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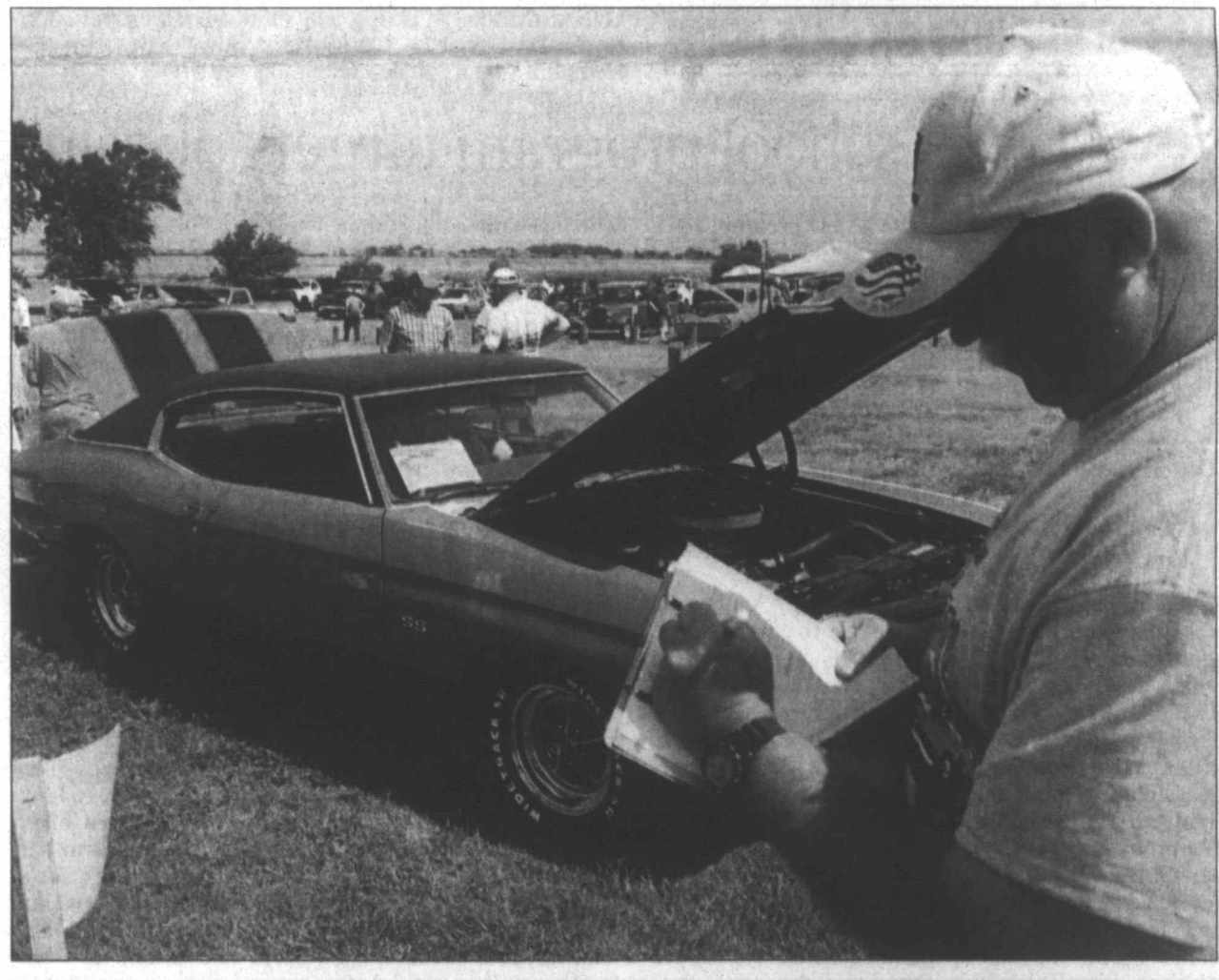
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TOP: Bailey Estes of Mobeetie lights up her rear tires as Pampa Police Officer Chad Johnson times her during the Burnin' the Bricks Celebration Saturday at Recreation Park. Full Burnin' the Bricks results were not yet available as of press time; results will run in tomorrow's edition. **RIGHT:** Pampa Car Show Judge Jim Moyer marks down the score after looking at Jonathan Steven's 1970 Chevelle.



More PHOTOS from this weekend's festivities on page 5

Buck brings experience to Pampa Medical Center

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Most people find their way into a hospital career over years and years of medical school. Bill Buck, the new CEO at Pampa Regional Medical Center, did it on a basketball court. "One of my contacts who I played against in high school and college, we were in the gymnasium at the University of Texas over Christmas," said Buck, a lifelong basketball player whose educational background is in political science, history and accounting. "He asked me, 'Do you want to play basketball in the league I play in?' I said, 'sure.' "Well, one of the guys we played with was the assistant administrator at Brackinridge Hospital (in Austin), and he told me, 'You don't want to be an accountant. You want to be a hospital administrator.'



Buck

"I thought that I might as well look at it, and here I am 30 years later." That's not to say, of course, that Buck hasn't paid his dues in his profession. An Austin native, Buck went to college at San Angelo State, followed by grad work at the University of Texas and Trinity College. After graduating from Trinity in 1978, Buck underwent a 12-month administrative residency at Brackinridge. While there, Buck was immersed in the many different day-to-day operations of a large hospital, everything from dealing with non-medical administrative duties to observing procedures in the emergency room.

It's an experience, Buck said, that really puts in perspective the many different things that come together to make a hospital successful. It also gives you a sense of how rapidly the medical field is evolving, he added. "It gives you a really good reference point," Buck said. "I can remember the first time we were talking about doing laproscopic procedures. Before, doctors were used to doing a lot of operations by cutting one big hole in someone, and now you've got the three little ones. Very soon, there will probably just one small or medium-sized hole. "Doctors had to get used to operating their tools through the laproscope, and now, it's a very widespread, common practice. Technology really does play a big part in this arena, and it's our job to be able to keep up." While Buck said that he enjoyed his work in **BUCK** cont. on page 3

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High 85 Low 65	High 92 Low 69	High 94 Low 70

Tonight: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Some of the storms could be severe. Increasing clouds, with a low around 60. North northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Tuesday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Cloudy, then gradually becoming mostly sunny, with a high near 85. Southeast wind around 10 mph.

Tuesday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 65. South southeast wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Wednesday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 92. Windy, with a south 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 69. Windy, with a south wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 94. South wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 70. Windy, with a south wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

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Obituaries

Ermalee Vandruff Sanders, 90

PAMPA—Ermalee Vandruff Sanders, 90, died Saturday, June 12, 2010 in Amarillo. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, June 14, 2010, at Hillcrest Cemetery in McLean with Rev. Kenny Rigoulot, pastor of First Presbyterian Church, officiating. Arrangements are by Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors. Mrs. Sanders was born on May 17, 1920 in Hominy, Okla. to Clarence and Bessie Vandruff.

She received a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Central Oklahoma in Edmond. She married Glenn Sanders in 1947 in Columbus, Kan. He preceded her in death on Feb. 11, 2010. Ermalee had been a resident of Pampa since 1959 where she was a teacher at Travis Elementary School for 25 years. She loved all children so very much and they loved her. She was a lifetime member of the Presbyterian church and a member of Pampa Chapter

#65, Order of the Eastern Star. Ermalee was preceded in death by her parents and a sister. Survivors include her niece, Gwen Hathaway of Dallas; special friends, Jan and Sam Haynes of Pampa. Memorials may be made to Book of Remembrance, First Presbyterian Church, 525 N. Gray, Pampa, TX 79065.

Sign the online register book at www.carmichael-whitley.com.



Sanders

'Concours' show comes to Canadian

The weekend of July 30 - August 1, 2010 will provide guests from near and far an uncommon escape with the beauty of the High Plains at the IV Lodge and Citadelle in Canadian, Texas.

The Citadelle Art Foundation will present Concours d'Elegance, an elegant car show that will rival those of Pebble Beach, Amelia Island and the shores of Lake Michigan. The three-day event will feature the top 50-100 available antique, elegant, special interest, classic and rare motor vehicles to ever be shown together and displayed at the IV Lodge Vineyards. Featured cars include rare and one of a kind Corvettes, Mustangs, T-Birds, Cadillacs, vintage Fords, and an Aston Martin, Excalibur, Rolls Royce, Delorean, Porsche, Mercedes-Benz, and others will be on view. The weekend will begin with a welcome wine tasting and gathering at the Lodge on Friday evening, car show and elegant lunch on Saturday, capped off with the Dinner d'Elegance Silver Ghost evening at the Gardens of the Citadelle. The evening will feature a New York style fashion event, spectacular entertainment and live car auction. Sunday morning will begin with a Gospel Jazz Brunch in the Gardens and final viewing of the cars at the IV Lodge.

The show will be open to the public on Saturday, July 31 from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm and on Sunday, July 31 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. The car show tickets are \$10 per person and 12 years old and under \$5 per person per day. A beverage, snack bar and sales tent will be available at the site. Parking and shuttle bus transportation to the IV Lodge on Lake Marvin Road will be at the Hemphill County Rodeo Grounds.

The Saturday evening gala is \$500 per couple or \$250 per person. The Citadelle Garden will be turned into an elegant evening of food and entertainment provided by faculty and students from the WTAMU Sybil B. Harrington School of Fine Arts. The featured after dinner entertainment will be New York Metropolitan Opera tenor Garrett Sorensen, originally from Lubbock, Texas and now resides in Kentucky. The evening will close with a runway fashion extravaganza featuring over 75 designs from Tootsies of Dallas. The show is provided by Jan Strimple, couture fashion model recognized world wide as one of high fashions most glamorous and professional runway models. Throughout her career, her face regularly graced the pages of W, Vogue and leading European fashion magazines. Designs will include Robert Rodriguez, Tory Burch, Rebecca Taylor, Marc Jacobs, Nanette Lepore, Moschino and many others. Fashions will also be offered for purchase. The evening will also include a live car auction by Assister Auctioneers and a special auction of over \$1 million in rare estate jewelry offered by Duncan & Boyd. Tickets for all events for the three days are \$1,000 per couple or \$500 per person.

This event will only be possible through the generosity of sponsors, donors and volunteers. Doris Alexander of Amarillo is Chairman, and Janice Moore of Canadian is Co-Chair. Honorary Chairmen are Dr. Malouf and Therese Abraham.

For information on weekend events, tickets, and sponsorship, please contact Wendie Cook at 806-323-8899 or Charlotte Rhodes at 806-376-4521.

New Texas school program targets obesity

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Roger Rodriguez knew there was a childhood obesity problem in San Antonio Independent School District. As the district's physical education and health coordinator, how could he miss it? Rodriguez had looked at the results of Fitnessgrams, which are the yearly assessments of weight and fitness required by state law of all Texas schoolchildren in grades three through 12. He had walked the halls and visited the gym classes. But it wasn't until he fulfilled what he thought was a simple request that he realized the magnitude of the problem.

Jen Ohlson, the Austin-based head of a company called Interactive Health Technologies who also champions physical education in schools, told Rodriguez she wanted to shoot a documentary that focused on a teen and detailed the effects of childhood obesity. She asked Rodriguez to find students with a body mass index of at least 40, which in most cases would put them in the obese range.

"We thought we'd get 20 or 30, then I'd choose from those," Ohlson said. But when Rodriguez checked the data on sixth-through 12th-graders in San Antonio ISD, what he discovered was staggering. "We found 440 kids," Ohlson said. "Our jaws dropped."

Rodriguez took the information to Superintendent Robert Duron. "I told him, 'I failed these kids. We failed these kids,'" Rodriguez said. "I knew we had to do something different from what we were doing."

Duron gave Rodriguez the green light and he and Ohlson worked together to

write a new program for a physical education class targeting students with a BMI of 40 or greater. It was already December, but they finished the curriculum in time to win approval from the Texas Education Agency before the end of the year and have the class offered in what they call a "pre-pilot" program for the spring semester.

The state gave its approval to the course, called PE 3: PE for the Mind, Body and Spirit, as an innovative course. That means there's not another one like it in the state, but now that it's been approved, other districts are welcome to offer it as well.

The first class was offered at Highlands High School, where Rodriguez found a large concentration of overweight kids.

Ohlson said Highlands' demographics tell the story. It's not as poor as some San Antonio ISD schools, but it's still in a neighborhood where there are few healthy food options and little emphasis on exercise.

"Parents have enough money for Xboxes, but not enough to shop at Whole Foods," she said. "We found a lack of grocery stores, a proliferation of taco stands, fast food and convenience stores. ... It's the perfect breeding ground for producing overweight kids."

In the new class, students work out while wearing heart monitors. They're also taught about nutrition and healthy lifestyles. There are future plans for field trips to grocery stores and gyms.

PE teachers have become certified in popular exercise classes such as yoga and Zumba, which is a new type of aerobics, set to Latin music.

Coach Rufus Lott Jr.,

who just earned his Zumba certification, thinks the class is just what his students need.

"I think it's great. San Antonio is always being tagged as one of the fattest cities in the country and Texas as one of the fattest states in the country," he said. "We need to do something about it."

Lott said the kids are motivating each other and don't seem to mind being pulled from the more traditional physical education classes.

"I had a kid come tell me just yesterday that he's already lost 15 pounds," Lott said recently. "We're getting them out of the sedentary lifestyle they're used to."

Several students said they're motivating their families, too, encouraging family walks and more healthy meals. Ohlson said that on the first day of the class, she asked anyone who had a parent or grandparent with diabetes to raise their hand.

"Every hand went up," she said.

Rodriguez hopes students will be able to take a variation of the class every year, if needed. It's already inspiring the whole school to make changes.

School nurse Gina Boyer just received her certification in Zumba and plans to offer classes after school next year for students who aren't in PE 3. She's kept tabs on the students' health throughout the semester.

"They're feeling better. They're sleeping better. Some of these kids have sleep apnea and other problems related to being overweight," she said. "I have high hopes for this program. We've got to do something. We can't just give up."

Rodriguez plans to offer the class in more San

Antonio ISD high schools in the next school year and to eventually expand the class to middle and elementary schools. Ohlson wants to take the program statewide.

She also found the perfect subject for her documentary in Highlands senior Ashley Castoreno.

Ashley and her parents have opened up their lives to Ohlson and her camera crew, talking about how as a baby Ashley drank orange soda mixed with formula in her bottle and as a child ate fast food more frequently than home-cooked meals.

Before this year, Ashley had never ridden a bike, and exercise wasn't in her vocabulary. Now she's learning to ride, walks every night — with her mom and sisters at least every other night — and works out hard in PE 3 every weekday.

She's lost 17 pounds and is hoping to become a nurse one day.

"I want to help my sisters as much as I can. I want them to learn these lessons earlier than I did," Ashley said. "I think of myself as a leader in this class. I feel like people are watching me and they'll see if I can do it, they can do it."

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High court decides for teen immigrant

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court has ruled that an immigrant's second minor drug offense — possession of a single tablet of an anti-anxiety drug without a prescription — should not lead automatically to deportation.

The justices on Monday unanimously reversed a federal appeals court ruling that upheld the deportation to Mexico of Jose Angel Carachuri-Rosendo.

"Carachuri-Rosendo, and others in his position, may now seek cancellation of removal and thereby avoid the harsh consequence of mandatory removal," Justice John Paul Stevens wrote for the court. He noted that immigrants may still be deported in such instances, but said immigration judges have the discretion to allow people to remain in this country.

Carachuri-Rosendo, a Mexican native in his early 30s, had been in the United States since he was five. He was deported after two convictions in Texas in consecutive years. In 2004, Carachuri-Rosendo received 20 days in jail after pleading guilty to possessing less than two ounces of marijuana. The following year, he spent 10 days in jail after pleading no contest to possessing one tablet of the anti-anxiety drug Xanax without a prescription.

In 2006, the federal government began deportation proceedings and said Carachuri-Rosendo could not appeal for leniency from federal authorities because his second conviction amounted to a serious, or aggravated, felony.

The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans agreed with the government. The Obama administration argued in the Supreme Court that ruling was correct because Carachuri-Rosendo's second conviction could have been treated as a serious crime under federal law.

But Stevens said the local prosecutor in Texas could have charged Carachuri-Rosendo with being a repeat offender, but didn't. So he was not convicted of a crime that would make his deportation automatic, Stevens said.

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6-14 CRYPTOQUOTE

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Saturday's Cryptoquote: COMEDY IS VERY CONTROLLING — YOU ARE MAKING PEOPLE LAUGH. — GILDA RADNER

AFTERNOONRUSH County to discuss tax freeze on Tuesday

Perry in China for expo

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. Rick Perry is in China leading a Texas economic mission to Shanghai World Expo 2010. Perry spokeswoman Lucy Nashed on Monday told The Associated Press that the governor and his wife, Anita, arrived Sunday. Nashed did not have details on when the GOP governor, who is seeking re-election, and his wife will return. Their itinerary also includes Beijing. Tax dollars are not being spent for the couple's travel or accommodations. A Perry news release says the bills will be paid by TexasOne, a source of economic development marketing funds for the state.

Obama to make fourth Gulf trip

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama is going back to the Gulf of Mexico, this time venturing on to new ground tainted by oil, before he speaks to the nation about what he's seen in the afflicted states and what to expect in the weeks ahead. Before the start Monday of a two-day trip to Mississippi, Alabama and Florida, the White House announced Obama would order BP to establish a major victims' compensation fund. When he returns to Washington on Tuesday evening Obama will use his first Oval Office speech as president to address the catastrophe. Obama's first three trips to the Gulf took him to the hardest-hit state, Louisiana. Today, Day 56 since BP's leased Deepwater Horizon drilling rig exploded and unleashed a fury of oil into the Gulf, he's flying to Gulfport, Miss., to begin his trip.

Gunfire in Dallas leaves one dead

DALLAS (AP) — Dallas police sought a suspect after gunfire at a bus stop left one man dead and two people wounded. Sr. Cpl. Gerardo Monreal says police were looking for a woman he described as "a person of interest" in the altercation reported shortly before 2 a.m. Monday. The Dallas Area Rapid Transit bus stop is near Fair Park in south Dallas. Monreal had no immediate details on conditions of the wounded man and woman, or a possible motive. He says investigators are trying to determine if the victims and the suspect knew each other. Names of the victims were not immediately released. Monreal also could not immediately confirm media reports that the man who died had been in a wheelchair.

Jail escapee caught

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A Kimble County jail who fled from a work crew has been captured in San Antonio. The sheriff's department says 25-year-old Armando Armijo was caught early Monday. Armijo fled Sunday afternoon, allegedly stealing a county pickup. A tip led law officers to the home of a woman who is friends with Armijo. The San Antonio Express-News reports the stolen truck was parked outside the residence. Authorities say Armijo, who could now face an escape charge, had been jailed in Junction on a theft of livestock charge. Junction is 110 miles northwest of San Antonio.

Restrictions placed on lakes

SEGUIN (AP) — Flooding and the danger of debris and submerged obstructions have led to boating restrictions on six Texas lakes until Aug. 1. The Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority, for public safety reasons, has banned use of motorized and non-motorized watercraft on Lake Dunlap, Lake McQueeney, Lake Placid, Lake Nolte, Lake Gonzales and Lake Wood. The authority also says no jet skis or other personal watercraft are allowed due to safety concerns over flooding that followed last week's heavy rains. Use of watercraft is allowed for removal or protection of property. One person died in the flooding. New Braunfels police say the body of 65-year-old Norman Walker of Iowa Park was recovered last Wednesday from the rain-swollen Guadalupe River.

Singer, sausage man Dean dead

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Jimmy Dean, a country music legend for his smash hit about a workingman hero, "Big Bad John," and an entrepreneur known for his sausage brand, died on Sunday. He was 81. His wife, Donna Meade Dean, said her husband died at their Henrico County, Va., home. She told The Associated Press that he had some health problems but was still functioning well, so his death came as a shock. She said he was eating in front of the television. She left the room for a time and came back and he was unresponsive. She said he was pronounced dead at 7:54 p.m. "He was amazing," she said. "He had a lot of talents."

Texas hiker dies in Africa

CAPE TOWN, South Africa (AP) — A Texan teen fell to his death while hiking down Table Mountain, one of Cape Town's main tourist attractions, South African police said Sunday. Police spokesman Billy Jones said the 14-year-old, who was not identified, and his parents and a sibling had on Saturday taken the cable car to the top of the 3,563-foot (1,086-meter) landmark. They then walked down along a known route. Along the way, the teen fell about 30 feet (10 meters), and died on the mountain. Two officials, who both requested anonymity, said the family is from Houston.

\$36 million lottery ticket sold

KALAMAZOO, Mich. (AP) — A regular lottery customer of a gas station market in Kalamazoo holds the winning Mega Millions ticket for a \$36 million jackpot, the store owner said Monday. Citgo One Stop Mart owner Kaushik Patel said his southwest Michigan store sold the winning ticket last week in Friday night's multistate game drawing. Patel said the man, who hasn't been identified, came to the store Saturday to check his tickets but the machine didn't process. He went home, checked online and discovered his numbers matched. Then, Patel said, the customer called him to say he — and the store — were winners. Patel congratulated him and now looks forward to promoting it. "It's good for the store," said Patel. "It's good for the business — we sell more tickets."

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The Gray County Commissioners Court will meet Tuesday morning to discuss directing the county appraisal district to follow the tax freeze passed by voters. Commissioners will also consider an interlocal agreement with the City of Lefors, offering CPR class-

es to county employees and going out for bids for seal coating on streets at Keller Estates and Walnut Creek. They will also consider tax bids submitted to the Gray County Tax Assessor Collector's office on properties being sold for back taxes. The commission will consider a request from Gray County

Clerk Susan Winborne concerning the expenditure of Records Management funds. In addition, commissioners will consider a bid from Carrier to replace control valves and damper actuators at the Gray County Sheriff's Department. They will also consider an alternate bid for remodeling the Gray County Annex on East Frederic.

State GOP ousts Adams, seeks immigration law

DALLAS (AP) — Fired-up Republican activists in no mood for compromises threw out their party chairwoman Saturday, then bucked Texas Gov. Rick Perry by pushing for a crackdown on illegal immigration similar to Arizona's new law.

Some delegates at the Republican state convention also called for a non-binding resolution calling on House Republicans to oust their own speaker, Rep. Joe Straus of San Antonio, considered too moderate for many of the bedrock conservatives meeting in Dallas this weekend. Convention organizers ruled the Straus resolution out of order.

While the convention began Friday with scripted unity and Democrat-bashing speeches, its final hours were marked by division and heated debates over GOP policy priorities.

In a sometimes chaotic and raucous roll-call vote, delegates overwhelmingly decided to ditch their firebrand leader, conservative activist Cathie Adams, in favor of Houston businessman Steve Munisteri. Munisteri had focused his campaign on the party's \$500,000 debt, saying Republicans should be in better financial shape since they control both houses of the Legislature and all state-wide offices.

The immigration proposal, a hard-line approach that Perry has said isn't right for Texas, was one of several initia-



Munisteri

tives debated as delegates wrapped up the two-day convention. The Republican Party platform is a blueprint of the policies that GOP activists want elected officials to pursue. Delegates voted to include a plank advocating for a state law that would bar illegal immigrants from "intentionally or knowingly" living in Texas. Similar to Arizona's strict law that has sparked nationwide debate, the proposal would require local police to verify U.S. residency when making arrests.

Perry has said the Arizona law, if adopted in Texas, would unduly burden police.

Another potentially controversial plank advocates an "open carry" law, which would allow residents to openly carry firearms in public without a concealed weapons permit.

The convention brought more than 8,000 delegates to Dallas to debate the party platform, select party leaders, train volunteers and adopt rules to guide the nomination process.

Held every other year, it's mostly designed as a giant pep rally to fire up

Republicans ahead of the November elections. The choreographed convention began with prayers, video tributes and speeches by top Republican leaders, including Perry.

On Saturday, the main guest speaker, Mississippi Gov. Haley Barbour, told delegates that the stakes in the 2010 elections were "higher than any mid-term election in my lifetime." Barbour urged activists to focus their ire not on each other but on the Democrats who had engineered the "biggest lurch to the left in American history."

Barbour warned the delegates not to engage in divisive internal battles or demand a "purity" test of Republican leaders who may not agree with them on every single issue.

"We cannot forget unity because some people will let purity be the enemy of unity," Barbour said. "It's a big party and we need everybody who is on our side."

That didn't stop conservatives from criticizing their moderate speaker.

A resolution circulating on the floor of the Dallas Convention Center called for Republicans to "remove and replace" Straus, who came to power in 2009 with the help of House Democrats. Straus spokeswoman Tracy Young said the speaker remained focused on increasing the House Republican majority. He had no comment on the resolution, she said.


Buck

Austin, his career hasn't been limited to large hospitals. "Brackenridge was a 350-bit trauma center. The smallest hospital I've ever worked in was a 15-bit hospital in Washington state. You learn different things from every hospital you work in, and I've been involved in hospitals of all sizes." Having seen the daily dealings of a variety of facilities, Buck said, has solidified his view of what brings the best out of a hospital. "There's a lot of national conversation about the healthcare business right now, but it's not just about the national picture," said Buck. "I always maintain that in all healthcare, the focus should always be on the local

side of the business. Building relationships with the local community, trying to understand what the community wants and needs, and how we can improve that relationship, the professionalism of the staff — that's the stuff that really means a lot when it comes to quality of service.

"That's what I want to bring here. So far, the community has been very receptive. I've had a good response from many people in the area in my effort to open up the lines of communication. We'll continue to strive to make (Pampa Regional Medical Center) an important, involved part of the community. I'm really looking forward to being a part of that."

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Viewpoints

Today in History

Today is Monday, June 14, the 165th day of 2010. There are 200 days left in the year. This is Flag Day.

Today's Highlight in History:
On June 14, 1777, the Continental Congress in Philadelphia adopted the Stars and Stripes as the national flag.

On this date:
In 1775, the Continental Army, forerunner of the United States Army, was created.

In 1846, a group of U.S. settlers in Sonoma proclaimed the Republic of California.

In 1919, John Alcock and Arthur Whitten Brown embarked on the first non-stop flight across the Atlantic Ocean. (Flying a Vickers Vimy biplane bomber, they took off from St. Johns, Newfoundland, Canada and arrived 16 1/2 hours later in Clifden, Ireland.)

In 1940, German troops entered Paris during World War II; the same day, the Nazis began transporting prisoners to the Auschwitz concentration camp in German-occupied Poland.

In 1943, the Supreme Court, in West Virginia State Board of Education v. Barnette, ruled that children in public schools could not be forced to salute the flag of the United States.

In 1954, the words "under God" were added to the Pledge of Allegiance.

In 1967, the space probe Mariner 5 was launched from Cape Kennedy on a flight that took it past Venus.

Ten years ago: In the biggest step toward peace since the end of fighting in the Korean War, the leaders of North and South Korea signed an agreement pledging to work for reconciliation and eventual reunification.

Five years ago: U.S. Army deserter Charles Jenkins, who'd crossed into North Korea in 1965, arrived in the United States for his first visit in 40 years.

One year ago: The Los Angeles Lakers won their 15th championship, beating the Orlando Magic 99-86 in Game 5 of the NBA finals.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Marla Gibbs is 79. House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer (D-Md.) is 71. Writer Peter Mayle is 71. Actor Jack Bannon is 70. Country-rock musician Spooner Oldham (Drive-By Truckers) is 67. Rock singer Rod Argent (The Zombies; Argent) is 65. Real estate mogul and TV personality Donald Trump is 64. Singer Janet Lennon (The Lennon Sisters) is 64. Rock musician Barry Melton is 63. Rock musician Alan White (Yes) is 61. Actor Eddie Mekka is 58. Actor Will Patton is 56. Olympic gold-medal speed skater Eric Heiden (HY'-dun) is 52. Singer Boy George is 49. Rock musician Chris DeGarmo is 47. Actress Yasmine Bleeth is 42. Actor Faizon Love is 42. Tennis player Steffi Graf is 41. Actress Traylor Howard is 39. Screenwriter Diablo Cody (Film: "Juno") is 32. Actor-singer Kevin McHale (TV: "Glee") is 22. Actor Daryl Sabara is 18.

Thought for Today: "The flag is the embodiment not of sentiment, but of history." — President Woodrow Wilson (1856-1924).



Changes needed to reach employment goals

Who has responsibility for guiding our country toward full employment?

Who's in charge of analyzing the information collected and determining which policies are helping and which are hindering the building of an economy where everyone who wants to work can find a job?

Our political and business leaders don't talk about it so perhaps they don't feel responsible.

Full employment was last approached in the United States in the late 1990s, and the benefits were wonderful.

The unemployment rate hit a 30-year low of 4 percent; and, for the first time in decades, we had a federal budget surplus.

The pay of low-income families grew from \$22,000 to \$25,000 between 1995 and 2000 and that of middle-income families increased more than during the whole of the 1980s.

Income grew by 11 percent for white families, 16 percent for African American families and 25 percent for Hispanic families as racial income gaps shrunk.

So what happened during the last 10 years that brought us to our current sorry state: 9.9 percent unemployment, 7.5 percent underemployment and falling family incomes?

A series of bad decisions by our political and business leaders allowed the building and bursting of the housing bubble, the subsequent financial crisis of 2008 and the loss of 7 million jobs. In addition, job-destroying decisions were made in trade, infrastructure, development and immigration.



TOM GIBSON

Last year our imports of merchandise were allowed to exceed exports of \$500 billion, the worst trade deficit in the world. (By contrast, Germany had a surplus of \$200 billion and China's was \$175 bil-

lion). Robert Scott of the Economic Policy Institute estimates that each \$1 billion of trade deficit destroys 9,500 jobs, so our huge deficit eliminated almost 5 million American jobs.

What's so maddening about the flood of merchandise imports is that most of them don't come from plants owned by foreign companies. Instead, they come from plants built or leased in other countries by U.S. multinational corporations to take advantage of low-cost labor. (General Electric makes spiral light bulbs in China; Ford makes Taurus parts in India; U.S. appliance companies make refrigerators in Mexico.)

Because consumer purchases now make up 70 percent of our Gross Domestic Product, it is difficult to see how we will ever approach full employment unless the manufacture of products Americans need is brought back to our country.

During the last seven years, had just 25 percent of the money spent on the unjustified, unprovoked war in Iraq been allocated to infrastructure development, we would

be a stronger and more competitive nation. The state of our crumbling roads, bridges, and dams would be improving and our rail and broadband networks expanding. And at least 2 million more Americans would be working.

Eleven million illegal immigrants (60 percent from Mexico) now live in the United States. Studies by the Mexican government suggest that, because of low wages and social inequality in their country, another 8 million will try to cross into the United States during the next 15 years.

With 34 million either unemployed or underemployed American citizens needing jobs, could it be moral to force them to compete with millions of illegal immigrants? Nothing short of a crisis-level, cooperative effort between American and Mexican leaders to halt the illegal influx seems appropriate.

So what are the chances of overcoming these problems that prevent full employment?

It is probably naive to plan on saner, more stable banking and investment systems too far into the future. However, with new leaders who are less greedy and more committed to serving the common good, we can probably eliminate the merchandise trade deficit, build a world-class infrastructure and stop illegal immigration.

Such things have happened in our country before.

Tom Gibson is a retired marketing manager from the DuPont Company and a contributor to The News Journal in Wilmington, Delaware.

Letters to the editor

To the Editor:

Once again Pampa is the highest price on gasoline in the area.

Amarillo is 13 cents cheaper; Borger is 10 cents cheaper even White Deer is 16 cents cheaper. I thought the new Pak-a-Sak would bring things back to sanity, but

they opened up at the same price as all the others.

Every time I hear shop Pampa I want to say get competitive and we will. We can drive almost anywhere and shop and pay for the trip in gasoline price savings.

Pampa is my home and I know

no other place I would rather live, but we are quickly becoming the small town everyone talks about. Too little for too much.

Jessie Etheredge Pampa

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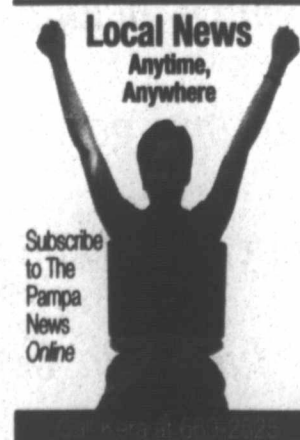
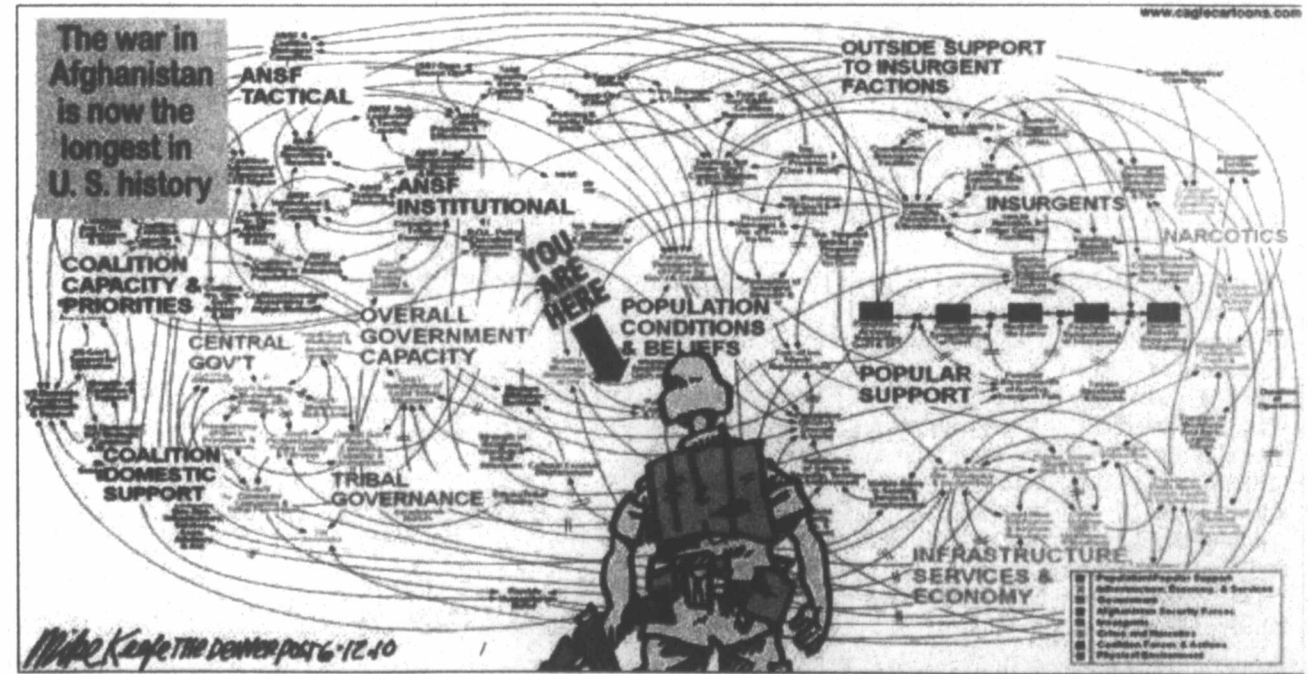
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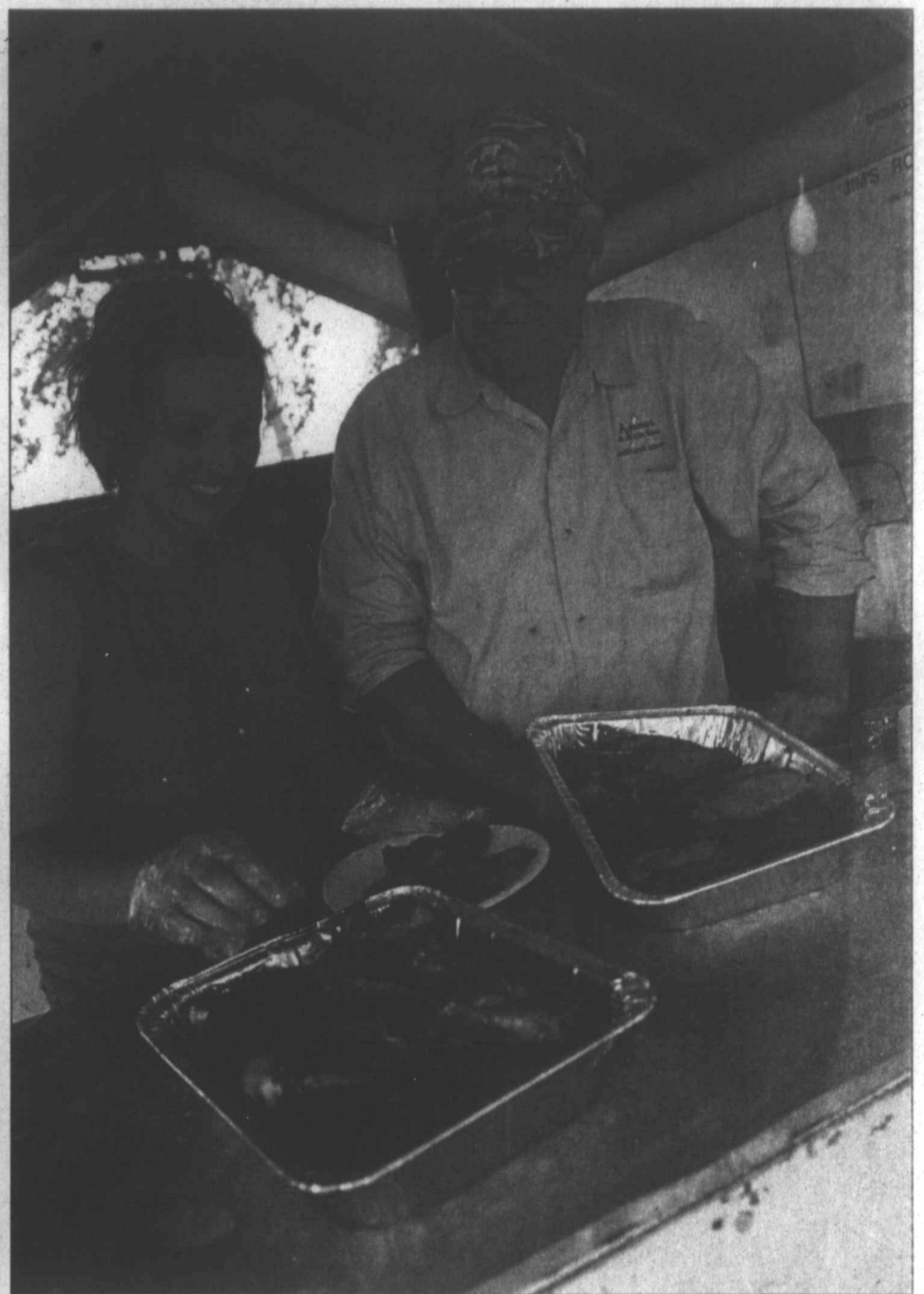
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burnin' the bricks saturday, june 12 • recreation park



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ABOVE: Bailey Estes of Mobeetie smiles after making a run in her 1968 Pontiac Firebird during the Burning the Bricks Celebration Saturday at Recreation Park. **BELOW: Pretty in pink**, two-year-old Ella Hudson seems more interested in a snack than squealing tires.



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Heather Sanders (left) and **Jim Bruton** of the Ashmore and Associates Insurance Barbeque Team dish up chicken legs and brisket at the Cookin' on the Bricks BBQ Cook-Off Saturday at Recreation Park.



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Bob Finsterwald (right) of Mobeetie, watches as **Jim Moyer** marks down the score for Finsterwald's 1967 Camaro Z-28 during Saturday's judging of the Pampa Car Show.

Dear Abby...

By **Pauline & Jeanne Phillips**



DEAR ABBY: A close friend in our social group, "Reed," has been in and out of rehab for alcohol problems. We have all been there to offer moral support anytime we can -- including him in golf outings, barbecues, etc.

The problem is he has started lecturing us about "the dangers of drinking." We are social drinkers and professional people. Some of us don't drink; others are "on call" and can't. So it isn't like we're lying around getting drunk as skunks.

Reed has no family here. We love him dearly and don't want to exclude him. But he's starting to make people feel uncomfortable. How should we handle this? — **NO LECTURES, PLEASE, IN FLORIDA**

DEAR NO LECTURES, PLEASE: Reed is preaching with the fervor of the newly converted. Whoever is closest to him in your social group should tell him privately that his comments are making some of you uncomfortable and to please stop it — or start spending more time with other teetotalers.

DEAR ABBY: I am a census worker and knock on doors to interview people who have not sent in their census forms. I am concerned that so many people are reluctant to participate in the census. Please help

us get the word out.

A real census worker will never ask to come inside your house or any questions about personal finance or your employment. If you are not sure who is at your door, ask for the person's picture identification, such as a driver's license.

By now, everyone should have received a census form in the mail. The deadline was very important. Once the deadline passed, the addresses of all the non-respondents were turned over to us: the non-response follow-up team. In order to prevent someone from being counted twice, once the non-response follow-up list was compiled, the rest of the forms out there were no longer collected or counted.

If you mailed in your census questionnaire, but a census worker still shows up at your door, it is because your questionnaire was not received in time. So please bear with your enumerator because he or she has to interview you again. Please take a few minutes to make your voice heard because your participation is important. — **YOUR CENSUS WORKER**

DEAR CENSUS WORKER:

I'm glad to help spread the word. Readers, taking the time to participate in the census is not only important, but it's also to your advantage. The census is how

your representation in Congress is determined. And in addition, the census is used to determine how federal funds will be used to build hospitals, schools and highways in your community. And by the way, the census is mandated by the U.S. Constitution and has been conducted every 10 years since 1790!

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I went out to dinner with another couple. After finishing our meal, I offered our friend, "Elaine," a piece of gum. I handed her the box so she could remove the piece herself.

When she returned the box she said she had taken two pieces. I told her it wasn't right as I had offered her only one piece, which I believe is the correct serving. Elaine claimed I had no right to dictate her serving size. Was she right for "chewing me out" over this? — **MORE THAN I CAN SWALLOW, WAYNE, N.J.**

DEAR MORE: After reading your letter, I took a random poll among my staff. Of those who had chewing gum with them, two-thirds had packages that indicated a serving is two pieces, while the rest read that a serving is only one piece. I don't think Elaine was wrong to defend herself after you attacked her, and before criticizing, you should have asked yourself if it was worth possibly gumming up a friendship.

Sudoku

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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Chamber

'Cookin' on the Bricks' winners!



Ribs, First Place - Oilfield Mafia
Darrell Narron pictured with his wife Stacy, Cayden Clark and Byron Peach took first place in the Rib category. Trophy presented by Pat Montoya.



Ribs, Second Place - U-Crew
U-Crew from United Supermarket took second place in the Rib category. Trophy present by Pat Montoya.



Brisket, First Place - Wing-In-It
Kevin Burrows and Roy Lott took home the first place spot in the Brisket category and third place in the Ribs category. Trophy presented by Pampa Chamber President Pat Montoya.



Brisket, Second Place - Xcel Energy
Xcel Energy, Jack Loggins and John Cantu took second place in the Brisket Category. Trophy presented by Pat Montoya.



Brisket, Third Place - Jim Bruton
Third place in the Brisket category went to Jim Bruton with Ashmore & Associates, pictured with wife Linda, Heather Sanders and Kaden Brown. Trophy presented by Pat Montoya.

photos by Holly Neill

New Chamber member



The 'Top O' Texans Goldcoats welcomed the Hampton Inn to the Pampa Chamber of Commerce on June 3, 2010. Pictured center (with scissors) is Mike Ward, manager & Tara Hoganson as well as the rest of the staff.

photo by Randy Pribble

Notable Mentions

Atmos Energy was dubbed the "Fun Team" of the day. Atmos served sausage on a stick and provided us with some amusing dances (Thanks Bob)!!

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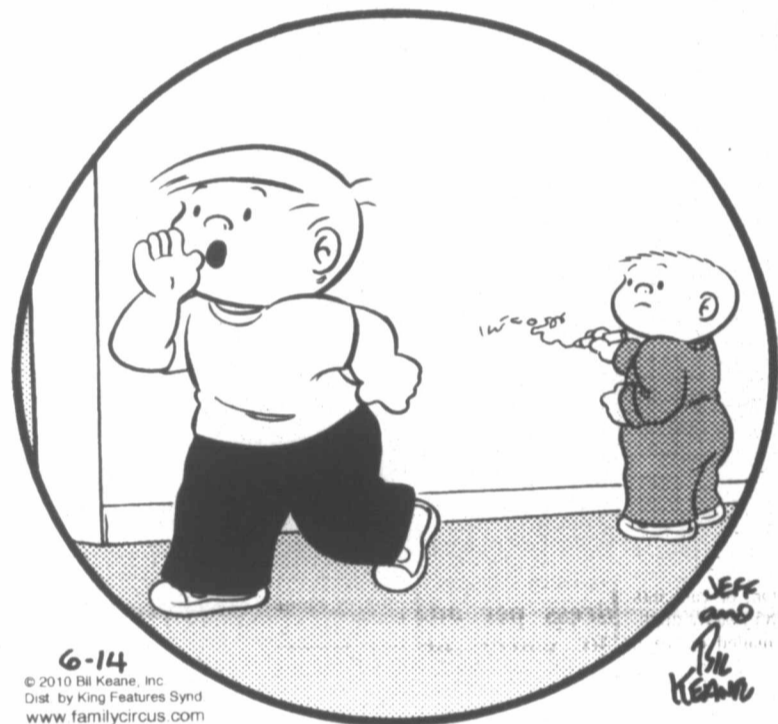
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"We'll have 2 large popcorns, 4 juice boxes and 24 hot dogs."

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



"Mommy! PJ's startin' to create another disaster!"

Daily Crossword Puzzle

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
- 2 Wedding words
 - 1 Ticks off
 - 6 Easy gaits
 - 11 Grown-up
 - 12 Vietnam's capital
 - 13 Sub tracker
 - 14 Overturn
 - 15 Pistols and rifles
 - 17 Glimpse
 - 18 Launch-pad event
 - 22 Bouncy tune
 - 23 Parking attendants
 - 27 Mosque faith
 - 29 Ham's device
 - 30 Cover, in a way
 - 32 River of Arizona
 - 33 Walking sound
 - 35 — Abner
 - 38 Tidy
 - 39 Perfect
 - 41 Pens for hens
 - 45 Suspect's story
 - 46 Mumbai's nation
 - 47 Stopwatch button
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- DOWN**
- 1 Rural mothers
 - 3 Amusement
 - 4 Arizona city
 - 5 Walk with pride
 - 6 To date
 - 7 Dr. Dre's music
 - 8 Low bills
 - 9 Muscle quality
 - 10 Flank
 - 16 Fall mo.
 - 18 Radar-screen
 - 19 Kudrow of "Friends"
 - 20 Friend
 - 21 Paving slab
 - 24 Fix copy
 - 25 Mosaic piece
 - 26 Bath
 - 28 Like a bright night
 - 31 Fish eggs
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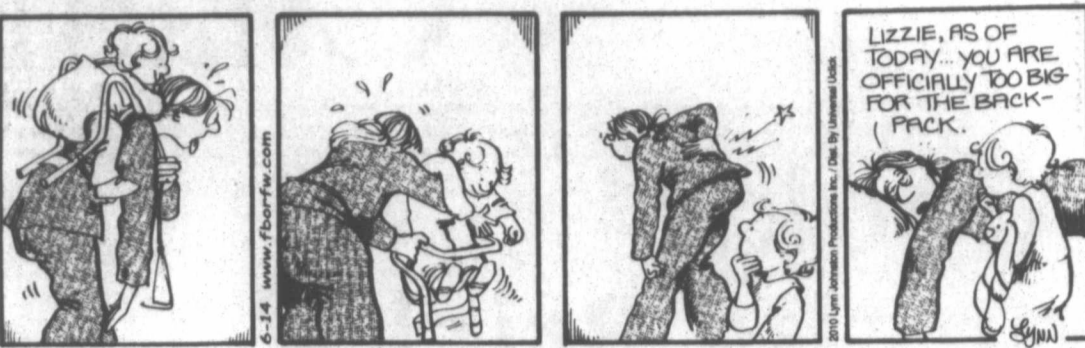
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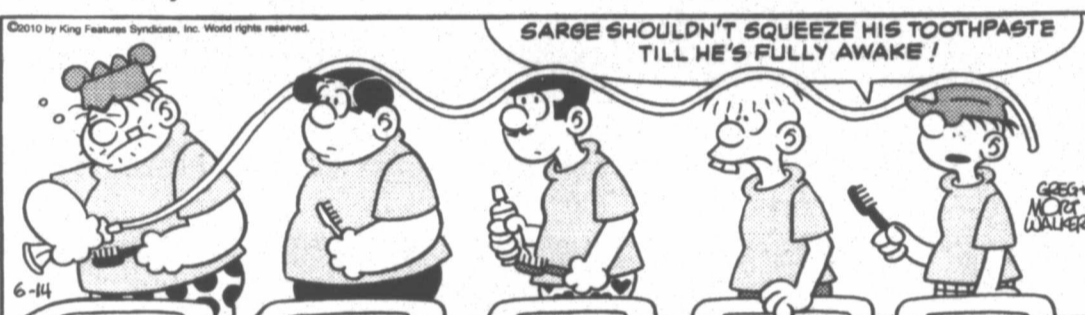
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The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

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**** Work demands far more than you anticipated. You will meet the demands, but at what cost? Let your creativity come into play. A brainstorming session can only help. Tonight: Let go with a favorite person or two.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
**** If you can work from home, by all means do. You might accomplish more. Your imagination might need some funneled, as you might go off into a day-dream, no matter where you are. Consider going back to school to increase your expertise in your field. Tonight: Anchor in at home.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
**** Make calls; schedule meeting; have important discussions. Simply enjoy those in your daily life. Sometimes you focus so much on productivity, you lose sight of those in your life who make a difference. A friendly conversation or question might be well received.

Tonight: Catch up on a friend's news.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
**** Be aware of hidden costs, especially when offering a favor. You might need to spell out an agreement or your needs in a way that the other party can hear. Despite issues that come up, the initial agreement might be OK. Tonight: Buy a token of affection on the way home.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
**** Your way might not be the only way. Be open to feedback that comes in from out of left field. Your efforts prove to be quite transformational in a situation. At work, you accomplish a lion's share. Realize that motivating someone could be a very different process than you originally thought. Tonight: Respond to a friend's invitation.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
**** The smart move is to wait before expressing your feelings. Some physical exercise could take down your "steam" level. Given a few days, you might eye a situation much differently. Follow your instincts with someone who is in charge. Tonight: Get some extra R and R.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
**** A meeting, though at times difficult, produces many ideas. Air out other possibilities. Why make something more difficult than need be? Be careful how you direct your anger or displeasure. You could make quite a dent in a relationship. Tonight: Hop in the car to visit a friend.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
**** Once more, it appears you need to take a stand and/or accept responsibility. Are you tired of playing this role? If you want something done exactly your way, you will be doing it yourself. Tonight:

Working late.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
**** Keep reaching out for novel ideas. Also, detach from any situation that might trigger you, preventing you from seeing the big picture. A partner or associate also has lots of good ideas. Deal with an authority figure with care. Tonight: Let your mind wander.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
**** Often, you find that there are no answers, but others believe there are. Let the person in question once more discover the "rightness" of his or her ideas. You might have pushed way beyond your limits with a key associate. Tonight: Go along with an appealing suggestion.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
**** Someone could be insisting that no other idea will work than his or her own. Let this person play it out. You might be pleased. You have nothing to lose by letting a situation play out in this manner. Tonight: Just don't be alone.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
**** Toss yourself into a project, and get as much done as possible. Rethink a decision that involves a key associate or partner. This person, in your eyes, might be driven but not exactly grounded. What could be the toll of continuing on this path? Tonight: Chill out.

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Actress Helen Hunt (1963), actor Jim Belushi (1954), rapper, actor Ice Cube (1969)

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Sports

Pampa All-Stars play well, but North falls to South

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LUBBOCK—The four Pampa Lady Harvester All-Stars played well in their final high school game but their 4A-5A North team lost 5-4 to the 4A-5A South team in the Greater West Texas Softball Coaches Association All-Star Game Saturday at Lubbock Christian University.

Carlyn Teichmann, Ashley Facio, Shelbie Watson and Samantha Pearson were selected. Pampa's Head Softball Coach Bobbi Gill was one of the coaches and said she enjoyed coaching the game.

"It was fun," Gill said. "Lot of camaraderie with the girls. It was a fun experience."

Ashley Facio pitched the third inning and struck out one. Facio said she knew she was only pitching one inning and threw her best.

"I just came out and I was going to give it my all because it's hot but I was only throwing one inning anyways," Facio said.

At the plate, Facio was 0-for-2 with one strikeout. Besides pitching, Facio played at first and second base.

Carlyn Teichmann pitched the sixth and eighth innings and allowed one hit and struck out four. In the eighth inning, Teichmann struck out the side. She said it was a lot of fun pitching.

"We were just having fun out there," Teichmann said. "We ended up coming back and it was awesome. I was just trying to hit my locations."

In the sixth inning, Samantha Pearson caught Teichmann. Teichmann

said it brought back great memories.

"She knew what balls were working the whole year," Teichmann said. "She did a great job."

At the plate, Teichmann was 1-for-3, with a run scored and an RBI. On the field, Teichmann also played first and second base.

Pearson said she enjoyed her last softball game.

"It was a lot of fun," Pearson said. "I got to catch Carlyn and Ashley both. I got to play on the field with Shelbie a lot so it was a lot fun."

Pearson was 0-for-2 at the plate and said the South team was very good.

"We were all stiff competition," Pearson said. "Our team was good but their team was just as good. It was cool to play with people that pushed you to your limit."

Watson got the lead runner out at third in the top of the first, and caught a fly ball later in the game. On the field, Watson played her usual shortstop position and in the outfield. Watson said she enjoyed playing in the outfield.

"I like playing in the outfield," Watson said. "They didn't have very many outfielders so they sent me out there. I did pretty good."

Watson went 0-for-2 with one strikeout. Gill said she enjoyed getting to coach her four seniors one more time.

"That's always a bonus getting to do that," Gill said. "It's a real different environment. So getting to be around them is enjoyable."

The South Team, made up of seniors from Midland High, Midland Lee,

Lubbock High, Lubbock Monterey and Big Spring jumped out early. Midland Lee's Lauren Greenlee scored on a single by Midland's Gabriela Losoya in the top of the first.

Lubbock High's Arleen Almanza drove in Midland Lee's Darian Manuz with a single in the top of the fourth. Big Spring's Linzee Yarber grounded into a fielder's choice that scored Tami Cisneros from Midland. Greenlee scored her second run of the game to give the South a 4-0 lead after four. Lubbock Monterey's Jazmin Stewart hit a one-out triple to left and scored when her teammate Cheyenne Ford hit a sacrifice fly to center.

The North got on the board in the bottom of the sixth. Lubbock Coronado's Meagan Navarrette led off with a walk. Randall's Breanna O'Leary pinch ran and scored on a double by Canyon's Taryn Schenk.

Due to the large number of players on both teams, they played nine innings instead of seven.

The North rallied in the bottom of the ninth. Frenship's Ashley Nabors led off with a double. Plainview's Tiffany Deluna advanced her to third with a single. Teichmann drove in Nabors with a single and Deluna advanced to third. Deluna scored on a throwing error by the catcher who was trying to catch Teichmann off of second. Schenk drove in Teichmann with a single to reach the final tally.

Pampa played with seniors from Frenship, Plainview, Randall, Canyon and Lubbock Coronado.



Carlyn Teichmann makes an out at first with a Lubbock High baserunner sliding in during the GWTSCA all-star game Saturday at Lubbock Christian University.

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Samantha Pearson connects with a ball in the GWTSCA all-star game. Pearson was 0-for-2 at the plate and caught several innings. The 4A-5A North all-stars lost 5-4 to the 4A-5A South All-Stars Saturday at LCU.

How the Lady Harvesters fared

Ashley Facio-Pitching: 1 IP, 1 K; **Batting:** 0-for-2, 1 K

Carlyn Teichmann-Pitching: 2 IP, 1 H, 4 K's; **Batting:** 1-for-3, 1 run, 1 RBI

Samantha Pearson-Batting: 0-for-2

Shelbie Watson-Batting: 0-for-2 1 K.

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