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Aren Pepi, 3, practices his artwork on the sidewalk of Lovett Memorial Library. staff photo by David Bowser

G.C. Appraisal District makes initial estimates

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The Gray County Appraisal District has released its initial estimates, but Chief Appraiser Pat Bagley warns that, based on past experience, they will change.

"Those estimates are based on our best guess," Bagley told the Gray County Appraisal District board of directors Tuesday afternoon.

Bagley outlined the estimates for the appraised value of property and the estimates for taxable value for the 17 taxing entities in the county.

In most instances, the estimated taxable values in the county are less for 2010 than the certified taxable values of 2009.

The exceptions are the City of Pampa, the City of Lefors, Groom ISD and Fort Elliot ISD. In each one of those cases, the taxable value has risen.

In the case of Pampa, the taxable value is up from \$554,496,429 in 2009 to an estimated \$574,491,143 in 2010, or a total increase \$19,994,714.

The estimates are for real estate, minerals, pipelines and compressors and business personal property. Some of them, Bagley said, will fluctuate wildly. Other will stay fairly stable.

"Housing in Pampa," Bagley said, "is about the same."

He admitted that these were preliminary estimates and reiterated that the numbers will change.

"There may be some cases where we weren't aware of things affecting the value," Bagley said.

That's why there is an appeals process, he said.

Tax Appraiser Tyson Taronto told the board that he and the other appraisers break the City of Pampa into almost 80 subdivisions for appraisal purposes.

Some of the subdivisions may be combined to make larger areas for appraisals, Taronto said.

"When we look at these," Bagley said, "we do it in a technical sense and a physical sense."

He said they look more closely at properties that they have questions about.

"We physically go look at them," Bagley said.

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Class IV's Wester gives wind development update

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By his own admission, James Wester came to Tuesday's Pampa Chamber of Commerce Luncheon with a simple message: If you want to know about wind, ask a lawyer.

"My family has told me several times that they've felt that my getting involved with the wind industry was God's way of finally creating a practice area that fit my personality," joked Wester, an attorney at Amarillo's Underwood Law Firm and president and co-founder of Class IV Winds. Wester gave a presentation updating the progress of wind energy development in the Panhandle.

"Many of you probably have wondered what wind is going to do for the state of Texas," Wester told the luncheon crowd. "Well, in May of 2010, the Perryman group... came out with a study (of) what wind development and the (transmission) lines would mean for the state of Texas."

"The best way for me to describe the results of the study... is through the title. The title of it is 'The Winds of Prosperity.'"

According to Wester, the impact of wind development is already visible in

some parts of the state. "We're already seeing... down in the Sweetwater-Abilene area, the price of electricity has dropped. It's because low cost wind energy is being brought along. Over the long haul, we believe it will have a significant impact on the price of electricity in the state of Texas."

Wester said that Texas has steadily surpassed expectations in terms of wind and renewable energy progress.

"In 1999," Wester said, "the Texas legislature passed a renewable portfolio standard, and they wanted to achieve 2,000 megawatts of renewable energy by the year 2009. We met that in 2006."

"(The legislature) said, 'You did such a good job of meeting that standard, we're going to put the bar on up there for you.' They set two new standards, and those were 5,880 megawatts by 2015 and 10,000 megawatts by 2025."

"We're there. In 2009, we were right at 10,000 megawatts of renewable energy for the state of Texas."

Wester went on to outline the long term plan to distribute that energy across Texas. Throughout the state, there are areas called CREZ (competitive renewable energy zones) designated **WIND** cont. on page 3



James Wester of Class IV Winds gives a wind energy update to the crowd at Tuesday's Chamber of Commerce luncheon. staff photo by Arnie Aurellano

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Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 96. Windy, with a south southwest wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 71. Windy, with a south wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

Friday: Mostly sunny and hot, with a high near 97. South southwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 70. Windy, with a south southwest wind 20 to 25 mph decreasing to between 10 and 15 mph. Winds could gust as high as 30 mph.

Saturday: Mostly sunny and hot, with a high near 97. South southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 71. South wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

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Obituaries

Edna Luella Harvey Young, 63

WHITE DEER—Edna Luella Harvey Young, 63, died Thursday, June 10, 2010 in McLean.

Services will be at 2 p.m. on Friday, June 18, 2010 in the Memory Gardens Mausoleum in Pampa with Rev. Alan Wilson, Pastor of the First Baptist Church of White Deer, officiating. Interment will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery in Pampa.

Arrangements are under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors of Clarendon.

Edna was born March 12, 1947 in Ashland, Ore. to Basil and Ocie Kingrey Harvey. She married Jessie Marvin Young on February 13, 1965 in North Bend, Ore. She had been a resident of Claude and Pampa before moving to White Deer two years ago. She loved to

crochet, sew, play billiards, dance, and spoil everyone. She was the best wife, mother, and grandmother. She also was a best mother to many foster children.

Edna was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, of 44 years on April 4, 2009; her stepfather, Louis Anicker; two brothers, Melvin Harvey and Francis Harvey. Survivors include a son, Brian David Young of Borger; five daughters, Ocie Kirkland Garza and husband Joe of Victoria, Katrina Huston and husband Chuck of Wells, Nev., Jessica Shaw and husband James of White Deer, Tamara Kitchen and boyfriend Ryan Mears of Pampa, and J'Lene Kitchen of Pampa; a son in law, Randall Kirkland of Pampa; four sisters, Ardella Blythe and husband James of Oak Harbor,

Wash., Nelda Fosmore of Mena, Ark., Dorothy McPherson of Eugene, Ore., and Lorraine Abner of New York; her brother and sister-in-laws, Bill Young and wife Ethylene of Louisiana, Jimmy Bufkin and wife Ginger of Louisiana, and James Young of California; her grandchildren, Kody Kirkland, Kristen and Jon Pierce, Jessie, Cedric, Francis, and Gregory Huston, Keith Young, Ashley and Hailey McCord, James, Cheyenne, Kenda, and Destany Young, Stormy Brawley, Alexis, Jaxyn, and Nathan Mears, Trista Ochoa, Richard Leger, Angie Moss, Manisha Bergdoll, Kyler Kitchen, Kylee McMurrin, Shadden Whitten, and Codie and Callum Shaw; her great grandchildren, MacKinzie Lewis, Kadence Kirkland, Jose, Jessie, and Mishelle



Young

Mooney, Jon and Trenton Pierce, Joni and Tamlyn Moss, Audery and Laden Leger; and several nieces and nephews.

The family will be at 2005 Duncan in Pampa.

The family requests that memorials be to the White Deer EMS.

Sign our online guest book at www.RobertsonFuneral.com.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

PAMPA PD

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents during the 24-hour period ending at 8 a.m. Tuesday.

Officers reported 11 traffic-related calls and one accident.

Animal control officers reported 14 calls.

Pampa EMT reported nine ambulance calls. The Pampa Fire Department reported one medical call. The Lefors Medical Volunteer EMS reported one medical call.

Monday, June 14
A threat was made in the 900 block of East Francis.

A violation of a city ordinance was reported in the 1600 block of North Sumner.

An alarm was reported in the 100 block of South Cuyler.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 200 block of East Brown.

Officers had escort duty in the 500 block of East Francis.

A suspicious person was reported in the 500 block of West Wilks.

A suspicious person was reported in the 500 block of North Doucette.

The burglary of a motor vehicle was reported to police.

A theft was reported in the 900 block of South Schneider.

An alarm was reported in the 2600 block of Chaumont Drive.

A theft was reported in the 500 block of North Faulkner.

A gas drive off was reported in the 1000 block of West Wilks.

An alarm was reported in the 200 block of Tyng.

A suspicious person was reported in the 1000 block of West Wilks.

Water was shut off in the 500 block of North Nelson.

A suspicious vehicle was reported at Sumner and Carter.

A threat was reported in the 300 block of Davis.

Tuesday, June 15
A suspicious person was reported in the 400 block of South Starkweather.

A suspicious person was reported in the 1600 block of East U.S. Highway 60.

A fire investigation was launched in the 1100 block of North Rider.

A suspicious person was reported in the 100 block of East Georgia.

A suspicious person was reported in the 1100 block of Coronado.

A suspicious person was reported in the 600 block

of North Bradley.

SHERIFF

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests during the 24-hour period ending at 8 a.m. Tuesday.

Monday, June 14
Cecil Andrew Lewis, 47, was arrested by deputies for probation violation in connection with an assault causing bodily injury charge and public intoxication.

Luis Andrez Cano, 26, of Canadian, was arrested by deputies in connection with probation violation on an escape charge.

Lane Anthony Dyer, 17, was arrested by police on charges of criminal mischief greater than \$500 by less than \$1,500.

Calderon asks for Mexican people's support

MEXICO CITY (AP)—President Felipe Calderon appealed to Mexicans to support the fight against organized crime just hours after troops killed 15 suspected gang members, part of a surge in violence that has June headed toward being the deadliest month yet in his drug war.

In a televised message to the nation Tuesday night, Calderon urged

his countrymen to report criminals to authorities and help defeat the brutal drug cartels. A phone number for anonymous tips flashed on the screen as he spoke.

"This is a battle that is worth fighting because our future is at stake," Calderon said during the 10-minute

address. "It's a battle that, with all Mexicans united, we will win."

Calderon's message came a day after he published an essay in national newspapers defending the crackdown on cartels, a fight that has seen more than 23,000 people killed

since late 2006 when he began deploying thousands of troops and federal police to drug hot spots. Mexican officials attribute much of the bloodshed to turf battles between drug cartels, but the gangs are increasingly turning to attacks on police and prosecutors.

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Sunday, June 27 9:45 to Noon
Where Heroes Step out on Faith plus a special performance during service to show everyone what we learned at Vacation Bible School!



Dear Abby... Appraisal

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

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DEAR ABBY: Over the last year I have noticed cleavage everywhere. It's in the middle and high schools, the teller waiting on me at the bank, the cashier at the supermarket and department stores — all offering plunging frontal views. I can't believe management allows this, and for the younger women, I can't believe their parents permit it. These females look like they're dressed for a romantic evening, not as employees of reputable businesses or students.

Am I just getting old or has this become acceptable? I would like to stop doing business with these companies, but if I do I'll have no place to shop. What's your opinion? — **CAN'T BELIEVE MY EYES, ULSTER PARK, N.Y.**

DEAR CAN'T BELIEVE YOUR EYES: Are you just noticing this? It has been happening for years. And I'm not referring only to the amount of cleavage women are showing. Haven't you noticed how much that's showing "south of the border" on females and males?

Many businesses have dress codes — and if enough customers complain or take their business elsewhere, managers might adhere to them. As to the students — most schools have dress codes, but whether the rules are enforced is another matter entirely.

DEAR ABBY: My husband, "Herb," and I are middle-aged and have been married four years. Herb is a wonderful husband, and we are very happy. I cook, and he usually cleans up — including washing several dishes and cooking utensils by hand. (He doesn't like to use the dishwasher.)

Abby, this sweet man

doesn't get the dishes clean! I'm talking about lipstick on glasses, oil on pans and food left on plates. He doesn't use soap or hot water, either. I rewash everything the next morning after he leaves for work. I'm afraid to say anything because I'm happy Herb makes the effort, and I don't want to ruin the nice gesture. Should I keep this up, or tell him my concerns and ask him to try harder? — **IN LOVE WITH THE DISHWASHER, AUSTIN, TEXAS**

DEAR IN LOVE: Your sweet husband may have poor eyesight — so start pointing out what he's missing on the dishes. Then explain that, in the interest of hygiene, you would be more comfortable if, instead of just rinsing the dishes, he would place them in the dishwasher so you can be sure they are sterile the next time you use them.

P.S. Because you are having to wash the dishes twice, you may find that by using the dishwasher you will be using less water!

DEAR ABBY: Do you think it's appropriate to laugh when someone inadvertently falls — especially if it's unclear whether the individual is hurt?

I have never found it amusing to see someone fall. Instead, I feel concern. Some of my friends think that laughing is not only the appropriate response, but "necessary" to help ease the embarrassment of the individual who has fallen. Who's right? — **COMPASSIONATE WITNESS IN SEATTLE**

DEAR COMPASSIONATE: You are. And watch out for those "friends" because they either lack maturity or empathy — or both.

But they also run analyses of what the values are on the properties.

"We do a mass appraisal," Bagley said. "We don't do any individual appraisals."

Based on those analyses, he said they decide what to do in different areas of the city.

This year, Bagley said, some areas in Pampa went up in value. Some areas went down.

The area in the northeast part of town had the highest values. The area just north of the high school remained mostly unchanged, but from Hobart to Price Road, appraisals tended to be lowered 15 to 20 percent.

"We adjusted that area quite a bit," Toronto said.

"That area was very much in demand when they were moving service workers into town years ago," Bagley said. "When they started moving them out, demand dropped."

Toronto said there has been a lot of fluctuation in areas

Wind

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by the Texas legislature. Transmission lines are to be built from those zones, which are made up of the best wind-producing areas in Texas, to markets across the state that consume large amounts of electricity.

There are two CREZ zones in the Panhandle, aptly named Panhandle A and Panhandle B. Pampa, along with much of area inside and neighboring Gray County, is in Panhandle B.

Wester said that 5,500 megawatts are projected to be generated out of the two Panhandle CREZ zones.

He added that moves are already being made to gauge developer interest for the two areas.

"On May 21, the PUC (Public Utility Commission) entered an order saying that they want some developers to put up some good faith money effectively indicating that they would build wind farms in this area if the transmission lines were built.

"Panhandle B was effectively oversubscribed," Wester continued. "They received interest of half a million dollars more than they anticipated. Panhandle B made the cut for the PUC to say, 'We see that there are developers out there that are willing to put their money where their mouth is and build wind farms.'"

Panhandle A, on the other hand, came in \$605,000 short of projected numbers.

While the discrepancy could potentially cause a delay for the entire Panhandle, Wester said that he was confident that the issue could be sorted out within a few weeks, and that

"Right now, we're still on track to see lines being built into the Texas Panhandle, and to have this process complete by the end of 2013," Wester said.

Wester speculated that, once the lines were complete, there would be 2,500 to 2,700 new wind turbines built in the two Panhandle CREZ zones.

Wester also dispelled the notion that a wind energy boom would take away from the profits of oil and gas industries already in the area.

"Realistically, based on what we've seen, we don't feel that the development of wind energy will have a long term effect of oil and gas," Wester said.

of town zoned for manufactured homes.

"Just a few years ago," Jim Honderich with the appraisal district said, "you couldn't find a house to rent. You couldn't find anything that you could buy that you'd want to live in. That's all turned around now."

The appraisals are based on the price of homes in a given area, but Honderich said that they don't get a lot of sales on which to base those prices.

"That could very well affect what we do," he said.

With regard to rural properties, Bagley said land being bought for hunting or recreational purposes set the market. "It's going to have a greater effect on the market than what the farmer or rancher is willing to pay," he said.

So far this year, Toronto said there have been about 140 protests filed on appraisals. Last year, there were about 300.

"Actually," Bagley said, "we're reappraising more territory in the city this year than last year, but we were further behind last year as far as our values."

Some areas of town that went up 20 to 25 percent last year are being lowered five to eight percent this year.

Bagley said he thinks this year's appraisals reflect the market prices of homes in various parts of the city.

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Viewpoints

Today in History

Today is Wednesday, June 16, the 167th day of 2010. There are 198 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On June 16, 1858, accepting the Illinois Republican Party's nomination for the U.S. Senate, Abraham Lincoln said the slavery issue had to be resolved, declaring, "A house divided against itself cannot stand."

On this date:

In 1567, Mary, Queen of Scots, was imprisoned in Lochleven Castle in Scotland. (She escaped almost a year later, but ended up imprisoned again.)

In 1897, the government signed a treaty of annexation with Hawaii.

In 1903, Ford Motor Co. was incorporated.

In 1932, President Herbert Hoover and Vice President Charles Curtis were renominated at the Republican national convention in Chicago.

In 1933, the National Industrial Recovery Act became law. (It was later struck down by the Supreme Court.)

In 1959, actor George Reeves, TV's "Superman," was found dead of an apparently self-inflicted gunshot wound in the bedroom of his Beverly Hills, Calif., home; he was 45.

In 1960, the Alfred Hitchcock movie "Psycho" opened in New York.

In 1963, the world's first female space traveler, Valentina Tereshkova, was launched into orbit by the Soviet Union aboard Vostok 6.

In 1970, Kenneth A. Gibson of Newark, N.J. became the first black politician to win a mayoral election in a major Northeast city. Chicago Bears running back Brian Piccolo, 26, died at a New York hospital after battling cancer.

In 1978, President Jimmy Carter and Panamanian leader Omar Torrijos (toh-REE'-ohs) exchanged the instruments of ratification for the Panama Canal treaties.

Ten years ago: Federal regulators approved the merger of Bell Atlantic and GTE Corp.; the new entity became Verizon Communications Inc. Empress dowager Nagako, widow of Japan's Emperor Hirohito, died in Tokyo at age 97.

Five years ago: On the eve of Iran's presidential election, President George W. Bush said the voting was designed to keep power in the hands of a few rulers "through an electoral process that ignores the basic requirements of democracy." European Union leaders put on hold plans to unite their 25 nations under a single constitution. Masked gunmen took dozens of toddlers hostage at an international school in Siem Reap, Cambodia, killing a 3-year-old Canadian boy before they were overpowered by the police.

One year ago: President Barack Obama met with South Korean President Lee Myung-bak at the White House; afterward, Obama declared North Korea a "grave threat" to the world and pledged the U.S. and its allies would aggressively enforce fresh international penalties against the nuclear-armed nation. Sen. John Ensign of Nevada, a leading Republican mentioned as a potential presidential candidate, admitted he'd had an extramarital affair with a campaign staff member. Federal health regulators warned consumers to stop using Zicam Cold Remedy nasal gel and related products because they could permanently damage the sense of smell.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Bill Cobbs is 75. Author Joyce Carol Oates is 72. Country singer Billy "Crash" Craddock is 71. Songwriter Lamont Dozier is 69. Rhythm-and-blues singer Eddie Levert is 68. Actress Joan Van Ark is 67. Actor Geoff Pierson is 61. Rhythm-and-blues singer James Smith (The Stylistics) is 60. Boxing Hall of Famer Roberto Duran is 59. Pop singer Gino Vannelli is 58. Actress Laurie Metcalf is 55. Model-actress Jenny Shimizu is 43. Actor James Patrick Stuart is 42. Actor Clifton Collins Jr. is 40. Actor John Cho is 38. Actor Eddie Cibrian is 37. Actress China (chee-nah) Shavers is 33. Actress Missy Peregrym (PEH'-rih-grihm) is 28. Actress Olivia Hack is 27. Singer Diana DeGarmo ("American Idol") is 23.

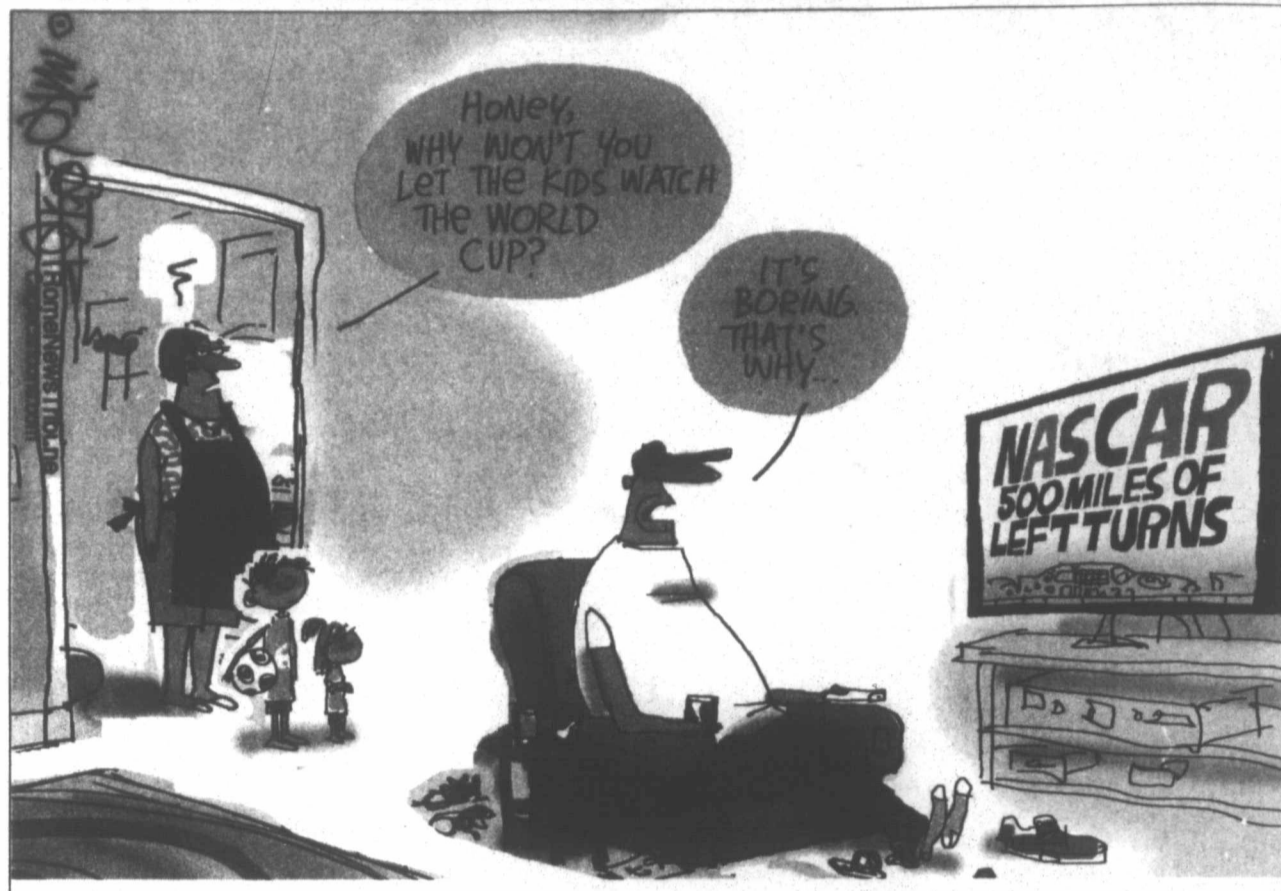
Thought for Today:

"We seldom stop to think how many people's lives are entwined with our own. It is a form of selfishness to imagine that every individual can operate on his own or can pull out of the general stream and not be missed." — Ivy Baker Priest, former U.S. Treasurer (1905-1975).

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Playing footsie with a little ball

"Who cares about a bunch of guys playing footsie with a little ball?"

"Ah, yes, you speak of the World Cup. The fact is BILLIONS care. The World Cup is the most-watched sporting event in the world!"

"It is?"

"Absolutely, though Americans aren't watching much. According to a Rasmussen poll, only 8 percent of Americans are following it closely. Perhaps if we knew more about football -- we Americans call it soccer -- we'd understand why so many countries are so passionate about it."

"Passionate?"

"According to about.com, soccer has been played in various forms around the world for 3,000 years. Organized soccer dates back to England in 1863, when an association was formed that began to standardize the rules of the game."

"I didn't know that."

"Each game is referred to as a 'match.' A match is comprised of two 45-minute halves. The field is called a 'pitch.' And cleats are referred to as 'boots.'"

"How do players insult their opponents? 'Your mother wears army cleats?'"

"Each football team has 11 players, with ten on the field and one protecting the goal. Players may use any part of their body but their hands and arms. The object is to kick the ball into the other team's goal. The team with the most goals wins."

"I thought the team that put the most people to sleep was the winner."

"Because of the sport's beauty and simplicity -- all you need is a ball and a makeshift field and you can play anywhere -- it quickly spread all over the world."

"Kind of like the Bird Flu!"

"In 1930, the World Cup was born. It's an international competition that takes place every four years. During the three years leading up to the event, teams compete to qualify for 32 World Cup spots."

"OK, the origins of soccer sound interesting enough, but the average American would still rather watch third grad-



TOM PURCELL

ers play badminton."

"But Americans should be interested in soccer. The United States has two of the world's best midfielders. We also have Tim Howard, one of the world's best goalkeepers. England was supposed to clobber us last Saturday, yet we battled them to a 1-1 draw!"

"Two scores in 90 minutes. How exciting?"

"You raise a fair point. Michael Mandelbaum, author of *The Meaning of Sports*, says Americans are results-oriented. We like lots of activity in our sports. One reason we haven't embraced soccer is the low scoring."

"Who is the World Cup's leading sponsor? NoDoz?"

"Mandelbaum says another reason Americans don't follow soccer is because of its similarity to basketball. Both are simple games that seek to put a ball into a goal. He believes it's not possible for both to prosper in the same place."

"At least there's lots of scoring in basketball. And you don't have to walk as far to get a beer."

"Another challenge is that America already has four popular team sports -- basketball, football, baseball and hockey. Some argue that there's no room for another."

"Maybe there's no room for a sport in which skinny guys fall down writhing in pain every time someone bumps into them. In fact, if the World Cup people want more Americans to tune in, they out to turn a couple of cameras to the stands."

"The stands?"

"Sure. Some of those soccer fans are real fanatics. After they suck down several beers, multiple brawls are likely to break out. That's the kind of action Americans are looking for!"

To chew or not to chew

Chew on this: Broadcaster Joe Garagiola pitches truth on dangers of smokeless tobacco

It's been years since Joe Garagiola's easy banter enlivened and informed NBC's Major League Baseball broadcasts. Decades more since the St. Louis native played in the majors and first parlayed a childhood friendship with fellow big-league catcher Yogi Berra into a lucrative career as a raconteur and commentator. But the veteran talkmeister is still delivering a pitch that is right down the pipe for young ballplayers and others enamored of smokeless tobacco: Don't chew. It's a killer, and it's a nasty, painful way to die.

Garagiola, 83, is a long-time crusader against smokeless tobacco. He quit the habit more than 50 years ago and credits the decision with saving his life. For most of those years, he's made it a personal crusade.

To chew or not to chew: Smokeless tobacco is a good subject for young Texans to ponder — and Garagiola's is the right advice to take. Between our local cowboy culture and the love of baseball hereabouts, having a chew can seem like a pretty cool habit to cultivate.

It's not. As he travels the country, Garagiola often brings along a victim of smokeless tobacco to illustrate the point. He's usually an ex-ballplayer with part of his face missing, a casualty in the fight against the spread of cancer caused by the toxic wad of tobacco.

This tells the story better than mere words.

"With oral cancer, you die one piece at a time," Garagiola recently told New York Times sports columnist George Vecsey. "They operate on your neck, they operate on your jaw, they operate up your throat."

According to the federal Centers for Disease Control, smokeless tobacco also is implicated in pancreatic cancer, a particularly deadly form of the disease, and could be linked to fatal heart attacks.

Garagiola's unstinting focus on smokeless tobacco is most welcome. This kind of cancer is especially tragic because it is so preventable. Mostly what it takes is changing some impressionable young minds, especially those of young white males, who are the single largest group of users — about 15 percent.

The affable Garagiola is the perfect pitchman for this cause. Major League Baseball has forbidden the use of smokeless tobacco in the minors. We look forward to when they take Joe's advice and extend it to the bigs.

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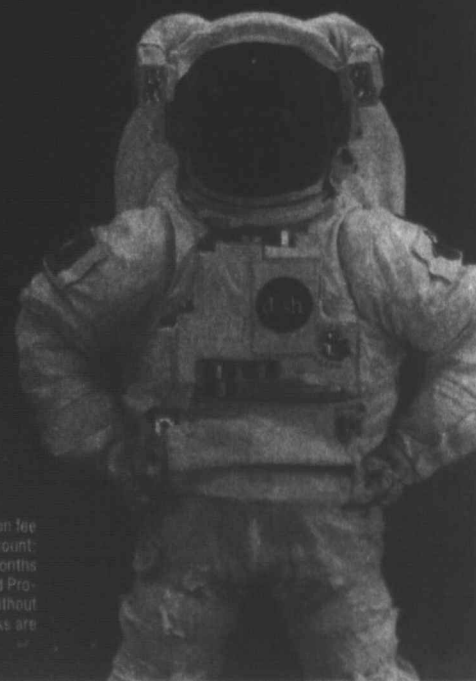
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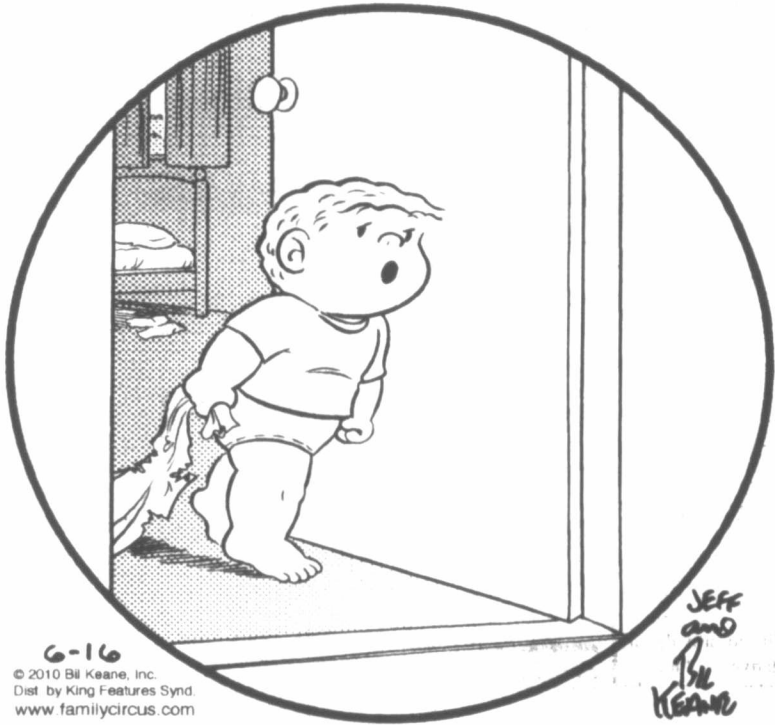
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"Okay, Marm, you can ride shotgun! Just give me the keys."

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



"Mommy, which is shorter — a 'CAT nap' or a 'PEOPLE nap'?"

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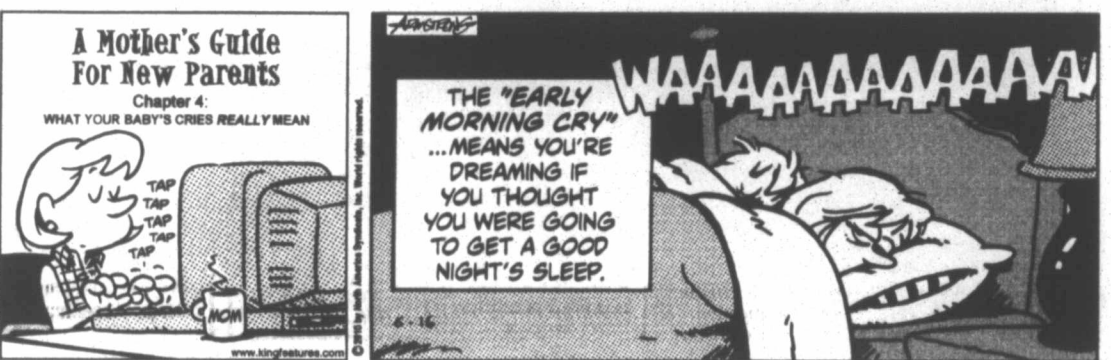
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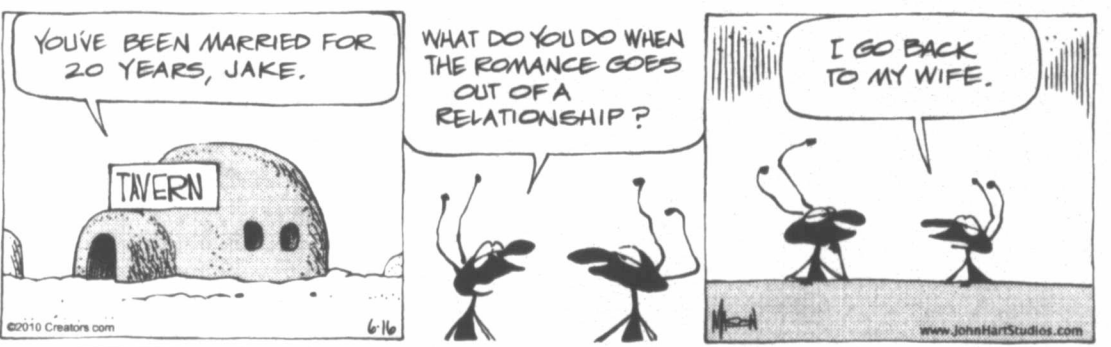
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Daily Crossword Puzzle

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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- 40 Token of love
 - 1 Strong wind
 - 5 Brit's neighbor
 - 9 Wash-ton's successor
 - 11 Con game
 - 12 Finish off
 - 13 Buenos —
 - 14 Taxing org.
 - 15 Unsurpassed
 - 17 Unbiased
 - 19 — de deux
 - 20 White dog
 - 21 Rooster's mate
 - 22 Eric Clapton song
 - 24 Spot
 - 26 Over-charges
 - 29 Smoked salmon
 - 30 Young chickens
 - 32 Site of Mount Suribachi
 - 34 Volleyball need
 - 35 Disgusted
 - 36 Garlic unit
 - 38 Piano piece
 - 39 Cavalry weapon
- DOWN**
- 1 Street urchin
 - 2 Puts on a pedestal
 - 3 Takes in eagerly
 - 4 Outback bird
 - 5 Call it a day
 - 6 Green, perhaps
 - 7 Old deliverer
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Sports

Lady Harvesters look back at successful 2010 season

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The Pampa Lady Harvesters held their banquet Tuesday at the AmericInn Event Center to celebrate their 2010 season.

The Lady Harvesters finished the season 25-11-1 and 11-1 in district to earn a co-district championship. In the playoffs Pampa made it to the regional quarterfinals by beating Abilene Cooper in bi-district and El Paso Parkland in area.

Coach Jim Gill started the banquet by talking about the junior varsity's season. He said the team was very successful.

"We played extremely good defense and hit the ball really well," Gill said. "Girls I'm very proud of you all."

The junior varsity finished the season 26-5-1 and 6-2-1 in district. The team outscored district opponents 65-20 for an average score of 7-2. On the season they outscored their opponents 363-62 for an average score of 11-2.

Head Softball Coach Bobbi Gill introduced her team by class and talked about the season.

"This year was different than any year I had," Gill said. "It came with its challenges as any year does but I got to give them some credit. When it came time to get serious and take care of business, they certainly stepped up and did so. It's been a fun and enjoyable season."

Senior Carlyn Teichmann made the Texas Girls Coaches Association All-State team. Seniors Shelby Watson (infielder), Ashley Facio (pitcher) and Teichmann (pitcher) made first team All-District. Freshmen Claire Hopkins made Second team All-District as an outfielder. Freshman Bailey Beck made econd team All-District as an infielder. Senior Samantha Pearson made Second team All-District as a catcher.

Bobbi Gill recognized the seniors, giving each of them personal letters from her and talked about their accomplishments.

"When you went out to eat, you went by a table of gold gloves," Gill said. "Those are the gold gloves that this group in their four years contributed to. That's a great accomplishment. I

don't know many teams around the state, personally there's not many teams that can say they had that kind of accomplishment. That's hats off to the type of kids we have and the type of players they are."

The banquet continued with the presentation of awards that were voted on by the varsity players. Shelby Watson won the Hustling Lady Harvester award, which is for the player who is the epitome of hard work. Samantha Pearson and Ashley Facio won the Harvester Heart award, which recognizes the player who plays with a lot of heart. Watson won the Amy Youree Memorial Softball award for her passion for the game. Carlyn Teichmann won the Team MVP award.

Facio said it was a great season and was pleased with the awards she won.

"I feel really honored to get that award with Sammie," Facio said. "I'm just glad we all ended on a good note."

The banquet closed with a video of the seven seniors.



staff photo by **Andrew Glover**
Samantha Pearson (pink) and head coach Bobbi Gill share a laugh as Pearson is presented with the Harvester Heart Award at the softball banquet Tuesday.

Softball seniors make Academic All-State team

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Pampa Lady Harvester softball seniors Brooklyn Barker, Ashley Facio, Mikaela Flores, Samantha Pearson, Carlyn Teichmann, Emilie Troxell and Shelby Watson made the Academic All-State team.

Head Softball Coach Bobbi Gill said that she did not have to worry about grades with her team and it's an honor to have her seven seniors selected.

"It speaks volumes to the type of kids we have and how dedicated they are to balance the two (softball and academics)," Gill said.

Pearson said it's really awesome to have that accomplishment.

"I've worked hard in my studies," Pearson said. "It means a lot to be an athlete

and maintain studies to do well in school."

Pearson said all of the seniors are good friends and have similar beliefs in their studies.

"So it's pretty neat to have people around you to help build you up in those areas," Pearson said.

Teichmann said she felt honored to earn Academic All-State.

"I'm very excited," Teichmann said. "Just very honored that I got the opportunity to get that."

Teichmann said it's very awesome that her senior teammates made Academic All-State.

"It just shows how dedicated we are with school and softball," Teichmann said.

Facio said she didn't realize that all of the seniors made Academic All-State.

"That's awesome, that's a big part," Facio said. "As Coach Gill said we all kept our grades up and really stayed focus as a team."

Troxell said it felt good to receive that honor.

"Grades have always been important to me," Troxell said. "So, I'm really glad to have gotten the award."

Troxell said it was rewarding to have the other seniors work as hard in the classroom as on the field.

"I think it's really important for us to keep our grades up so we can play," Troxell said.

Barker said it was cool that she got that honor along with her senior teammates.

"I think it's cool that we are all smart enough to make it," Barker said.



staff photo by **Andrew Glover**
Carlyn Teichmann receives the Team MVP award from Coach Gill at the softball banquet Tuesday at AmericInn Event Center. Teichmann was also nominated to the TGCA All-State team and first team all-district.

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AXYDLBAAXR
is LONGFELLOW

One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

6-16 CRYPTOQUOTE

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— CMHLBAC LBQQXH
Yesterday's Cryptoquote: THE FRIEND WHO HOLDS YOUR HAND AND SAYS THE WRONG THING IS MADE OF DEARER STUFF THAN THE ONE WHO STAYS AWAY. — BARBARA KINGSOLVER

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, June 17, 2010:
This year, you might have your hands full, as often people are reactive and your message gets lost. Your ability to center yourself and understand will become much more important. Often, you will have to begin at square one in your interpersonal discussions. Intensity surrounds a key business or personal partnership. This person is changing in front of your very eyes. If you are single, do take your time getting to know someone new. A move, remodeling your home or some change on the home front is likely. VIRGO knows how to pressure you.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Once you get going, others might think of you as the Energizer Ram. You clear out an enormous amount of work, errands and whatever is needed. Don't allow a last-minute snafu to stop you. Tonight: Slow down and relax.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ You could toss a situation up in the air over and over until you get a winning solution. Detach, and you'll see a path that up till now has not even been discussed. Though others might be confused, you decide to test this route. Tonight: Careful with funds.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ In the morning, avoid a fight at any cost. Focus on clearing. A key associate uses money far differently from you. Let this person explain why and how. Gain through new knowledge. Tonight: Clear out stress before sitting down for dinner.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ State what you feel, and pursue a decision you see as important. A partner might want to intervene and tries to distract you. Perhaps a discussion is needed. Tonight: Don't read too much into another's comment.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ Understanding emanates, especially concerning funds, expenditures and your efforts. Know how to say "no," and be willing to stand your ground. Revise your workload and plans to deal with a prime issue. A meeting only adds to the confusion. Tonight: Do what you need to do.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Others might react to the Virgo comet that goes by their desk. You will move and act quickly. If you are frustrated, your words could be unduly sharp, reflecting this frustration. Intensity marks creative thinking and romance. Tonight: Clear out a misunderstanding. (It will take patience!)

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ Suppressed anger could come out in many strange ways. You could snap at someone who doesn't deserve it. You could react physically as well. Intensity surrounds a domestic issue. Taking off is not the answer. Process and find a solution. Tonight: You might be unaware of how you are distorting a situation.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ You drive a hard bargain, but also run into someone who might be as determined as you. Discussions need to occur on a one-on-one level in order to find a solution. Persistence counts, and you have just that. Tonight: Start sorting through a misunderstanding.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ Take the lead, especially with a

financial matter that could impact you. Realize what is going on behind the scenes. You hear so much that you could be overwhelmed. In this case, listen, sort and ask questions rather than act. Tonight: Could be late.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Pressure builds. You have a choice to continue demanding or to process your thinking. Though the path of transformation might seem invisible or difficult, ultimately that is the right way to go. A partner points the way. Tonight: Detach from a situation. Go to the movies or listen to some great jazz or blues.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ A partner keeps homing in on one issue after another. You wonder if this will end and if you can get your two cents in. An innovative idea could fall on deaf ears, as others are acting out their roles rather than thinking and listening. Know that this too will pass. Tonight: Visit with a dear friend.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You juggle different concerns, creating a stronger sense of well-being and happiness. Others demand a lot of attention, though your major concern could involve home or a family member. You have your hands full. Tonight: Try to make it an early night.

BORN TODAY
Singer Barry Manilow (1943), talk-show host Art Bell (1945), singer Lee Ryan (1983)

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PAMPA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 15: Chamber Luncheon. 200 N. Ballard, Sponsored by Underwood Law Firm with speaker James Wester. Meal catered by Texas Rose Steakhouse, \$8.50 per person. RSVP to 669-3241.

June 19: Pond & Garden Tour. Day tour 9am-4pm and night tour is 7pm-10pm. \$5 per adult, tickets located at the Chamber and local greenhouses. Contact 669-1716. Sponsored by Las Pampa Koi & Water Garden Society.

June 19: Father's Day Softball Classic. Men's, Mixed C-D, Recreation Park, Pampa, TX. Contact Enrique at 669-5790.

June 19: Bike Rodeo. 10am-4pm at 900 N. Duncan. Contact Stormy at 669-5700, ext. 259. Sponsored by Pampa Police Department.

June 25-26: Relay For Life. Recreation Park from 7pm-7am. For more information contact Christy at 663-2856.

July 4: Fireworks Show at Recreation Park.

July 10: Pampa's Boomtown Block Party & Business Expo. Register your booth now. Crafters, Food vendors and businesses are all welcomed. Designated Kids Area. Street Dance to follow. Contact Holly at 669-3241 for more information.

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