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Today	Thursday	Friday
High 75 Low 49	High 79 Low 52	High 78 Low 49

Today: Mostly sunny, with a high near 75. West wind 5 to 10 mph becoming east southeast.

Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 49. South wind around 10 mph.

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 79. South southwest wind between 5 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Thursday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 52. South wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Friday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 78. South southeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Friday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 49. Southeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming west northwest.

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AG Abbott chastised in voter ID case

AUSTIN (AP) — A federal court has warned Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott to turn over evidence in the voter ID case because further delay will make it impossible for the law to take effect in time for the November general election.

In a sternly worded order released late Monday, a three-judge panel in Washington said that if Texas didn't begin submitting key evidence in 48 hours and meet all remaining deadlines, then the July trial will be delayed further.

The judges are trying to decide if the voter ID law complies with the federal Voting Rights Act, which bans some states with a history or racial discrimination from passing new election laws without federal approval, a process known as preclearance. The new Texas law requires voters to show a government-issued photo ID.

Federal attorneys say the law will disproportionately keep minorities from voting and have sought to block the law, leading to the federal lawsuit. They have repeatedly complained that Abbott's staff has used legal maneuvers to avoid

turning over important documents and keeping lawmakers from testifying, an allegation Abbott has denied.

The judges, however, appear to have lost patience.

"Although Texas states that its paramount objective is obtaining preclearance ... Texas has taken steps that can only be interpreted as having the aim of delaying Defendants' ability to receive and analyze data and documents in a timely fashion," the court order signed by all three judges said. "Texas has repeatedly ignored or violated directives and orders of this Court that were designed to expedite (the trial process)."

Jerry Strickland, Abbott's communications director, placed the blame on the U.S. attorney general's office and lawyers for the minority groups that also oppose Texas' voter ID law.

"The Department of Justice, and partisans who oppose the voter ID law, have issued endless discovery requests seeking millions of records that have nothing to do with this case," Strickland said. "The state has already produced roughly

25,000 pages of information and millions of records from state databases."

State Rep. Trey Martinez Fischer, the Democratic leader of the Mexican American Legislative Caucus, said it was clear from the court order that Abbott had used delaying tactics to avoid turning over state databases that would prove the voter ID law will hurt minority voters, such as drivers' license records and concealed handgun license data.

"The Attorney General would do well to stop playing games in press releases and instead adhere to the court's orders," Fischer said.

The court ordered the state to begin producing the databases requested by Wednesday and documents by Friday. The judges also said Texas cannot attempt to block anyone else from testifying.

If Abbott misses any further deadlines, the judges said they would delay the trial, a step that would make it impossible to enforce the law on Nov. 6. In court papers, the attorney general's office said it would meet the Wednesday deadline.

Obituaries

Amelia G. "Amy" Wuest, 82

Amelia G. "Amy" Wuest, 82, died May 6, 2012, in Corpus Christi.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, May 10, 2012, at Memory Gardens Cemetery, with Rev. Nick Matthews, associate pastor of First United Methodist Church, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Wuest was born December 21, 1929, in Corpus Christi, and graduated from high school in Corpus Christi. She married Gilbert Wuest on September 19, 1959, in Corpus Christi. They moved to Pampa in 1972 where they managed Harvester Lanes for seven years, making



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many friends. She later worked for Furr's Supermarket for 15 years and then worked at Albertson's, retiring after four years of service. Her friends thought she was a very strong woman and a lot of fun. She was a good woman, wife and wonderful mother who always helped and cared for others. She was a Methodist.

Survivors include three sons, Andrew Leal and wife Sylvia of Corpus Christi, Richard Wuest and Charles Wuest and his son Anson, all of Austin; three additional grandsons, Michael Leal, Victor Leal and Andy Leal, all of Corpus Christi; three granddaughters, Elizabeth Flores, Lisa Leal and Dora Leal, all of Corpus Christi; five great-grandsons, Jacob Flores, Michael Leal, Andrew Riley Leal, Andrew Leal and Arnold Leal, all of Corpus Christi; three great-granddaughters, Brenda Flores, Linzee Leal and Andrea Leal, all of Corpus Christi. She was preceded in death by her parents; Simon and Corrine Garza; her husband, Gilbert Wuest; and a son, Arnold Leal.

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Police Department

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 24 hour period ending Tuesday, May 8 at 7 a.m.

Animal Control agents reported 11 animal related incidents.

Pampa PD reported nine traffic related incidents.

Pampa EMS and the Pampa Fire Department responded to nine medical calls.

Monday, May 7
Criminal mischief occurred at the 1400 block of West Somerville.

Disorderly conduct was reported.

A threat was reported at the 1900 block of North Duncan.

Harassment was reported.

A suspicious vehicle was reported at the 1600 block of East Harvester.

A hit and run occurred at the 1500 block of North Hobart.

A suspicious vehicle was reported at the 2000 block of North Charles.

An accident occurred at the 2100 block of North Hobart.

A domestic disturbance occurred at the 300 block of North Sunset.

An assault was reported.

A stolen vehicle was reported.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 600 block of West Buckler.

A theft occurred at the 900 block of South Dwight.

An accident occurred at the 2100 block of North Perryton.

A theft occurred at the 12000 block of East Frederic.

A violation of city ordinance occurred at the 100 block of South Faulkner.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 2200 block of North Nelson.

A missing person was reported at the 500 block of North Russell.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 2300 block of North Rosewood.

Tuesday, May 8
Suspicious persons were reported at the 1000 block of East Campbell and the intersection of Frederic and Henry.

A prowler was reported at 900 block of East Malone.

Disorderly conduct was reported at the 1900 block of Grape.

A domestic disturbance occurred at the 1900 block

of Coffee.

A suspicious person was reported at the 2500 block of North Hobart.

A burglary occurred at the 1100 block of Foster.

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests for the 24 hour period ending Wednesday, May 8 at 7 a.m.

Tuesday, May 7
Bobby Ladell Dorsey Jr., 25, was arrested by deputies on a blue warrant.

Jason Cole McSwain, 40, was arrested by deputies on warrants of failure to maintain financial responsibility, operating an unregistered motor vehicle, failure to appear in court, expired motor vehicle inspection and expired motor vehicle insurance.

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Prosecutors won't seek death

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — Prosecutors say they won't seek the death penalty for a former South Texas police officer indicted on a capital murder charge in the death of his estranged common-law wife.

The Corpus Christi Caller-Times (<http://bit.ly/KNuMB4>) report prosecutor Jenny Dorsey's announced her intentions at a status hearing Tuesday in Corpus Christi in the case against Jose Gonzales III. A Nueces County grand jury also accused the former Alice police officer of burglary in Leslie Morin's shooting Dec. 12 at a house in Corpus Christi.

According to court documents, he broke into a closet where Morin and her mother were hiding, grabbed Morin and shot her but leaving her mother uninjured. Authorities say Morin left Gonzales with their son two weeks before her death.

If convicted, Gonzales would get life without parole.

US targets cartel leader's sons

MEXICO CITY (AP) — The U.S. Treasury Department is imposing sanctions on two sons of Sinaloa cartel drug lord Joaquin Guzman.

The department says it has designated Ivan Archivaldo Guzman Salazar and Ovidio Guzman Lopez under the Kingpin Act.

That prohibits people in the U.S. from doing business with them and freezes their U.S. assets.

The department said Tuesday Ovidio Guzman Lopez plays a significant role in the drug trafficking activities of his father, who is known as "El Chapo." He went on the list in 2001.

Ivan Guzman was detained on money laundering charges in Mexico in 2005, but was later released.

The department named two other alleged high-ranking Sinaloa cartel figures to the list. Both Noel Salgueiro Nevarez and Ovidio Limon Sanchez were detained in Mexico in 2011 and remain in custody.

Leaf reaches plea deal in charges

GREAT FALLS, Mont. (AP) — Former Washington State and NFL quarterback Ryan Leaf has reached a plea agreement on drug and burglary charges in Montana.

The Great Falls Tribune reports (<http://bit.ly/KJblny>) Leaf's attorney, Kenneth Olson, requested a combined arraignment and change-of-plea hearing on charges that Leaf broke into two houses in his hometown and stole prescription painkillers. District Judge Kenneth Neill set the hearing for 1 p.m. Tuesday.

The details of the plea agreement had not been filed in District Court Monday afternoon. Cascade County Attorney John Parker declined to comment.

Leaf has been jailed since his second arrest in three days on April 2. He also faces possible prison time in Texas after officials there moved to revoke his probation from a 2010 plea agreement on similar accusations.

No parole for impostor student

ODESSA (AP) — The state has granted, then revoked, parole for a man who posed as a teenager to play high school basketball in West Texas.

Guerdwich Montimere won't be released until May 13, 2013, after serving all three years of his prison sentence.

Texas prison system spokesman Jason Clark tells the Odessa American that the state parole board had voted April 19 to grant Montimere parole, effective May 13. However, the board voted to revoke that parole after federal immigration officials revoked an immigration detainer that potentially would have deported him upon his release.

The naturalized U.S. citizen from Haiti pleaded guilty last July to sexual assault and records tampering. He arrived in Odessa as a ninth-grader and played as 15-year-old Jerry Joseph, even though he was 21.

Writer Sendak dies at 83

NEW YORK (AP) — Maurice Sendak didn't think of himself as a children's author, but as an author who told the truth about childhood.

"I like interesting people and kids are really interesting people," he explained to The Associated Press last fall. "And if you didn't paint them in little blue, pink and yellow, it's even more interesting."

Sendak, who died early Tuesday in Danbury, Conn., at age 83, four days after suffering a stroke, revolutionized children's books and how we think about childhood simply by leaving in what so many writers before had excluded. Dick and Jane were no match for his naughty Max. His kids misbehaved and didn't regret it, and in their dreams and nightmares fled to the most unimaginable places. Monstrous creatures were devised from his studio, but none more frightening than the grownups in his stories or the cloud of the Holocaust that darkened his every page.

"From their earliest years children live on familiar terms with disrupting emotions — fear and anxiety are an intrinsic part of their everyday lives, they continually cope with frustrations as best they can," he said upon receiving the Caldecott Medal in 1964 for "Where the Wild Things Are," his signature book. "And it is through fantasy that children achieve catharsis. It is the best means they have for taming wild things."

Ft. Worth ban on smokers unlikely

FORT WORTH (AP) — Fort Worth's proposed ban on the hiring of smokers as municipal employees appears to be heading nowhere.

The city's human resources department said last month that it was reviewing public and private tobacco-use policies to report back to the City Council on Tuesday.

But city spokesman Jason Lamers says it's unlikely that city staff will recommend the ban to the council. He says the preferred approach among public- and private-sector employers is offering employees help with quitting tobacco use.

Romney inches closer to magic number

WASHINGTON (AP) — Former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney added to his big lead in the race for convention delegates Tuesday by sweeping Republican presidential primaries in North Carolina, Indiana and West Virginia, inching closer to the number of delegates needed to clinch the GOP nomination.

Romney won at least 60 delegates Tuesday, with 35 still undecided. Romney has a commanding lead in the race for delegates with 916. He is 228 delegates shy of the

1,144 he needs to clinch the nomination — a gap he could close by the end of the month.

The only other Republican still in the race, Texas Rep. Ron Paul, has 99 delegates. Paul won at least five delegates Tuesday, all in North Carolina.

Romney won all 27 delegates at stake in Indiana and at least 33 of the 52 delegates up for grabs in North Carolina. Voters also went to the polls in West Virginia, with 28 delegates at stake, but delegate results were not expected on election

night.

West Virginia elects individual delegates directly on the ballot. Each delegate is listed on the ballot — three in each of the three congressional districts and 19 statewide — along with the presidential candidate they support. With 112 candidates running for the 19 statewide spots, results were expected to be late.

North Carolina awarded delegates in direct proportion to the statewide vote, and Rick Santorum and Newt Gingrich were on the ballot even though

both have dropped out of the race. Santorum won at least four delegates and Gingrich won at least three.

Perry

encourages the state not to use the Rainy Day Fund and to implement a new limit on state spending.

"We've got a (Constitutional limit on spending), but it's not tight enough," said Perry. "It's set today on personal income growth, and because Texas has been blessed over the last decade with a climate where people can risk their capital and have a return on their investment, our personal income has gone up substantially. Our limit needs to be based on inflation and population growth, and cap it at that amount. Why would government need to grow faster than inflation and what the population growth is?"

Perry also emphasized his view that the state has no need to increase taxes.

"If you'll allow this economy to grow, if you'll free it from overtaxation (and) overregulation, the dollars will come in," he said.

Michael Quinn Sullivan, CEO of Austin-based conservative group Empower Texans, also spoke at the luncheon to endorse

Landroop. Canadian school board president Ken King, Pampa businessman Mac

Smith and former representative Gary Walker of Plains also are in the running for the 88th District.

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Landroop accepts endorsements from Rick Perry and Michael Quinn Sullivan at M.K. Brown Civic Center on Tuesday afternoon.

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Viewpoints

Today in History

Today is Wednesday, May 9, the 130th day of 2012. There are 236 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 9, 1712, the Carolina Colony was officially divided into two entities, North Carolina and South Carolina.

On this date:

In 1754, a cartoon in Benjamin Franklin's Pennsylvania Gazette showed a snake cut in pieces, with each part representing an American colony; the caption read, "JOIN, or DIE."

In 1883, Spanish philosopher Jose Ortega y Gasset was born in Madrid.

In 1936, Italy annexed Ethiopia.

In 1945, U.S. officials announced that a midnight entertainment curfew was being lifted immediately.

In 1951, the U.S. conducted its first thermonuclear experiment as part of Operation Greenhouse by detonating a 225-kiloton device on Enewetak Atoll in the Pacific nicknamed "George."

In 1961, in a speech to the National Association of Broadcasters, Federal Communications Commission Chairman Newton N. Minow decried the majority of television programming as a "vast wasteland."

In 1962, scientists at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology succeeded in reflecting a laser beam off the surface of the moon. Italian movie director Federico Fellini began filming "8½," his art house classic about a movie director struggling to make a movie.

In 1974, the House Judiciary Committee opened public hearings on whether to recommend the impeachment of President Richard Nixon.

In 1978, the bullet-riddled body of former Italian prime minister Aldo Moro, who'd been abducted by the Red Brigades, was found in an automobile in the center of Rome.

In 1980, 35 people were killed when a freighter rammed the Sunshine Skyway Bridge over Tampa Bay in Florida, causing a 1,400-foot section of the southbound span to collapse.

In 1987, 183 people were killed when a New York-bound Polish jetliner crashed while attempting an emergency return to Warsaw.

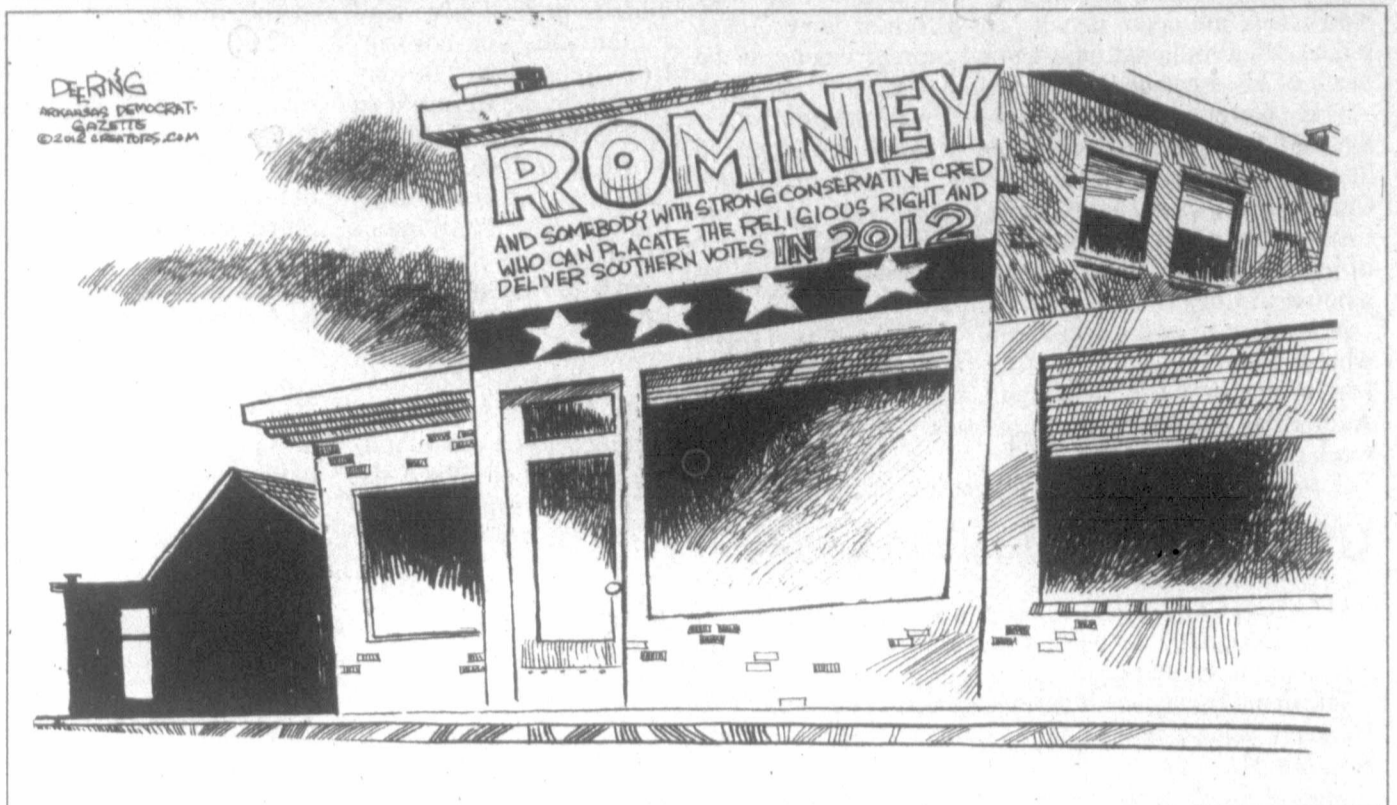
Ten years ago: Following the example set by Illinois, Maryland Gov. Parris Glendening suspended all executions in his state while a study was done on whether the death penalty was being meted out in a racially discriminatory way. (The state-funded study was released days before Glendening, a Democrat, left office in January 2003; it found that statistically, black defendants who killed whites were the most likely to be charged with capital murder and sentenced to death. Glendening's Republican successor, Robert Ehrlich, lifted the death penalty moratorium.) A remote-controlled mine exploded during a military parade in a Russian town near Chechnya, killing 43 people. Veteran Mexican musician Juan Gabriel won four awards, including top songwriter, at the Billboard Latin Music Awards in Miami Beach.

Five years ago: Vice President Dick Cheney pressed Iraq's leaders to do more to reduce violence and achieve political reconciliation in a visit to Baghdad that was punctuated by an explosion that shook windows at the U.S. Embassy where Cheney was visiting. Pope Benedict XVI began his first trip to Latin America as he arrived in Brazil.

One year ago: Former House Speaker Newt Gingrich announced on social networking websites that he was running for the Republican presidential nomination. Dallas Wiens, the nation's first full-face transplant recipient, joined surgeons at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston in his first public appearance since the 15-hour procedure in March 2011. Belgian cyclist Wouter Weylandt lost control of his bike and tumbled down a mountain pass to his death during the third stage of the Giro d'Italia. Lidia Gueiler, the only woman to date to have been Bolivia's president, died at age 89.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Geraldine McEwan is 80. Actor-writer Alan Bennett is 78. Rock musician Nokie Edwards (The Ventures) is 77. Actor Albert Finney is 76. Actress-turned-politician Glenda Jackson is 76. Producer-director James L. Brooks is 75. Musician Sonny Curtis (Buddy Holly and the Crickets) is 75. Singer Tommy Roe is 70. Singer-musician Richie Furay (Buffalo Springfield and Poco) is 68. Actress Candice Bergen is 66. Pop singer Clint Holmes is 66. Actor Anthony Higgins is 65. Singer Billy Joel is 63. Blues singer-musician Bob Margolin is 63. Rock singer-musician Tom Peterson (Cheap Trick) is 62. Actress Alley Mills is 61. Actress Amy Hill is 59. Actress Wendy Crewson is 56. Actor John Corbett is 51. Singer Dave Gahan (Depeche Mode) is 50. Actress Sonja Sohn is 48. Rapper Ghostface Killah is 42. Rhythm-and-blues singer Tamia is 37. Rock musician Dan Regan (Reel Big Fish) is 35. Rock singer Pierre Bouvier (Simple Plan) is 33. Actress Rosario Dawson is 33. Actress Rachel Boston is 30. TV personality Audrina Patridge is 27.

Thought for Today: "Life is a series of collisions with the future; it is not the sum of what we have been, but what we yearn to be." — Jose Ortega y Gasset (1883-1955).



A 'risk-free' world through government?

A child leaving home alone for the first time takes a risk. So does the entrepreneur who opens a new business. I no more want government to prevent us from doing these things than I want it to keep us in padded cells.

Everyone has a different tolerance for risk. One person takes out a second mortgage to start a business. Another thinks that sounds nerve-racking, if not insane. Neither person is wrong. Government cannot know each person's preferences, or odds of success.

Even if it did, what right does it have to tell them what to do?

When government gets in the business of deciding which risks are acceptable and which aren't, nasty things happen.

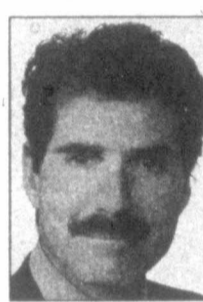
This includes government's attempt to improve life by regulating gambling and the use of medicine, banning recreational drugs and mandating safety devices in cars.

In what sense are we free if we can't decide such things for ourselves?

Through the Food and Drug Administration, the government claims to protect us. But some people suffer because of that protection: Some die waiting for drugs to be approved.

Don't we own our own bodies? Why, in a supposedly free country, do Americans, even when dying, meekly stand aside and let the state limit our choices?

The Drug Enforcement Administration jails pain-management doctors who prescribe quantities of painkillers that the DEA considers "inappropriate." It's true that some people harm themselves with Vicodin and OxyContin, but it's hard for doctors to separate



JOHN STOSSEL

of American Physicians and Surgeons warns doctors: Don't go into pain management. "Drug agents now set medical standards. ... There could be years of harassment and legal fees." Today, even old people in nursing homes sometimes don't get pain relief they need.

Even the best safety regulations have unexpected costs. Seat belts save 15,000 lives a year, but it's possible that they kill more people than they save.

University of Chicago economist Sam Peltzman argues that increased safety features on cars have the ironic effect of encouraging people to drive more recklessly. It's called the Peltzman Effect -- a variation on what insurance experts call "moral hazard." Studies show that people drive faster when they are snugly enclosed in seat belts.

Also, while passengers were less likely to die, there were more accidents and more pedestrians were hit.

Perhaps the best safety device would be a spike mounted on the steering wheel -- pointed right at the driver's chest.

There's another reason to think seat belt laws have been counterproductive. Before government made seat belts mandatory, several auto-

makers offered them as options. Volvo ran ads touting seat belts, laminated glass, padded dashboards, etc., as the sort of things that responsible parents should want. I concede that government action expanded seat belt use faster than would have otherwise happened, but by interfering with the market, government also stifled innovation. That kills people.

Here's my reasoning: The first government mandate created a standard for seat belts. That relieved auto companies of the need to compete on seat belt safety and comfort. Drivers and passengers haven't benefited from improvements competitive carmakers might have made.

If every auto company were trying to invent a better belt, today, instead of one seat belt, I bet there'd be six, and all would be better and more comfortable than today's standard. Because they would be more comfortable, more passengers would wear them. Over time, the free market in seat belts would save more lives.

We don't know what good things we might have if the heavy foot of government didn't step in to limit our options.

In a free country, it should be up to adult individuals to make their own choices about risk. Patrick Henry didn't say, "Give me safety, or give me death." Liberty is what America is supposed to be about.

Let's start treating people as though their bodies belong to them, not to a controlling and "protective" government.

John Stossel is host of "Stossel" on the Fox Business Network. He's the author of "Give Me a Break" and "Myth, Lies, and Unright Stupidity."

Letter to the Editor

Vote 'No' on the Dog Pound

Our church feeds 80 to 100 people twice a week. About a year ago, The Pampa News reported 125 homeless kids in our school system. If I were our mayor or city council member, I would be ashamed to say I built a \$3 million dog pound. I agree our pound is bad but I think there are a lot of other options to think about. The city owns a lot of property that could be converted. What about the old National Guard Armory? What about all the buildings at the Pampa Energy Center? Even a two or three hundred thousand dollar new building I could go along with. Has the city leaders thought of what the upkeep on a \$3 million building would be? I like dogs and cats as much as the next guy, but I think some common sense needs to come into play somewhere in this project.

Ron Hadley
Pampa

Vote 'Yes' on the Animal Shelter

My name is Max and I used to live at the animal shelter here in Pampa. Now I have a real home where I live with my family and where I am loved so very much! I have a nice soft bed to sleep in, although I choose to sleep at the foot of my family's bed just to be closer to them. During the day, I have a nice big window I lay in and get lots of sunshine. I like to watch the birds and the

squirrels play. I also have two special boys that come over often and run and play with me. And the best part of the day is when my family gets home from work and I get to curl up in their laps and just take a nap. I also get to do some traveling. We take a trips to Oklahoma to visit my Granny who makes the best fried chicken you have ever had! She really spoils me and she just loves me so much. Everyone tells me that I am one lucky dog. My family says, however, that they are the lucky ones. I wonder what they mean by that! There are days though when I think about my old home at the shelter. There are many animals there that have not been as lucky as me. I want to encourage anybody and everybody that can to please consider adoption. It can be a great thing for all involved. I can tell you that love is that greatest gift!

My message today is for the people of Pampa. If you have not visited our shelter, please do so. First of all, the people there are just great. They were so kind to me and took good care of me. I want everyone to see our shelter as it is now. Just go take a look and while there, who knows, you may just find you a special friend to love.

Please choose to help our friends at the shelter and get out there and vote! Let's have a shelter that the people of Pampa can be proud of. We are already proud of our caregivers that work there! They certainly hold a special place in my heart!

Max
c/o Shirley Fueglein
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Kids were pawns in alleged Texas shakedown scheme

DALLAS (AP) — Authorities in a Texas town under investigation for allegedly shaking down motorists for their cash sometimes used the travelers' children as bargaining chips in their attempt to seize money, records show.

Documents reviewed by The Associated Press describe the extent to which children became pawns as authorities in Tenaha, a town near the Louisiana border, accumulated hundreds of thousands of dollars through highway traffic stops that have since sparked a federal investigation.

"They basically said, 'If you all want to leave without going to jail tonight and take your kids with you, then you'll sign over your money right now,'" Jennifer Boatright, a Houston mother of two, said in an interview describing her encounter with local officials.

The Justice Department has been investigating authorities in Tenaha and Shelby County since they were named in a 2008 class action lawsuit alleging that a drug interdiction program initiated by the town of 1,160 was in fact a scheme to seize cash. The suit asserted that innocent motorists, most of them black or ethnic minorities, were stopped on U.S. Highway 59 and threatened with money laundering charges if they didn't agree to forfeit their cash.

The AP reported last October that more than \$800,000 was collected from the traffic stops in less than a year and that, in some cases, motorists who fit the profile of drug traffickers received leniency in exchange for their cash.

The involvement of children adds another element to a case that has especially troubled critics of civil asset forfeiture laws. Those laws allow authorities to seize cash or other property if they believe it's linked to criminal activity, even in cases where defendants aren't found guilty.

In two of the Tenaha incidents, authorities separated a small child from one couple pulled over in a traffic stop and threatened to do the same to another, according to case documents.

"This just shows how law enforcement can place the desire for profits above the interests of children," said Scott Bullock, senior attorney for the Institute of Justice, a libertarian public interest law firm headquartered in Arlington, Va., that has studied civil asset forfeitures nationally.

In a lawsuit filed last month, restaurant owner Dale Agostini of Washington, D.C., seeks unspecified damages for what he says was a trumped-up money laundering charge that landed him and his fiancée in jail for a night in September 2007. When the couple went to jail, their 16-month-old son was turned over to Child Protective

Services, the suit says.

According to records for the traffic stop, Tenaha deputy city marshal Barry Washington pulled over Agostini's vehicle because it was going too slow in a "passing only" lane. A search by a drug-sniffing police dog led to the discovery of \$50,000 in Agostini's luggage.

In his suit, Agostini says he explained that he often dealt in cash transactions in his restaurant business. But Washington said he was going to arrest everyone in the vehicle and contact CPS because "everybody is lying," the suit says.

Agostini asserts in the suit that authorities even denied his request to kiss the boy goodbye.

A year later, the money laundering charge was dropped and the \$50,000 was returned after Agostini hired an attorney who provided records verifying the restaurant owner's business history.

In another incident in 2007, Boatright, her boyfriend and their two children were pulled over for what Washington's report said was "driving in the left lane for over a half mile without passing and crossing over (the) white line." Washington wrote that he searched the car because he smelled marijuana and found \$6,000 in the console.

The couple was cited for money laundering and child endangerment. But they avoided going to jail and surrendering their children, ages 18 months and 12 years, by immediately agreeing to forfeit the cash, according to a court document spelling out the arrangement.

Boatright said she felt she had no choice but to accept the deal, presented just hours after the traffic stop by Shelby County District Attorney Lynda Kaye Russell.

"I knew we hadn't done anything wrong, but they weren't taking my kids," Boatright said.

She said she and her boyfriend were able to recover their money, which she said came from a tax refund, after they hired an attorney.

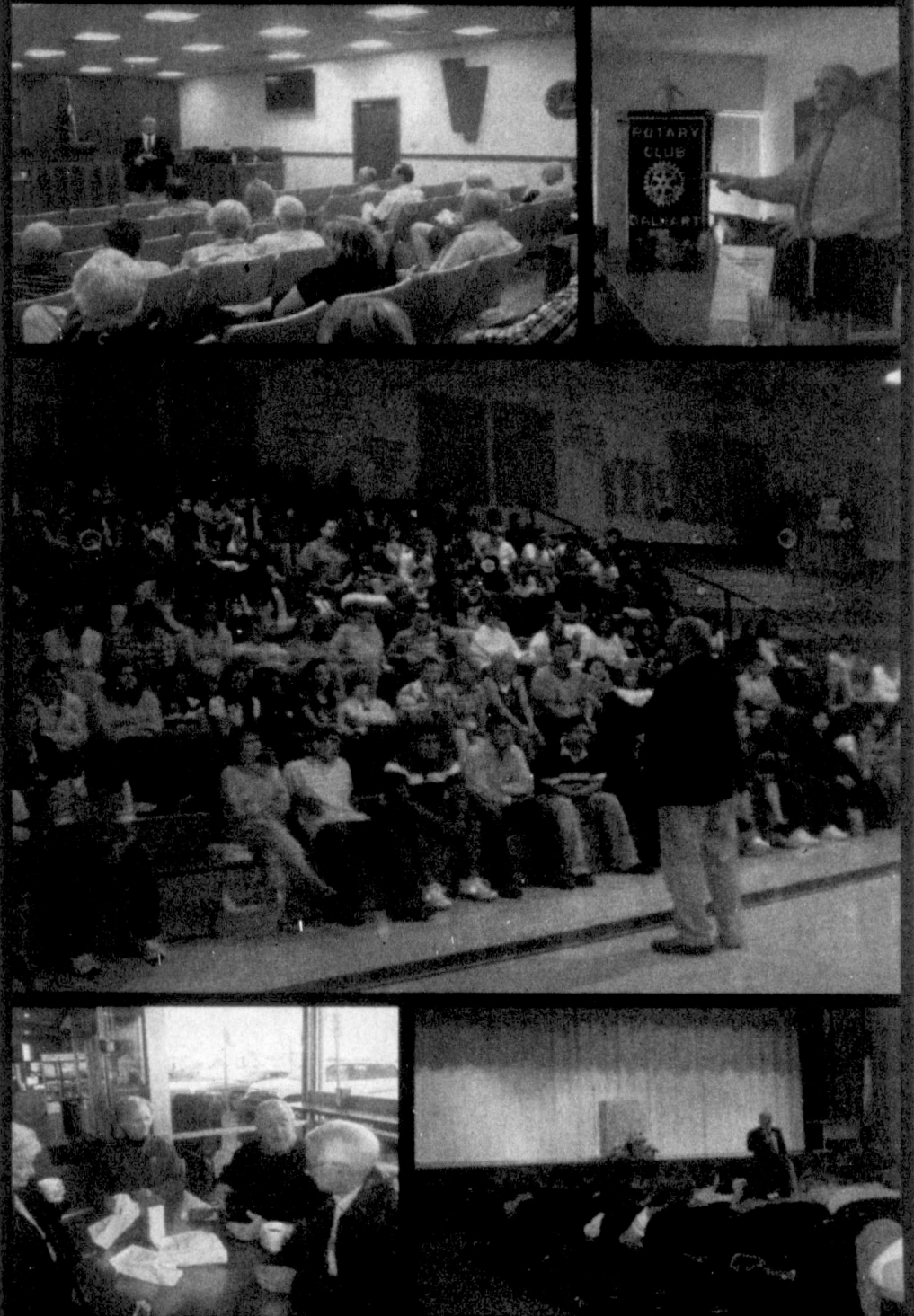
Attorneys for the law enforcement officials involved, who have since left their positions, said the pending litigation prevents them from commenting.

Washington, who is black, said in a deposition that he received at least \$20,000 in bonuses from the forfeiture funds.

The former Texas state trooper said God, speaking to him through a beam of light, told him to take the position in Tenaha and directed him to stop drug traffickers on U.S. Highway 59.

"I swore an oath to God that I would get out there and give him all that I have in what I do, and so that's the way I do it," he testified.

193 & Counting!



Since taking office, State Senator Kel Seliger has traveled back and forth across his district conducting 193 town hall meetings.

Baggerman

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hopefully we'll have better revenue," he said. "The power lines are in the process of going up. I hope it's for the positive."

On the other hand, he does see a few problems for the county.

"(There are) unfunded mandates that come from Austin that we have to deal with, our health care, trying to keep it adequate, and trying to make the budget work within our means and not get into debt, because once you're in debt, it's very difficult to get out," Baggerman said.

The commission recently decided to add the role of emergency management coordinator for the county to another employee's duties, rather than making it a full-time position.

"There's a limit to how big government needs to be, and if you can have one person do more than one job, it saves a lot of money, saves the tax base and doesn't create redundant paperwork," said Baggerman. "One person should be able to do more than one, if they're willing to put the effort out. Once you make a position, it doesn't go away. It just grows from there."

Baggerman talked positively of the county's ongoing work in refurbishing Perry Lefors Airport.

"A lot of companies that would come to

Pampa fly in, because they usually are big companies, and the first thing they see is the airport, and the first impression means a lot. If it's run down or doesn't have a good paint job, it shows how you're not dedicated to a trying to get a new business that comes into town and getting them to invest lots of dollars."

Baggerman cited the progress of the heliport near Pampa Regional Medical Center as a point of pride during his

county commission tenure.

"Going forth with the heliport, helping get that rolling, and with Mr. Chisum's help, we were able to go a long ways," he said. "With the airport, rebuilding of the terminal building, that'll go a long ways. It should last a lot of years."

Baggerman worked for the county for about 15 years before deciding to run for commissioner. He and his wife, Lora, help their kids during 4H stock show season.



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State Dems question Medicaid funds cuts

AUSTIN (AP) — Democratic state senators on Tuesday questioned whether cuts in Medicaid could lead to a shortage of doctors willing to treat the poor, elderly and disabled. El Paso Sen. Jose Rodriguez said he was worried whether the state will have enough doctors willing to participate in program.

"Back in El Paso, I hear it all the time from people saying that because of these rate cuts that it is affecting access to health care, people are scaling down their Medicaid patient load," he said.

But State Medicaid Director Billy Millwee said that, so far, the data his agency has collected shows no impact on the availability of doctors.

"Are there providers who say they will not take Medicaid anymore? We hear that, but we don't see that in our data," he said. "I don't know if our data is premature for that, or if it is not an access to care issue."

The Senate's Health and Human Services Committee listened to public testimony about Medicaid on Tuesday. During the hearing, Millwee acknowledged that cuts in payments to health care providers took \$500 million out of the health care economy, resulting in complaints.

But he said what matters to the agency is not making health care providers happy, but making sure patients get the care they need.

Texas lawmakers cut \$15 billion from the state budget last year, including \$3.1 billion from the Medicaid program.

Sen. Royce West, D-Dallas, focused Tuesday on a 14 percent cut in the Early Childhood Intervention program, which provides assistance to infants and toddlers with developmental disabilities. Officials testified that after the Legislature cut funding, the Department of Aging and Rehabilitative Services changed the criteria and cut 10,000 children a year from the program.

West said the state should consider restoring the \$45 million cut from the program.

"If we can catch some developmental issues early on and we treat those issues, we'll be saving money down the road," he said.

Whimsical figures are flights of fancy

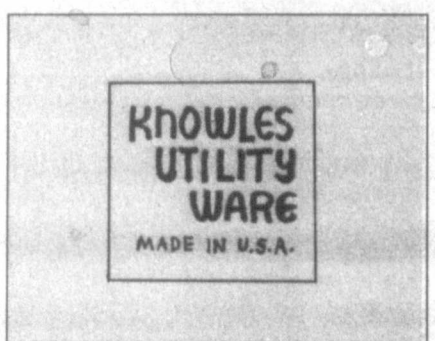
Q: This is a photo of a small figurine that my mother had for about 70 years. It stands around 4 inches tall, has little blue wings on its back, and is in excellent condition. It has a matte finish and is marked on the back with the number "M 6540."

Anything you can tell me about my figurine will be appreciated.

A: You have a Kewpie figurine. Kewpies were the creation of American illustrator and author, Rose O'Neill. They first appeared as whimsical illustrations in the magazine, Ladies Home Journal, in 1909. They were small, chubby elf-like figures with tiny blue wings. It is thought O'Neill's baby brother and classical cupids from ancient mythology were her inspirations. Early bisque figurines were made in Germany and not all were marked with the name of the manufacturer. As popularity and demand grew, Kewpie dolls and many related objects were produced. Collectors are most interested in those that have a maker's mark and are in unusual poses. They have been reproduced by several companies, including Lefton and Ardal. Many are still being made today.

Your circa 1940 Kewpie would probably be worth \$125 to \$150.

Q: I have enclosed the mark on the bottom of a water pitcher that I have. The pitcher is decorated with blueberries, apples and pears, has a lid, and is in perfect condition.



Edwin M. Knowles China Co. was located in West Virginia.

Antique
OR JUNQUE?



Kewpies were the creation of illustrator, Rose O'Neill.

It belonged to my grandmother, and I would like to know more about its history.

A: The mark on your pitcher was used by the Edwin M. Knowles China Co. They made semivitreous dinnerware and utility ware in West Virginia, from 1900 to 1963. Your pitcher is part of their utility-ware line that included cake plates, bowls, batter pitchers, shakers, pie servers,

and water pitchers. In the early 1900s, they ranked as the third largest dinnerware manufacturer in the United States. Inexpensive foreign imports and high labor costs resulted in the demise of the company.

Your water pitcher would probably fetch \$35 to \$50 in an antiques shop.

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Fulton

county issues outside the city of Pampa would prove more than commensurate.

"I know the county," Fulton said. "My two oldest kids went and started school at Grandview Hopkins, so it's not strange to me. ... There will be some difference, sure, but I've been here a long time, so just because I've worked for the city for so long, it doesn't mean that I haven't paid attention to what's going on (in the county), too."

Besides, Fulton said, the

issues that local governments face are, at their heart, not particularly different, regardless of whether they're county or city groups.

"I've been asked before, 'What do you know about a road?'" Fulton said. "I know if it's rough. I know that I have men out there that can fix it. Sometimes, it's not what you know, it's who you know to get and how you know to get it done, and I can get it done. I can work with (county people) and I will work with

them, and I will learn from them and maybe they can learn from me."

Like many of his contemporaries, Fulton describes himself as a fiscal conservative, and he believes that he can maintain Gray County's tradition of being wise with regards to its spending, citing the city commission's work on Pampa's operating budget as well as his own tenure on the financial committee at Central Baptist Church.

He added that he believes that the county's current direction is a positive one, and that his goal as a government official is merely to help it flourish.

"You know, I look at this way," Fulton said. "Until

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you're in a job, it's like buying a new house. Until you look inside of it, you don't know what you might want to change or how you feel about things. I feel like they do an excellent job and I would like to help them continue doing the job, and if we can do things better, such as maybe not raise taxes for instance, we're going to do that. I think that the community is growing, and I think the next thing coming is the wind energy and I think that will put this county and this community over the top."

When asked about the characteristics of a good public servant, Fulton pointed to communication — both the willingness to listen to one's constituency and the ability to speak one's mind.

"Nobody ever called me when I was city commissioner that I didn't go see what their problem was," Fulton said. "Never, never, nobody. I don't care whether they were in my ward, where they were at, where they were living in Pampa. I went and saw about them, and I have a lot of respect from them (when it comes to) getting something done. I'm pleased that I can do that."

"I believe that when you're on the commission, that you need to be prepared and take a side, understand what the situation's about, and vote your heart," he added. "Vote for the people that put you in there. Respect those people, work for those people, and when you do that, you'll be a good commissioner."

It's a policy that served him well in the city for six years, Fulton said, and if elected, he hopes to build bridges between the area's civic bodies in the hopes of a brighter future.

"I want to work towards the city, the county, the EDC and the Chamber of Commerce pulling in the same direction," Fulton said. "Hook the horses to the tongue of the wagon and pulling the same way, and this community will go over the top."

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Worship

Why God lets us choose eternity

God gave us a choice between spiritual life and death "so he could have people on his side," says Damian, 9. It sounds like we're picking teams for a giant volleyball or baseball game.

Wes, 11, believes it's a good thing that there are two teams because "heaven is too heavenly for sinners."

Lots of people know just how Wes feels. Heaven — with all that imagined singing and harp playing — turns them off. They say they don't want to go to heaven because their friends won't be there. What if separation from God is like solitary confinement? Then what?

"We would realize our mistakes," says Stephanie, 11. By then, it might be a little late.

People who joke that they want to go to hell should think again, says Allie, 9, because "no one should choose death." That sounds good, but every day people smoke, use harmful drugs and drink alcohol to excess, even though they know it will cause health problems and possibly shorten their lives.

If people have such difficulty with the more immediate choice for physical life versus physical death, it's understandable that they'll have an even tougher time choosing spiritual life over spiritual death. The consequences seem so distant and intangible.

Not to worry, says Kristen, 10: "God wanted to give us all a chance at life." Yes, says Martha, 7, "Jesus wants us to have eternal life."

Second Peter 3:9 says, God "is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish..."

Some people distort this truth and don't believe hell exists. They say, "How could a loving God send anyone to hell?" Remember one thing about God, says Lauren, 11: "He's fair." And Scott says if there were no hell, "there'd be no point in life on Earth, as we'd all be going to heaven."

This life/death question has a point, but what is it?

"God wanted to test what he made," says Cory.



CARY KINSOLVING

KIDS talk about GOD

The real issue, according to Lacey, 9, is faith: "God wanted to see our faith in him."

God gave us a choice "because he didn't want to force everyone to love him," says Mariah, 8.

Forced love isn't love at all. "God wanted to see if we loved him enough to choose to live with him," says Shelby, 10.

What if we all choose the wrong team? What would God do then? Don't worry, says Matthew, 9, "He's merciful." God designed a plan for us even when we chose the wrong team so that he could display something about himself. Luke, 10, says, "It would be showing us grace."

OK, but how can we get on the right team? "Jesus died on the cross, and now we can choose to go to heaven," says Candace, 10. Martin Luther described the faith by which we embrace God's team as "the hand of a beggar reaching out to receive the gift."

The reason God granted us a choice between spiritual life and death is "to teach us that we can't live without him," says Casey, 12. Maybe that's why so many people are struggling; they're finding out through their bad choices that they need God.

Think about this: Our present life and life after death go better with God because he is the source of life.

Memorize this truth: Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me" (John 14:6).

Ask this question: Do you know Jesus as the source of your life here and hereafter?

Cary Kinsolving is an experienced public speaker, syndicated newspaper columnist, author, and producer.

CHURCH SPOTLIGHT

First Baptist prepares to search for new head pastor

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First Baptist Church starts preparations to hire a new pastor after the departure of Rev. Johnny Funderburg, Ph.D.

"We will elect a committee in mid-June," Pat Aderholt, chairman of the deacons said. "At that point they will start searching."

Funderburg will pastor a church in Monroe, La.

Aderholt said a pulpit supply committee will also be formed around the same time. Its job will be to find an interim minister until the new pastor is found. Aderholt said the assistant pastors will take over the daily duties and will preach on Sundays through the end of May.

"We will have guest speak-

ers come in, starting on June 3," Aderholt said.

The chairman said Funderburg was a great pastor.

"He ministered to a lot of people, not just in our church but in Pampa," Aderholt said. "He was guy that if you needed him, he would be there."

Funderburg started at First Baptist in 2004 and has the fourth longest tenure at FBC. Aderholt said the committee isn't going to rush.

"It could take anywhere from five to ten months," Aderholt said. "We aren't looking for a specific type of person or characteristics. We are looking for a man of integrity that believes in the Word of God and Jesus Christ crucified as the only way to salvation."

Sunday was Funderburg's last at the pulpit.

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GOD'S GOOD NEWS

Lessons from 'The Meanest Mother'

Back in 1967, Bobbie Pingaro wrote a tribute to her mother called "The Meanest Mother." It has blessed so many over the years. I hope it does you today:

"I had the meanest mother in the whole world. While other kids ate candy for breakfast, I had to have cereal, eggs or toast. When others had cokes and candy for lunch, I had to eat a sandwich. As you can guess, my supper was different than the other kids' also.

"My mother insisted upon knowing where we were at all times. You'd think we were on a chain gang. She had to know who our friends were and where we were going. She insisted if we said we'd be gone an hour, that we be gone one hour or less — not one hour and one minute. I am nearly ashamed to admit it, but she actually struck us. Not once, but each time we had

a mind of our own and did as we pleased. That poor belt was used more on our seats than it was to hold up Daddy's pants.

"Using this as a background, I am trying to raise my three children. I stand a little taller and I am filled with pride when my children call me mean. Because, you see, I thank God, He gave me the meanest mother in the whole world."

David Boulter is a pastor at Highland Park Baptist Church in Chattanooga, Tenn.



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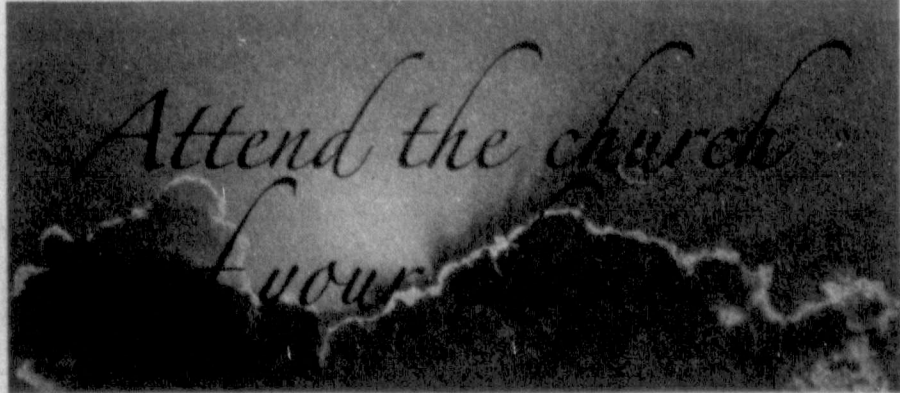
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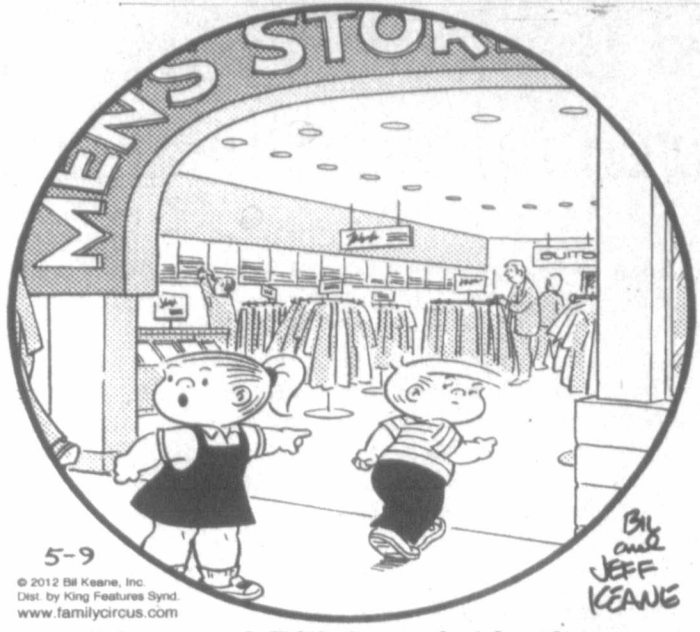
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Nest Heads



daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, May 10, 2012:

This year you carry key projects and goals to completion. You have always been a steady captain of your ship, and this year you are even more so. Recognize when it would be best to abandon ship, like if an idea does not seem to work. Do not get bogged down in what you must do so much so that you do not enjoy your friends and loved ones. If you are single, you could meet someone who offers you a lot of what you want. Explore this bond. If you are attached, your sweetie may long for some silliness. Why not? Laughter heals the heart. **AQUARIUS** opens doors. Dare to go through them.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
 ★★★★★ You make your point with ease. How others respond at first might be very positive, yet one person will prove to be unusually difficult. Give this person space to turn around his or her mood and point of view. Tonight: Have a discussion with a friend.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
 ★★★★★ You see beyond what others see. At times, this ability could seem to be a problem, in that others do not get what you are saying and quickly discard your view. A meeting takes an unusual tone, especially if you decide to participate less. Tonight: Organize any upcoming plans.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
 ★★★★★ Defer to others, and you will have an opportunity to gain a broader perspective. Please note that when you don't give one person enough attention, he or she can become quite difficult and touchy. Your instincts will guide you through difficult moments. Tonight: Togetherness is the theme.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
 ★★★★★ Others demand to hear your point of view. You might not want to share as much as you need to. Within a meeting and/or a group, your audience will be far more receptive. A personal problem might be coloring your mood. Tonight: Among friends, anything can happen.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
 ★★★★★ Slow down and complete whatever you must. You easily could be overwhelmed by a situation that keeps popping up. You might not be sure when to say "enough," but when you do, say it loud and clear. Others will not believe you other-

wise. Tonight: Put your feet up.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
 ★★★★★ Where others fail, you seem to come in with ease and a solution. Will others follow your lead? You will not know until you get to that moment. Creativity and mental quickness could make it easy to get over a difficult moment or two. Tonight: Start the weekend early.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
 ★★★★★ Stay close to home. You'll gain a certain level of comfort as a result. Deal with a partner or key person in a far more effective manner. Know what you want, and you'll find that others will agree with you. Be wishy-washy, and people will follow suit. Tonight: Make togetherness the theme.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
 ★★★★★ You could be overwhelmed by everything that comes up. In fact, you hear so many different points of view and encounter so many diverse situations, that you might decide to split early for the weekend. Tonight: Catch up on a friend's news.

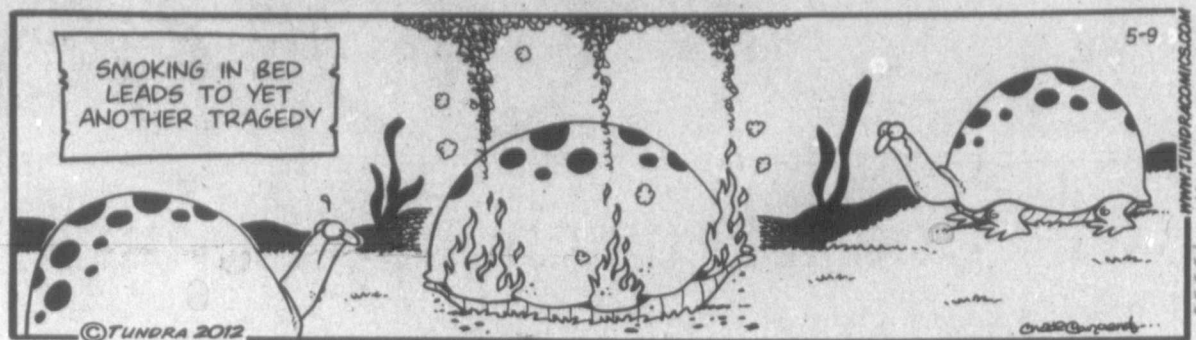
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
 ★★★★★ You might feel as if you are the only person who is aware of the costs of proceeding according to plan. Others seem overly optimistic. Stop and have a serious talk. You cannot ignore the situation or pretend that you did not know what was happening. Tonight: Your treat.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
 ★★★★★ Your personality fills in many gaps, and your efforts finish a project. Others might be a bit too dependent on you. Know when to let go and encourage others to go on their own. Your optimism will help a friend or loved one. Tonight: Let the fun begin.

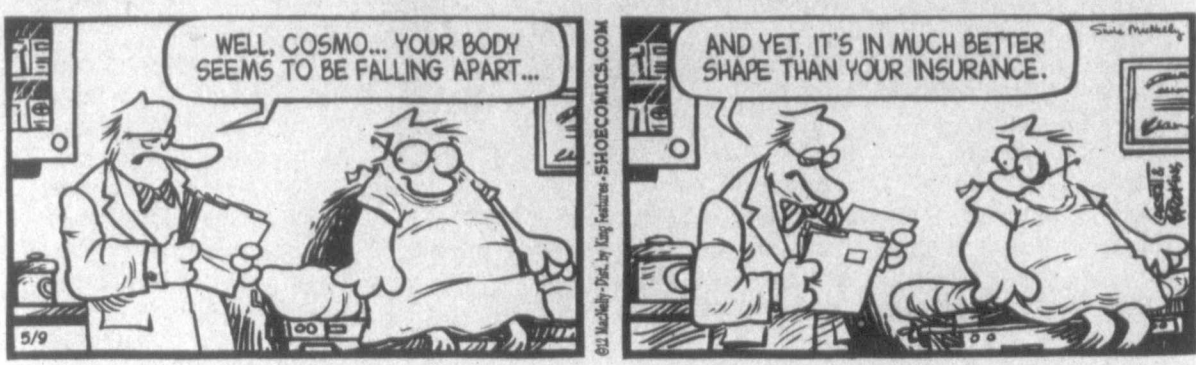
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
 ★★★★★ You might realize that you are sitting on a ticking time bomb. With any luck, the storm clouds will disappear if you say little. Remain optimistic, despite the fact that you feel overwhelmed and concerned. Tonight: Nap, then decide.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
 ★★★★★ Use this day as if there were no tomorrow. You could be surprised by how much you can achieve when you are left to your own devices. Someone has special news that could make you smile from ear to ear. You wonder what is going on behind the scenes. Tonight: Where people are.

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Sports

PHS senior Wyant relishes varsity softball opportunity

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Kaylene Wyant just finished her junior season on junior varsity when she got a taste of the next level, getting called up to travel in the playoffs.

"It was exciting," Wyant said. "It was exciting getting to see other teams than in our district."

Now as a senior, Wyant is making the most of her only varsity season.

"I'm just happy to have the opportunity," Wyant said.

Wyant said it's been fun being on varsity and seeing that level of play.

"It's exciting to see the different plays that you don't see on JV," Wyant said.

Last season, Wyant was an everyday starter on junior varsity at either pitcher, first or third. This year, Wyant has primarily pinch hit, with a few starts as a designated hitter, three starts at third and one start in the circle. The senior said not playing every day doesn't bother her and

she's glad to be a part of the team.

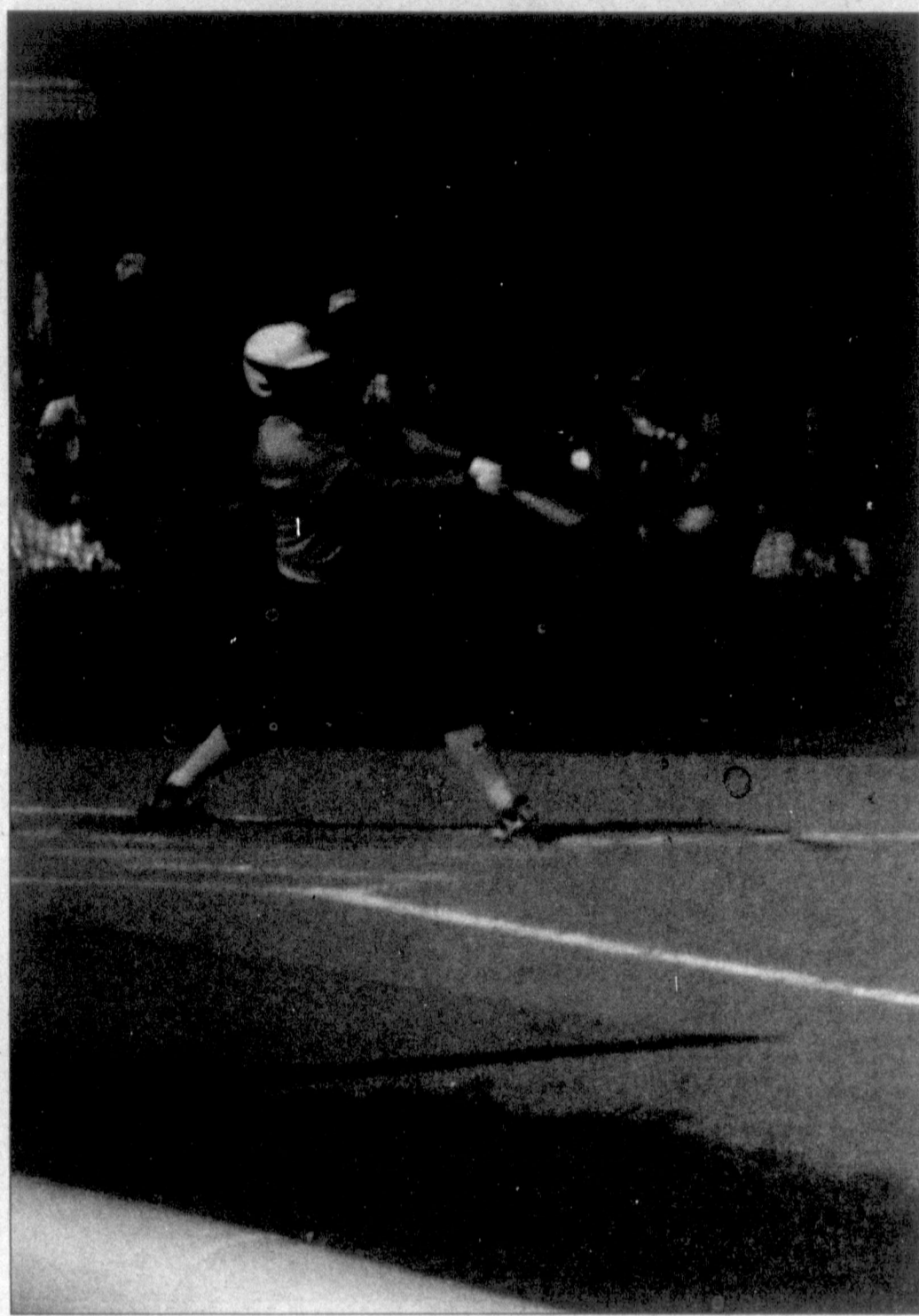
"With having a different part, it's still an important part," Wyant said. "I can support my team even if I'm in (the dugout)."

Wyant got to pitch against Amarillo San Jacinto on March 13 and earned a win with five strikeouts. Against Henrietta, Wyant recorded two hits including a triple. Wyant recorded RBI against Perryton and Dalhart.

Saturday, Wyant got her first post-season at-bat and said she enjoyed both playoff games.

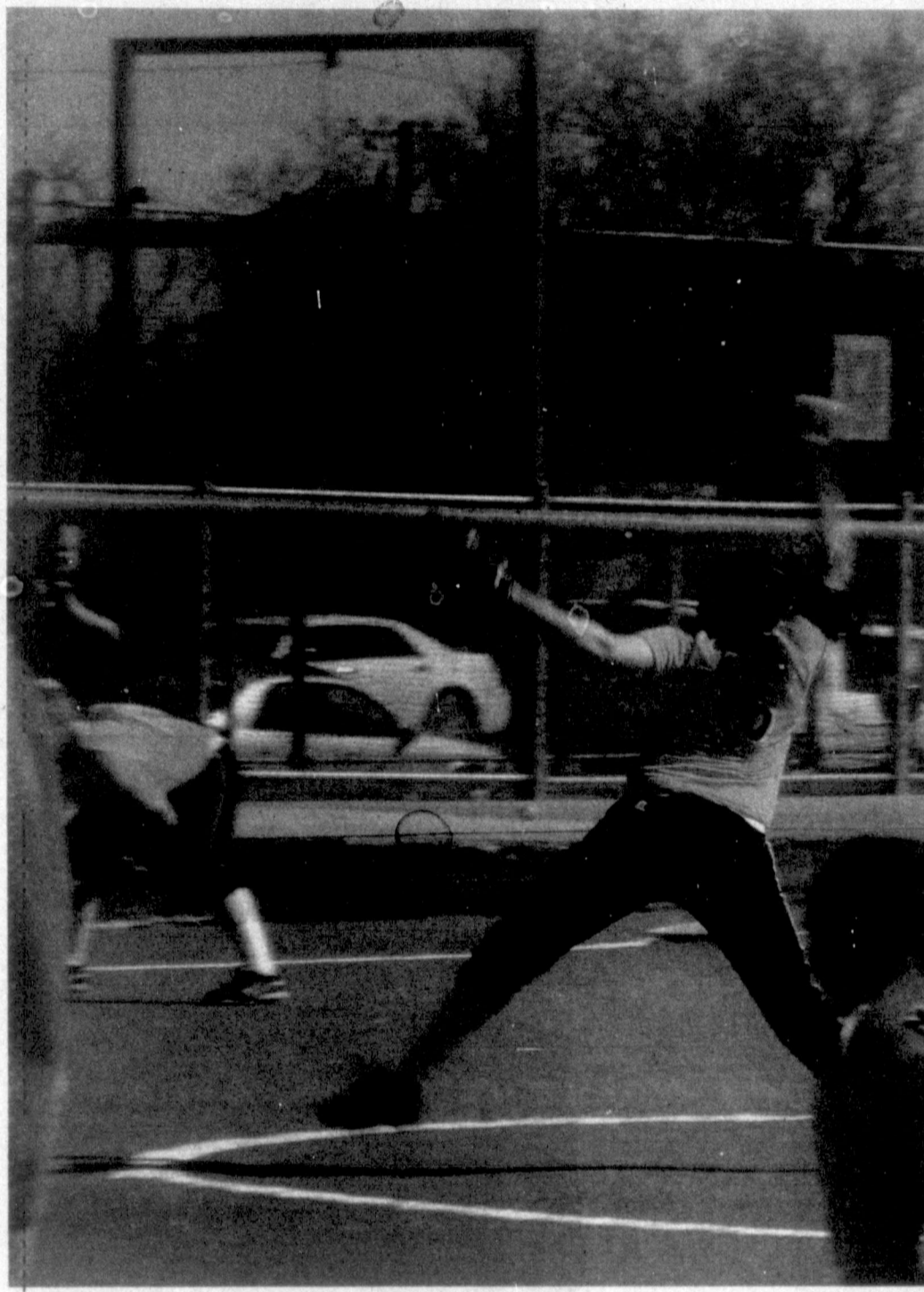
"It was exciting to win Game 1," Wyant said. "The second game was intense and exciting to see us all come together and fight for our win."

Wyant is also a member of the Pampa FFA and shows lambs. In the Gray County Livestock Show, Wyant finished seventh in the Medium Wool class five, ninth in Medium Wool class seven, ninth in Medium Wool class eight, 12th in Medium Wool class nine.



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Senior Kaylene Wyant hits a RBI double against Dalhart in a April 20 game. Wyant said she is happy to be on varsity.



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Senior Kaylene Wyant winds up for a pitch against Amarillo San Jacinto on March 13. Wyant pitched on junior varsity last season.

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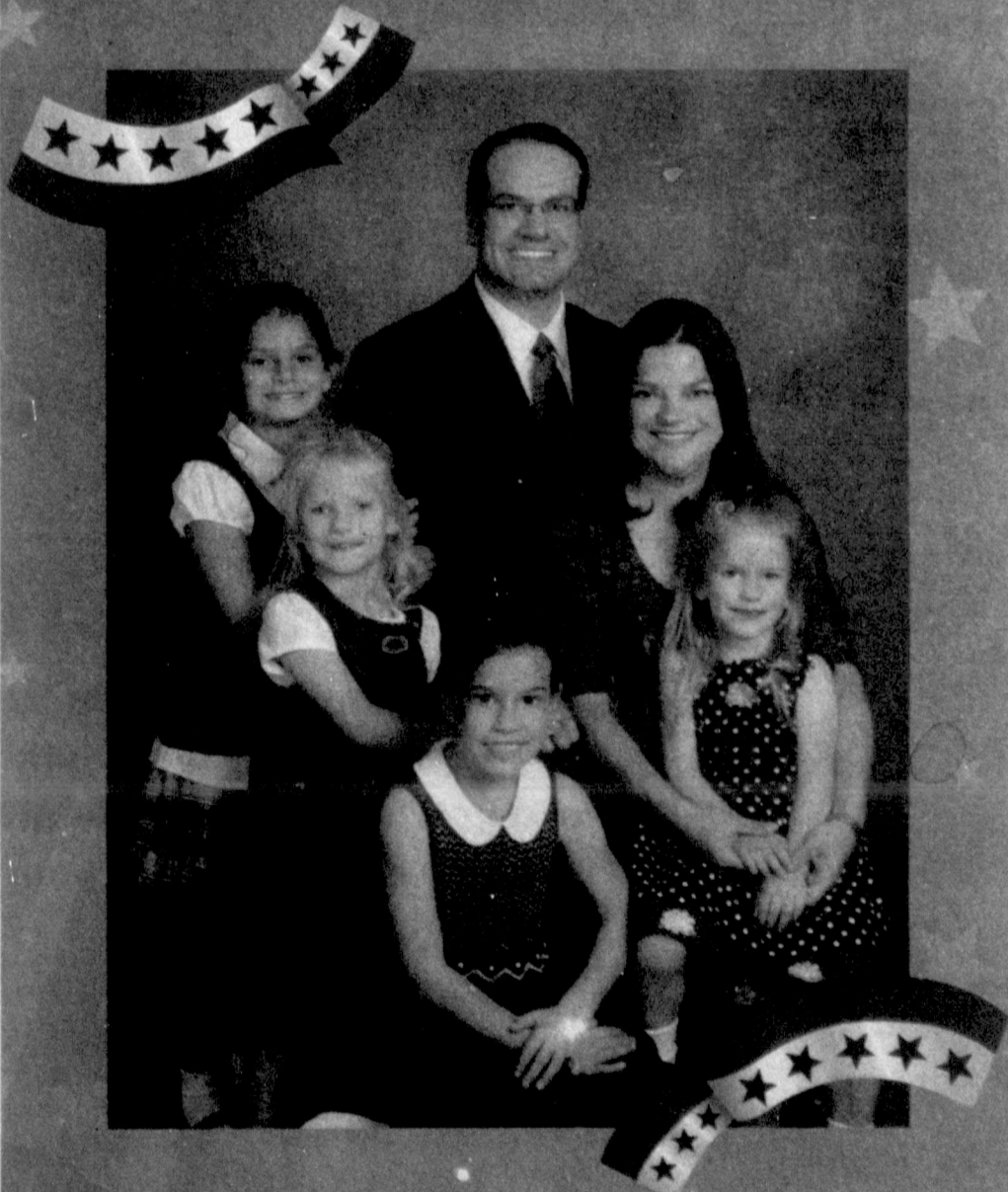
Dillian Childress limited Glo-Valve Service to five hits as Rotary Club won 14-7 Friday in Pampa Optimist 11-12 Cal Ripken League action. Childress relieved starter Brady Porter in the third inning striking out seven, walking four and hitting a batter to gain the win. Porter was touched for a run in two plus innings. He struck out two and walked six. Logan Martindale and Chase Voss pitched for Glo-Valve. Rotary scored twice in the top of the first inning on a single by Childress and a walk to Porter. They came around to score on passed balls, a stolen base by Porter and a wild pitch. Glo-Valve narrowed the score in the second to 2-1 on walks to Kade Parker, Brenden Courtney and Chris Gowin and a fielder's choice hit by Tyler McCarn where all hands were safe. A single by Rotary's Brendan Grant, a double by Porter, a wild pitch and an infield out in the fourth inning increased Rotary's lead to 4-1. The following inning Rotary used walks to Brody Larkin, Childress and Porter sandwiched around a two-run double by Grant to increase their lead to 7-1.

Glo-Valve got two of the runs back in the bottom of the fifth when Gowin walked again, Jace Ware was hit by a pitch and Martindale doubled them home. Rotary put the game away in the top of the sixth sending 10 batters to the plate. Preston Sons started the rally with a single. Corbin Anguiano, Ethan Frazier and Larkin walked in succession to force in Sons. After a strikeout, Childress' sacrifice fly was dropped allowing Anguiano to score and keep the bases loaded. Jared Thomas brought in Frazier with a groundout. A single by Grant, his third hit of the night, plated Larkin and Childress. A walk to Porter and a single by Santos Ramon mixed with a Glo-Valve error brought Grant and Porter in bringing the score to 14-4.

Glo-Valve did not quit. Singles by Jacob Wilson and Gowin, walks to Parker, McCarn and Ware plus an error produced three runs and left the bases loaded when Childress struck out the last batter. Larkin had the two outstanding defensive plays of the game hustling after two wild pitches in the first and second innings and flipping to Porter covering home for puts to stifle Glo-Valve's attempts to score. Martindale and Braydon Fry combined to pick a runner off first base for Glo-Valve's outstanding defensive play. Rotary's Grant was the leading hitter for the game with a double and two singles, three runs scored and four RBI.

Monday's games feature Glo-Valve traveling to Panhandle for a 6 p.m. game while Rotary travels to Groom for a game at the same time. Duncan, Fraser & Bridges Insurance Agency hosts Cabot Corporation in a 5:45 game at Optimist Park. The Pampa Optimist Youth Club is a Pampa United Way agency.

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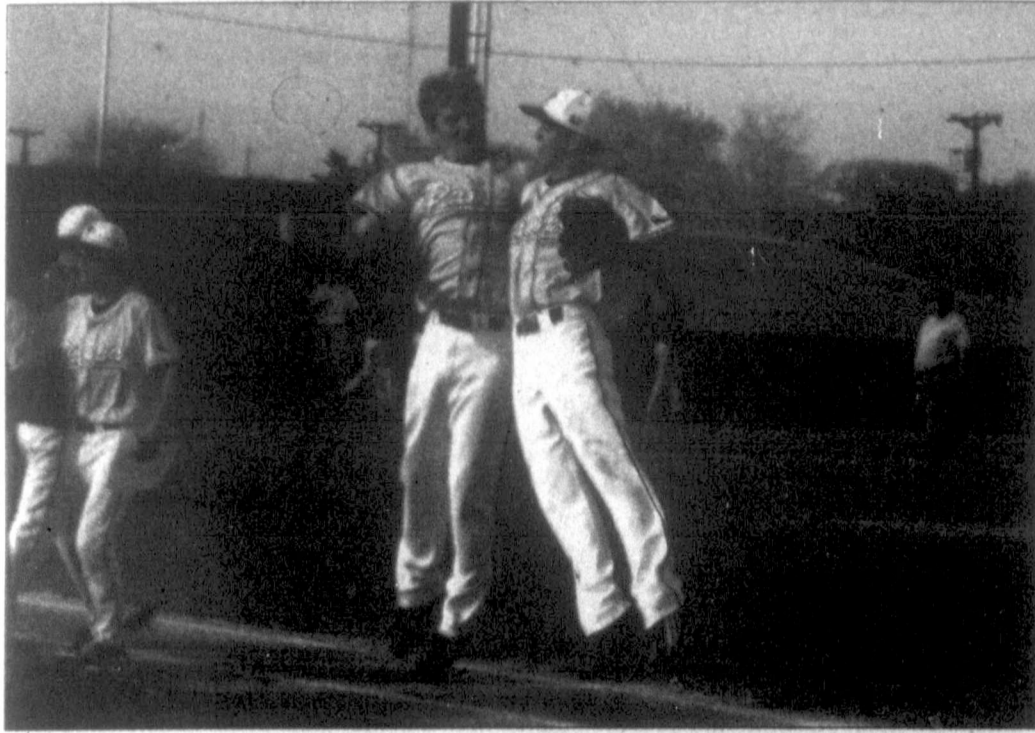
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Sports

HARVESTER HIGHLIGHTS



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TOP: Senior Devin Coleman chest bumps junior Chris Howard after Pampa's Game 2 Victory Saturday.

BOTTOM: Senior Col-lin Killgo reacts after the final out is recorded in Pampa's 6-3 victory over Lubbock Estacado Saturday. Killgo was the winning pitcher.

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New PHS volleyball coach Brooke Sanford (right) visits with freshmen (from left) Ashleigh Pulie and Hope Posey at a meet-and-greet. Sanford's hire was approved by the Pampa ISD school board on Friday.

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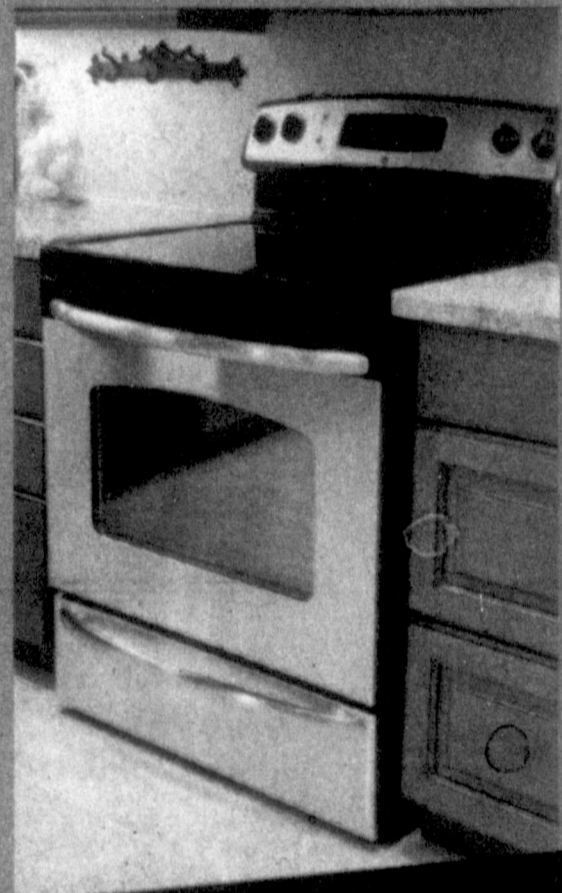
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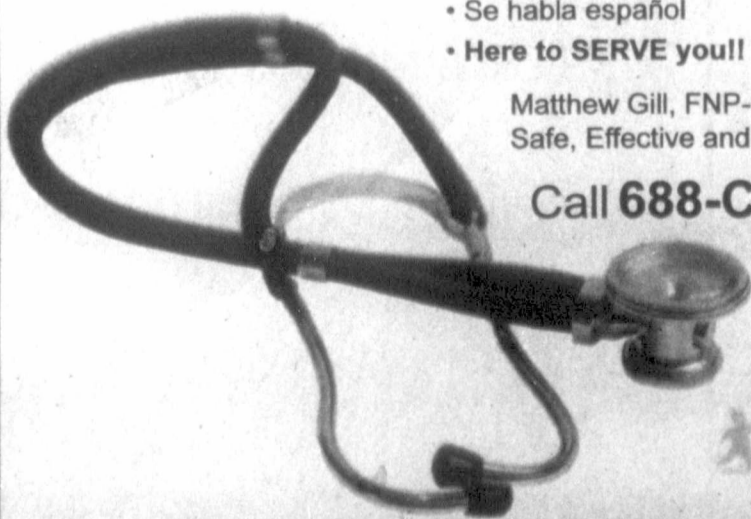
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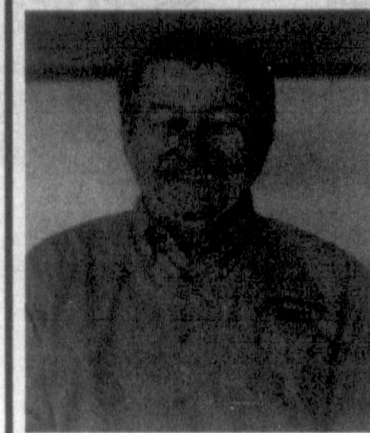
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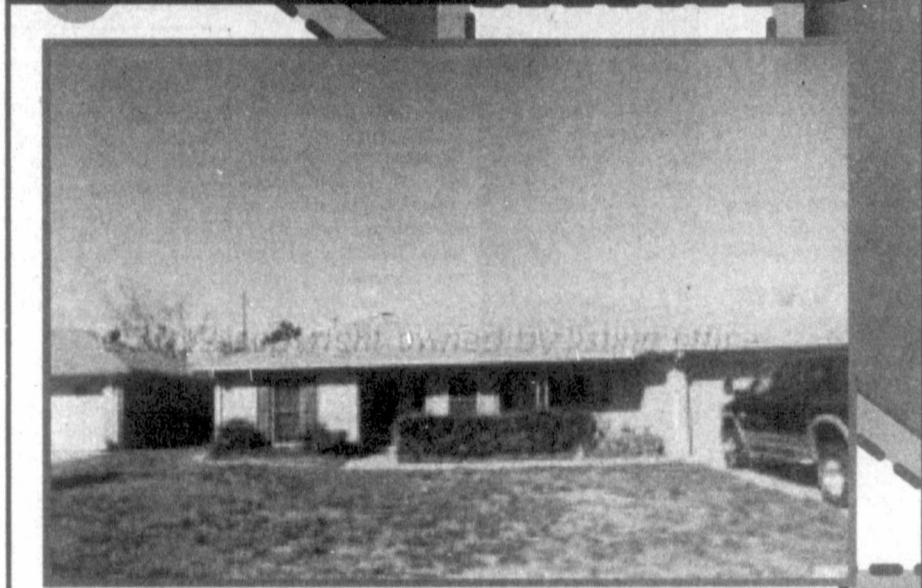
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DEAR ABBY: I have heard that your dessert recipes are fabulous and I'd like to have them. I saw a column in which you mentioned your cookbooks. I hope I'm correct about this, because I'd be interested in getting them. I have your booklet of poems and essays, which I have read and enjoyed many times.

Would you print your personal favorite dessert recipe and let me know how to get your cookbooks? Warmest wishes to you, Abby, and thank you for all your columns. — ANITA B. IN NEW JERSEY

DEAR ANITA: You are welcome. It's hard for me to choose just one recipe because I have a notorious sweet tooth, and my cookbooks contain more than a few that I have enjoyed many times. However, because you asked for my personal

favorite, it would be one that not only I have enjoyed, but also one I have made for friends as gifts — Regency Brownies With Chocolate Frosting. (Because the recipe yields 4 1/2 dozen, I confess I usually keep the "extra" six to munch on myself.)

BROWNIES
1 cup butter (2 sticks)
4 ounces bittersweet chocolate
2 cups sugar
4 eggs
1 cup all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon salt
2 cups chopped walnuts
1 teaspoon vanilla
FROSTING
1 cup heavy cream
8 ounces bittersweet chocolate, finely chopped
Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
Line the bottom of an 18-by-

12-by-2 (or 1)-inch baking pan with baking parchment paper and spray generously with butter-flavored cooking spray.

In the top of a double boiler, over medium heat, melt butter and 4 ounces chocolate. Reserve.

In a large bowl, beat sugar and eggs until fluffy. Add flour and salt, mixing well. Add chocolate mixture, blending thoroughly. Stir in nuts and vanilla.

Pour into prepared baking pan. (Batter should be about 1/2 inch thick, NOT MORE.) Bake for 35 to 40 minutes, or until top is crisp and toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool before pouring frosting over the top.

For the frosting: Bring cream to a boil, stirring constantly. Place chopped chocolate in a medium bowl; pour boiling cream over

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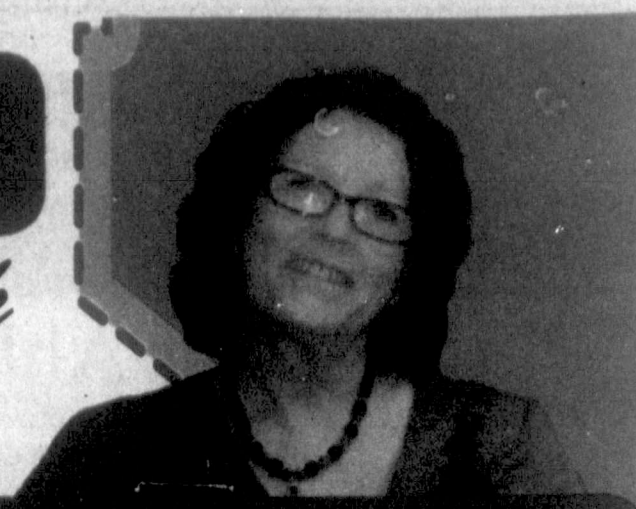
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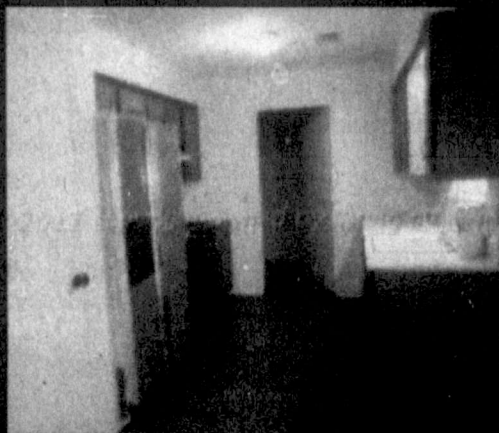
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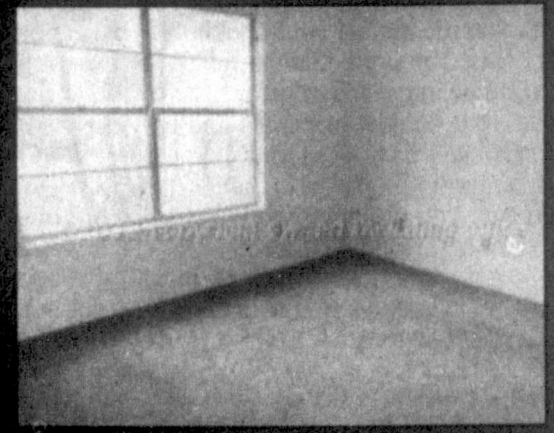
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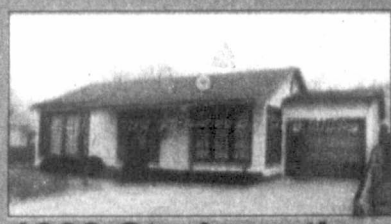
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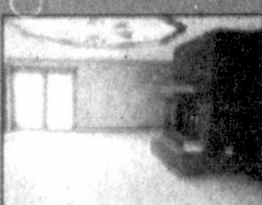
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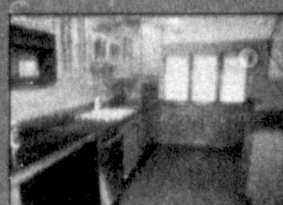
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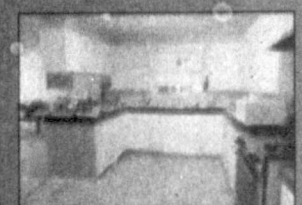
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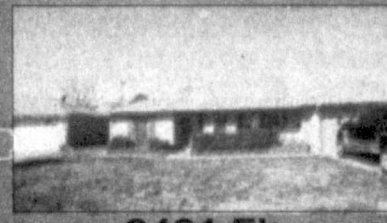
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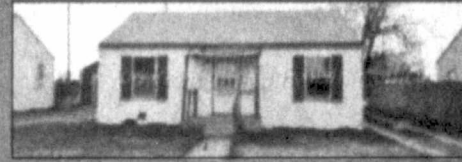


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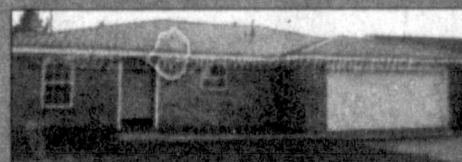
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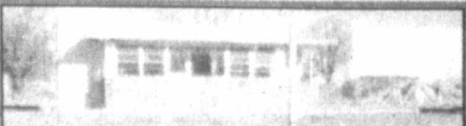


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