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## Salvation Army's youth clubs in summer groove



Captains Laurie and Mark Martin

#### DAVID BOWSER dbowser@thepampanews.com

The Salvation Army's Boys and Girls Club summer program is in full swing.

Captains Mark and Laurie Martin with the Salvation Army in Pampa said today that kids in their program have toured the Pampa Fire Department and will visit the White Deer Land Museum this week. They will soon have a nutrition program presented by the Gray County **Extension Service**.

In addition, Laurie said, the kids in the Boys and Girls Club summer program will go on a variety of field trips in alternating weeks. They will also have movies at the Salvation Army location, 701 S. Cúvler.

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They also have enrichment programs with bicycles and computers and games such as kickball and baseball for recreation.

One of their educational programs, called Passport Through America, teaches the students about each state, including the state capitol, state bird, state flower and location.

"They're learning," she said, "but they don't realize they're learning. They think they're having fun."

"We have a short devotional everyday," Laurie said.

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Rodeo Assoc. auction set for Saturday

> DAVID BOWSER dbowser@thepampanews.com

The Top O' Texas Rodeo Association is hosting a public auction at the rodeo arena Saturday.

Auction items include cars, trucks, vans, SUVs, trailers, farm equipment, lawn equipment, tractors and tools. USA Auto Auction is providing the auctioneer.

Rodeo officials said there is no consignment fee and consignments are open until Friday.

There is no admission charge. Gates to the Top O' Texas Rodeo Arena will open at 10 a.m. Saturday. The auction begins at 2 p.m. AUCTION cont. on page 3



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Abel Deanda of Missouri Petroleum pilots his street sweeper down Perryton Parkway on Wednesday afternoon. Pampa's annual summer road maintenance started on Wednesday with a repaying of the main drags of Perryton Parkway and Hobart Street.

## New military family support group starts at VFW

#### **ARNIE AURELLANO** editor@thepampanews.com

Al and Jamie Almanza can still remember clearly the day that their now-19-year-old son, Chance, left to join the Marine Corps.

"It was one year ago in March," said Jamie. "He made an adult decision, but, wow, as a mother, it's so difficult to watch your son go.

"It can be very difficult as a par-ent," agreed Al. "You're very proud of what your son is doing, but being cut off from him like that, as a father, you worry."

"I cried for a solid year," said Jamie. "It's hard. I cried until I saw him at boot camp graduation."

Understanding the apprehension of having a loved one in the military, the Almanzas are looking to start the Military Families' Support Group, a gathering of people that can serve as a sounding board for anyone who has someone dear to them in the armed forces.

"It's for anyone who has a child or a loved one in any branch of the service at any time, whether they're serving now, fixing to join up or fixing to leave," said Jamie. "We'll be here for them and help give them moral support."

Al said that there's no feeling in the SUPPORT cont. on page 3



staff photo by Amie Aurellano

Al and Jamie Almanza are starting a support group for military families.



## Pampa man nabbed after evening raid

#### DAVID BOWSER dbowser@thepampanews.com

A Pampa man was in Gray County jail today after a drug raid last Thursday night.

Alfredo Morris Gomez, 34, was in jail today on a charge of possession of a controlled substance greater than four grams but less than 200 grams. Gray County Justice of the Peace Kurt Curfman set bond for Gomez at \$10,000.

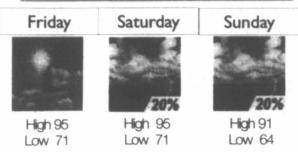
Four Pampa police officers along with Gray County sheriff deputies swept down on a rural address outside of Pampa about 6:30 p.m., NABBED cont. on page 3

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#### PAMPA FORECAST



Tonight: Isolated showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 68. South southeast wind between 5 and 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20%.

Friday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 95. South southwest wind between 10 and 20 mph. with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 71. South wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Saturday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1 p.m. Partly cloudy, with a high near 95. South southwest wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Saturday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 71. South wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Sunday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high near 91. South southwest wind around 10 mph becoming east southeast.

Sunday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 64. East wind around 10 mph.

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## Obituaries

## **Ruby Alice (Forrest) Risley, 93**

REEDLY, Calif-Ruby Alice Forrest Risely, 93, died June 20, 2010 in Reedley, Calif.

Ruby Alice Forrest was born on January 31, 1917 near Zybach in Hemphill County to John W. and Clara B. Forrest. Her family farmed there until 1934 when they bought another farm south of Canadian, about 35 miles from Zybach. She grew up in the depression years and was not afraid of hard work. She often talked about riding her horse and the farm chores of milking cows and feeding the animals. She attended schools in Allison and Canadian. After leaving school, she worked as a housekeeper and then worked as a telephone operator for several years when manual switchboards were still in use.

She married Clyde W. Risley in Sayre, Okla., on August 11, 1939, and they made their home in Canadian. They moved to Montebello, Calif., in 1941, but returned to Canadian when Clyde was drafted into the Army in 1943. After the war, she resumed her work as a telephone operator and Clyde operated a service station for several years before serving as Hemphill County Sheriff. They raised cattle and crops for several years before again seeing California as the land of opportunity. They packed their belongings and moved to a ranch on Goodfellow between Reedley and Sanger, Calif. in 1955, where they raised livestock. They enjoyed going out to breakfast at the local eateries and made many

friends in the Reedly and Sanger area. After Clyde's death in 1997, Ruby moved to Grover Beach, Calif. and lived there until coming to the Sierra View Nursing Home in 2005. She went to be with our Lord on June 20, 2010.

Ruby saw a lot of changes in her 93 years and she brought many fond memories to all who knew her. She had a great sense of humor and enjoyed gardening, canning, dancing, working crossword puzzles and her grandchildren. She will be missed. She is survived by her children, Bill and his wife Sandy of Squaw Valley; Bob and his wife Judy of Coarsegold, Calif.; and Evna Williams and her husband Ken of Grover Beach, Calif.; a sister, Agnes Brumfield of Pampa; six grandchildren, Dan, Rod, Elisha, Jessica, Troy and Shalene; and 12 great grandchildren, Andrew, Jake, Alec, Travis, Austin, Jordan, Marlee, Cody, Casey, Mike, Josh and Tyler.

She will be cremated and a service will be held at the Reedley Cemetery Memorial Building on July 10, 2010 at 10 a.m. She will be interred with her beloved husband, Clyde, at the cemetery. The family wishes to thank the Sierra View staff for the wonderful care given to her over the last five years.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that a contribution be made in Ruby's name to Sierra View Homes, 1155 East Springfield Avenue, Reedley, CA 93654.

Gene Lunstord

KELLER—Gene Ε. Lunsford, 84, died June 24, 2010 in Keller.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Lunsford was born December 22, 1925 in Megargel to Cecil and Vada Lunsford. The familv moved to Pampa when he was a young child where he grew up and attended Pampa schools. He was a 1943 graduate of Pampa High School and then served in the Army Air Corps until 1945. After his discharge, he followed his high school sweet-

heart, Shirley Sone, to the University of Oklahoma where he received a degree in mechanical engineering. Gene and Shirley married in 1946 and had two daughters, Lynn and Lea. Gene worked as a housing inspector for FHA and as a project engineer for both Cabot and Celanese Corp. He was also a homebuilder in Pampa. After 40 years of marriage, Shirley died in 1987. He married for a second time in 1988 to Ruth Busse. After Ruth's death in 2008, Gene moved to Keller to live with his daughter Lea, where he graciously toler-

ated being pampered by his daughters, three granddaughters, his sister, and neighborhood friends for the last three years of his life, even though he still called Pampa his "home."

Survivors include his two daughters, Lynn Wright and husband Gene of Austin, and Lea Hobbs and husband John of Keller; a sister, Joan Kuhne and husband Bob of Richardson: three granddaughters, Lauren Hobbs, Jennifer Hobbs and Christie Wright.

Memorials may be made to Book of Remembrance, First Presbyterian Church,



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#### SHERIFF

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

#### Wednesday, June 23

David Lee Arnn, 42, was arrested by police on charges of theft by check.

Mark Channing Melton, 46, was arrested by police on charges of failing to register as a sex offender.

Tabitha Winkler, 32, was arrested by deputies on a theft by check charge out of Potter County.

Alfredo Morris Gomez, 34, was arrested by police on charges of possession of a controlled substance over four grams but less than 200 grams.

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#### ed by Texas Department of Public Safety troopers on charges of driving while license invalid with previous convictions.

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Samuel Mark Gamble, 24, was arrested by police on charges of driving while intoxicated.

Gabriel Patino-Perez, 24, was arrested by police on charges of public intoxication

Cosme Segovia-Herrera, 41, was arrested by police on charges of driving while intoxicated and having an open alcoholic container in his vehicle.

Bobby Jack West Jr., 26, was arrested by police on charges of burglary of a vehicle.

PAMPA-Mary Frances Mason, 96, died June 24, 2010 in Pampa. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

### **EMERGENCY SERVICES**

#### PAMPA PD

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

Officers reported 22 traffic-related calls and one accident.

Animal control officers reported 11 animal-related calls.

Pampa EMT reported 11 ambulance calls. The Pampa Police Department reported one medical call.

Wednesday, June 23 An alarm was reported in the 400 block of North

Ballard. The burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 2200 block of Williston. A narcotics violation was

reported to police.

Found property was reported in the 600 block of Carr.

Officers had escort duty in the 1200 block of Duncan. A fire alarm was reported in the 1500 block of North Hamilton.

Officers had escort duty at the Zion Lutheran Church. Officers arrested a sex

offender in the 1100 block of South Christy on charges of not registering.

An alarm was reported in the 1000 block of North Dwight.

Phone harassment was reported to police.

Lost property was reported to police.

A sexual assault was reported to police.

Public intoxication was reported in the 700 block of

North Hobart.

Identity theft was reported in the 1000 block of Crane.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 400 block of Graham.

#### Thursday, June 24

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1000 block of Crane.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 2800 block of North Charles. A fire investigation was

launched in the 12000 block of County Road E.

A stolen vehicle was reported in the 2400 block of North Perryton Parkway. A suspicious person was reported in the 400 block of North Rose.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1200 block of Duncan.

A suspicious vehicle was

reported in the 600 block of East Craven.

Officers performed a welfare check in the 1300 block of North Coffee.

A prowler was reported in the 1900 block of North Wells.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 1000 block of East Gordon.

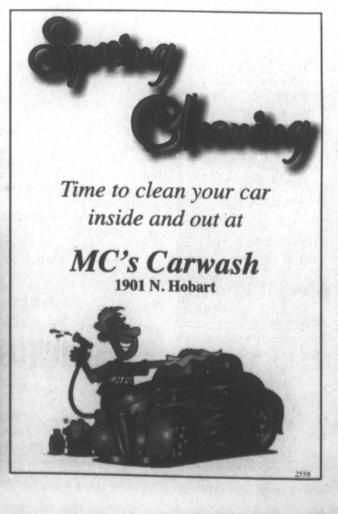
A prowler was reported in the 1100 block of South Varnon

A theft was reported in the 800 block of North Nelson.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 100 block of East 27th

A suspicious person was reported in the 2800 block of North Perryton Parkway. Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1600 block of West Somerville.





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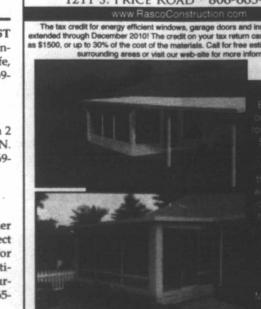
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#### FAA OKs border drones

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Federal Aviation Administration has approved the expansion of unmanned drone aircraft flights to patrol the entire Texas-Mexico border.

In a prepared statement, U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison announced the Wednesday decision expanding the flights long sought by Texas officials.

According to the statement, U.S. Customs and Border Enforcement will be allowed to begin the flights along the entire length of the Texas-Mexico border on Sept. 1.

On May 14, the FAA approved the use of unarmed, unmanned surveillance drones over the border between Mexico and West Texas and New Mexico. Those flights began June 1. Drone flights were approved previously for the Arizona-Mexico border.

#### Pilot punished for buzzing beach

HOUSTON (AP) — Federal aviation officials have revoked the pilot's license of a man who flew a singleengine plane as low as 15 feet above a Galveston County beach.

The Federal Aviation Administration said Wednesday that Joseph Bryan Kirbow flew so low in the March incident that the plane snagged a man's fishing line, breaking his pole. Wind from the plane also blew another man's hat off.

One witness told investigators that he thought the plane was going to crash until he saw the pilot smile and buzz the group at least twice.

Kirbow can't apply for a new license for at least a year. Planes must fly at least 1,000 feet in the air over populated areas.

#### 'No regrets' for non-arrest

DALLAS (AP) — A suburban Dallas police chief says he has no regrets about the decision not to arrest the son of Dallas police chief David Brown hours before the son shot and killed a police officer.

David Brown Jr. shot and killed 23-year-old neighbor Jeremy McMillian, then Lancaster police officer Craig Shaw before police killed him.

Lancaster Police Chief Keith Humphrey said Wednesday there was nothing his officers could have done differently when they responded to a domestic disturbance call from the younger Brown's girlfriend at an apartment complex Sunday.

The call occurred seven hours before the fatal shots were fired.

#### Castro against Arizona law

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — After easily winning election last year, Mayor Julian Castro has enjoyed a rapid rise in Democratic politics, earning praise for his handling of a bungled nuclear power expansion and push to revitalize San Antonio as a green, technology-driven city.

On Thursday, San Antonio is expected to join other big cities like Los Angeles and San Francisco in condemning Arizona's controversial immigration law when the city council votes on the first resolution Castro has written. Castro said the resolution is needed to keep Texas from trying to raise enough passing a similar law.

world that quite compares to the anxiety of missing a loved one during an armed conflict.

"I've had friends grab me and just start crying," said Al. "They would say, you know, 'I'm so worried about my child, I just don't know what to do.

"We want to be there to relate to so that people don't have to be alone when they have that same feeling. Whether it's a child, a sibling, a spouse or a good friend, we want to be there to help ease that feeling.

"When the child that you've had and cared for for 18 years decides that he's going to join the military, it's tough on you as a parent," added Jamie. "It's a decision that you're proud of, but there are a lot of feelings that come with that. It's very tough to deal with, especially when he leaves. For any loved one, it's always going to be hard, so we want to make sure that anyone who's dealing with that doesn't have to do it by themselves."

The Almanzas said that they have seen both sides of the coin, both as family members of someone in the military and as friends of people in the same situation.

'We didn't have any support besides a few friends and family members that knew and understood what it's like," said Jamie. "There are people here who don't have family for support, and we want to be here for them." "We both work at the prison, and I know several

#### people out there who have family members in the military," added Al. "Many of them had nobody to talk to while their loved ones were away, and they would ask us, 'Would you pray for my son?'

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"We just gathered around right there and started praying. That's basically what this is. It's a place for people to go when they need that emotional support. Somebody to talk to when you think the whole world is against you."

Tentatively, the group will meet at 7 p.m. every Wednesday at the VFW Post at 105 S. Cuyler, though the Almanzas said that the day and time could be subject to change depending on the schedules of those wanting to attend. Once the group gets off the ground, they are looking to schedule guest speakers who have gone through the same experiences and send care packages to troops serving overseas.

In the meantime, though, both Jamie and Al said that they will be there every Wednesday evening, willing to offer an ear to listen and a shoulder to lean on for anyone who might need it.

"Every week, we'll be here," said Al. "We might be the only ones here that day, but just in case anyone needs moral support, we'll be here. We don't care if it's one person or a whole group. We're here for everyone."

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### Salvation

This summer, she said, will be on Old Testament heroes

Although the husband and wife team are both ordained ministers, they teach no specific doctrine as such.

The Salvation Army's Boy's and Girl's Club summer program is from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on weekdays, including lunch.

Laurie said they participate in the school lunch program. The lunches are prepared and brought to the Salvation Army location

Mark said that the summer program costs \$30 a week, but there are scholarships available.

"We try to being it down to fit the financial situation of a family," he said.

The reduced rates for the 10 week summer program are possible because of the participation of various civic clubs, he explained. It helps reduce the financial strain on families.

Mark said that they are money now to buy a bus to transport the children and sponsors to and from the various field day activities

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Presently, because of a lack of space, Mark said that they have focused on children from five to 12 years old. The new facility would allow them to expand their operation to 18-year-olds.

The activities are not just for lower income families, Laurie said. They are for all children.

"We fill a need," she added.

The Salvation Army program keeps children from having to stay home alone and provides them a safe environment during the day

Mark said their present facility has a security fence around the yard to protect the children. Laurie said she's there with four other adult supervisors for the children evert day.

They've all been trained through the Safe From Harm program.

"We love Pampa," Mark said. "We love this part of the country."

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"San Antonio has a story of economic and social success to tell, that America can learn from," Castro said. "My principal concern is that legislators in Texas fully intend to introduce this in January for an Arizona-like law to take effect."

Two state Republican lawmakers have announced plans to file legislation similar to Arizona's law, although Republican Gov. Rick Perry has come out against calls for similar laws in Texas, saying it "would not be the right direction" for the state.

#### Cops indicted for excessive force

HOUSTON (AP) - A Harris County grand jury has indicted four Houston police officers accused of beating a teenage burglary suspect in March.

The beating was captured on surveillance video.

Harris County District Attorney Pat Lykos said Wednesday that all four officers were charged with official oppression. Two also were charged with violation of civil rights of a prisoner.

Each charge is punishable by up to a year in jail and a \$4,000 fine.

The incident was captured on surveillance camera video at a self-storage business in southwest Houston. Although

the video hasn't been made public, community activists say it shows officers beating and kicking the handcuffed teenager.

The incident initially led to the April suspensions of seven officers and one sergeant for alleged use of excessive force against the then-15-year-old boy.

#### Murder-suicide in Houston

HOUSTON (AP) - Houston police say the shooting deaths of a woman and her estranged husband, in front of her daughter, appear to be a murder and a suicide.

Police on Wednesday identified the pair as Gloria Gonzales and William Lee Roe. Both were 40.

Police say Gonzales was in a vehicle Tuesday night, in the driver's seat, when she was confronted by Roe, who stood by the car door.

Roe allegedly pulled a pistol and shot her several times, then turned the gun on himself. He died later at a hospital.

Police say the woman's daughter was in the back seat and wasn't hurt.

#### Legislator implicated in fraud

McALLEN (AP) — State Rep. Tara Rios Ybarra is the fourth south Texas dentist indicted in a federal case alleging Medicaid fraud and a referral kickback scheme.

Prosecutors say Dr. Gary Schwarz of McAllen billed Medicaid for services not done and for services performed by unlicensed employees. Schwarz also allegedly paid a 15 percent kickback to Mission dentists Willis Egger and Reynaldo Casares for referrals.

The indictment says Rios Ybarra also received kickbacks for referring patients to Schwarz.

Rios Ybarra, of South Padre Island, had her initial court appearance Wednesday in Brownsville. A judge set bail at \$100,000.

A man who answered the phone Wednesday in her district office declined comment and said Rios Ybarra likely would not comment.

She lost in the March Democratic primary.

So far, they've raised \$28,000 toward the \$58,000 bus, but they are also looking at building a new facility.

"We're working with an architect on an 80 by 100 foot building," he said, "that will contain classrooms, a kitchen, restrooms and a half court basketball court."

It will be built on land behind the Salvation Army's facilities on Cuyler, he said.

"It's a great opportunity for us to make a difference in the children's lives," she said.



The concession stand will be open, officials said. All proceeds go to benefit

the rodeo association.

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Thursday, armed with a search warrant.

Officers arrested Gomez at the home west of Pampa and searched the residence.

Officer Stormy McCullar said today that officers found and seized more than more four ounces of what appeared to be cocaine, estimated to have a street value of \$3,200, and an undisclosed amount of cash.

#### CORRECTION

In yesterday's edition of The Pampa News, the car wash in the photo titled "Car Wash Against Cancer" was held by the Cabot & NOI Employees Credit Union, not the Cabot Corporation. The Pampa News apologizes for the error.

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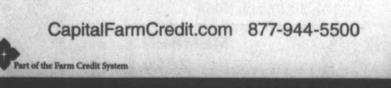
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## Today in History

Today is Thursday, June 24, the 175th day of 2010. There are 190 days left in the year.

**Today's Highlight in History:** 

On June 24, 1509, Henry VIII was crowned king of England; his wife, Catherine of Aragon, was crowned queen consort.

#### On this date:

In 1314, the forces of Scotland's King Robert I defeated the English in the Battle of Bannockburn.

In 1807, a grand jury in Richmond, Va., indicted former Vice President Aaron Burr on charges of treason and high misdemeanor (he was later acquitted).

In 1910, Italian automaker Alfa Romeo was founded in Milan.

In 1940, France signed an armistice with Italy during World War II.

In 1948, Communist forces cut off all land and water routes between West Germany and West Berlin, prompting the western allies to organize the Berlin Airlift. The Republican National Convention, meeting in Philadelphia, nominated New York Gov. Thomas E. Dewey for president.

In 1975, 113 people were killed when an Eastern Airlines Boeing 727 crashed while attempting to land during a thunderstorm at New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport.

In 1983, the space shuttle Challenger - carrying America's first woman in space, Sally K. Ride coasted to a safe landing at Edwards Air Force Base in California.

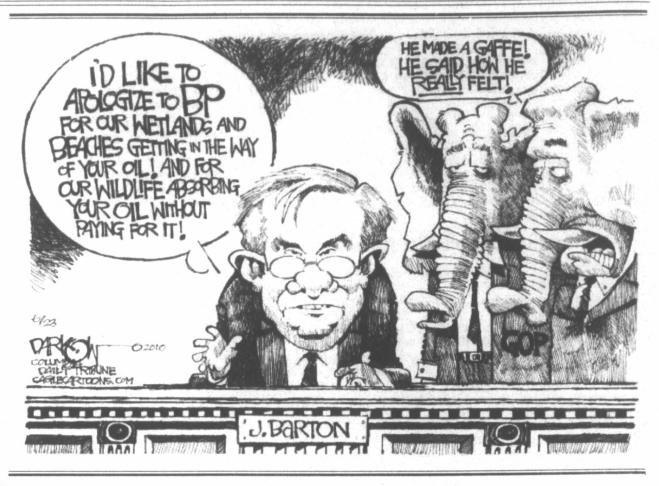
In 1990, Health and Human Services Secretary Louis Sullivan was virtually drowned out by jeering demonstrators as he addressed the Sixth International AIDS conference in San Francisco.

Ten years ago: After months of political violence, Zimbabweans crowded polling booths to begin two days of balloting in the country's most competitive election since independence. (The result was a narrow win for President Robert Mugabe's ruling party.)

Five years ago: Despite growing anxiety about the war in Iraq, President George W. Bush refused to set a timetable for bringing home U.S. troops and declared, "I'm not giving up on the mission. We're doing the right thing.

One year ago: South Carolina Gov. Mark Sanford admitted flying to Argentina to visit a mistress during a mysterious seven-day absence.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Al Molinaro is 91. Comedian Jack Carter is 87. Movie director Claude Chabrol is 80. Actress Michele Lee is 68. Actordirector Georg Stanford Brown is 67. Rock musician Jeff Beck is 66. Singer Arthur Brown is 66. Rock singer Colin Blunstone (The Zombies) is 65. Musician Mick Fleetwood is 63. Actor Peter Weller is 63. Rock musician John Illsley (Dire Straits) is 61. Actress Nancy Allen is 60. Actor Joe Penny is 54. Reggae singer Astro (UB40) is 53. Rock singer Curt Smith is 49. Actress Danielle Spencer is 45. Actress Sherry Stringfield is 43. Actress-producer Mindy Kaling is 31. Actress Minka Kelly is 30. Thought for Today: "Move, and the way will Zen saying. open."



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This just in: Barack Obama is not a superhero. He can't plunge into the Gulf of Mexico to seal BP's underwater oil gusher with heat vision or super-breath. Unlike Superman, he can't fly around the globe from west to east faster than the speed of light, traveling backward in time to fire the knuckleheads running BP before its doomed drilling rig exploded. Even Ronald Reagan couldn't do that.

The presidency isn't an action/ adventure film, or even a reality TV show. Yet watching the national political media reflexively turning a complex tragedy into a simplistic melodrama, it's easy to wonder how many Americans actually understand that.

We've become so accustomed to seeing politics as soap opera, i.e., as dramatic narrative whose featured characters strut, pose and scheme against a backdrop of iconic monuments — the White House, U.S. Capitol, etc. — that the Washington press functions more like TV critics than reporters or analysts. To many, it's all about personalities, "narratives" and "scenarios. Hence, one of the more farcical interludes in recent Washington history. Last week, pundits of every persuasion competed to denounce President Obama's allegedly passionless Oval Office address about BP's catastrophic oil spill. Even MSNBC's Keith Olbermann and Rachel Maddow, who as recently as 2008 insinuated that all criticism of Obama derived from racism, swung away. Maddow delivered an address of her own, posing before an Oval Office backdrop and blithely proposing to fix the nation's energy and climate problems by executive order - a constitutional impossibility. An American president not only lacks super powers, you see; he's also weaker than a European prime minister, unable to order his own party to pass legislation, much less to overcome a GOP filibuster by fiat. Writing in Salon, former Clinton administration Labor Secretary Robert Reich denounced Obama's speech as "vapid." He found the pres-



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it wasn't delivered today. Why not 'directing' or 'ordering?'

Of course, "informing" often means just that: telling BP exactly how it's going to be. Which was, as the nation learned roughly 12 hours later, precisely what President Obama DID mean. Pundits wanted action? They got

\$20 billion worth.

After what the New York Times described as "four days of intense negotiations," the White House years. Likely the acquiescence of the British government, as opposed to the London tabloid press, comes from knowing that the corporation's slipshod practices would never be tolerated in the North Sea.

Nevertheless, many pundits are loath to admit error. After the fact, many clung to crude psychoanalysis. "He's the emotionally maimed type who lights up when he's stroked and adored but shuts down in the face of acrimony," once-adoring Times columnist Charles Blow wrote of Obama. "Other people's anxieties are dismissed as irrational and unworthy of engagement or empathy.

Meanwhile, the president's \$20 billion worth of empathy evoked near hysteria on the Republican right. See, it's all very well for GOP leadership to pretend that Texas Rep. Joe Barton's mad apology to BP for a "\$20 billion shakedown" was a spontaneous outburst from a congressman who's received a reported \$1.4 mil-

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announced that BP had agreed to put that astonishing sum into an escrow fund to be administered by Kenneth R. Feinberg, the universally respected mediator who ran a similar fund for 9/11 victims, to repay damages to Gulf coast fishermen and others harmed by the oil spill.

BP also ponied up another \$100 million to pay workers idled by the current government moratorium on deep water drilling. By any standard, it was an unprecedented act of presidential leadership. My guess would be that the perceived weaknesses in Obama's speech were caused by last-minute foot-dragging by BP; also that the "intense negotiations" included phrases like "criminal negligence," so clearly justified by BP's actions.

Doubters should be directed to Joe Nocera's New York Times business column "BP Ignored the Omens of Disaster," which describes negligence "so profound that everyone I spoke to in the oil business found (it) truly inexplicable." Indeed, the fourth-largest corporation in the world appears to have conducted itself like an 1890s wildcatter for

lion in donations from oil and gas companies.

Barton was reading from a script, in language crafted by the Republican Study Group, a House caucus. Other right-wing spokesmen characterized hauling BP before Congress as "Stalinist," (Rush Limbaugh), the "Salem witch trials" (Glenn Beck), and "Inca ritual slaughter" (Charles Krauthammer). Rep. Michele Bachmann, R-Minn., denounced Obama's "redistribution of wealth fund," and Rep. Tom Price, R-Ga., his "Chicago-style political shakedown." Mississippi Gov. Haley Barbour worried aloud about BP's bottom line.

See, the passionless president had just struck a powerful blow on behalf of thousands of Americans who mostly didn't vote for him seemingly the last thing anybody in Washington wanted you to think about.

Arkansas Democrat-Gazette columnist Gene Lyons is a winner of the 1980 National Magazine Award for Public Service for the Texas Monthly article "Why Teachers Can't Teach," an Associate Editor at Texas Monthly in 1981, and General Editor at Newsweek from 1982-86.

#### Letter to the editor

#### To the Editor:

Today, I saw something that really offends me.

South of Pampa, just south of the bowling alley, is a fireworks stand with five flags flying on it. Two of the flags are the flags of our great nation, one is the Texas flag, one is the flag of the fireworks company and the final flag is the flag of Mexico.

Now I ask you: What is the Mexican flag doing alongside our U.S. flag on this, the holiday of our nations birth?

Our forefathers and foremothers suffered many great losses in founding our country and we should take great pride in the United States of America.

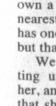
To have a Mexican flag flown in our country shows

disrespect for the U.S. and should not be permitted, but to do so on this holiday is completely out of line and unacceptable! Lately, we have all heard the term "politically correct," but I believe the meaning is different than the way it is being used.

I believe it means to adhere to the laws and customs of the land and not expect the citizens to adjust to you if you are from a foreign country. I know that the majority of us do not wish to offend anyone about their culture or background, but we require that same respect.

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**Randy Stubblefield** Pampa



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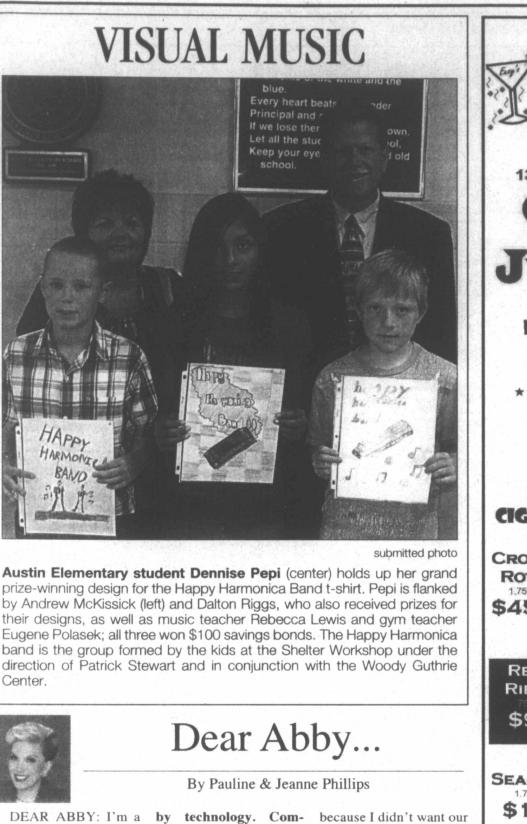
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and Jen wants to be a stay-at-home mom. I reample. alize, though, that if I'm a pilot I won't be home much, and I know that's not good for a couple trying to start a family. All I ever dreamed about was ago, my wife cheated on becoming a pilot, and I three different occasions don't think I can give this up. At the same time, my family comes first. How do I go about solving this problem? - PLAN-NING AHEAD IN MIS-SOURI

puters and cell phones have become cheaper and easier to use, and Web-surfing isn't a "sport" that's meant to be enjoyed only by the young. The computerphobic can learn a lot from your mother's ex-

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I have been married five years and have a beautiful 4-yearold daughter. Two years

because I didn't want our daughter to be raised in a broken home. Also, my wife didn't have a job. I thought I could forgive her and get over it, but I can't and don't think I ever will.

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DEAR ABBY: My 73-year-old mother took it upon herself to go to a senior center and learn how the computer works - Internet, e-mails, etc.

She has five children, and we're all on the Internet. She didn't tell us because she wanted it to be a surprise — and was it ever! I flipped when I turned on my computer and found her name on an incoming message!

Abby, Mom doesn't own a computer, and the nearest senior center that has one is 30 miles away, but that didn't stop her.

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year to get to know someone new. You

will have surprises during the process. If

you are attached, the two of you seem to

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ly or stay close to home could stun you.

Ideas fly in and out of your mind. A

power play can only be won by not play-

ing. Fatigue marks your decisions. A

friend inspires you to risk and go in a

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you feel, but in your own time. Suddenly

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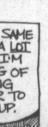






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★★★ Understand what is going on with a family member by walking in his or her shoes. It might be difficult to get a clear response. A child or a loved one could be demanding past your limits. Walk away without any words, for now. Tonight: Head home first, then decide. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Conversations with those you look up to prove to be most rewarding. Unexpected developments could force you to regroup. A family member acts out in order to get your attention. Tonight: TGIF. Meet a friend.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★ Honor your limits. You can find an alternate way to the same place if you stop thinking in the same old groove. Your sense of direction informs you when to pull out of a controlling situa-

long for a return to what was! For now, keep your opinions to yourself. Tonight: Nap, then decide.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ Focus on friends, associates and meetings. A lunch could become the end of your workday. If you can schedule a late lunch, do. A partner or associate might have a very grim or difficult attitude. Tonight: Find your friends. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

\*\*\*\* Continue assuming a high profile, whether you like it or not. You might have to act like a boss on a project. If you allow a close friend, associate or partner to rain on your parade, he or she will. Tonight: Join work friends for a little relaxation.

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After working at Pampa High School for four years, head athletic trainer Kristin Tucker and assistant football and softball coach Ches Tucker are leaving for Lubbock Christian University and Frenship said he is excited about his High School, respectively. Kristin will start as associate athletic trainer at Lubbock Christian University July 12 and will work with women's athletics. She said she's excited about the job.

"I've been wanting to do this for a long time," Kristin Tucker said. "I'm looking forward to working there, it's where I graduated from."

Ches Tucker will be an assistant volleyball coach at Frenship High School and will start August 2. He new opportunity but will miss Pampa.

"We're (Ches and Kristin) are excited," Ches Tucker said. "We're disappointed to leave Pampa. We will miss the people and the kids we worked with."

Pampa Head Boys Basketball Coach Dustin Miller said he is excited for Kristin and Ches but selfishly doesn't want them to go.

"She is a great trainer," Miller said. "As a parent of an athlete she took outstanding care of our child. They are good people and you hate to lose that in our community. They have become great friends of ours and will be greatly missed."



City league slowpitch softball and kickball results

2010 Summer Kickball - Mixed D2 June 18

Sandy's - 16 Go Go Power Rangers - 7 Wonder Pets - 6 Go Go Power Rangers - 9 Wonder Pets - 7 Team C B C - 15

Tangles - 1 Stud Muffins - 0 Team C B C - 3 Tangles - 7 Stud Muffins - 0 Sandy's - 5

Mixed	Conf. W-L	Overall W-L
Go Go Power Rangers	0-0	2-0
Wonder Pets	0-0	2-0
Sandy's	0-0	1-1
Team CBC	0-0	1-1
Stud Muffins	0-0	0-2
Tangles	0-0	0-2

2010 Summer Softball - Mixed June 22

Panhandle Meter - 15 **CTW - 22** Gayla Rigdon State Farm - 17 Hoggatt Transmission - 22 Hoggatt Transmission - 15 Panhandle Meter - 21 Killgo's Woodworks - 24 Century 21 Crall - 29

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Killgo's Woodwork	0-0	3-1
Gayla Rigdon State Farm	0-0	2-2
B&G Electric	0-0	1-3
Century 21 Crall	0-0	1-3
CTW	0-0	1-3
Chaney Construction	0-0	0-4

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