lawmakers ordered an overhaul of the system.

Following the verdict, the sentencing phase of the trial began. A former state inmate testified that Brookins had a sexual relationship with him at a state prison in the 1990s. The inmate, who was 28 at the time, told jurors he felt coerced to have oral and anal sex with Brookins

because Brookins was a captain at the prison and could provide him with protection from other inmates.

A former TYC inmate from Pyote testified that Brookins made sexual advances toward him while he was an inmate at the Pyote jail.

Testimony was expected to continue Friday.

The former inmate Brookins' was accused of abusing testified earlier in the week that Brookins sexually molested him at night in his office. He said Brookins performed sexual acts on him while displaying pornography. He isn't being named because The Associated Press generally does not identify victims of sexual abuse.

Defense attorney Rick Navarrete told jurors the former inmate has two robbery convictions on his record and continues to have trouble with the law.

"You should never trust a man who cries on your

shoulder while he stabs you - stabs society - in the back," Navarrete said. "This is a man who uses violence and takes what he wants."

Navarrete also said the state's evidence was inconclusive and unpersuasive.

Assistant Attorney General Adrienne McFarland blamed Brookins for the victim's subsequent crimes, saying Brookins failed in his duty to act as a mentor and to rehabilitate the youth.

The jury heard from 11 witnesses over two days of testimony in Odessa.

A Texas Ranger report detailing the 2005 allegations, which wasn't acted on for two years, described late-night encounters involving oral sex, masturbation and pornographic videos. Some of the teen inmates were also threatened with retaliation, investigators said.

After the scandal broke, state lawmakers ordered a

Woman charged with capital murder in baby's death

HOUSTON (AP) — A Houston woman who initially told investigators that her 2-month-old son had been abducted but later led authorities to his body in a wooded area has been charged with capital murder in the child's death.

Narjes Modarresi, charged Thursday, remained in the Harris County Jail on Friday with no bail. A court coordinator said it was not yet known whether she had an attorney.

The 28-year-old told police Wednesday that she was pushing her son, Mosih Golabbakhsh, in a stroller when a man took him.

Police told the Houston Chronicle that she led investigators to the body Thursday.

Prosecutors said Friday that the baby was found face-down, covered in mud. They say initial autopsy reports show mud and water in his lungs, indicating he was buried alive.

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Pampa's Warner earns coveted 'Life Master' bridge honor



John Warner smiles as his wife, Judy, pins a gold Life Master pin on his shirt at a gathering of the Pampa Duplicate Bridge Club.

ARNIE AURELLANO
The Pampa News

Not many people can say that they've ever made it to the top of their game. John Warner has just joined the exclusive club.

Warner, a Pampa attorney, was recently recognized by the Pampa Duplicate Bridge Club for achieving the rank of Life Master, a high honor in the world of bridge.

"It feels good to be (a Life Master)," said Warner. "If I remember right, there are only two other people in Pampa who are Life Masters (Gloria Casey and Mary Smith). There aren't many people who ever achieve it."

To become a Life Master of the American Contract Bridge League, a player must accumulate a minimum of 300 master points, including 25 gold points, 25 red points, 50 silver points and 200 black points. Gold, red and silver points are generally earned in sectional, regional or national tournaments.

Warner, whose mother, Janet, teamed with Clarice Holt to become a United States Women's Pairs Champion in 1962, began playing bridge in college. While Warner often played with his

mother in the 1980s (during which he earned his first 50 master points), he did not play duplicate bridge again until the fall of 2007.

Warner said that, after bridge colleague Joe Davis talked him into picking the cards back up that year, earning the Life Master honor surfaced as a goal.

"It was on the back of my mind," Warner said. "Joe Davis talked me back into it. He got me involved, and you could say that I became hooked. The rest is history."

Since bridge is a team game, Warner thanked all of his partners over the years to help him achieve the Life Master rank.

"I have been fortunate to have had many good partners help me achieve this goal," Warner said. "Joe Davis, Gloria Casey and Mary Smith of Pampa all partnered with me to earn silver points in tournaments in Amarillo."

"Tommy Burch of Borger helped me fulfill my gold point requirements in Ruidoso. Mark Pederson of Canyon played with me in tournaments in Lubbock and Amarillo, and then put me over the top with the remaining red points I needed in a tournament in Albuquerque. I could not have achieved this honor without their help."

Forensic panel to review arson case

IRVING (AP) — A state forensics panel on Friday assigned four of its members to review the arson case that resulted in the execution of Cameron Todd Willingham, who was convicted of killing his three children.

In a report prepared last year for the Texas Forensic Science Commission, fire expert Craig Beyler found fault in the investigation that led to Willingham's conviction. But in September, two days before the commission was to discuss the report and question Beyler, Gov. Rick Perry replaced three of its members, including its chairman.

The new chairman, John Bradley, the Williamson County district attorney, canceled that meeting.

Without Beyler's finding, prosecutors have admitted it would have been hard to win a death sentence against Willingham.

The investigative panel was confirmed Friday at a commission meeting in Irving. It will include Bradley, Fort Worth defense attorney Lance Evans, Tarrant County Medical Examiner Nizam Peerwani and Sarah Kerrigan, a forensic toxicologist and director of a crime lab at Sam Houston State University.

Like Bradley, Evans and Peerwani were appointed to the commission late last year. Kerrigan has been on the commission since 2007.

Although the Willingham case has been under consideration by the commission since 2006, members of the new investigative panel said the inquiry is far from being completed.

Kerrigan said little has been done besides soliciting Beyler's report.

"We've only just begun to put together the pieces we will need to investigate properly," she said.

During Friday's meeting, Bradley initially said Kerrigan would not be serving on the investigative panel because of personal issues and appointed Evans to replace her. However, at Evans' suggestion, the panel was expanded to four members and Kerrigan agreed to stay on.

Library director to speak

The Gray County Genealogical Society will hold its next meeting at 7 p.m. on Monday, April 26 at the north door of Lovett Memorial Library, 111 N. Houston Street.

The speaker will be Misty Guy, director of Lovett Memorial Library.

She will be speaking about "Heritage Quest" and how to use it.

The public is invited.

CORRECTION

In the April 21 edition of *The Pampa News* ("Spring Fling Smiles" photo section, p. 3), Rachel Hill was misidentified as Rachel Smith. *The Pampa News* apologizes for the error.

New arrival



Hendrix Gunner Soto was born at 5:50 p.m. on January 5, 2010 at Pampa Regional Medical in Pampa, Texas. He weighed 8 pounds, 5 ounces, and was 21 inches long. Proud parents are Dayla and Rachel Soto of Skellytown. Hendrix was also greeted by his big sister, Sunli Soto.

His grandparents are Jennifer and Phil Conner, Richard Williams, and the late Roy Soto, all of Pampa, and Glenna and Robert Swanson of Skellytown. His great grandparents are Betty and Bill Cage, and Frances and the late Diz Conner, all of Pampa.



Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I am an average 17-year-old girl with a big problem. A few days ago, my cousin's boyfriend touched me inappropriately. It took a few seconds for me to realize what was happening and stop him. I got up and left the room.

I don't want to tell my mom because she shares what we talk about with other people. I don't want to tell my cousin because she loves her boyfriend, and if I ruin this for her, she'll never speak to me again. I have seen her do it with other people.

My cousin visits my house every day with her boyfriend. I have been leaving for hours so I won't have to see him. Please help me. What other option do I have besides telling somebody? — STAYING SILENT IN GUAM

DEAR STAYING SILENT: You have two options. You can remain silent and let your cousin marry a man who has so little self-control that he would not only hit on another woman, but one who is a close relative of hers. Or you can tell your parents what happened so your cousin can be warned, and possibly save her from a world of heartache later on. Please be brave and do the right thing.

DEAR ABBY: I know most of your readers are women, but could you please spread awareness of female-on-male domestic violence? You have done a great job with male-on-female abuse awareness, and I think American society is fairly well saturated with it. But there is little out there for men who have been or are being abused. — MINNESOTA READER

DEAR READER: Domestic violence is not restricted to any social, racial, religious, economic group or particular gender.

And while male victims may be embarrassed to disclose it, men can be victims of domestic violence, too.

In years past, men were hesitant to call a domestic abuse hotline when there was a crisis because they were ashamed, had been bullied into thinking they "deserved it," or were afraid they wouldn't be believed. That is no longer the case.

Male victims of domestic violence can find help by contacting the Domestic Abuse Helpline for Men and Women. The organization's toll-free helpline is (888) 743-5754 or log onto its Web site at www.dahmw.org. Another organization, SAFE (Stop Abuse for Everyone), also assists victims of abuse regardless of age, gender or sexual orientation. Its Web site is www.safe4all.org.

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend and I have been together 10 months. I'm 18, and feel I have met the man of my dreams. We were friends for a long time before we became a couple.

My question is: Do you think a couple can spend too much time together? Every minute, every hour and every day that we can spend together we do -- and I love it. But I don't want this to ruin our relationship. Am I doing the right thing? — CONFUSED IN MISSISSAUGA, ONTARIO

DEAR CONFUSED: You're a smart cookie and that's a very intelligent question. Although it's tempting, do not allow the romance to take up every available moment. Continue to devote time to your friends and to outside interests. It will make you a much more interesting person to be around, and you won't lose your independence.

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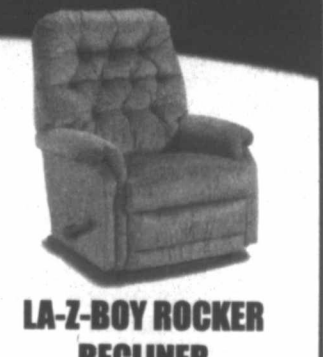
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Stewardship Week to be celebrated April 25-May 2

SPECIAL TO THE PAMPA NEWS

Local Soil and Water Conservation Districts will be joining with the National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) to celebrate a 55-year observance April 25-May 2. Stewardship Week focuses on the care and conservation of the state and nation's renewable natural resources. The theme for this year's observance is "Conservation Habits = Healthy Habitats".

Pampa Meals on Wheels menu

The Pampa Meals on Wheels menu for the upcoming week includes:

Monday, April 26

BBQ Meatballs
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Tuesday, April 27

Hamloaf
Hominy Casserole
Zucchini with Tomatoes
Pineapple

Wednesday, April 28

Chicken Nuggets
Baked Potatoes
Peas/ Carrots
Peaches

Thursday, April 29

Shepherd's Pie
Pickled Beets
Corn
Jello

Friday, April 30

Baked Chicken
Sweet Potatoes
Peas
Applesauce

about and improve natural resources as we use them wisely to leave a rich legacy for future generations," said Scott Buckles, president of the Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts. "When we begin to think that each of us has a role in conserving and protecting our natural resources, we can effect personal actions that will have a positive impact for creating healthy habitats of ecosystems found in and around our communities."

In America, the stewardship observance traces its origin to the Rogation Days celebrated more than 1,500 years ago in the neighborhood of Vienne, France. The custom began when bad weather and earthquakes brought crop failures and widespread hunger. The people of that community

responded by imploring for divine help to alleviate their suffering and privation. "The stewardship observance relies on locally led soil and water conservation districts nationwide sharing and promoting stewardship and conservation activities. From a national perspective, NACD represents the nation's 3,000 soil and water conservation districts which were established to encourage resource conservation across the country", said Buckles. "Districts throughout Texas provide an array of activities to promote the observance such as conservation and stewardship field days, programs, workshops and other outreach efforts throughout their communities to educate citizens about the need to care for soil, water and related renewable natural resources," Buckles added.

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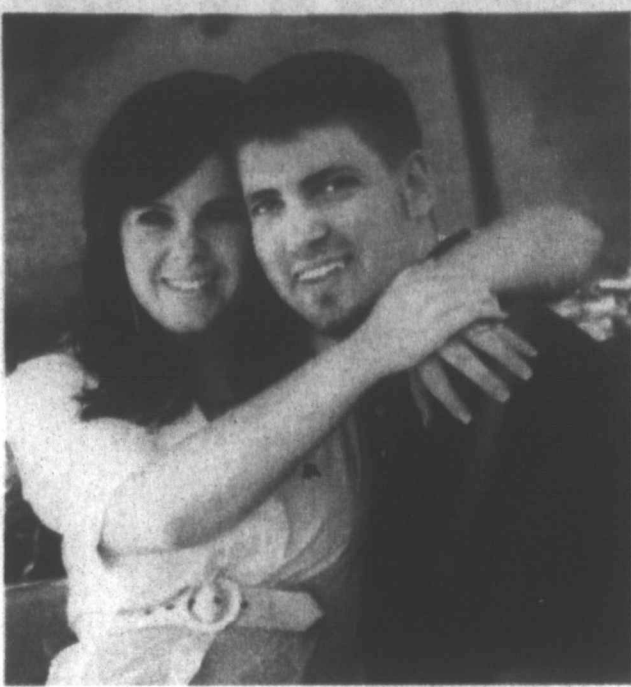
We are pleased to announce the engagement of Miranda Hope Woodruff to Cory Ray Yesel.

Miranda Woodruff is the daughter of Larry Woodruff and Rhonda Hagan of Pampa. Miranda is the granddaughter of Wanda and J.P. Wright, Dorothy and Troy Brewer, and Cheryl and Jerry Ely. Miranda is a 2006 graduate of Pampa High School and received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Social Work in 2009 from Texas Tech University. Miranda will graduate with her Master's in Clinical Social Work in May 2010 from New Mexico Highlands University. Miranda is currently employed at Mule-shoe Pathways Behavioral

Health Center and Covenant Behavioral Health as a social worker.

Cory is the son of Gary and Rhonda Yesel of Littlefield, Texas. Cory is the grandson of Grace Robertson and the late Roy Robertson, and Patsy Yesel and the late Jack Yesel. Cory is a 2004 graduate of Littlefield High School and received his degree from South Plains College in Welding Technology. Cory is currently employed at Xcel Energy- Plant-X as a journeyman maintenance mechanic.

Friends and family will be gathering to help them celebrate their love July 31, 2010 at Cottonwood Springs Guest Ranch in Pampa, Texas.



Miranda H. Woodruff and Cory R. Yesel

Prater 'Resident of the Month'

Joyce Prater has been named "Resident of the Month" at Coronado Health Center.

Joyce was born in Eunice, Louisiana. She was grew up in southeast Texas and the Texas Panhandle. She had three children, two girls and one surviving son, James. She has worked in many cafes in the Pampa area. She is an active member of The Resident Council at Coronado Health Care Center. She also helps in the dining room. She hands out clothing protectors, tea



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Sports

Pampa solidifies softball position with Canyon victory

BRAD RABURN
Special to The Pampa News

CANYON - The 10-1 Lady Harvesters proved to be in prime form earning a 6-2 win over Canyon Friday at Conner Park.

"I am really proud of the girls tonight, every time Canyon seemed to get some momentum the girls stepped up to make a play and took it away," said Lady Harvester head coach Bobbi Gill. "We took advantage of what they gave us and didn't back off, that is a credit to the girls character."

Pampa came out in the first inning scoring three times with no hits. Claire Hopkins was sent to first after being hit by a pitch. Shelby Watson bunted for a single and a Canyon error sent Watson to third and Hopkins home.

A loose ball allowed Carlyn Teichmann to steal first and Watson to cross home plate. A steal by Teichmann scored the Lady Harvesters third run to finish off the inning.

Teichmann took the pitcher's circle and was kept perfect by Pampa's

defense; with an out at first base followed by Watson catching two short fly balls.

The two teams traded defensive stands through the fourth inning.

Pampa's Brooklyn Barker broke the streak in the fifth with a single. Bailey Beck followed with a double and Hopkins' fly out allowed Barker to steal home. A Canyon error allowed Ashley Facio to reach first, but Beck was called out at home plate. A second error by the Lady Eagles placed runners on first and second, and a solid hit by Teichmann was good for two RBIs.

In the bottom of the fifth Canyon found three hits and crossed the plate twice for the final score.

"It was a good team effort, everybody contributed and it was a great team win," Gill said.

If Pampa and Randall defeat their final opponents they will be tied in district at 11-1.

"We won't play it off because of TAKS testing," said Gill. "It will probably have to be a coin flip, I think. That's what was passed to me at least."



photo courtesy James Barrington

Pampa's Ashley Facio (left) reaches to tag a Canyon runner at first.

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Pampa (10-1)	3	0	0	0	3	0	0	6	4	1
Canyon (7-4)	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	6	4

Harvester baseball comes up short against Caprock

ANDREW GLOVER
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The Pampa Harvesters struggled to put the ball in play and lost to the Caprock Longhorns 16-2 in five innings Friday in Amarillo.

Head coach Kaleb Snelgrooves said Caprock did a better job of putting the ball in play.

"They put the ball in play, batter after batter," Snelgrooves said. "We faced the same pitcher that we faced the first time and we only got two hits. We didn't really get the ball out of the infield."

Tyler Malone and Reid Miller provided the offense for Pampa. Malone hit his third home run of the season and Miller hit an RBI double. Braden Hunt started the game and pitched two and two thirds innings and Malone pitched two

and a third innings.

Snelgrooves said the Longhorns were able to get extra base hits and his team's play on defense didn't help.

"Everyone put the ball in play and got singles and doubles," Snelgrooves said. "We couldn't make the plays we needed to get out of innings and that's been the story of our season. When you can't make plays the other team scores runs."

The Harvesters (7-17, 2-8) close out their home season against the Hereford Whitefaces Saturday. Seniors Hunt, Anthony Allen and Mitchell Killgo will be honored before the game. Pampa will finish the season April 30 against Canyon. Snelgrooves said his team will play as hard as they can in the final two games.

"We are going to play with pride and integrity," Snelgrooves said. "The season hasn't gone at all like we planned. We got to finish what we started."

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Local runners in Oklahoma tomorrow



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A local group runners - The Harvester Good Running Group - is going to be running in the Oklahoma City Memorial marathon tomorrow (Sunday, April). They are running to remember those victims who lost their lives on April 19, 1995. Their progress can be monitored on the group's web site: www.pampaisd.net/harvestergood. There are 119 runners who have subscribed on the website and will be representing Pampa this weekend. One of the members, Christy Parker, posted the following comments on the site: "We all have gifts that we can give...we can all make a difference of some kind. Our Harvester Good team has all types of survivors—whether it be cancer, death of a loved one, a terrible accident—all of us are "survivors" of some type. All of us have endured what we consider to be a hardship or a major catastrophe in our lives. Lots of us have testimonies that would bring people to tears—we are here to make a difference. Lots of lives will be changed this weekend—it will not matter how long it takes each one of us to finish—or who we finish it with. What matters is that we are part of a team that has trained to make a difference and finish what we have started—I am looking forward to running in OKC and finishing the race with an awesome team! I am feelin Harvester Good—See ya in OKC!"

Create-A-Beat hosts 10k run



Near the finish line of the 10K Create-a-Beat Spring Fling race, lots of friends began to encourage John Studebaker by cheering for him. But it was his daughter, Jaycee, who decided to go one step farther. She decided to escort her dad, John, past the time clock hand in hand. What a daughter.



Shane and Sandee Stokes definitely used different approaches as they neared the finish line at the Create-a-Beat Spring Fling 10K run. Shane was more businesslike, while Sandee looked to be having her own private p-a-r-t-y.

Arizona governor signs immigration enforcement bill

PHOENIX (AP) — Gov. Jan Brewer ignored criticism from President Barack Obama on Friday and signed into law a bill supporters said would take handcuffs off police in dealing with illegal immigration in Arizona, the nation's gateway for human and drug smuggling.

With hundreds of protesters outside the state Capitol shouting that the bill would lead to civil rights abuses, Brewer said critics were "overreacting" and that she wouldn't tolerate racial profiling.

"We in Arizona have been more than patient waiting for Washington to act," Brewer said after signing the law. "But decades of inaction and misguided policy have created a dangerous and unacceptable situation."

Earlier Friday, Obama called the Arizona bill "misguided" and instructed the Justice Department to examine it to see if it's legal. He also said the federal government must enact immigration reform at the national level — or leave the door open to "irresponsibility by others."

"That includes, for example, the recent efforts in Arizona, which threaten to undermine basic notions of fairness that we cherish as Americans, as well as the trust between police and their communities that is so crucial to keeping us safe," Obama said.

The legislation, sent to the Republican governor by the GOP-led Legislature, makes it a crime under state law to be in the country illegally. It also requires local police officers to question

people about their immigration status if there is reason to suspect they are illegal immigrants, allows lawsuits against government agencies that hinder enforcement of immigration laws, and make it illegal to hire illegal immigrants for day labor or knowingly transport them.

The Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund said it plans a legal challenge to the law, arguing it "launches Arizona into a spiral of pervasive fear, community distrust, increased crime and costly litigation, with nationwide repercussions."

Brewer ordered the state's law enforcement licensing agency to develop a training course on how to implement the law while respecting civil rights.

The bill will take effect

in late July or early August.

At the Capitol, some 2,000 protesters booed county Supervisor Mary Rose Wilcox when she announced that "the governor did not listen to our prayers."

"It's going to change our lives," said Emilio Almodovar, a 13-year-old American citizen from Phoenix. "We can't walk to school any more. We can't be in the streets anymore without the pigs thinking we're illegal immigrants."

Brewer signed the bill in a state auditorium about a mile from the Capitol complex where demonstrators have protested the legislation since the measure was approved by lawmakers on Monday. Their numbers grew steadily throughout the week, with buses bringing protesters from as far

away as Los Angeles.

Brewer, who faces a tough election battle and growing anger in the state over illegal immigrants, said the law "protects every Arizona citizen."

Anti-immigrant anger has swelled in the past month, after rancher Rob Krentz was found dead on his land north of Douglas, near the Mexico border. Authorities believe he was fatally shot by an illegal immigrant possibly connected to a drug smuggling cartel.

Arizona has an estimated 460,000 illegal immigrants, and its harsh, remote desert serves as the corridor for the majority of illegal immigrants and drugs moving north into the U.S. from Mexico.

U.S. Rep. Raul Grijalva, a Democrat, said he closed his Arizona offices at noon Friday after his staff in Yuma and Tucson were flooded with calls

this week, some from people threatening violent acts and shouting racial slurs. He called on businesses and groups looking for convention and meeting locations to boycott Arizona.

The bill's Republican sponsor, state Rep. Russell Pearce of Mesa, said Obama and other critics of the bill were "against law enforcement, our citizens and the rule of law."

Pearce said the legislation would remove "political handcuffs" from police and help drive illegal immigrants from the state.

"Illegal is illegal," said Pearce, a driving force on the issue in Arizona. "We'll have less crime. We'll have lower taxes. We'll have safer neighborhoods. We'll have shorter lines in the emergency rooms. We'll have smaller classrooms."

Groups lobby on Day of Prayer

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — To pray or not to pray?

That's the issue government leaders across the country are facing after a federal judge ruled that the National Day of Prayer set for May 6 was unconstitutional.

The ruling can't take effect until all appeals are exhausted, but that's not stopping atheists and prayer advocates from firing off letters, e-mails and even planning to put up billboards to convince state and local leaders across the country to see things their way.

Nothing's changing in Topeka, Kan., says Mayor Bill Buntun.

"Some of these judges have lost their way," Buntun said. "Every day is a day of prayer in most Kansas lives, whether they are Christian or Muslim or Jewish or whatever, and to say that a prayer day is illegal is just ridiculous. That judge better go back and read some history about how this country was formed. Next thing you know we won't be able to sing 'God Bless America.'"

The ruling raised a furor among religious advocacy groups, who say the day has become an American tradition. And the announcement this week by President Barack Obama's administration that it would appeal galvanized atheists, who are trying to persuade officials not to attend local events. Their campaigns illustrate the persistent tensions over any combination of religion and government.

Congress established a national prayer day in 1952 and in 1988 set the first Thursday in May as the official day for presidents to issue proclamations asking

Americans to pray. Many state and local officials follow suit on that day.

Two years ago, the Madison-based Freedom From Religion Foundation sued the federal government, alleging the day violated the separation of church and state. U.S. District Judge Barbara Crabb ruled April 15 that the day amounts to a call to religious action. She included a caveat, though, that said her ruling would have no effect until all appeals are exhausted.

A day after Crabb's ruling, the Alliance Defense Fund, an Arizona-based group of Christian lawyers, fired off letters to mayors telling them it has no bearing on prayer day activities. "Public officials should be able to participate in public prayer activities just as America's founders did, and a recent federal judge's ruling does not prevent America's cities from lawfully observing the National Day of Prayer," ADF Senior Legal Counsel Mike Johnson said in a statement. On Friday, the Madison offices of the Freedom From Religion Foundation — a converted rectory now dubbed "The Freethought Hall" — were bustling.

Employees prepared letters to governors and the mayors of more than 1,000 cities urging them not to participate in prayer day. They worked under signs that quoted Richard Dawkins ("The God of the Old Testament is arguably the most unpleasant character in all of fiction") and Mark Twain ("Faith is believing what you know ain't so").

They were drafting an online petition where people could urge Obama to

honor Crabb's ruling and "leave days of prayer to individuals, private groups and churches, synagogues, mosques and temples." Annie Laurie Gaylor, one of the foundation's leaders, was putting the finishing touches on a full-page ad for the New York Times.

The foundation also plans to take out billboards promoting the separation of church and state in Colorado Springs, Co., home of the National Day of Prayer Task Force. The signs will read "God and government: A dangerous mix."

"Whether or not we win in court, I want to win in the court of public opinion," said Gaylor. "This law is based on lies and bad history."

John Bomschein, executive director of the National Day of Prayer Task Force, said atheists try to sway government leaders from participating in the prayer day every year, but are being more aggressive. He called such efforts a waste of money that could go toward the poor. "We're an office full of patriots," Bomschein said. "To see bickering over these sorts of things, it's not a positive environment for people who need encouragement now more than ever."




Green Bay Mayor Jim Schmitt said he issues a proclamation every year recognizing the prayer day and attends a prayer breakfast with his name on the invitation. Nothing will change this year, he said.

Carl Brewer, mayor of Wichita, Kan., said the city recognizes prayer day every year. Officials often take prayer breaks and read Bible passages at events. He said this year will be no different.

"Prayer, he said, "is the foundation of the Midwest."

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Ex-jail official denies abuse of former juvenile inmates

ODESSA (AP) — A former juvenile jail administrator convicted of sexually abusing a teenage inmate denied the charges Friday, speaking out for the first time during the sentencing phase of his trial.

"I have never sexually abused any inmates," said Ray Edward Brookins, the former assistant superintendent of the Texas Youth Commission's West Texas State School in Pyote. "I have never sexually abused anyone."

His comments came during a heated exchange with Assistant Attorney General Ralph Guerrero.

Brookins faces up to 20 years in prison in a case that ignited a statewide scandal over the treatment of young offenders. He was accused of having a sexual relationship with a then-18-year-old inmate.

On Thursday, jurors convicted him of two counts each of having an improper sexual activity with a person in custody and having an improper relationship between an educator and student.

Brookins maintained his innocence Friday, saying on the stand that he resigned from his job shortly after Ranger Brian Burzynski interviewed him in February 2005 only because he had porn on the compound and felt it best to quit.

"I knew there was porn on the facility, I accept that and I resigned," Brookins said.

But Guerrero challenged him and said Brookins left because he knew he had been caught.

"You knew you had to get the hell out of Dodge, didn't you?" Guerrero said. Brookins replied, "I held myself

accountable by resigning for what I did," referring to the porn he possessed and not any abuse.

Earlier Friday, the former inmate whom Brookins was convicted of abusing said the experience has altered his life forever.

"It's hard for me to open to a woman in a relationship," said the man, now in his 20s and a state prison inmate. "I don't have any friends. I really don't have a relationship with my family, except for my mom."

Another man, also jailed in state prison, told jurors that Brookins masturbated with him after befriending him outside of an Austin mall in 2005. He said he later went to live with Brookins after he was arrested at his school and his drug-addicted mother refused to show up for his juvenile court hearings. The man testified that the abuse continued until he objected to Brookins' request for him to share his bed.

But Brookins dismissed that young man's claims, saying "he's just a real angry kid."

Prosecutors say Brookins abused inmates, adults and juveniles alike, for years. He is one of two former school administrators accused of sexually abusing teenage inmates. Several top agency officials have resigned, and former principal John Paul Hernandez awaits trial.

In all, authorities believe at least 13 boys were sexually abused. The case led to accusations of a cover-up and reports exposing lax medical care, youth beatings and a culture of retaliation against whistle blowers, and eventually lawmakers ordered an overhaul of the system.

U.S. Coast Guard suspends search for missing rig workers

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Coast Guard officials on Friday suspended the three-day search for 11 workers missing since an explosion rocked an offshore oil rig, saying they believe the men never made it off the platform that erupted into a giant fireball.

Coast Guard Capt. Peter Troedsson said he spoke with all the workers' families about the decision to suspend the search before announcing it to the media.

"I'm a father and husband, and I have done this a few times before. It's never easy. Your heart goes out to these people," Troedsson said.

The Coast Guard says it will resume the search if any ships in the area see anything, but the workers' chances of survival had seemed slim well before Friday afternoon's announcement. "The time of reasonable expectation of survivability has passed," Rear Adm. Mary Landry said.

What caused Tuesday's massive blast off the Louisiana coast is unknown. As the search was ending, oil company crews were trying to clean up the environmental mess created by the Deepwater Horizon, which finally sank Thursday. The other 115 crew members made it off the platform, though four were critically hurt.

Federal regulators did not need this week's explosion aboard the state-of-the-art rig to know the offshore drilling industry needed new safety rules: Dozens of deaths and hundreds of injuries over the last several years had already convinced them that changes were needed.

The U.S. Minerals and Management Service is developing regulations aimed at preventing human error, which it identified as a factor in many of the more than 1,400 offshore oil drilling accidents between 2001 and 2007.

The Deepwater Horizon was the site of a 2005 fire found to have been caused by human error. An MMS investigation determined that a crane operator on the

rig had become distracted while refueling the crane, allowing diesel fuel to overflow. Records show the fire was quickly contained, but caused \$60,000 in damage to the crane.

An MMS review published last year found 41 deaths and 302 injuries out of 1,443 accidents from 2001 to 2007, the majority of caused by human error and operational and maintenance problems.

As a result of the findings, the MMS is developing new rules that would require rig operators to develop programs focused on preventing human error, an area that hadn't received as much attention in the past. The agency, which has yet to implement the new rules, also proposed audits once every three years.

Environmentalists say that while new technology touted by oil industry executives continues to improve, people still have to oversee those devices and human error remains a widespread problem.

"You can't outlaw human error," Richard Charter, a senior policy adviser with Defenders of Wildlife, who has been involved in drilling issues for 30 years, said of Tuesday's explosion. "It's one of the sidebar issues now emerging for the Horizon incident — these are common incidents and this was just a bigger one."

Opponents of President Barack Obama's plan for more offshore drilling, particularly off the East Coast, say the explosion on the Deepwater Horizon should be taken as a warning to slow the fervor to "drill, baby drill."

"I would hope it would serve as another wake-up call on this issue that there is no such thing as safe oil drilling," said Sara Wan, a member of the California Coastal Commission, a state regulatory agency. "Once that oil starts leaking in the ocean, that damage is irreversible. You just look at what happened with Exxon-Valdez — they're still feeling the effects of it. There's no real way to clean it up."

UNDOCKED



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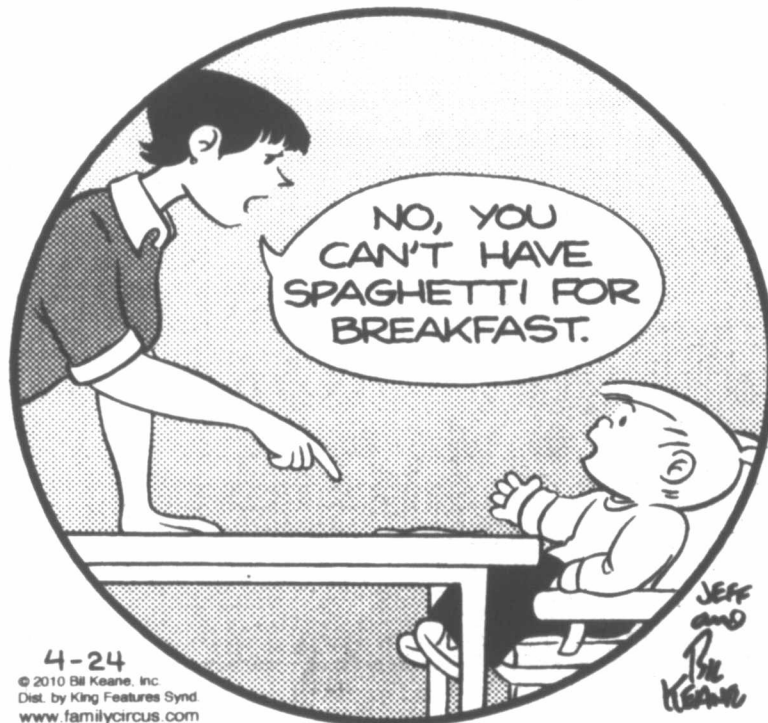
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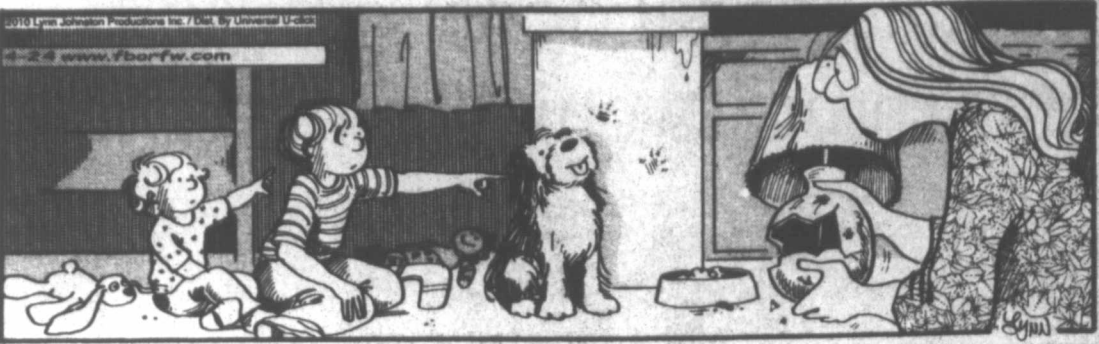
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2629 Fir - SOLD	172,000	3/2	2208
1826 Fir - SOLD	169,500	4/2	2578
2600 Dogwood	164,000	3/2	2300
2132 Mary Ellen	158,000	3/3	2728
1915 Christine	119,900	3/2	1729
1237 Christine	108,000	4/2.75	2872
1601 N. Christy - SOLD	125,000	4/2	2000
1528 Dwight	120,500	3/2	1498
2140 Chestnut	115,000	3/1.75	1766
1129 Terry - SOLD	102,000	4/2	2113
1905 Duncan	99,900	3/1.75	1868
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2517 Mary Ellen	92,500	3/2	1392
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1806 N. Nelson	69,900	3/2	1130
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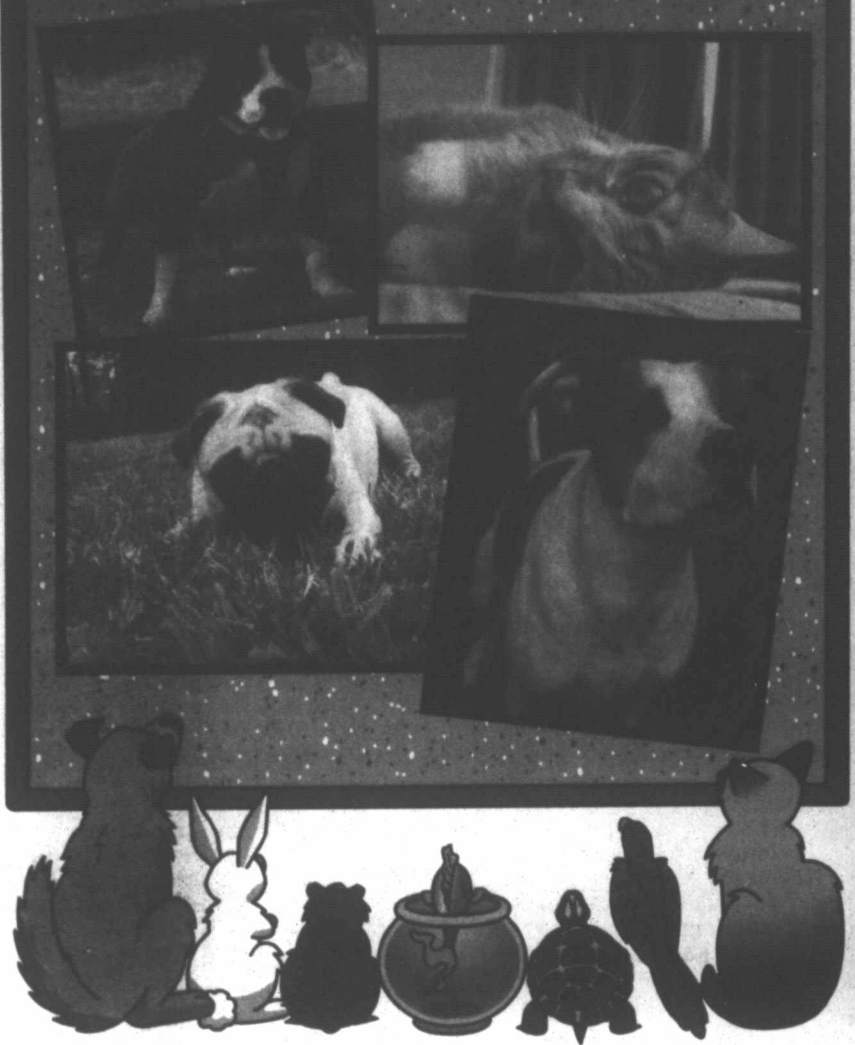
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1 Public Notice

COMPETITIVE SEALED PROPOSALS

McLean Independent School District is requesting proposals, using the Competitive Sealed Proposal, One Step Process (per Texas Education Code 44.039), for the New Bus Barn facility. Proposals will be received by Dr. Harold Hill Supt. at McLean Independent School District, P.O. Box 90, McLean, Texas 79057. Each proposer shall identify his proposal by typing on the outside of the envelope: "New Bus Barn Proposal". Proposals received by hand delivery or mail after 1:30 p.m. (local time), on May 3, 2010 will be returned unopened.

RFP: New Bus Barn Facility. DUE: May 3, 2010, 1:30 p.m.

Project Objective: Construct new metal building with overhead doors, toilet, and MEP, along with associated site work and demolition of existing barn structures, relocating / erecting one existing metal building structure. Metal building shall meet MBA Standards and all local and state building codes.

Construction Budget: \$288,000

All documents related to this job may be examined at the district office at 4th & Rowe, McLean, Texas. Copies of the documents may be obtained from Dr. Harold Hill, Superintendent, McLean ISD, P.O. Box 90, McLean, Texas 79057 upon payment of \$50 (non-refundable) per set. The McLean Independent School District reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any formal-

1 Public Notice

LEGAL NOTICE:

This Texas Lottery Commission Scratch-Off game will close on May 23, 2010. You have until November 19, 2010, to redeem any tickets for this game: #1168 Casino Royale (\$5) overall odds are 1 in 3.88. These Texas Lottery Commission Scratch-Off games will close on June 30, 2010. You have until December 27, 2010, to redeem any tickets for these games: #1207 Spicy 7's (\$1) overall odds are 1 in 4.46, #1182 Five Star Cash (\$5), overall odds are 1 in 3.95, #1083 Best Of 7's (\$7) overall odds are 1 in 3.36. The odds listed here are the overall odds of winning any prize in a game, including break-even prizes. Lottery retailers are authorized to redeem prizes of up to and including \$599. Prizes of \$600 or more must be claimed in person at a Lottery Claim Center or by mail with a completed Texas Lottery claim form; however, annuity prizes or prizes over \$999,999 must be claimed in person at the Commission Headquarters in Austin. Call Customer Service at 1-800-37LOTTO or visit the Lottery Web site at www.txlottery.org for more information and location of nearest Claim Center. The Texas Lottery is not responsible for lost or stolen tickets, or for tickets lost in the mail. Tickets, transactions, players, and winners are subject to, and players and winners agree to abide by, all applicable laws, Commission rules, regulations, policies, directives, instructions, conditions, procedures and final decisions of the Executive Director. A scratch-off game may continue to be sold even when all the top prizes have been claimed. Must be 18 years of age or older to purchase a Texas Lottery ticket. PLAY RESPONSIBLY. The Texas Lottery Supports Texas Education.

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1 Public Notice

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed proposals addressed to the City of Pampa, Attention Karen price, City Secretary, will be received at City Hall, Room 205, 200 W. Foster Ave., Pampa, Texas 79065, or P.O. Box 2499, Pampa, Texas 79066-2499 until 11:00 a.m., May 20, 2010, for construction of "Seal Coat 2010". Immediately following the closing time for receipt of bids, proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud in the City Commission Chambers, 3rd Floor, City Hall. Information for Bidders, Bid Forms, Specification and Plans are on file with the City Engineering Office (Second Floor, Jildardo Anias 806-669-5750, City Hall). No charge for plans and specifications to qualified bidders. The City Commission will award the seal coating project during the May 25, 2010 Commission Meeting.

Is/ Karen Price
City Secretary
E-74 Apr. 18, 25, 2010

Daily Horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Monday, April 26, 2010:
This year, you will witness many changes. How well your life works will depend on your flexibility and willingness to work with others. If your ideas haven't worked up till now, try new ones. Listen to avant-garde thinking. See where you have closed off your thought process. If you are single, a relationship could be exciting, but not necessarily stable. If you are attached, use care with your children or loved ones. Close loved ones might be more touchy than in the past. LIBRA is a good co-worker.

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5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
*** Deferring to others really isn't like you, but you are experiencing considerable pressure. You might not feel comfortable with a choice. Hedging helps create a little extra time. Know that you can find the answer. You might not be looking in the right place. Tonight: Give up being rigid.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
*** An easy pace works well, but others might be having a very difficult time. Others often dump their stuff on you. In any case, be willing to say "no." A change in plans just might work well. Be careful with a family member who has abundant energy. Tonight: Fit in some exercise.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
***** You are very playful and open. Re-evaluate what needs to happen within your immediate circle. Pressure builds where you feel you don't have control. Why worry about something you cannot

Daily Horoscope

control? Let go instead. Tonight: An unexpected invitation.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
*** You could be overwhelmed by everything that is on your plate. What's more, someone you count on could be more difficult than in the past. Understanding evolves to a new level if you let go of rigid thinking about what must happen. Tonight: Try not to be vested in plans.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
*** Communication might not be as even and steady as you might like. You wonder what is happening behind the scenes. Others seem more touchy than they have been in a while. You cannot hold on to a changing financial matter. Tonight: Let go of what you think. See what is happening.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
*** Curb financial dealings. You could be ill at ease with someone who is trying to open a door. Your nerves could be fried by others people's unexpected statements and actions. Tonight: Lighten up, relax.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
*** You handle more than most people today. You could be very concerned about a trend that could radically change the status quo. Be willing to work on different terms and think differently. Tonight: The world is your oyster.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
*** Pull back from an immediate problem. You might be put off by how someone presents an idea or approaches you. A boss or someone you look up to could push you way beyond your normal levels. The unexpected occurs. Accept change. Tonight: Get some extra R and R.

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Go to Jail.

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TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
***** Having a leisurely breakfast with a loved one could recharge your relationship. Let the outside world go on, while you stop time to be together. You might hear surprising news. Say little, instead, reflect. Tonight: Treat a loved one to a foot massage.

This Week: What you thought would happen simply might not. Intensity surrounds relationships.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
***** Know that you are supposed to stay in bed, lounge in your pj's and read the Sunday paper. An older friend or relative could end the life of Reilly as you know it. Let your good, recycled vibes warm up a feisty person. Tonight: Enjoy your life as only you can.

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Community



staff photos by Randy Pribble

TOP: Bagpiper John Brewer, played the pipes during a recent Sunday morning worship service at the Pampa Presbyterian Church. The annual "Kirking of the Tartans" service recognizes the Scottish heritage and traditions of the church and church members. Brewer played some traditional and religious tunes and gave some insight into the musicianship of the pipes and its religious symbolism. **LEFT:** Brewer speaks with Pampa Presbyterian Church member Beth Bagwell.



Pampa Senior Citizens Center menu

The Pampa Senior Citizens Center menu for next week includes:

Monday, April 26

Chicken Fried Steak or Chicken with noodles
Broccoli
Mashed Potatoes
Spinach
Beets
Northern Beans
Cole Slaw
Tossed Salad
Jello Salad
Marble Cake or Cherry Cobbler
Hot Rolls or Cornbread

Tuesday, April 27

Tilapia Filets with Rice or Swiss Steak
Scalloped Potatoes
Cabbage
Carrots
Beans
Cole Slaw
Tossed Salad
Jello Salad
Butter Pecan Cake or Rice Pudding
Hot Rolls or Cornbread

Wednesday, April 28

Roast Beef Brisket/
Brown Gravy or Cook's Choice
Mashed Potatoes
Fried Okra
Steamed Veggies
Beans
Cole Slaw
Tossed Salad
Jello Salad
Chocolate Pistachio Cake or Coconut Creme Pie
Hot Rolls or Cornbread

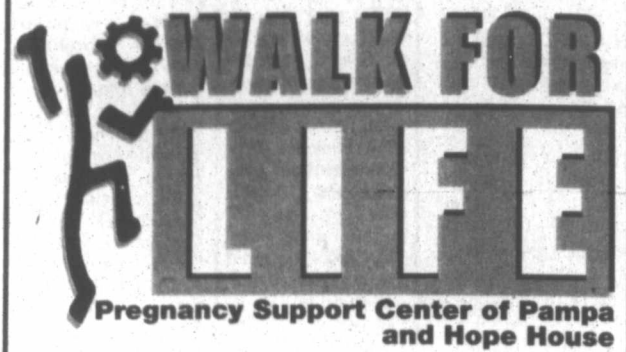
Thursday, April 29

Chicken Strips or Taco Salad
Tater-Tots
Green Beans
Mexican Corn
Pinto Beans
Cole Slaw

Tossed Salad
Jello Salad
Cinnamon Rolls or Butterscotch Pie
Hot Rolls or Cornbread

Friday, April 30
Catfish & Hushpuppies or Beef Stew
Potato Wedges
Broccoli Casserole

Beans
Cole Slaw
Tossed Salad
Jello Salad
Orange Strusel Cake or Tapioca Cups
Garlic Breadsticks
Hot Rolls or Cornbread



Sunday, April 25, 2010
2:00 pm - Recreation Park
(next to the rodeo grounds)

For more information contact the Pregnancy Support Center at 669-2229

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