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We're certainly not out of the economic woods yet, but Pampa Economic Development Corporation Executive Director Clay Rice can see the sunlight filtering through the canopy

"There's a general pickup in activity," said Rice of the economic landscape. "I think that there's a general consensus that the economy is getting better, and we're starting to see that in how companies are operating.

Rice said that the effects of the economy's slow but steady improvement are being felt both nationally and locally.

"There was a story in the paper a few weeks ago about the construction here in Pampa at a level that hasn't been seen in a number of years, and it's true," said Rice. "That's definitely something encouraging, and we wouldn't see that if the economy wasn't getting at least a little better.

"Locally, some companies are getting bigger as well, and we certainly hope to see that growth continue. People are cautious, but there are some positive things going on and the level of optimism has increased over the past couple of months."

Rice said that the potential upward trend of the economy is giving the EDC a lot of hope, as



staff photo by David Bowser

Terry Jones sits behind the wheel of his 1986 Chevrolet Caprice, "Betsy." The car currently has over 1.5 million miles on it, and it's still going.

'Betsy' at 1.5 million miles and counting

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It had 50,000 miles on it when Terry Jones bought the 1986 Caprice from Bill Allison Auto Sales. Now, Jones said matter-of-factly, the car, nick-named "Betsy," has 1.5 million done to it is general maintenance.

"She's been a good one," he said. The only problem Jones said he's had with it was when he had to replace an oxygen sen-

sor. About a year after he bought the Betsy, he ran across another one. Jones liked his first one so well, he thought he'd buy another, but it turned out not to be so good.

drove to Sheridan, Wyoming, then cut over the mountains. "That was fun," he said.

Jones used to be a state trooper in Wyoming before moving to Pampa some 32 years ago and knows all the short cuts in the Cowboy State.

A native of Gillette, Wyo.,

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miles on it.

Most of those miles have been in Texas and on trips up to his native Wyoming.

"It gets beautiful gas mileage," Jones said.

The Chevrolet with its 305 cubic inch V-8 gets about 33 mile per gallon on the highway, he said, and about 28 miles per gallon around town.

"It's the original engine," Jones said. "I can still jump in it and take off."

A friend on the Pampa Police Department told him about the car at Bill Allison's, he said.

Jones said he wasn't sure he was going to be able to get it because Allison's wife liked the car, but Allison called him the next day and said to come by and get the car.

Jones said that all he's ever

"I spent more money on it," Jones said glumly.

The second car now sits in his backyard.

With a grin, Jones said he couldn't begin to guess how many tires he's replaced on it.

"I just take her out now and then," Jones said.

He has a granddaughter that likes to ride in it. She's one of 10 grandchildren that he has.

'She'll come over and say, 'I want to ride in it," Jones said.

He'll crank it up, and they'll take it around the block.

A few years ago, he and a friend went up to Yellowstone National Park in the car. They

Jones said that while he still drives the Chevrolet, he's moved on for daily transportation.

When the protective coating wore off the Caprice, he said, the body began showing signs of wear. The springs in the seats are wearing out, and there's a crack in the windshield.

"There are a few rattles," Jones acknowledged.

Most of the time now, Betsy sits quietly next to his driveway.

Last year, he bought a Crown Victoria police cruiser from the Carson County Sheriff's Office when they were auctioning off their older patrol cars.

The Crown Victoria has about 150,000 on it, he said. He hopes it's as good as his Chevy. If so, it has only 1,350,000 to go.

well as a lot of work.

"We've got our hands in a lot of different pies right now," said Rice. "We're constantly doing research and communicating with companies. It's a busy time for us, but that's a good thing.

Rice spent Thursday in Amarillo at a luncheon held by Class IV Winds and Renewables. It was an informative gathering, Rice said, outlining the possibilities for renewable energy growth not just locally but all over the Southwestern United States.

Rice was quick to mention that it's still too early to label the economy's turnaround concretely. Still, he said, things appear to be looking up.

"It's a cautious optimism, to be sure," said Rice. "But we're seeing more activity than we have been recently, and that's always a very positive sign.'

Loose trailer takes down utility pole

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Traffic was briefly interrupted near one of the city's main thoroughfares this morning when an errant utility trailer wiped out a utility pole at Hobart and Francis.

Officers said a pickup was eastbound on Alcock and was turning south on Hobart at about 9 a.m. today when the utility trailer the pickup was towing came unhooked.

The trailer continued along the intersection and struck a utility pole, knocking down the crossing signal at the southeast corner of the intersection where Francis and Alcock meet at Hobart.

The Pampa Police Department responded to the scene, assisted by the Pampa Fire Department. Officers said there were no injuries.



staff photo by David Bowser

A utility pole was the only casualty today when a trailer came unhooked from a pickup truck in the intersection of Francis and Hobart and raced across the intersection.



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PAMPA FORECAST

Monday Saturday Sunday High 88, Low 63 High 84, Low 64 High 96, Low 70

Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 69. South wind between 10 and 15 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 96. South southwest wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Saturday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 70. South wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Sunday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly after 1 p.m. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 88. North northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph. Sunday Night: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 63. Northeast wind around 10 mph.

Monday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 84. Northeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Monday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 64. East wind between 5 and 10 mph

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Obituaries

T.M. "Whitey" Whiteley, 83 Bloomingburg, N.Y., Barbie er, adviser and a compas-

sionate caregiver to the many

ODESSA-T.M. "Whitey" Whiteley passed away June 16, 2010. He was born Sept. 12, 1926, in Rule, to Jesse and Harry Whiteley.

Whitey graduated from Gradwohl School of Laboratory Technique where he received his degree. He served in the Army in a medical capacity, and it was here that he received his Radiographic Degree. He was also a registered EMT and a longtime member of the Knights of Columbus.

He was married to Norma Roeder on November 3, 1951. Whitey was an avid fisherman, a gifted storytell-

patients he encountered in his years in the medical profession. He loved playing the video poker machines in Las Vegas with Jack. He enjoyed all kinds of music, especially classical, and had a real passion for working with his hands in his wood shop. He was a devoted husband, loving father to five children and a tender and adoring grandfather to five grandchildren. Survivors include his

wife, Norma Whiteley of Odessa; one son, Michael Whiteley of Odessa; three daughters Sherry Ricco of

nita Fav **Rowe**, 74

On June 22, 2010, Anita Faye Tillman Rowe, 74, one of God's most amazing, strong and beautiful women completed her journey on earth. She was born January 5, 1936 in Lefors, to William E. Tillman and Annie Pearl McFarlin.

She loved her childhood living in the Carbon Black Plant, playing ball and other games with her sisters and friends. She graduated from Lefors High School in 1955.

Married in 1955 to a career Navy man, she had seven children, Johnny Morris Rowe, LaJuana Gayle Wood, David Duane Rowe, Pamela Sue

Plehal, Mike A. Rowe, Diana Lynn Meyers, and Gina Marie Laramy. All live in the Dallas/ Fort Worth area. Family was the most important part of her life and she was totally devoted. She loved holidays and family reunions. Her presence made life easier for everyone

around her. Divorced in 1976, this stay at home mom, active in the PTA and her children's activities, entered into the work force. Holding two jobs, she retired from Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas after 19 years of service. She took early retirement to be with her Mom in the last year of her life. She was a good cook and took enormous pleasure in baking for her customers at WoodStone Catering and Wildflour Café

Mousa of Odessa, and

Theresa Young of Lubbock,;

two brothers, Dr. Joe Cannon

of Abilene, and Jerry Cannon

of Rule; and one sister, Nelda

Mullenix of Shallowater;

his grandchildren include

Jessica and Brian Whiteley,

Jessica and Joseph Ricco and

Whitey was preceded in

death by his daughter, Eva

Marie Poole; and his brother,

Memorial services are to

be held Saturday, June 26,

2010, at St. Elizabeth Ann

Seton Catholic Church at

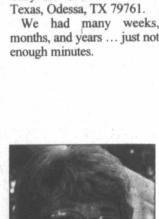
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Morgan Young.

Leonard Whiteley.

She is preceded in death by her parents and granddaughter, Penny. She is survived by her children, fourteen grandchildren, and seven great grandchildren. She is also survived by her sisters, Virginia Lee "Billie" Gray, Eva Jo Day Ray, Barbara Anne Harper, and Linda Louise Caddell and numerous nieces and nephews

A celebration of her life will be held at the First Baptist Church Plano Chapel, 1300



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East 15th St., Plano, TX, Saturday, June 26, 2010 at 1:30 p.m.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

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

Graveside services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, June 26, 2010, at Fairview Cemetery in Pampa, and memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at First Presbyterian Church in Pampa, with Rev. Kenny Rigoulot, pastor, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Lunsford was born

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 sweetheart, 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 inspec-

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 tolerated 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 grand-

daughters, Lauren Hobbs,

Jennifer Hobbs and Christie

Wright.



Memorials may be made to Book of Remembrance, First Presbyterian Church, 525 N. Gray, Pampa, TX 79065.

The family will receive friends from 5:30-7 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Sign the online register at

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December 22, 1925 in Megargel to Cecil and Vada Lunsford. The family moved to Pampa when he was a young child where

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

tor for FHA and as a project

1assey, 89

Jean W. Massey, 89, of Coatesville died Saturday, June 5, 2010 at Harrison Senior Living, Christiana, Pa. She was the wife of W. P. "Pat" Massey, who preceded her in death in 2001. Born in Hedley, she was the daughter of the late Edgar and Vina Laprade Whiteside. Jean was a 1938 graduate of Amarillo High School. She was the head soloist at the Polk Street Methodist Church. In 1941. she moved to Pampa and married Pat on June 17, 1942.

She was a member of the PTA at Baker school and a Girl Scout troop leader. The family moved to Ponca City, Okla. in 1954, where she was a pink lady at the hospital auxiliary, played golf at the country club and was a member of Grace Episcopal Church. When Pat retired from Nickles Machine Corp., they returned to Pampa where she joined St. Matthews Church. At St. Matthews, she was a member of the altar guild. After the death of her husband, Jean

moved to Coatesville, Pa. to be near her daughter. Jean is survived by a daughter, Suzeahn M. Kruse, wife of Jim; a sister, Roberta DeLair; two grandchildren, Michelle Belyea and Ryan Kruse and two great grandchildren. Memorial services will be held at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, June 26, 2010 at St. Matthews Episcopal Church, 727 W. Browning Ave., Pampa, TX 79065 Friends may pay their respects beginning at 10 a.m. In her memory, contributions



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may be made to a charity of one's choice.

Online condolences may be made at www.harrismountainfuneralhome.com.

Mary Frances Mason,

PAMPA—Mary Frances Mason, 96, died June 24, 2010 in Pampa.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Mason was born January 17, 1914 in Woodland, Wash. to Benjiman Levi and Divis Leona Reynolds Keifer, graduating from Sapulap High School in 1933. She had been a resident of Pampa since 1940. She married Lester Mason on November 24, 1945 in Pampa. He preceded her in death on December 2,

1967. Mary worked at Woolworth's and M. E. Moses for many years. She was a member of First Christian Church where she taught Sunday School for 52 years, and was a member of the "Women or Odds and Ends" Club. She was proud of her Native American Indian heritage with the Creek Nation Tribe. She kept her heritage alive by making lye soap, caps and slippers, jellies and jams. Later, she kept her giving spirit alive by crocheting and knitting hats and slippers for local schools in Pampa. She was given the title "Mrs. Clause," and was honored by having her ride in the Christmas parade. Mary was preceded in death by her parents.

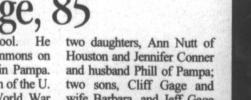
Survivors include six cousins, Pamela Reid and husband Danny and Angie Reid and husband David, all of Amarillo, Brandy Moore of Jersey City, N.J., Don Moore and wife Jerry of Panhandle, Bob Moore and wife Ruth of Denver, Colo., and Billie Moore and husband Michael of South Texas; and her

Mason

church friend, Shirley Winborne of Pampa.

Memorials may be made to First Christian Church, 1633 N. Nelson, Pampa, TX 79065.

Sign the online register at www.carmichael-whatley.com



PAMPA-C. N. "Junior" Gage, 85, died June 24, 2010 in Pampa.

Graveside services will be at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 26, 2010, at Fairview Cemetery, with Pastor Paul Nachtigall of Highland Baptist Church, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Gage was born on March 31, 1925 in Gorman to Clifford Sr., and Vera Ann Gage. He graduated from

Electra High School. He married Betty Clemmons on October 15, 1947 in Pampa. Junior was a veteran of the U. S. Army during World War II. He was a member of Highland Baptist Church. He retired from Bethlehem Steel after 30 years of service, and WB Supply after 15 years of service. Junior was an avid sports fan and musician. His passion was the steel guitar. He loved his family.

Survivors include his wife, Betty Gage of the home;

wife Barbara, and Jeff Gage and wife Ellen, all of Pampa; eight grandchildren, six greatgrandchildren; four brothers, Wilbur Gage and wife Doris of Whiteoak, Leo Gage and Ronald Gage and wife Alice, all of Longview, and Boyd Gage of Tyler. Junior was preceded in death by his parents.

Memorials may be made



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to Highland Baptist Church Building Fund, 1301 N. Banks, Pampa, TX 79065. Sign the online register at www.carmichael-whatley. com.

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AFTERNOON*RUSH*

Financial overhaul in home stretch

WASHINGTON (AP) - House and Senate negotiators reached a dawn agreement Friday on legislation that redefines federal oversight of Wall Street and, following the signing of the health care act in March, adds another milestone to mark the Obama presidency.

Lawmakers shook hands on the compromise legislation at 5:39 a.m. after Obama administration officials helped broker a deal that cracked the last impediment to the bill — a proposal to force banks to spin off their lucrative derivatives trading business. The legislation touches on an exhaustive range of financial transactions, from a debit card swipe at a supermarket to the most complex securities deals cut in downtown Manhattan.

The bill would set up a warning system for financial risks, created a powerful consumer financial protection bureau to police lending, forced large failing firms to liquidate and set new rules for financial instruments that have been largely unregulated.

Lawmakers hope the House and Senate will approve the compromise legislation by July 4. Republicans complained the bill overreached and tackled financial issues that were not responsible for the financial crisis.

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WASHINGTON (AP) - Vice President Joe Biden will travel to the Gulf Coast on Tuesday to review the efforts to combat and contain the massive oil spill.

Coast Guard Adm. Thad Allen, the Obama administration's point man on the federal responder, announced Biden's trip to reporters on Friday.

The vice president will visit the National Incident Command Center in New Orleans and the Florida Panhandle.

The White House is eager to show an hands-on sense of command over a disaster that has rocked the Gulf Coast and added another challenge to President Barack Obama's agenda. Obama has gone to the Gulf Coast four times since the crisis began on April 20.

Fired trooper pleads guilty

AMARILLO (AP) — A fired Department of Public Safety trooper from Amarillo must serve two years of probation after pleading guilty to assault while off duty.

Potter County Attorney Scott Brumley says 38-year-old Manuel "Anthony" Moreno Jr. pleaded guilty to assault and a theft-related charge. If he violates probation, Moreno must serve 180 days in jail.

DPS spokesman Tom Vinger says Moreno, who'd been a trooper for a decade, was discharged Tuesday.

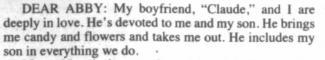
Moreno says he pleaded guilty Wednesday because he was "ready to get on with my life."

Brumley says Moreno pleaded guilty to assault for choking a man during a 2009 church function. Separately, Moreno pleaded guilty to a theft charge for allegedly switching price tags at a store.

He must pay a \$600 fine for the assault count and make \$412 in restitution to Sam's Club.

Swiped statue recovered

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — Brownsville police say a



My problem is, he recently mentioned that he is on the national sex offenders list. He says he didn't do it and that he was framed. It happened years ago - if it happened at all - and he doesn't like to talk about it.

Abby, I need your advice. Should I believe him or run the other way? It scares me to think that I am putting my son in danger, but then again, I don't believe Claude did what they say he did. Please help me. - MOM IN THE SOUTH

DEAR MOM: The first thing you should do is check the national sex offenders database. Find out if Claude should, by virtue of the fact that he is a convicted sex offender, even be around children. Learn the facts of what happened from the authorities in that community. And then, think with your head instead of your heart and put your son's welfare above everything

DEAR ABBY: You frequently say children are not responsible for their parents' divorce.

My grandmother said my parents married because my mother was pregnant with my sister. They divorced because I was born. What do we say to our parents, knowing they divorced because Mom didn't want us? (I have met her only twice, and she's not around to defend herself.) I am 25 and have had self-esteem problems my entire life. STILL FEELING SAD, MESA, ARIZ.

DEAR STILL FEELING SAD: I'm sorry you have

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had so little contact with your mother. Had it been oth-

Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

erwise, you might have discovered that your parents' divorce had nothing to do with you as a person and everything to do with her and your father's level of maturity at the time and the quality of their marriage.

I strongly suspect that other factors in your mother's life made her unable, rather than unwilling, to nurture. If it's possible for you to contact her, you should do so. And if not, discuss this with a therapist who will help you put any questions about your selfworth to rest once and for all.

DEAR ABBY: My son is married to a beautiful Japanese woman who is well-educated and speaks both Japanese and English fluently. They have a daughter, "Mari," who is 2 1/2 and just starting to talk. My concern is whether my granddaughter should be taught English or Japanese first.

Mari already speaks and understands a little of each language, but I'm worried that she may grow up confused while trying to communicate with others. I feel she should learn English first. Then, as Mari grows older, her mother can teach her the Japanese language.

Am I being concerned about something I shouldn't be? By the way, there is no family conflict here. I'm just concerned that my granddaughter will grow up confused. HAPPY PAPA IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR HAPPY PAPA: Worry no more. Children absorb languages like sponges absorb water. Mari is a lucky little girl to be learning Japanese and English so young. If she's able to practice both, they will become interchangeable for her. So stop worrying, and if you're receptive, your granddaughter may teach you a few phrases.



140-year-old statue of Our Lady of Lourdes that was reported stolen has been recovered.

Sgt. Juan Lopez says the 2-foot-tall statue of the Virgin Mary was returned Friday to the Sisters of the Incarnate Word.

Lopez says a tip to Crime Stoppers helped lead to the statue, which early this week was discovered missing from a grotto that's listed as a Texas historic landmark. Sister Evelyn Morales says a gardener noticed the \$25,000 statue was gone.

KRGV-TV reports the person who had the statue bought it from an unknown individual, then saw media stories about the theft and did not know the religious artifact was stolen. Police say the statue was recovered Thursday night.

Lopez says no charges have been filed as the investigation continues.

Cattle verdict overturned

AUSTIN (AP) - A ranching feud, a drought and wandering cattle improperly sold for about \$5,000 led to a \$1.25 million jury award in Texas.

That was too much, the Texas Supreme Court ruled Friday, even in a state that still looks "unkindly" on thievery in a \$15 billion industry that in the old days might have been settled with a rope over a tree limb.

The case stems from a 2000 dispute between neighboring ranchers in San Saba County.

The Supreme Court overturned the \$1.25 million verdict, ordering a lower court to recalculate. It also noted that "Texans know better than to steal cattle."

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Today in History

Today is Friday, June 25, the 176th day of 2010. There are 189 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On June 25, 2009, death claimed Michael Jackson, the "King of Pop," in Los Angeles at age 50 and actress Farrah Fawcett in Santa Monica, Calif. at age 62

On this date:

In 1788, Virginia ratified the U.S. Constitution.

In 1876, Lt. Col. Colonel George A. Custer and his Seventh Cavalry were wiped out by Sioux and Cheyenne Indians in the Battle of the Little Bighorn in Montana.

In 1910, President William Howard Taft signed the White-Slave Traffic Act, more popularly known as the Mann Act, which made it illegal to transport women across state lines for "immoral" purposes. In 1938, the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 was enacted.

In 1942, some 1,000 British Royal Air Force bombers raided Bremen, Germany, during World War II.

In 1950, war broke out in Korea as forces from the communist North invaded the South.

In 1962, the Supreme Court, in Engel v. Vitale, ruled that recital of a state-sponsored prayer in New York State public schools was unconstitutional.

In 1973, former White House Counsel John W. Dean began testifying before the Senate Watergate Committee.

In 1990, African National Congress leader Nelson Mandela met with President George H.W. Bush at the White House.

Ten years ago: Philip Morris announced it was buying Nabisco for \$14.9 billion. South Korea marked the 50th anniversary of the start of the Korean War.

Five years ago: Hardline Tehran mayor Mahmoud Ahmadinejad was declared the winner of Iran's presidential runoff election.

One year ago: North Korea vowed to enlarge its atomic arsenal and warned of a "fire shower of nuclear retaliation" in the event of a U.S. attack, as the regime marked the 1950 outbreak of the Korean War.

Today's Birthdays: Movie director Sidney Lumet is 86. Actress June Lockhart is 85. Rhythm-and-blues singer Eddie Floyd is 73. Basketball Hall-of-Famer Willis Reed is 68. Writer-producer-director Gary David Goldberg is 66. Singer Carly Simon is 65. Rock musician Allen Lanier (Blue Oyster Cult) is 64. Rock musician Ian McDonald (Foreigner; King Crimson) is 64. Actor-comedian Jimmie Walker is 63. Actor-director Michael Lembeck is 62. Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor is 56. Rock musician David Paich (Toto) is 56. Actor-writer-director Ricky Gervais is 49. Actor John Benjamin Hickey is 47. Rock singer George Michael is 47. Actress Erica Gimpel is 46. Former NBA player Dikembe Mutombo is 44. Rapper-producer Richie Rich is 43. Actress Angela Kinsey is 39. Actress Linda Cardellini is 35. Actress Busy Philipps is 31.

Thought for Today: "Fame will go by and, so

With summer here, Pampa EMS with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) is reminding parents and caregivers that summer heat can make it especially dangerous to leave children in cars.

Prior agency research shows the risk of a serious injury or death during hot weather is heightened for children left alone in vehicles. Hyperthermia (heat-stroke) is the leading cause of non-crash vehicle deaths for children under the age of fourteen (14). NHTSA has found at least 27 documented deaths per year, and per safe Kids Coalition there have already been nine fatalities thus far in 2010.

Safety tips from NHTSA to prevent hyperthermia include:

• Never leave a child unattended in a vehicle.

• Do not let your children play in an unattended vehicle. Teach them that a vehicle is not a play area.

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· Keeping an object in the car seat, such as a stuffed toy. When the child is buckled in, place the object where the driver will notice it when he or she is leaving the vehicle.

EMS reminds parents about heat safety

the note

• Always lock vehicle doors and trunks and keep keys out of children's reach. If a child is missing, check the vehicle first, including the trunk.

• If you see a child alone in a hot vehicle, call the police. If they are in

37 children die from hyperthermia and there have already been nine fatalities thus far in 2010.

In February of this year, Safe Kids Buckle Up convened a national webinar meeting to bring more than 30 new injury prevention partners to collectively help address this very preventable problem. Safe Kids Buckle Up has encouraged those new partners to record their activities and submit them for evaluation.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) is a partner in this effort. Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood highlighted the problem of hyperthermia and children in his blog post yesterday: Summer's Heat Requires Extra Car Safety Vigilance. On the same day, NHTSA issued a Consumer Advisory: Parents and Caregivers Reminded Never to Leave Children in Cars. The Secretary reminded motorists to never leave young children



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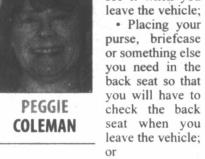
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a parked vehicle, even if the windows are partially open or with the engine running and the air conditioning on.

• Make a habit of looking in the vehicle - front and back - before locking the door and walking away. · If you are bringing your child to daycare, and normally it's your spouse or partner who brings them, have your spouse or partner call you to make sure everything went according to plan.

· Ask your childcare provider to call you if your child does not show up for childcare. Do things to remind yourself that a child is in the vehicle, such as:

• Writing yourself a note and put-

distress due to heat, get them out as quickly as possible. Warning signs may include: red, hot, and moist or dry skin, no sweating, a strong rapid pulse or a slow weak pulse, nausea or acting strangely. Cool the child rapidly. Call 911 or your local emergency number immediately.

For additional safety tips and information on how to keep kids safe in and around vehicles, visit www. nhtsa.gov/KeepingKidsSafe.

Safe Kids USA coalitions are aggressively tackling the problem of young children affected by hyperthermia, or heat stroke, when they are unattended in vehicles on sunny days as part of the Safe Kids Buckle Up program. Each year, approximately

alone in vehicles even for a min ute. Citing statistics from NHTSA's Not in Traffic Surveillance (NiTS), which is a virtual data collection system, he reiterated that hot weather and children alone in cars is a deadly mix and results in the leading cause of non-traffic deaths to children.

Safe Kids Buckle Up supports NHTSA's elevating the issue to a higher level as summer heats up and as we continue to provide information, support and materials to our coalitions and new partners.

Peggie Coleman is the Director of **Operations for Pampa EMS**





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Sports

Former Pampa swimmer West making strides at UTPB

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Former Lady Harvester swimmer Abigail West improved during her first year at Texas Permian Basin University.

West said her first year went well and that college swimming is harder than high school.

"I had a lot of support from family and teammates," West said. "We went to a lot of great meets

in Arkansas, Colorado and a lot of different places in Texas. I improved a lot and in conference I made it to finals."

West made the finals in the 200-yard breast stroke and finished 16th with a time of 2:54.20. She finished fourth in the 100yard freestyle time trial with a time of 1:05.66 and fifth in the 50-yard freestyle time trial with a time of 29.86. West said you have to have a lot



West

more discipline in college swimming than in high school.

"You have to want to do it," West said. "Otherwise you aren't going to make it. "Coach Rankin is a very good coach. Made us work hard and have fun." At Pampa High School,

West was team captain and was a part of four district titles that would end up being 10 straight for the school. West said it was really cool to be a part of a team with a lot of tradition.

"It was a great experience," West said. "My senior year was the 10 years of excellence. Every time as a swimmer I thought about that, and that I was contributing to the team."

Pampa Head Swimming Coach Edward Garvin said West was a strong swimmer and very dedicated.

"College swimming is

a totally different level," Garvin said. "Very few do it because very few want to. High school is hard but college is five times harder. She has seen it through one year so far, and that is impressive."

West said she is looking to improve more in her sophomore season.

I want to final in more events," West said. "I am going to work harder and get faster.'

Four Lady Tigers make softball 5-1A All-District team

MIKE HAYNES Special to The Pampa News

Jasie Sargent of McLean has been named to the All-District 5-1A softball first team, selected by district coaches.

Sargent, a junior pitcher, also played on the Lady

finished second in the state. Named to the softball all-district second team are senior catcher Sheri

Haynes, senior shortstop Alexis Menefield and junior first baseman Erin Vassey. Haynes and Menefield also were on

Tiger basketball team that the state-ranked basketball team, and Haynes and her partner Nancy Castillo went to state in tennis.

The district Most Valuable Player is junior pitcher Danielle Ford of Clarendon.



submitted photo Jasie Sargent throws a pitch in McLean's playoff game against Quanah. Sargent was named to the first team 5-1A All-District team.

Pampa Country Club results

Thursday Night Scramble Alexis Menefield smiles as she is on base against Quanah. Menefield was one of three Lady Tigers selected to the second team All-District.

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submitted photo Erin Vassey stands in the batter's box against Quanah. Vassey was nominated to the second team All-District. The Lady Tigers made it to bidistrict.

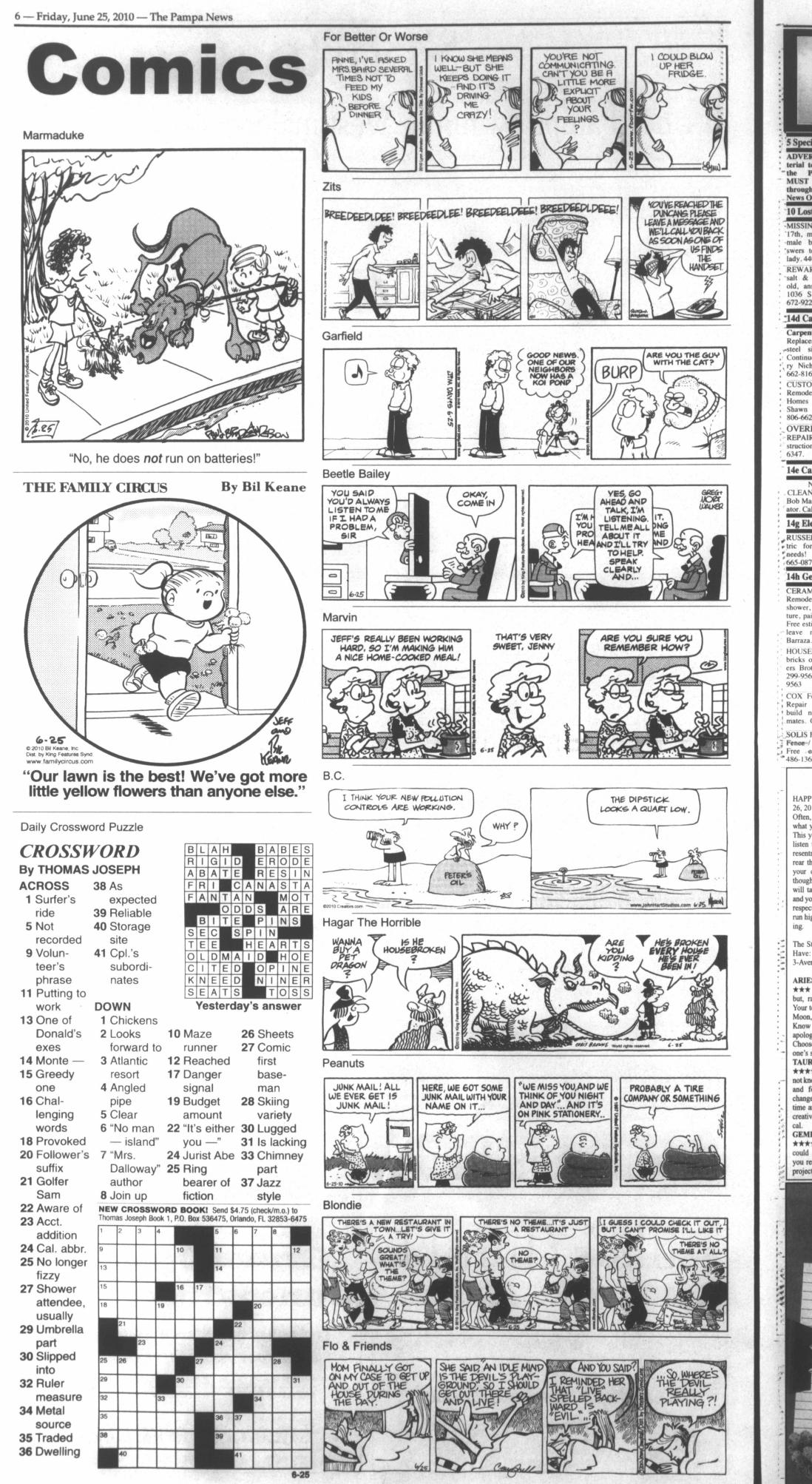


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The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll 5-Dynamic; Have: 4-Positive: 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

*** No one questions your stature, but, rather, others have many options. Your temper could explode with the Full Moon, causing friction left and right. Know that you will have to make an apology should you lose it. Tonight: Choose something relaxing, for everyone's sake.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

**** Your plate is full. You might not know which way to turn. You go back and forth on the same issue. Plans change, as others seem to demand your time and attention. Tap into your innate creativity. Tonight: Do something physi-

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

*** Use caution with spending. You could create a problem. Ultimately, do you really want the liability? Take on a project in order to work through energy and stress. Tonight: Happily home. CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ How you manage a situation and what goes on could be overwhelming. Others want your feedback, yet they will challenge you. Take others playing devil's advocate as an opportunity to look within. Tonight: Out on the town. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★ Get into a hobby or a project where you can think and relax too. The Full Moon could irritate your sense of well-being. The smart action is to choose some downtime and not push yourself so much socially. Tonight: Make the most of the moment. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

**** Some Full Moons are easier than others. You could find this Full Moon most exciting if you don't have a rigid perspective or a need for control. Many people could seek you out. Be available to carouse with friends and dote on loved ones. Tonight: Make that extra effort.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

*** Pressure builds between responsibilities and what you would enjoy most. Make time for both, and don't feel pressured, like many of those around you. Be careful how you display your anger. Words said cannot be taken back. Tonight: Know when you have had enough

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

**** Pick and choose your words, even if someone is slamming you with his or her impressions and needs. This is simply part of the Full Moon. Zero in on what you want. A friend could be demanding. Let it go. This too will pass. Tonight: Hang out with loved ones and

relax. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

**** Be aware of how extreme and wild matters could become. You probably will want to maintain a certain selfdiscipline. A boss or older relative could be extremely demanding. You might wonder what gives. Tonight: Fun doesn't have to cost.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) **** The Full Moon highlights you. You suddenly might feel more relaxed and capable of handling everything that is tossed on your plate. Count on a lot of people being around you and wanting your time. Tonight: Be open to what mosevs down your path.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

*** You might want to take some time away from your life. Take a drive or go explore a favorite area. Reflect on an issue that needs to be handled, though don't choose to act just yet. A partner or friend could be out of kilter. Tonight: Not to be found. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

**** A long-desired wish could pop up out of the blue. Be ready to say "yes," as surprised as you might be. A partner or close loved one could be out of kilter. Remain the caring person that he or she knows. Tonight: Where the action is.

BORN TODAY

Actor Chris O'Donnell (1970), Yankee shortstop Derek Jeter (1974), actress Eleanor Parker (1922)

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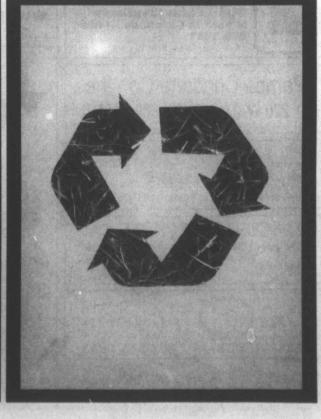


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God's word through 3-D glasses Big things ahead at First Baptist

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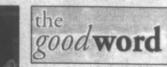
3-D movies are back! After watching "Avatar," it is safe to say that the 3-D experience is bigger and better than ever before. Wanting to share the joy of watching a movie in "eye-popping" 3-D, I recently took my two older children to watch their first 3-D movie. Within minutes they took off their adult-sized glasses and refused to put them back on. This meant that the images they saw on the screen were blurry.

Since this is a religious column titled "The Good Word," let's use the 3-D experience as a metaphor for the Word of God, much like the Psalmist used a lamp to describe God's Word in Psalm 119:105. Imagine that the screen is our lives and the 3-D glasses are the Word of God. When you look at the screen without the glasses, the images are blurry and give you a headache, but when you look at them through the glasses everything becomes clear and the headache goes away. When you look at your life without the Word of God everything seems to be messy and can lead to more than a headache, but when you look at your life through the Word of God, you begin to see things clearly. While the glasses help you see things more clearly, some (like my children) refuse to wear them, just as some refuse to use the Word of God to help them see God, themselves, and the world more clearly.

As a Presbyterian minister, I have studied the works of John Calvin at length. John Calvin wrote his "Institutes on Christian Religion" to help ministers better understand and teach scripture. In the Institutes, Calvin suggested that Scripture was like a pair of glasses that helps those with blurred vision see the world more clearly. Our vision of the world is blurred by sin, so God has given us his Word to help us better understand who God is and who God is calling us to be. We can either use the Word to see the world more clearly, or we can refuse to be aided by the Word and look at the world with our own blurred vision.

The Bible tells the story of God's saving action in the world. It is made up of a collection of different books written by different





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people in different styles and in different times. These multiple perspectives provide a link with a post-modern society that values multiple perspectives and promotes relativism. While we do not buy into society's claim that

"it's all relative" or "I'm good, you're good, it's all good," we do recognize that each of us has a unique experience of God and that we are called to value each person and their life experiences. Because we value people as individuals we are called to share the Word with them as we invite them to see how their story connects with God's story. Christians should not shy away from, but be eager to engage in discussions about questions of faith, personal experience, and truth claims.

The Spirit enables us to see God at work in the world. When we look at life through the lens of faith, we begin to see where society is seeking Christ and where Christ is already at work. Our music, movies, and television shows often include or engage Christian imagery, biblical allusions, and life applications. Sometimes these references or themes promote, blur, or conflict with the Word. We need to prayerfully consider how we can use music, movies, and television to engage in conversations that are honest, relevant, and faithful. We need to seek opportunities to engage in faithful discussions that will allow us to share the "Good Word" with others. After all, the Word is like a pair of 3-D glasses that helps us see things more clearly and helps alleviate the headaches in life.

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CHURCH SPOTLIGHT

Remodeling, vacation bible school and a mission trip are some of the new things happening at First Baptist Church.

Youth pastor Jeremy Buck said the church held a capital improvement campaign to raise money for projects around the building.

"They're working on the roof right now," Buck said. "We are going to be renovating the bathrooms to make them handicap accessible. These projects will improve the presentation of the facility."

The church will put on VBS July 5 to 9. Buck said it is one of the largest events they put on for children.

"This year, the theme is Saddle Ridge Ranch," Buck said. "It will be a cowboy western theme. Children from age 4 to fifth grade can participate."

The worship choir and drama ministry will present "Homeland" during the 11 a.m. service on July 4. Buck said the choir does a presentation near the Fourth to recognize the troops.

Also up ahead, six students and four hope," Buck said.

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adults are going overseas on a twoweek mission trip. Buck said they will be doing relationship building. At the end of July, the youth group is going to Student Life Camp on the University of Texas' campus in Denton. Buck said the camp is pretty popular.

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"We have 60 students going," Buck said.

The church has a couple ministries for adults to look forward to. Buck said that Minister to Families Carl Novian is holding a study called "Summer Sunday Nights.

"He's going through the spiritual disciplines," Buck said. "The study is at 6 p.m. and it is a small group atmosphere. It's more discussion based and less preaching."

From October 8 to 9, First Baptist is holding a marriage conference. Buck said that it's during the open week of football season and they will have a guest speaker and band. First Baptist youth pastor said the church wants to be a resource for the community.

"We want to meet its needs and offer

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