

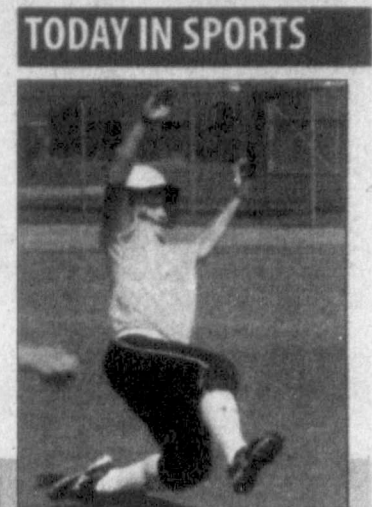
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Multicultural celebration at Pampa High School



staff photo by **Arnie Aurellano**

Third, fourth, and fifth grade students from Wilson Elementary School perform in front of Pampa High School at Tuesday's multicultural celebration.

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Pampa High School held a multicultural celebration for the community yesterday, recognizing — as a banner at the event proclaimed in big red and yellow letters — “The World in Our Town.”

“That’s the theme,” said Sabrina East, Pampa Independent School District parent involvement coordinator, who emceed much of the event. “We’ve heard some songs representing some different countries, and we have cupcakes with different flags on them representing different countries, too.”

Those songs included selections from Mexico, the Caribbean and Africa, performed

by students from the various PISD campuses. Other activities at the event included a bounce house and various booths and fundraisers from school organizations and Pampa businesses.

The public multicultural day was held this year in place of the high school’s yearly Cinco de Mayo festival, which was instead recognized with a student celebration at McNeely Fieldhouse earlier this month.

East said that the public event’s focus was broadened to embrace the school district’s diversity.

“We wanted to represent all cultures,” according to East. “All of our schools are represented. We have a lot going on. We really wanted to give honor to all cultures that are represented in Pampa.”

HIGH CHOIR ACT



photo courtesy of **Della Moyer**

Pampa High School senior **Jacob Frost** accepts a plaque for being named an American Choral Directors Association Senior Concert Choir member from PHS assistant choir director **Brianna Bailey**. This year, Frost was named a Texas All-State Choir member, which represents the top 1 percent of choir students in the state, for the second consecutive year.

U.S. Hwy. 60 near Pampa to see work

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Pampa travelers can expect to see roadwork on U.S. Hwy. 60 for the next week, as the Texas Department of Transportation has announced that it will begin a major sealcoat project on the highway tomorrow.

TxDOT crews will be laying down oil-based emulsion and rock on both directions of U.S. Hwy. 60 from just west of the Pampa city limits to the Roberts County line, according to Paul Braun, the department’s area public information officer.

The road work is considered a routine procedure that TxDOT undertakes for different parts of its highways yearly, said Braun.

“Sealcoats are routine maintenance,” he said. “It’s a way for us to lengthen the life of the roadway basically, before we have to do a major, what we call a ‘mill and fill’ where we mill off the old pavement and put on new pavement, or if we have to reconstruct the roadway entirely. It’s a way to extend the life of the roadway. ... We do this every year all over the Panhandle.”

Braun added that motorists can expect lane closures, heavy equipment operation and loose rock in and near work zones until Tuesday, weather permitting.

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Grant for 4-H Club’s feeding barn renovation approved

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During its meeting at the City Hall yesterday afternoon, the Pampa City Commission approved a \$25,000 grant for the Gray County 4-H Club for renovations on the club’s feeding barn.

4-H began leasing the facility from the city last July, and since then has added new plumbing, fences, concrete flooring, lighting and pens.

The grant will go towards insulating a portion of the roof and sealing the outside of the building.

During the meeting, the city also gave final approval on increasing the budget for the annual sealcoat project.

“In the past, we put \$200,000 in (the budget) for sealcoat, and then we base whether we’re going to add anything to that on sales tax and where that’s at,” said Donny Hooper, Director of Public Works.

With the city’s sales tax revenue up from the previous fiscal year, the city approved the budget amendment, increasing the scope of the sealcoat project from six miles to a little over nine miles.

The city also approved awarding a bid in the amount of \$298,816 for the project to Lewis Construction Company in Dumas.

City commissioners approved another budget amendment, but for the Gray County Appraisal District. The amendment allows the district to retain about \$60,000

for the purchase of appraisal and mapping software, the latter of which is not in compliance with state requirements.

The appraisal district is in the middle of its 2011 audit, with about \$154,000 in excess revenues, mostly resulting from a position being open for about two months and employees’ retirements. The district is currently asking its taxing entities to retain \$60,000 from the excess revenues for the purchase of the software.

The appraisal district will have a final go-ahead to hold onto the \$60,000 with a majority vote from its taxing entities. The Gray County Commission approved the measure last week.

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PAMPA FORECAST

Today	Thursday	Friday
		
High 97 Low 60	High 91 Low 61	High 93 Low 63

Today: Sunny and hot, with a high near 97. Windy, with a south southwest wind between 20 and 30 mph, with gusts as high as 40 mph.

Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 60. Breezy, with a south wind 20 to 25 mph becoming west. Winds could gust as high as 35 mph.

Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 91. West northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 61. South southwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Friday: Sunny, with a high near 93. Southwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 63. Breezy, with a south southwest wind between 20 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

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Obituaries

Billie Jo Tarvin, 91

Billie Jo Tarvin, 91, died May 21, 2012, in Pampa.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, May 24, 2012, at Fairview Cemetery, with Rev. Norman Rushing, pastor of Central Baptist Church, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Tarvin was born August 24, 1920, in Clarendon. She married Lige Tarvin on March 30, 1940, in Shamrock. He preceded her in death on August 17, 1992. She had been a resident of Pampa since 1953. She was a member Central Baptist Church. She received her Associate's degree in Cosmetology from Clarendon Junior College. She was the credit manager at Zales Jewelry for 15 years. She worked at Pampa Regional Medical Center in the administration office.

Survivors include a son, Larry Tarvin of Pampa, two grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren; and her daughter-in-law, Patricia Tarvin of Amarillo. She was preceded in death by her parents, Roy and Elizabeth Wilson; a son, Jon Tarvin; and a sister, Ouida Dennis.

Memorials may be made to PAWS, P.O. Box 2095, Pampa, TX 79066-2095.

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



Tarvin

Survivors include two sisters, Bertie Endlsey of Houston and Odessa M. East of Pampa; three nephews, John East of Pampa, Edwin East of North Dallas, and James McDonald of Greenwood; a niece, Marcia Stubbs of Baton Rouge, La. He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Mittie McDowell.

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

Clyde Ferguson Jr., 83

Clyde Ferguson Jr., 83, died May 21, 2012, in Ardmore, Okla.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, May 24, 2012, at Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel, with Dr. Ed Barker of Lighthouse Covenant Fellowship, officiating.

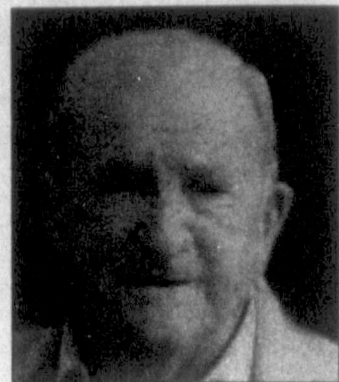
Burial will be at Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Ferguson was born October 30, 1928, in Fort Smith, Ark., where he attended schools. He started driving a truck at the age of 16, retiring after nearly 54 years. He was a great father, brother and uncle who touched many lives. He will be greatly missed.

Survivors include a son, Danny Ferguson, two daughters, Machell Clayton and husband Gene of Oklahoma City, and Janie of Bartlesville, Okla.; two brothers, John Ferguson and wife Mary of Pampa, and Neil Ferguson and wife Virginia of Borger; three sisters, Sue Yohn and husband John, Margaret Graham and husband Eldon, and Kathy Armstrong, all of Borger; a special friend, Janice Sparks of Sulphur, Okla.; five grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife, Mae Ferguson, and his parents.

Memorials may be made to Lighthouse Covenant Fellowship, 1733 N. Banks, Pampa, TX 79065.

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Ferguson

Jackie Curtis McDowell, 69

Jackie Curtis McDowell, 69, died May 20, 2012, in Pampa.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. McDowell was born January 24, 1943, in Electra. He had been a resident of Pampa most of his life. Jackie was a veteran of the U.S. Navy. He attended Hi-Land Christian Church. He loved playing music and electronics. Jackie worked for John King & Sons for over 40 years.

For the record

Police Department

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 24-hour period ending Tuesday, May 22 at 7 a.m.

Pampa PD reported 14 traffic-related incidents.

Animal Control agents and Pampa PD reported nine animal-related incidents.

Pampa EMS and the Lefors Volunteer EMS responded to six medical calls.

Monday, May 21

An accident occurred at the 1000 block of South Dwight.

A grass fire occurred at 152 and County Round 4.

A violation of a protective order was reorted.

A burglary occurred at the 500 block of North Nelson.

Thefts occurred at the 1300 block of West Kentucky and the 4000 block of North Bad Cattle Company.

Criminal mischief occurred at the 2500 block of Perryton.

Phone harassment was reported at the 300 block of North Nelson.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 1400 block of North Hobart.

A violation of a city ordinance occurred at 18th and Hobart.

A domestic disturbance occurred at the 900 block of East Browning and the 1600 block of East Highway 60.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 1300 block of East Foster.

A vehicle fire occurred at Louisiana and Garland.

A suspicious vehicle was reported at the 700 block of North Christy.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 200 block of South Tignor.

Tuesday, May 22
 A suspicious person was reported at the intersec-

tion of Ash and Brown and at the 500 block of North Carr.

A suspicious vehicle was reported at the 500 block of Powell.

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests for the 24-hour period ending Tuesday, May 22 at 7 a.m.

Monday, May 21
 Robert King Parks, 33, was arrested by police for disorderly conduct.

Tuesday, May 22
 Renee Sophia Braddock, 33, was arrested by deputies on a warrant for violation probation involving possession of a controlled substance in an amount less than one gram.

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Census missed 1.5 million minorities

Potential power shortages for state

AUSTIN (AP) — The operator of the electric distribution grid for most of Texas foresees potential electric power shortages over the next decade as record demand continues to grow.

That is the conclusion of a long-term study released Tuesday by the Electric Reliability Council of Texas. ERCOT Chief Executive Trip Doggett says immediate steps must be taken on both the supply side and the demand side of the power equation to ensure reliable electric service for the future.

The report shows a reserve margin of just 9.8 percent of electric generating capacity as soon as 2014, well below ERCOT's 13.75 percent target, and a further drop to 6.9 percent by 2015.

The study counts on coal-fired generating capacity expected to shut down under a proposed federal clean-air rule stayed by a federal court.

Court tosses Open Beaches Act

GALVESTON (AP) — A federal appeals court, ruling in the case of a Galveston waterfront property owner, says the Texas Open Beaches Act that keeps the state's beaches public is unconstitutional.

The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruling echoes a Texas Supreme Court ruling last month that found problems with the law as it applies to west Galveston Island beaches rapidly eroded by storms.

A San Diego attorney sued after she was ordered to move her home because storm erosion put it on the public beach.

In a 2-1 ruling Monday, the 5th Circuit said enforcement of the law was unreasonable seizure of property. A lower federal court had dismissed her suit.

The Texas General Land Office told the Houston Chronicle it hadn't seen the ruling and had no reaction.

Search suspended in Gulf

GALVESTON (AP) — The Coast Guard has suspended its search for six people reported missing in the Gulf of Mexico, two days after a mayday call said they were abandoning their sinking fishing boat in the waters off Galveston, Texas.

Coast Guard Petty Officer Richard Brahm said Tuesday that crews searched an area of more than 2,855 square miles but found no life raft, bodies or debris from the vessel. He says no one has come forward to say their relatives or acquaintances are missing.

Brahm says if authorities receive additional information they could renew their search.

The Coast Guard received a radio message Sunday from a boat captain saying his vessel was sinking and that the six people on board were planning to escape in an orange life raft.

Texas woman charged in murder

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A Texas woman has been charged with murder in a South Dakota homicide that occurred more than a year and a half ago.

Authorities in Sioux Falls say 34-year-old Letisha Morgan of Dallas has long been a suspect in the October 2010 killing of 52-year-old Howard Allen but they did not have enough evidence until recently to make an arrest. They say Morgan recently was charged in a Texas homicide and during discussions with Dallas police it became apparent she allegedly was connected to Allen's killing.

Allen was found dead in his apartment of multiple stab wounds. Authorities say Morgan was staying with Allen, though detectives are unsure how she knew him.

Sioux Falls police will allow the legal process in Texas to proceed before considering extradition.

'Handsome Guy' admits thefts

DALLAS (AP) — A man arrested in Mississippi has admitted to robbing 11 banks across North Texas.

Steven Ray Milam pleaded guilty Tuesday to 11 counts of bank robbery in federal court in Dallas. Prosecutors had said the 44-year-old Tyler, Texas, man was the "Handsome Guy Bandit" described by tellers at the banks he robbed. The name came from the mask tellers said the robber wore.

A statement from the U.S. attorney's office in Dallas says Milam can receive from 32 years to life in prison when U.S. District Judge Sam Lindsay sentences him on Sept. 17 in Dallas.

Milam was arrested Jan. 3 in Mississippi after a chase on Interstate 10 in which Jackson County Sheriff Mike Byrd shot out a tire on the vehicle Milam was driving.

Depp an honorary Comanche

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — Johnny Depp has been made an honorary member of the Comanche tribe.

Depp is in New Mexico, shooting the film adaptation of "The Lone Ranger." He plays "Ranger" sidekick Tonto in the film.

Comanche Nation tribal member LaDonna Harris said Tuesday that the tribal chairman presented Depp with a proclamation at her Albuquerque home May 16. She said the Comanche adoption tradition means she now considers Depp her son.

Harris said Depp seemed humbled. His spokeswoman, Jayne Ngo, confirmed the actor participated in a ceremony, but she declined to provide details.

Harris said she had read in interviews that Depp identified himself as being part Native American, so she thought it would be fun to adopt him — a tradition she says is common in Comanche culture. She ran the idea past her adult children, and they agreed.

Harris said she reached out to the "Dark Shadows" star through a friend who is working as a cultural adviser on the "Lone Ranger" set.

The Comanche Nation is based in Lawton, Okla. About half of its 15,000 members live in southwestern Oklahoma.

Depp has been the topic of much discussion in Indian Country and online since he was cast as Tonto, with comments ranging from his costume, to the selection of a non-Native for the part, to how the role itself has historically epitomized Hollywood's misrepresentation of Native culture.

WASHINGTON (AP)

—The 2010 census missed more than 1.5 million minorities after struggling to count black Americans, Hispanics, renters and young men, but was mostly accurate, the government said Tuesday.

The Census Bureau released an extensive assessment of its high-stakes, once-a-decade headcount of the U.S. population. Based on a sample survey, the government analysis has been a source of political controversy in the past over whether to "statistically adjust" census results to correct for undercounts, which usually involve minorities who tend to vote Democratic.

The findings show the 2010 census over-counted the total U.S. population by 36,000 people, or 0.01 percent, due mostly to duplicate counts of affluent whites owning multiple homes. That is an improvement from a census over-count of 0.5 percent in 2000.

However, the census missed about 2.1 percent of black Americans and 1.5 percent of Hispanics, together accounting for some 1.5 million people. The percentages are statistically comparable to 2000, despite an aggressive advertising and minority outreach effort in 2010 that pushed total census costs to an unprecedented \$15 billion.

Also undercounted were about 5 percent of American Indians living on reservations and nearly 2 percent of minorities who marked themselves as "some other race."

"While the overall coverage of the census was exemplary, the traditional hard-to-count groups, like renters, were counted less well," Census Bureau director Robert Groves said. "Because ethnic and racial minorities disproportionately live in hard-to-count circumstances, they too were undercounted relative to the majority population."

"Our belief is that without our outreach, our numbers would have been much, much worse," he added.

The South, led by the District of Columbia, Texas, Georgia, Virginia, North Carolina and Florida, was more likely to have people who were missed. The Midwest and Northeast as a whole posted small over-counts.

The findings come after more than 100 cities including New York challenged the official 2010 results as too low.

The Census Bureau, which recently rejected New York's request to revise the city's count, says the latest analysis will not affect the government's official U.S. population tally of 308.7

million but it will be used to improve the 2020 count. Nor will the analysis affect how the federal government distributes more than \$400 billion to states for roads, schools and social programs.

"We remain deeply troubled by the persistent and disproportionate undercount of our most vulnerable citizens — people of color, very young children and low-income Americans," said Marc Morial, president of the National Urban League and chairman of the Census Bureau's 2010 Census Advisory Committee. "At a minimum, the census should have the ability to make an adjustment in the official count to ensure that these individuals enjoy the political representation and fiscal resources to which they are entitled."

The Supreme Court ruled in 1999 that federal law barred the use of sample surveys to adjust census results for purposes of allocating House seats; it left the door open to adjustments for other uses such as congressional redistricting or distribution of federal funds. Shortly after taking office in mid-2009, Groves ruled out statistical adjustments in 2010 for redistricting, citing a lack of preparation time.

On Tuesday, the Census Bureau noted how its efforts to count U.S. residents have improved over time. An undercount of the total U.S. population reached as high as 5.4 percent in 1940, the first time the accuracy of a census was formally measured, and then gradually decreased before an over-count was posted in 2000. American blacks are still the most likely to be missed; their undercounts have improved from a high of 8.4 percent in 1940 but at a slower pace than that of whites.

The government takes a census survey every 10 years. The bureau sends census takers and questionnaires to every U.S. household, though not everyone responds. In 2010, the government faced special challenges of counting transient families displaced by widespread mortgage foreclosures, non-English speaking immigrants fearful of enforcement raids and distrustful Americans opposed to government surveys.

Among the findings: —Renters were undercounted by 1.1 percent, while homeowners were over-counted by 0.6 percent.

—Broken down by age, men 18 to 29 and 30 to 49 were more likely to be missed in 2010 than other age groups, while women 30 to 49 were over-count-

ed; that is a pattern consistent with 2000. Adults 50 and older had over-counts of their population, while some young children ages 4 and under were missed.

—The District of Columbia had the highest shares of people who were missed, at 2.2 percent. West Virginia had the highest over-count of its population, at 1.4 percent.

Democrats and Republicans for years

have disagreed on whether the census should be based on a strict head count or cross-checked against a "statistical adjustment" to include hard-to-track people, particularly minorities, who might have been missed.

While statistical adjustment was ruled out in 2010, the issue could be revisited.

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Today in History

Today is Wednesday, May 23, the 144th day of 2012. There are 222 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 23, 1937, industrialist and philanthropist John D. Rockefeller, founder of the Standard Oil Co. and the Rockefeller Foundation, died in Ormond Beach, Fla., at age 97.

On this date:

In 1430, Joan of Arc was captured by the Burgundians, who sold her to the English.

In 1533, the marriage of England's King Henry VIII to Catherine of Aragon was declared null and void.

In 1701, William Kidd was hanged in London after he was convicted of piracy and murder.

In 1788, South Carolina became the eighth state to ratify the United States Constitution.

In 1873, Canada's Parliament voted to establish the North West Mounted Police force.

In 1911, the newly completed New York Public Library was dedicated by President William Howard Taft, Gov. John Alden Dix and Mayor William Jay Gaynor.

In 1934, bank robbers Clyde Barrow and Bonnie Parker were shot to death in a police ambush in Bienville Parish, La.

In 1945, Nazi official Heinrich Himmler committed suicide while imprisoned in Luneburg, Germany.

In 1949, the Federal Republic of Germany (West Germany) was established.

In 1962, the movie version of "The Miracle Worker," with Patty Duke and Anne Bancroft reprising their Broadway roles as Helen Keller and Anne Sullivan, opened in New York.

In 1967, Egypt closed the Straits of Tiran to Israeli ships, an action which precipitated war between Israel and its Arab neighbors the following month.

In 1984, Surgeon General C. Everett Koop issued a report saying there was "very solid" evidence linking cigarette smoke to lung disease in non-smokers.

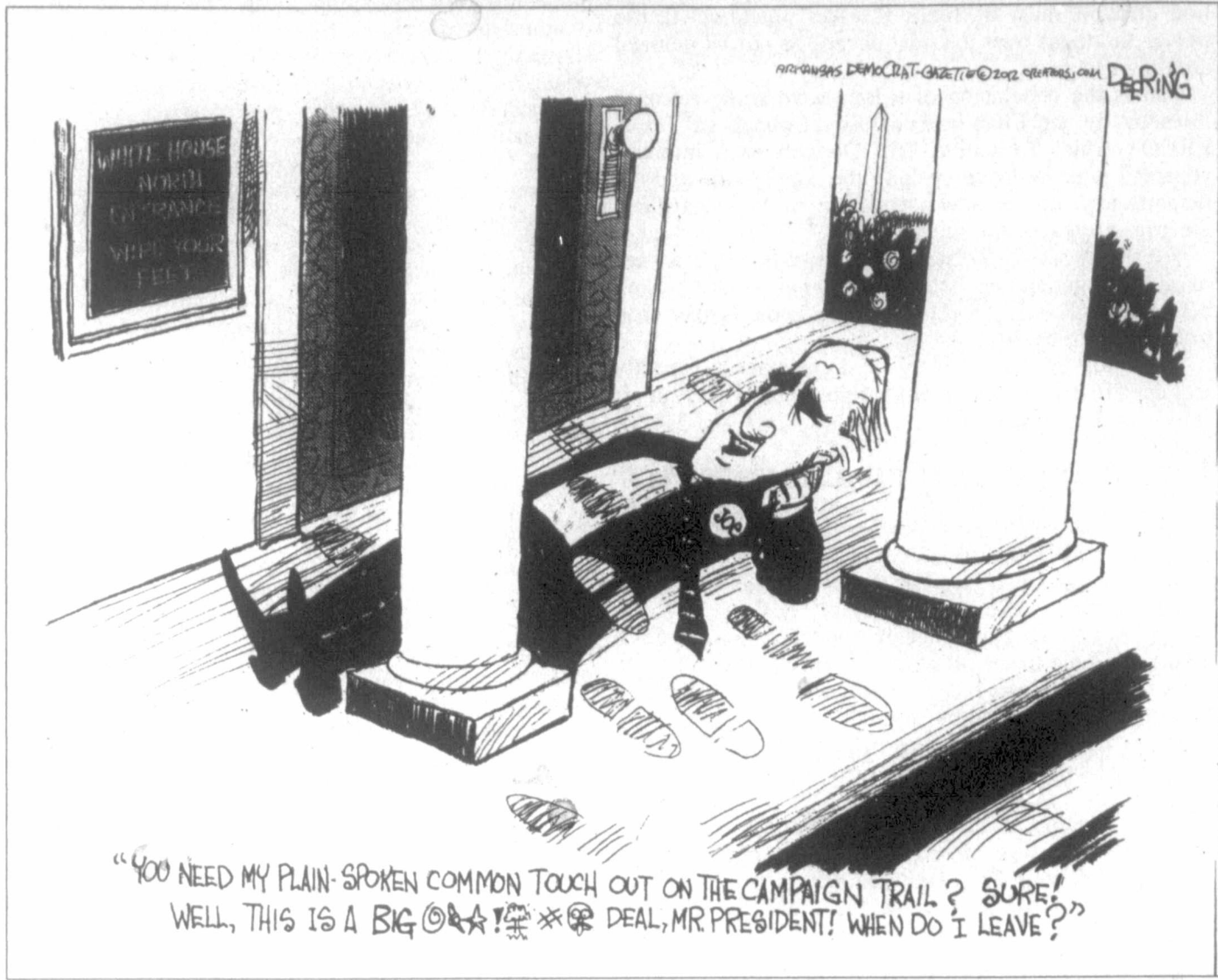
Ten years ago: During visits to Germany and Russia on the same day, President George W. Bush told wary European leaders "we've got to use all means at our disposal to deal with Saddam Hussein," and he denounced anyone who would appease terrorists or ignore threats to Europe. Golfing legend Sam Snead died in Hot Springs, Va., four days short of his 90th birthday.

Five years ago: President George W. Bush, speaking at the U.S. Coast Guard commencement, portrayed the Iraq war as a battle between the U.S. and al-Qaida and said Osama bin Laden was setting up a terrorist cell in Iraq to strike targets in America. Iraqi police dragged from the Euphrates River a body identified as that of Pfc. Joseph Anzack Jr., who had disappeared during a May 12 ambush. Jordin Sparks was crowned the new "American Idol" on the Fox reality show.

One year ago: President Barack Obama opened a six-day European tour in Ireland, where he paid tribute to his Irish ancestors before heading to Britain. The European Union imposed sanctions on Syrian President Bashar Assad over the continuing crackdown on anti-government protesters. Pakistani commandos recaptured a major naval base from Taliban attackers after a bloody 18-hour standoff.

Today's Birthdays: Bluegrass singer Mac Wiseman is 87. Actor Nigel Davenport is 84. Actress Barbara Barrie is 81. Actress Joan Collins is 79. Actor Charles Kimbrough is 76. Actress Lauren Chapin is 67. Country singer Misty Morgan is 67. Country singer Judy Rodman is 61. Singer Luka Bloom is 57. Actor-comedian Drew Carey is 54. Country singer Shelly West is 54. Actor Linden Ashby is 52. Actress-model Karen Duffy is 51. Actress Melissa McBride is 47. Rock musician Phil Selway (Radiohead) is 45. Actress Laurel Holloman is 44. Rock musician Matt Flynn (Maroon 5) is 42. Singer Lorenzo is 40. Country singer Brian McComas is 40. Singer Maxwell is 39. Singer Jewel is 38. Actor Lane Garrison is 32. Actor Adam Wylie is 28.

Thought for Today: "Sometimes you have to be silent in order to be heard." — Swiss proverb.



The real way to save American marriage

For honoring his conscience on the issue of marriage equality, President Obama earned angry rebukes from all quarters on the right, including the Uncle Toms of the Log Cabin Republicans, who said he was "a day late and a dollar short"; teenage mom Bristol Palin, who mocked him for invoking his daughters in changing "thousands of years of thinking about marriage"; and 50-year-old virgin Ann Coulter, often engaged but never wed, who called his decision "a sign of desperation."



JOE CONASON

On the Fox Nation website, minions of Roger Ailes accused Obama of declaring "war on marriage," echoing Rush Limbaugh's charge that "the president of the United States is going to lead a war on traditional marriage," while Karl Rove simply gloated that the controversy has left him "in a bad place" with Catholic and conservative voters. All of these reflexive attacks were consistent with Republican propaganda shrieking that matrimonial rights for gay people will destroy the institution they hope to uphold. It is a puzzling argument, especially because the principal right-wing complaint against homosexuals for so many years was their alleged promiscuity. Now gays and lesbians are charged with trying to ruin the fam-

ily because they want to take vows of fidelity.

In this historic moment for human rights, listening to the likes of Ailes (now on his third marriage) and Limbaugh (currently married to wife No. 4), not to mention Rove

(divorced twice), it is impossible to believe that Republicans screaming about the future of wedlock are sincere. If they are truly worried about marriage, they should stop harassing gays and campaign for the only change that might make a real difference.

They could outlaw divorce, or least repeal the ultra-liberal, no-fault divorce laws that they've used to their own advantage.

Across America -- and particularly in the red states that have rejected gay marriage -- divorce rates are continually rising, along with teen pregnancies, out-of-wedlock births and single motherhood (which somehow afflict gay-friendly blue states far less). Gay rights obviously isn't the cause of marital

strife and separation in those places where hostility to same-sex relationships is considered a religious duty. To achieve their professed goal of protecting marriage, shouldn't the divorce addicts of the Republican right renounce their sins and return to the teachings of Jesus Christ and the Old Testament, which forbid divorce except under a few very restricted circumstances?

Of course such a return to bygone moral standards would severely inconvenience men like the hypocrites named above -- along with Rupert Murdoch, Newt Gingrich and a very large proportion of the GOP congressional caucus -- and will therefore never occur. Restricting divorce wouldn't be good social policy, anyway. Yet it is worth noting that the most enraged defenders of the traditional, heterosexual conjugal bond are men who have repeatedly trashed their own marriages.

Why should Limbaugh and his ilk deny gays and lesbians a chance at wedded bliss? Can they possibly set a worse example, after all, than he did?

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TRC candidates fire at feds

AUSTIN (AP) — Take a handful of candidates, toss in a few jabs at the federal government about over-regulation and add a splash of toilet humor.

Mix it together and you've got the Republican primary for the Texas Railroad Commission, an agency that doesn't have anything to do with railroads but regulates the state's vital oil and gas industries.

The board has three rotating members. Six candidates are vying for a six-year term in the open seat for Place 1, and Chairman Barry Smitherman, who was appointed by Gov. Rick Perry, has drawn two Republican challengers to finish out his term in Place 2.

The fight for the open seat has drawn the most attention and the most money in the May 29 primary election, with a field of candidates pledging to battle

environmental regulators who they say are stifling the Texas energy sector. All promise to also protect private property rights and promote public safety.

Christi Craddick, an oil and gas attorney and Republican Party activist from Midland, and retiring state Rep. Warren Chisum, R-Pampa are the favorites in the race for Place 1. She's the daughter of longtime state representative and former House speaker Tom Craddick. Chisum, who runs an oilfield services company, was one of Craddick's top allies when Craddick ruled the House from 2003-2009.

Those two have dominated the fundraising while competing for the claim as the most conservative candidate who could take the strongest stand against federal regulators.

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Romney inches closer to GOP nomination with primary sweep

WASHINGTON (AP) — Mitt Romney swept the Kentucky and Arkansas Republican presidential primaries Tuesday, inching closer to the GOP nomination he is certain to win.

With no serious opposition left, the former Massachusetts governor easily won both contests. He won all 42 delegates at stake in Kentucky and at least 21 of the 33 delegates at stake in Arkansas.

Twelve delegates were still undecided in Arkansas.

Romney has 1,055 delegates, leaving him just 89 shy of the 1,144 delegates needed to win the GOP nomination for presi-

dent. He should reach the threshold next week, when voters go to the polls in Texas.

Assured of the party nod, Romney has been in general election mode for weeks. He's been spending much of his time fundraising and focusing on Democratic President Barack Obama.

As voters in the two Southern states weighed in, Romney spent Tuesday evening at a fundraising event in New York where his campaign said he raised \$5 million. Romney's campaign has raised roughly \$15 million during a three-day fundraising swing in the New York area.

He is scheduled to make a campaign appearance Wednesday in Washington.

Romney had struggled in some previous Southern contests, when former Pennsylvania Sen. Rick Santorum and former House Speaker Newt Gingrich were in the race. With them on the sidelines, Romney displayed solid support in two states he should win in November.

Even though they have left the race, Santorum, Gingrich and Texas Rep. Ron Paul were on the ballot in Kentucky and Arkansas.

Texas, which offers 152 delegates, votes May 29.

Highway

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Construction will be managed to allow traffic flow to continue uninterrupted, Braun said.

"There will just be a lane closed as you go through there," Braun said. "You'll be directed through the work zone. The whole highway won't be closed at time, just the lane they're working on."

Finding an alternate route while sealcoating is under way is advisable, Braun added.

Gray County isn't the only area seeing

TxDOT projects on U.S. Hwy. 60 lately. The department also announced a similar sealcoat project scheduled for Hemphill County beginning next week.

Braun urged caution while proceeding through road construction areas.

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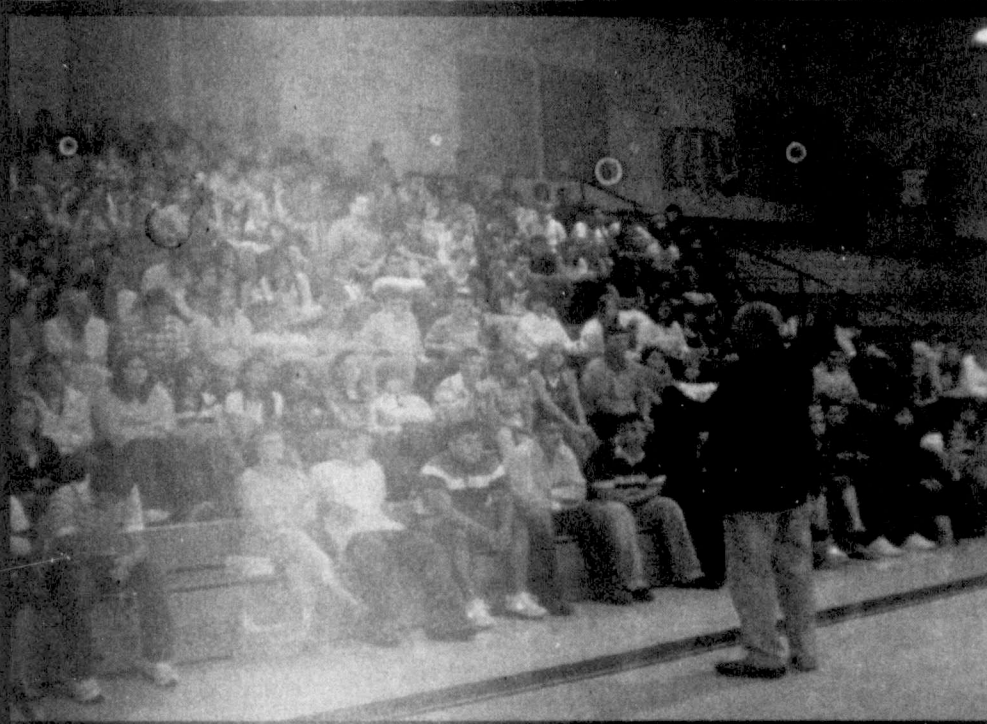
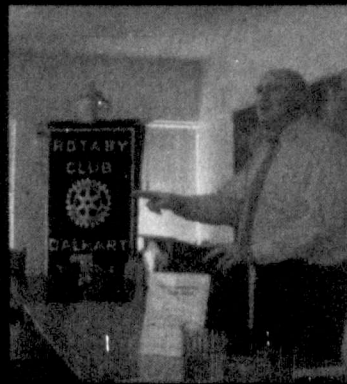
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Prosecutors aim to forfeit property of Mexican ex-official

McALLEN (AP) — The former governor of a Mexican state bordering Texas accepted millions of dollars in bribes from drug cartels and invested the money in Texas real estate, federal prosecutors alleged in two forfeiture cases filed Tuesday.

No criminal charges have been filed against Tomas Yarrington, who served as governor of Tamaulipas state from 1999 to 2004. But the civil actions allege that Yarrington "acquired millions of dollars in payments" while in public office from drug cartels "and from various extortion or bribery schemes."

Yarrington then used various front men and businesses "to become a major real estate investor through various money laundering mechanisms," according to documents filed in Corpus Christi. The other forfeiture case was filed in San Antonio.

U.S. authorities are trying to confiscate a condominium in South Padre Island and a 46-acre property in San Antonio.

An attorney for Yarrington in Houston said he was reviewing the documents released late Tuesday and did not immediately comment.

Yarrington also served as the mayor of Matamoros, across the border from Brownsville, from 1992 to 1995. Matamoros has been the headquarters of the Gulf cartel.

The Corpus Christi case alleges that Yarrington used a Mexican businessman who'd had contracts with the city of Matamoros and Tamaulipas to be the official buyer of the \$450,000 condominium in South Padre Island in 1998. The property was placed in that man's name to avoid detection by law enforcement, prosecutors allege.

Yarrington paid for the condo entirely with drug proceeds, according to the forfeiture case, and has used it since 1998.

Documents filed in the San Antonio forfeiture case note that the details of that transaction remain under seal, but a statement from the U.S. Attorney's Office said the 46-acre property also was allegedly obtained with "illicit funds" by Yarrington and others.

Federal prosecutors also released Tuesday the indictment of another Mexican businessman who allegedly received and distributed bribes from the Gulf cartel to Tamaulipas officials to guarantee minimal police interference in the cartel's activities.

The indictment of Fernando Alejandro Cano Martinez in Brownsville on money laundering charges alleges that he and "one or more unindicted co-conspirators" used a \$6.7 million bank loan to buy a 46-acre property in Bexar County, where San Antonio is located.

Cano is a builder from Ciudad Victoria, the capital of Tamaulipas, where his company has enjoyed government construction contracts under a string of PRI governors since at least 1993. One of the last contracts awarded to his company was in 2009, for a section of a highway accessing land he owned in front of the industrial port of Altamira. A federal auditor forced him to return 2 million pesos on that project for stretches that were paid for but not paved.

Cano remains at large. No attorney was listed for him.

The indictment alleges that Cano set up several front businesses in Texas that took out millions of dollars in loans from various banks that he personally guaranteed for real estate investments and in one case to purchase an airplane. And from 2007 to 2009, Cano and others used at least 10 different bank accounts in Mexico to move

tens of millions of pesos to a Mexican money transmitter, which then moved them on to several accounts in U.S. banks, according to the indictment.

That indictment also seeks a \$20 million forfeiture from Cano that he had represented as his net worth.

Yarrington was also named earlier this year in the federal indictment of Antonio Pena Arguelles, who was also charged with money laundering in San Antonio. That indictment alleged that leaders of the Gulf and Zetas cartels paid millions to Institutional Revolutionary Party members, including Yarrington.

An affidavit filed in that case said the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration had obtained ledgers documenting millions of dollars in payments to Yarrington's representatives. It accused Pena of using U.S. bank accounts to funnel millions to Yarrington from leaders of the Gulf and the Zetas. Confidential informants said the money was to buy political influence in Tamaulipas.

Yarrington declined to comment when contacted by The Associated Press in February regarding those allegations.

Mexican prosecutors said in late January they were investigating former Tamaulipas officials in connection with unspecified federal crimes, a category that includes money-laundering and drug-related crimes. Yarrington and two other former governors from the same political party — Manuel Cavazos, who served until 1999, and Eugenio Hernandez, who left office in 2010 — publicly acknowledged that they were subjects of the probe but denied any links to crime.

The presidential candidate of the Institutional Revolutionary Party, Enrique Pena Nieto, is leading his two main opponents by double digits in opinion polls ahead of Mexico's July 1 election. His rivals, particularly the candidate of the current ruling party, have tried to dent his lead by accusing the party of maintaining decades-long corrupt ties to organized crime and cited the Tamaulipas cases as prime examples.

Mickey Mouse collectors pie-eyed

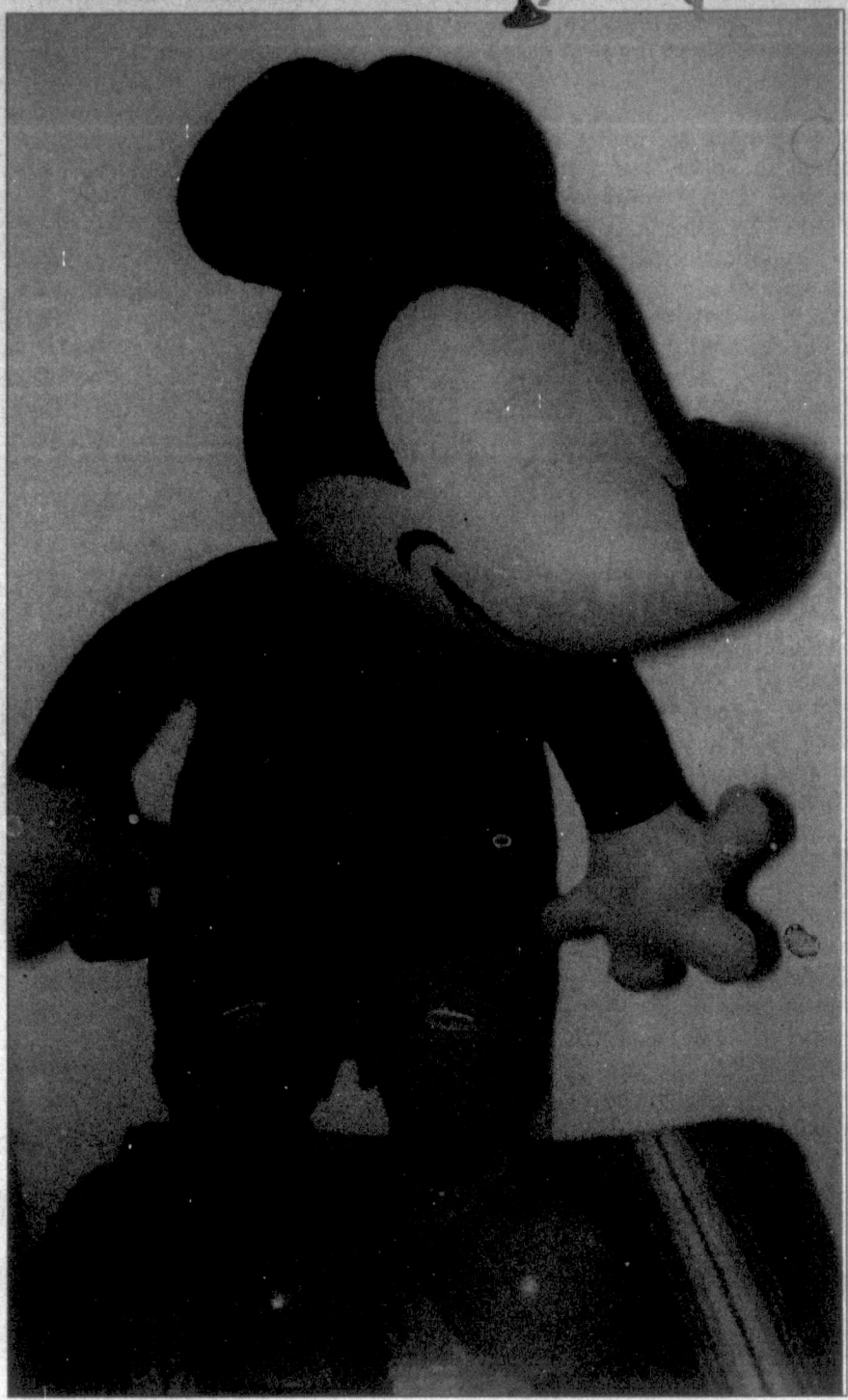
Q: This is a photo of a Mickey Mouse doll that stands about 12 inches tall. It was found in my mother-in-law's attic in 1988. Not one of her kids ever remember seeing it and we know nothing about its history. The doll is made of cloth with red wood shoes; the ears are black felt; and it has four fingers. The eyes are missing, and one shoe has a hole in the bottom of the sole.

Anything you can tell us will be appreciated.

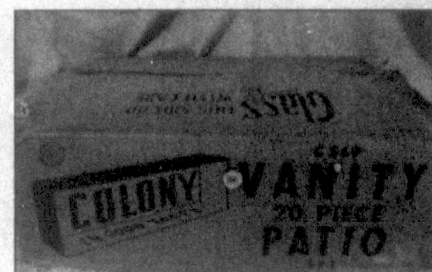
A: Your Mickey Mouse doll was made around 1930 by Knickerbocker Toy Co. in New York. The shoes are composition, and it originally had Mickey Mouse pie eyes. The eyes were made of oilcloth and had a pie-shaped cut out section, thus the term pie eyes.

Your Mickey Mouse doll would probably fetch \$700 to \$1,500 in an antiques shop.

Antique OR JUNQUE?



The Mickey Mouse doll was made by Knickerbocker Toy Co. in the 1930's.



The glassware set was made by Colony Glassware Co. around 1968.

Q: This is a photo of the box that contains an antique amber glass party ware set for 20. The set includes tumblers and old-fashioned glasses all with square bases and serving dishes. Before I donate it or sell it at a garage sale, I would like to know the value of my set.

A: Your set of amber glassware falls in the category of collectibles rather than antiques. "Vanity" is the name of the pattern, and your set was made by Colony Glassware around 1968. It was also made in clear glass and is often referred to as barware.

Similar sets are selling in the range of \$20 to \$25.

Q: I have three "Cries of London" porcelain plates. They are 8 inches in diameter and decorated with very colorful scenes. The plates all have titles that include "Sweet China Oranges," "Milk Below Maids," and "Strawberrys, Scarlet Strawberrys." On the back of

each plate are the words "Tuscan — Fine Bone China — Made in England." I have had these plates for years, and they are all in excellent condition.

Anything you can tell me about my plates will be greatly appreciated.

A: The "Cries of London" scenes were based on original paintings by English artist Francis Wheatley. He painted scenes of people selling their wares in London streets

around 1792. Each scene had a specific title.

Your Tuscan fine china plates were made Staffordshire, England, around 1947. Each plate would probably be worth \$20 to \$25.

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GOP's Cruz: West Texas values could cure America's ills

LUBBOCK (AP) — U.S. Senate hopeful and tea party darling Ted Cruz said Tuesday that Texans' love of freedom and their entrepreneurial spirit is like "America on steroids," and that if West Texas values were spread across the U.S., they could solve the country's ills.

The attorney and former Texas solicitor general spoke to about 75 supporters at an equipment sales and rental business in Lubbock, saying he needs campaign donations to keep Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst from winning the Republican primary on May 29.

Cruz and Dewhurst are vying for the GOP nomination along with two other major candidates — former Dallas Mayor Tom Leppert and ex-football star and ESPN personality Craig James — to replace retiring U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison. But Cruz said the contest is "effectively a two-man race."

"The 2010 tea party tidal wave is still here," Cruz said. "And I can tell you the political establishment in Austin let out a collective shriek of terror."

When someone in the crowd yelled, "We need a bulldog!" Cruz responded, "I agree with you."

"Enough of these little kitty cats we keep sending to Washington," he said.

Dewhurst has spent more than \$11.8 million and recently poured \$6 million of his own money into his campaign. He wants to win a majority of votes in the primary to avoid a July 31 runoff that would feature the top-two finishers if one of them fails to win at least 50 percent of the vote.

Cruz has lent his campaign just \$70,000 and spent

more than \$4.3 million.

Some conservative groups have branded Dewhurst, who has been lieutenant governor since 2003, too moderate. The anti-tax, Washington-based Club for Growth says it's spending \$2 million on ads against Dewhurst, while two prominent tea party groups — FreedomWorks and the Tea Party Express — are backing Cruz.

Dewhurst has responded by using television spots to chide Cruz for his law firm's work for a Chinese tire company in its appeal against a judgment that it stole intellectual property from an American firm.

On Tuesday, Cruz likened that effort to President Barack Obama's ads attacking presumptive GOP presidential nominee Mitt Romney, saying "it's distraction."

The negative ads have crossed the line for some voters, including John Jones, who attended the Lubbock rally. "The acidic nature of (Dewhurst's) attacks made me look at Ted Cruz," the 54-year-old cotton farmer said.

But the Dewhurst campaign got a boost Tuesday with the endorsement of evangelical pastor Rick Scarborough, founder of Vision America. Scarborough said in a statement that the lieutenant governor's "Christian faith and values have never wavered, and that is obvious from his last nine years serving Texas."

Cruz's West Texas campaign stop on Tuesday coincided with his campaign's release of a new TV ad in which he details his father, Rafael, being imprisoned by Cuban dictator Fulgencio Batista and fleeing to the United States. It makes no mention of the fact that the

elder Cruz supported rebels backing Fidel Castro before Castro took power in 1959.

The ad says Cruz is "a proven fighter for liberty because his family knows what it means to lose it."

Also Tuesday, Leppert unveiled his campaign's fifth TV ad, again touting his experience running companies, large and small before serving as Dallas mayor from 2007 to 2011. This time, Leppert appears with empty suits wearing buttons bearing the names of the other major GOP candidates.

Featuring limbs and shoes but no heads, the suit with a "Cruz" button folds its arms, while the Dewhurst one has a cellphone dangling near where its mouth should be, and the James character cradles a football, which is conspicuously fumbled at the end of the ad.

"I know how to cut spending, how to balance the budget, and I know how to create jobs. That's the kind of conservative leadership that Washington needs right now," Leppert says, adding that the nation's capital doesn't need "one more empty suit."

Lawmakers study state's food shortages

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texas lawmakers should pass laws that make it easier to produce and sell fruit and vegetables in poor communities to promote better health, farmers and activists testified Tuesday.

Judith McGeary, founder of the Farm and Ranch Freedom Alliance, asked for new laws to cut through regulations that make it difficult for small "cottage food" producers to prepare and sell food to the public from vegetable gardens and chicken coops in urban areas. She complained particularly about Frisco, which used zoning laws to ban such businesses.

Property taxes also remain a challenge, McGeary said, with counties making it difficult for small farmers to get agricultural exemptions. She said new state laws could ease the burden on small farmers. Texas ranks 43rd in the nation in the number of farmer's markets and small farms per capita, she added.

Public Health Committee Chair Lois Kolkhorst, R-Brenham, pointed out that some businesses have abused the agriculture exemption

and that lawmakers must strike a balance.

Studies show children and adults who know where their food comes from, or are involved in community gardening, tend to eat healthier food, particularly in low-income communities.

Drew DeBerry, the deputy commissioner of the Texas Department of Agriculture, warned lawmakers that one out of every four children Texas is food insecure and one out of five is obese, two things that are related because poor people often spend their money on calorie-dense foods that lead to obesity. He said more emphasis should be placed on educating children to develop good eating habits.

"We need to teach our children about the three E's: education, exercise and eating right," he said.

The House Human Services and Public Health Committees are investigating why Texas has the second-highest rate of

people having trouble getting enough food. In 2010, that was more than 4 million Texans.

Last year Texas distributed \$5.32 billion in federal funds for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, formerly known as food stamps. Texas recently surpassed California to become the largest distributor of SNAP funds, topping \$500 million a month to 3.6 million Texans.

Rep. Susan King, R-Abilene, asked what could be done to allow more feral hogs to enter public food banks, because the animals are a major nuisance in Texas. State law allows hunters to give away deer meat, but federal law says only live feral hogs taken to a slaughter house can be distributed to the public.

"We don't have enough money to pay for everything we would like to have for a food source, and this is a ready food source that some people eat," King said. "Maybe

we can do something to make that food source available."

State officials said a change in federal law would probably be required.

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Jury sees video of AWOL GI buying bomb-making items

WACO (AP) — A Muslim soldier on the run for three weeks after going AWOL from a Kentucky Army post found no help from friends in his Dallas-area hometown, where he hatched a plan and bought supplies to blow up a restaurant filled with Fort Hood troops, according to testimony at his federal trial Tuesday.

Pfc. Naser Jason Abdo, who was AWOL from Fort Campbell, Ky., bought pressure cookers, clocks, wires and other bomb-making components at a Dallas-area store in the early morning of July 26, according to surveillance footage and receipts shown to jurors. Abdo then paid \$400 for a taxi ride to Killeen, just outside Fort Hood, arriving about 3:30 a.m. at a motel, the cabdriver testified.

After police acting on a tip detained Abdo at the motel July 27, they say they found the items in his room and backpack. He was stopped just hours before completing assembly of the bomb, showing he "intended to commit mass murder," prosecutor Gregg Sofer told jurors earlier Tuesday during opening statements.

Abdo, 22, faces up to life in prison if convicted of attempting to use a weapon of mass destruction and five other charges.

But lead defense attorney Zach Boyd countered in U.S. District Court in Waco that no bomb was ever built and said the government is "not going to be able to get around that fact."

After going AWOL, Abdo bought a gun in Nashville after meeting the seller online, according to court testimony. He stayed in Memphis for two weeks — paying for motel rooms, food, cabs and bus fare with cash or gift cards so he couldn't be tracked, and used someone else's ID card, according to testimony.

FBI Special Agent C. Michael Owens testified Abdo told him that after going AWOL, he wanted to flee the country or go to Edinburg to seek refuge with a man who helped his father years ago. But when the cabdriver in Dallas could not take him to South Texas, Abdo said, he looked at a map and recognized Killeen because of the news reports after the 2009 Fort Hood shooting rampage in which a Muslim soldier is charged, Owens said.

"He said he wanted to give faith to brother Nidal ... and said, 'People think he's crazy, but he's not crazy and I came here to remind the people,'" Owens testified.

The reference was to Maj. Nidal Hasan, the Army psychiatrist charged in the shoot-

ings that killed 13 and wounded more than two dozen. Hasan faces the death penalty if convicted at his military trial, set to start in August.

Abdo told investigators that he went to Texas to "martyr himself" for the people of Iraq and Afghanistan, Owens said. Abdo told investigators he planned to put a bomb in what looked like a gift box, leave it a Chinese buffet frequented by Fort Hood soldiers, wait outside and shoot any survivors after the blast. Abdo said he expected to be killed by authorities or arrested, Owens told jurors.

Abdo said he didn't plan an attack inside Fort Hood because he didn't believe he would be able to get through security at the gates, Owens said. But Abdo said he bought a military uniform at a local store because it was necessary to fit into the community, Owens testified.

Killeen police began investigating Abdo on July 26 after a gun store employee reported a young man bought 6 pounds of smokeless gunpowder, shotgun ammunition and a magazine for a semiautomatic pistol, while seeming to know little about his purchases, the store manager testified Tuesday. Officers also learned that he bought a U.S. Army uniform and a "Smith" name patch from another store, and jurors saw surveillance footage showing Abdo leaving the store wearing the uniform he just bought.

Another incident raised authorities' concern after Abdo went AWOL. On July 4, police in Oak Grove, Ky., near Fort Campbell, reported finding a shovel, two large containers of bleach, body bags and a digital camera in a trash bin outside a truck stop. Oak Grove police Sgt. Victor Lynch told jurors he found Abdo's car at a nearby restaurant, where a truck stop employee had reported seeing him go after dumping the items. Lynch said he found a cattle prod, three boxes of handcuffs, trash bags and a large body bag carrier in the car, but Abdo was nowhere to be found.

Owens testified earlier that Abdo said he had planned to offer a Fort Campbell soldier a ride, kill him and videotape it while reciting the names of people he felt had been wronged by the U.S. military — including Abeer Qassim al-Janabi, a 14-year-old Iraqi girl who was raped before she and her family were killed in 2006. Five current or former U.S. soldiers went to prison, one for a life term, for their roles in that attack.

N.M. officials: Spill could be as big as 24 million gallons

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — A decades-old jet fuel spill threatening Albuquerque's water supply could be as large as 24 million gallons, or twice the size of the oil spill from the Exxon Valdez, state environment officials acknowledged Tuesday.

Officials previously estimated the spill from Kirtland Air Force Base to be about 8 million gallons. But state geologist William Moats, who made the original calculations, recently estimated the spill could be up to three times larger.

By comparison, the Exxon Valdez spilled 11 million gallons of crude oil when it ran aground in Prince William Sound in Alaska in 1989.

Jim Davis, head of the New Mexico Environment Department's resource protection division, calls the newest calculation a "first-order estimate" based on new data from Air Force monitoring wells. He emphasized that the calculations have not been reviewed, and said no one will really know how large the spill is until it has been remediated.

"It is not knowable," Davis said.

But he said he is confident the spill can be cleaned up, no matter how large. And while the fuel threatens groundwater, officials have said it poses no threat to people living above the plume.

"The bottom line is this ... we take it very seriously," Davis said. "We are pushing the Air Force and we are going to stay on top of it until it is fixed."

Kirtland spokeswoman Marie Vanover did not dis-

pute the new estimate. "There is really no way to carefully measure how much fuel is in the ground," she said. "What's important here, as far as the Air Force is concerned, is that regardless of the amount of fuel in the ground we are committed to two things: that the water stays safe and to continue our remediation efforts."

The fuel came from what officials now believe was a 40-year leak from underground pipes at a Kirtland aircraft fuel loading facility.

The leak was discovered in 1999. In 2007, Air Force investigations revealed the fuel had reached the water table and was moving off the Air Force base,

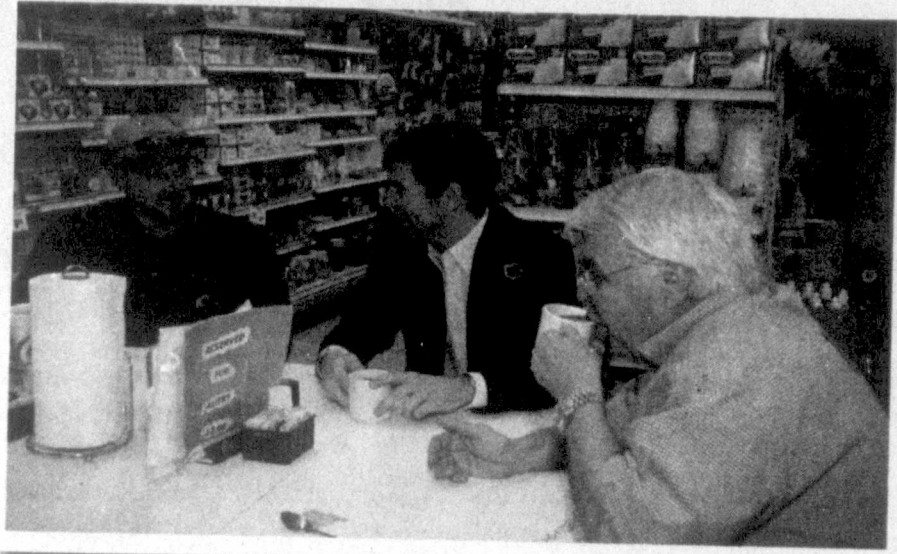
beneath the neighborhoods of southeast Albuquerque and toward the city's water wells.

Since then, the Air Force, under pressure from the Environment Department, has cast an ever-wider net of monitoring wells, trying to figure out how far the fuel has spread.

Davis said officials still believe no contamination will reach city wells for at least five years. He says remediation will hopefully begin this summer but could take 10 years.

Environmental activists planned to raise the issue Wednesday at an Albuquerque-Bernalillo County Water Utility Board meeting.

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Commission

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State officials and energy companies have been fighting federal agencies over myriad issues in recent years, from the proposed Keystone XL Pipeline to protection of the dunes sagebrush lizard in West Texas, to the environmental impact of the oil and gas drilling process called fracking.

Republicans say the Obama administration is hurting exploration in Texas. Too many regulations make energy investors "gun shy" about Texas and cause investments to dry up, Chisum said.

The Environmental Protection Agency "can ruin your life," Chisum said.

"We all want to protect our land, water and critters," Craddick said. "But it's got to be based on good facts."

Trying to break through the Craddick-Chisum fight is Roland Sledge, an oil and gas attorney from Houston with experience in the public and private sectors. Sledge is a political newcomer who sprinkled the race with a touch of off-beat humor.

In an online video ad, Sledge channeled famed cow-

boy humorist Will Rogers, who said there are three kinds of people: those who learn by reading, those who learn by observation and others who have to urinate on the electric fence for themselves.

"Isn't it time we elect political leaders who have sense enough not to pee on electric fences?" Sledge asks in the ad before a man in a dark suit does just that and gets a shock. The ad drew some attention to Sledge's campaign, but recent polls have shown him still trailing far behind Craddick and Chisum.

"I feel like the salmon swimming upstream," Sledge said. "They are nice people but neither have the knowledge of 35 years in the business that I do."

Also running for Place 1 are geologist Becky Berger of Schulenberg, Beryl Burgess, a retired industrial lab technician from San Benito, and Joe Cotten, a financial adviser from Frisco.

If no one captures more than 50 percent of the voter, the top two finishers will compete in a July 31 runoff for the right to face Democrat Dale Henry in the

November general election.

In Place 2, Smitherman faces Al Lee, a retired systems consultant from Dallas, Comal County Commissioner Gregory Parker and attorney Elizabeth Murray-Kolb.

Smitherman is a former chairman of the Public Utility Commission and led that agency in 2008 when the state pledged billions of dollars to boost wind energy, and says energy companies should be encouraged to explore and drill for more oil and gas.

Parker, who says global warming is a myth despite a broad consensus among climate scientists that humans contribute to climate change, says he would fight to protect the energy industry from over-regulation. Murray-Kolb said won't take any contributions from oil and gas interests, which she considers a conflict of interest for commissioners who are supposed to regulate those companies.

There is no Democrat running for Place 2.

Census

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re-emerge for the next census in 2020 as the agency struggles to find ways to rein in ballooning costs to its traditional paper mailing operation while striving to reduce a persistent undercount among minorities. Groves is leaving his post in August to become provost at Georgetown University, and in an election year President Barack Obama has not yet nominated his successor.

"Given the difficult economic climate leading up to the 2010 census — with Latinos hit particularly hard by foreclosures, job-loss and other issues that can hinder census participation — the results of this census could easily have been far worse," the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials said in a statement. "As the U.S. population becomes more diverse, it is increasingly important for the country to invest in funding that will allow the Census Bureau to address the undercount challenges."

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Lady Harvesters show winning days are still ahead

Last May, a lot of us were surprised to hear the Pampa Lady Harvesters softball team was eliminated in its first round of playoff competition. It marked the team's earliest exit in the playoffs since 2004. The loss also started a four-team losing streak in the playoffs. The questions that burned in my mind and others was, are the Lady Harvesters' winning days behind them? Did Pampa's winning ways follow Carlyn Teichmann, Ashley Facio, Shelbie Watson and Sammie Pearson off the field? The past three weeks we found the answer to that question to be a resounding no.

Non-district went the same as previous seasons as the Lady Harvesters tested themselves against challenging competition. In district, we saw this team was different. Last year, Pampa was strong in the first third of district but didn't win as convincingly the rest of district. This year the Lady Harvesters recorded four run-rule victories and allowed three runs



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or less in eight of nine games. What helped Pampa was facing tough non-district opponents in the middle and end of district. The Lady Harvesters beat a strong Amarillo Tascosa squad and Randall.

Entering the playoffs, the team's attitude and focus was completely different. Last year's team was focused on the fact that it finished undefeated in district. This year, the Lady Harvesters were focused on one thing: Win the next game. Pampa had respect for its opponents.

Just like the teams before them, the Lady Harvesters handled adversity well. In Game 2 of the area round, Pampa was two outs away from facing a decisive third game against Midland Greenwood. Junior Martecia Alexander didn't let the fact that she hadn't gotten a hit in the series stop her from hitting a game-tying two RBI double. Against Lamesa, Pampa had to deal with its game venue being changed at the last minute and watched the Golden Tornadoes tie the series. The Lady Harvesters quickly grabbed momentum in Game 3 and finished off Lamesa. Last week against Kennedale,

the Lady Harvesters did well despite not winning the series. The games were closer than what the scoreboard read, and Pampa had a solid chance to win both games.

When the dust settled we were left with team that finished in the top 16 of Class 3A. The senior class of Alanna Stephens, McKinlee Stokes, Harley Mayfield, Kaylene Wyant and Nakayla Hardman cemented their legacy as being a class that continued Pampa's winning ways. This class was a part of two regional quarterfinal teams, at least had a share of three district titles and was the third team to reach the regional quarterfinals. I look forward to what these women do as young adults.

The Lady Harvesters return a lot of talent. Sophomore Alexa O'Brien emerged as the team's number one pitcher with a 15-5 record, winning four playoff games. I look forward to what she does in the next two seasons. Pampa has a great senior class with three-year starters Claire Hopkins and Bailey Beck leading the way. Both girls know what it takes to win and are hungry for another run. Hopkins' speed scored a lot of runs and

Beck has shown that she has pop in her bat. Alexander emerged as a solid hitter in the ninth spot. It will be fun to see these girls grow as athletes and young ladies.

Usually, when I write these columns I talk about what the next step is for a team and say they need to win at the next level. The Lady Harvesters are miles ahead of other teams. Posting a winning record, winning district and winning in the playoffs is already an expectation for this program. For the Lady Harvesters, they need to continue winning and maybe the next time they advance to the regional semifinals, the ball will roll their way.

Congrats Pampa on a great run and I look forward to see you return to the playoffs in 2013.

On an unrelated note, I would like to thank the Harvester baseball team and boosters for their gifts and recognition of my work. It was pleasure to once again serve as your sports reporter.

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CLEMENS' TRIAL

Juror in Clemens case asks why McNamee should be believed

WASHINGTON (AP) — Among the 29 questions the Roger Clemens jury wanted to ask the pitcher's chief accuser, Brian McNamee, one cut to the heart of the case.

"Why should we believe you when you have shown so many inconsistencies in your testimonies?"

"I won't ask that," U.S. District Judge Reggie Walton declared during a bench conference with trial attorneys to decide which juror questions he would read. "That's for them to decide."

The question makes it sound as if at least one of the jurors in the perjury case

has serious doubts about the credibility of the government's key witness against the 11-time All-Star pitcher.

Or it could be that the juror believes McNamee, but wanted to play devil's advocate just to make sure.

If the World Series can have days off, so can trials of baseball players. The court did not sit Tuesday because the judge had another obligation, a timely pause following five-plus grueling days of testimony from the government's key witness. In addition, Walton's practice, rare among judges, of allowing jurors to submit their own questions allows an

unusual mid-trial glimpse of how the case looks to those whose opinions will ultimately matter most.

Clemens is charged with lying to Congress when he testified in 2008 that he had never used steroids or human growth hormone. McNamee, Clemens' longtime strength coach, says he injected Clemens with steroids in 1998, 2000 and 2001 and with HGH in 2000. He is the trial's only witness to claim firsthand knowledge of Clemens using those substances.

Of course, when the World Series takes a break, it's easy to tell who is winning.

Definitive scores are kept. The first team to get four victories takes home the trophy.

The subjective nature of a jury trial makes such score-keeping impossible, especially when considering that this jury cares little about baseball and knew little or nothing about Clemens at the outset. The government might end up having the better case, but by then the jurors might have been put off by a plodding presentation by prosecutors that is literally putting people to sleep. Two jurors have already been dismissed for dozing off during a

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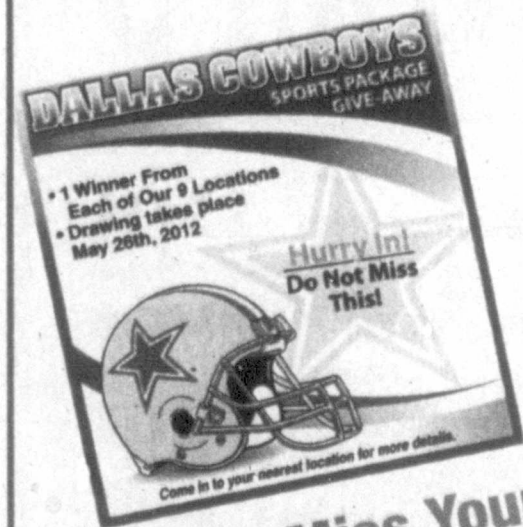
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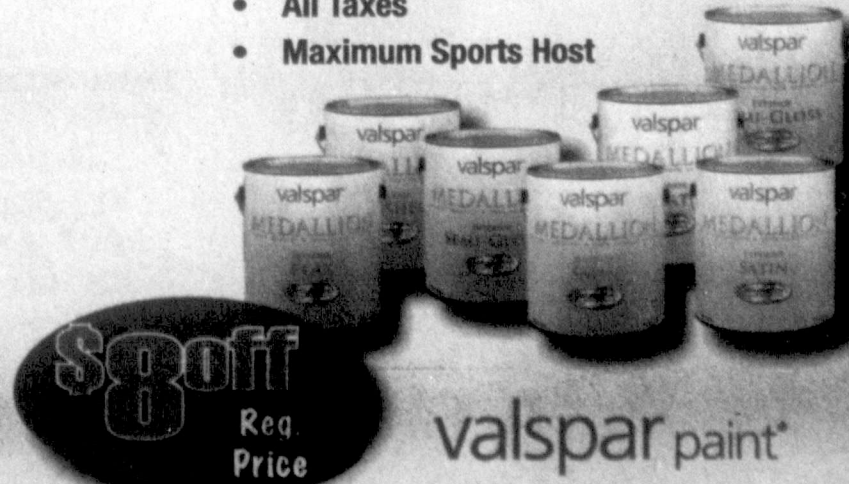
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Sports

PHS tennis honors award winners at 2012 banquet

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The Pampa Harvesters looked back on a 2011-12 season that sent several to regionals during its banquet Friday at Briarwood Full Gospel Church.

The Harvesters went 4-5 in team tennis during the fall and finished 2-2 at team regionals. During district in the spring, Pampa won four district titles and were runner-ups in two tournaments. Seniors Logan Karbo, Landon Karbo, Braden Russell, David Moore, Collin McClendon and Delaney Clendening, juniors Makayla Hampton, Maddie Fatheree and Nick Nelson and sophomore Emily Terry advanced to regionals.

Also recognized were the Academic All-State recipients. To earn the honor

a senior must post an 'A' average during the season. Seniors Elizabeth Terry, Russell and Clendening earned the honor.

Head coach Sarah Corse handed out the team awards. McClendon and freshman Emilee Frost won the Most Improved Award. Russell and Elizabeth Terry won the Team Award. Fatheree and Emily Terry won the Sportsmanship Award. Hampton and Landon Karbo won the Most Outstanding Player Award. Logan Karbo and Nelson won the Attitude Award. McClendon won the Harvester Up Award. Hampton and Moore won the Fighting Heart Award.

The junior varsity was also recognized. Freshman Blake Chisum and Frost were district champions. Sophomore Taylor Smith finished third.

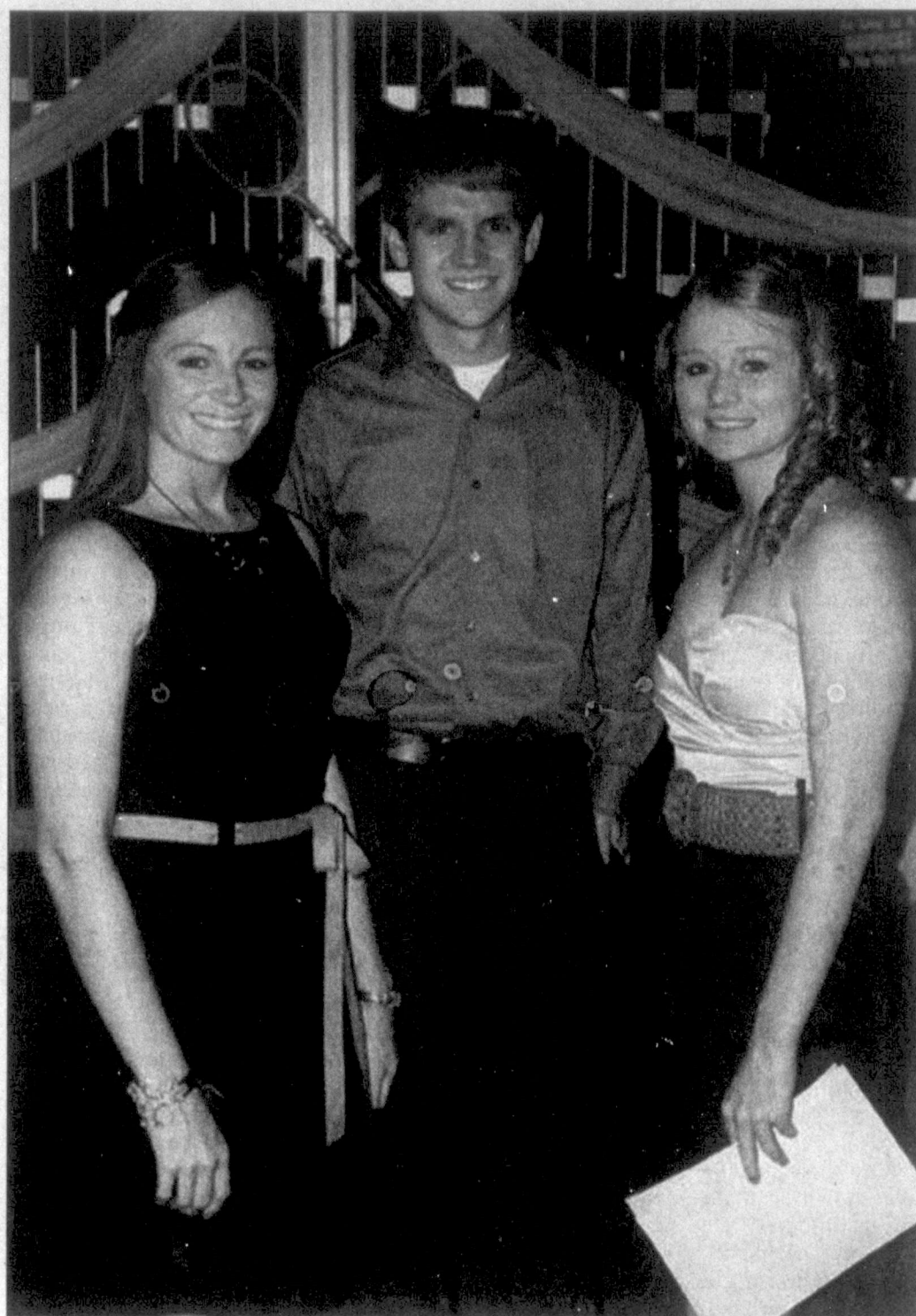


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Senior Pampa tennis players (from left) Elizabeth Terry, Braden Russell and Delaney Clendening show off their Academic All-State certificates.

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Bailey Beck
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Nakayla Hardman
Pampa High School

The Pampa News honors two Female Athletes of the week this week: **Bailey Beck** and **Nakayla Hardman**. Beck recorded a hit, scored and drove in a run on Friday. On Saturday, Beck was two-for-three and scored the first run of the game. Beck will be one of the seniors in 2013. Hardman started in right field and was a solid defender. Hardman made several catches in the playoffs and helped Pampa return to the dugout. Hardman is one of six seniors.

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Who wrote the Bible? Kids talk

"I think the angels wrote the verses, and God helped the angels type it out," says Sara, 8.

That's a lot of typing, but I think there's more to the story. Scriptures record messages delivered by angels, but people did the writing.

"Some names of some people are Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, and if they misspelled a word, then they would have to start over," says Jennifer, 9.

Actually, Jennifer is onto something. Hebrew scribes called sopherim were so careful in copying Old Testament scrolls that they developed a tradition of counting the letters of each biblical text. If the letter count of a copy didn't match the original, Jennifer's "start over" would apply.

"I think the disciples wrote it and Jesus and God," says Robert, 8. "They wrote it on scrolls. Then they cut it in squares, and they got leather and made the cover and put it together."

"God told people to make copies," says Joel, 10. "People did it. They sold them."

Year after year, the Bible continues to be the No. 1 seller. Complete and partial Bible translations have been made in more than 2,200 languages, according to a spokesperson for Wycliffe Bible Translators.

"God is the one who really made all the words, but the people who wrote it down just wrote it on paper," says Casey, 10.

Casey's idea is that people functioned as secretaries in the sense that God dictated the words.

Lynden, 9, believes people played a more active role: "God told the people who wrote the Bible to write sort of in their conscience. He didn't just come down from heaven and say here's what to write."

I like the way Anna, 9, states it: "God thought up the Bible, but he gave people the mind to write the Bible." Derek, 8, adds, "The Bible was written with freedom."

In other words, God used the personality and the circumstances of each writer to convey his message.

Sarah, 10, quotes from II Timothy 3:16



CARY KINSOLVING

KIDS talk about GOD

when she writes, "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness."

The word "inspiration" is literally translated "God-breathed." When God breathes, things happen — like the creation of the world (Psalm 33:6) and the creation of man (Genesis 2:7). "Scripture is the product of his creative breath," wrote theologian Carl F.H. Henry.

"Holy men who were God's people wrote the Bible and God helped them to know what to write," says Scott, 10. That sounds like the Apostle Peter's statement: "For prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit" (II Peter 1:21).

"Moved" can be translated "borne or carried along." When a sailboat glides gracefully through water, it's the result of cooperation between the wind and a sailor who knows how to set the sail.

Nicole, 9, recommends using the Bible to navigate through life: "God wrote the Bible because he wanted us to know him and what he did for us. God also wrote the Bible because he loves us very much."

Think about this: That God would actually let us know what he's thinking is truly evidence of his great love. The Bible is like a map that allows us to safely sail into the uncharted waters of life.

Memorize this truth: II Peter 1:21 previously quoted.

Ask this question: Have you read your life map today?

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CHURCH SPOTLIGHT

Pampa FUMC to celebrate Pentecost in Sunday service

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First United Methodist Church will remember Pentecost during its 10:30 a.m. service on Sunday.

According to the book of Acts, Pentecost is the day the disciples received the Holy Spirit after Jesus' ascension into heaven. Lead pastor Blossom Matthews said the church

recognizes the day every year.

"We will sing hymns that celebrate God's presence with us," Matthews said. "We will show a video geared towards kids that talks about what happened on Pentecost, using shadow puppets. We will have a sermon."

Matthews said the church recognizes the day differently every year, so people can learn more.

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The subway car was jammed with people as the train moved out of the station. One man who was last to board was literally pressed against the door by the crowd facing outward. The man realized he was feeling sick, and as time passed the sicker he felt.

Finally, the train pulled into the next station, stopped and the door opened. The moment the door opened the man on the train vomited all over an unfortunate man who just happened to be waiting before the door when it opened. Everyone stood still in horror at

what had just happened.

Looking at the mess all over his suit and briefcase, the man covered in vomit cried out, "Why me?"

So if you are going through a "Why me?" moment, look to the Lord, remember His goodness, and as Paul, learn to glory in your tribulations that Christ may be glorified.

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



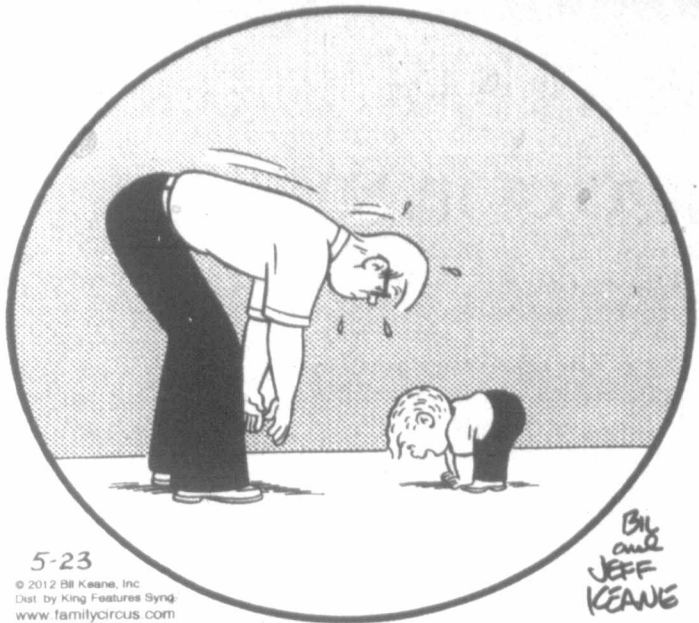
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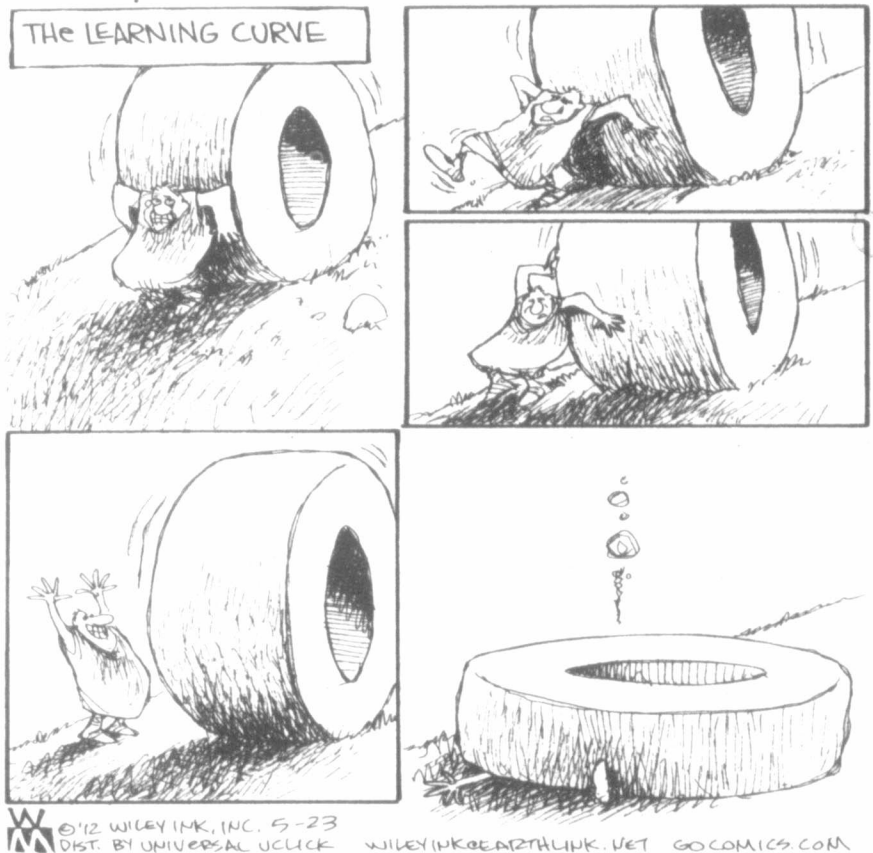
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"C'mon, Daddy, it's easy to touch your toes. Look!"

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Nest Heads



daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, May 24, 2012:

This year learn to use misunderstandings to clear the air, if need be. You are direct and sometimes feel pressured, especially at home or in your personal life. If you are attached, attempt to take that edge off. If you are single, note that you might project yourself one way but actually you are very different. Giving mixed signals never works well in a relationship. Try for unity; others will enjoy relating to you more. CANCER often provokes a strong response from you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Stay centered, even if the world seems wild and out of control. Your efforts will pay off, and someone you care a lot about will be far more comfortable with you. Express your thoughts. They will be better heard than in the past. Tonight: The party is at your pad.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Before you know it, you could be in a power play with another person. You don't want to go there, as it is a no-win situation. Pressure builds if you don't find a physical outlet for your high energy. Be direct with a child. Tonight: Return calls, catch up on email and make weekend plans!

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ Curb a rebelliousness that sometimes comes out. You could make a difficult situation even more provocative. Do you really want that? Communicate your thoughts without judgment, and don't veer into controlling behavior. Tonight: Your treat.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ When confronted, you can become difficult and shut down more than anyone would suspect. How do you think you got the nickname of the Crab? Unfortunately, you might need to shut down in order to make your point. Angry words just fall on deaf ears. Tonight: Speak your mind in a calm setting.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★ Back off of a provocative associate who wants all the credit and demands a lot of attention on his or her terms. You could be overwhelmed by what is happening. Make time for a walk or another stress-buster. Tonight: Choose your words with care.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Zero in on what you want. With a child or loved one, don't manipulate, or you might not appreciate the end results. Be willing to let go of a need for control. Try not to judge. Work on using better listening skills. Tonight: Express your anger appropriately.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Your willingness to step up to the plate, even if curveballs and fouls are coming your way, defines you. However, don't get involved with two people who are arguing more than need be. They both think they are right and want control. Tonight: Could be a late night.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Reach out for an expert or someone at a distance who has experience with the issue you are dealing with. You might need to establish some firm boundaries with a key person in your daily life. This person could have quite a temper. Tonight: Let your mind wander. You'll figure out what to do.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Deal on a one-on-one level once more when the discussion involves an emotional or financial risk. Someone might be attempting to wear you down. Don't weaken. A boss, parent or older friend might be on a rampage. Step back. Tonight: Don't avoid an important conversation.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ Your challenging and commanding way might add a tumultuous quality to a relationship. Let go of a need to be in control of others. You will never succeed. If you really were in control of yourself, you would have no need to control others. Work on yourself rather than judge and manipulate others. Tonight: Sort through your options.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ Avoid expressing defensive or hostile feelings. You are reacting to what you think someone said. Detach. Do what you must. Given a little time, you will gain another perspective. Tonight: Spend time with a playful, fun friend or loved one.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ When everyone else is running around a bit like a chicken with its head cut off, you move in to resolve the issue. Your good mood might be the result of a special tie. Your bad mood might be the result of playing into a control game. You are in control! Tonight: Start your weekend early.

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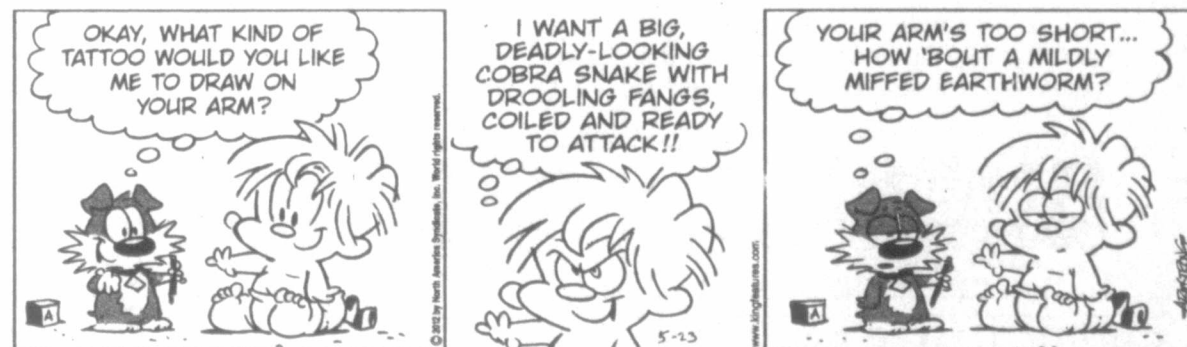
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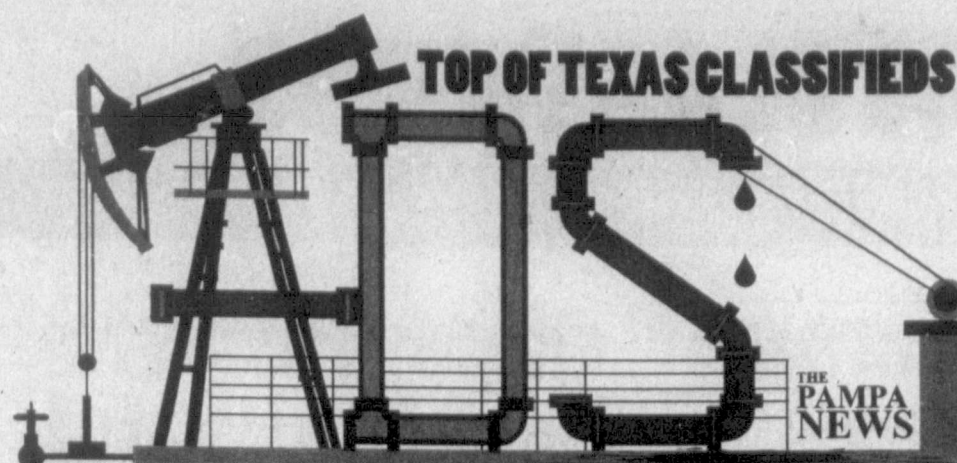


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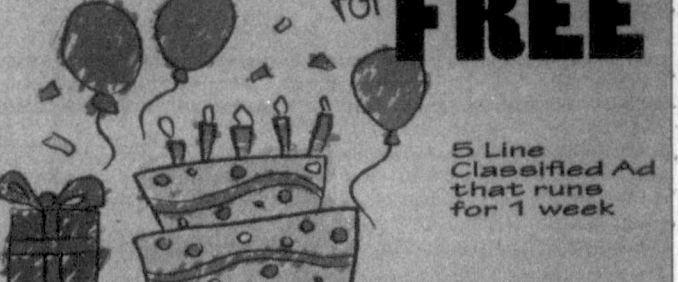
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17 Sound of surprise
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23 Nabokov novel
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27 Brewery sight
28 Casserole bit
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31 Misstep
32 Push away
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Many years ago, soon after my husband, Klaus, and I arrived as newlyweds from Germany, we rented a small bungalow in L.A. There were seven of them in two rows behind our landlord's large home in the front.

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My husband came up with the perfect solution. He placed a large mirror in the window frame. Sure enough, the weekend came and she peered into our window. Seeing her face reflected back, she dashed into her house and never looked again. — LILO IN COSTA MESA

DEAR LILO: I like your husband's style. Your neighbor may not have gotten the thrill she was seeking, but she sure enough got the message.

DEAR ABBY: There is a

segment of the population that I have not seen you address. It's the many women whose dreams of marriage and children never came true.

Society gives so much attention to women who are pregnant and have children. It is very difficult for us to hear people brag on and on about their children and pass around their pictures.

People need to develop sensitivity for those like me, who prayed 25 years for marriage and children, but who didn't get this "gift from God." — ALONE IN THE NORTHWEST

DEAR ALONE: Parents bragging about their children and showing off pictures are natural reactions to having offspring. It is not meant to punish the childless.

There are thousands of children who desperately need the attention and affection you long to bestow, so please consider becoming an adoptive or foster parent, or volunteer with an organization such as Big Brothers/Big Sisters of America. The website is www.bbbs.org. Join the ranks and you, too, can experience the joys of rearing children and bragging as you show off your pictures.

DEAR ABBY: I am a freshman in college. I would like to transfer to a college that two

of my best friends from high school attend, and also change my planned major. We have been friends since seventh grade, and we would like to rent a house over the summer and remain in it during the next school year.

My problem is my father. Daddy insists that I shouldn't live with my high school friends. He says I should concentrate on making new friends and see my old ones less often. He is making it sound like if I don't do what he wants, that I'll mess up my entire future.

Am I wrong here? Would living with my friends be that horrible? — MIXED UP IN NEW YORK

DEAR MIXED UP: Your father may be concerned that you and your friends will be distracted and not apply yourselves fully to your studies if you share a house together. Although many first-year students change their planned majors, changing schools as well as your major and moving in with your friends may appear to your father as a retreat from adult responsibilities. The question you must answer is: Does he have cause to be concerned about your motives or your study habits?

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Sports

Seau's suicide prompts worries about post NFL life

Junior Seau's suicide is troubling NFL players.

No one knows precisely why the 43-year-old Seau shot himself in the chest at his oceanfront home May 2, less than 2½ years after the end of his Pro Bowl career as a linebacker. What is clear — and cause for concern among other players — is that he reached some serious depths of despair.

"To see a guy like that, in such a dark place, to take the action he did ... makes you think about life after football and what it's like, and what you'll be going through, when that time comes, mentally," said Colts linebacker A.J. Edds, who is entering his second NFL season. "This might have been what people needed to open their eyes a little bit about what might happen down the road. How do

you go forward to prevent it? Hopefully some good can be found from a horrible situation. Hopefully that's one silver lining — that it might help other guys keep from getting to a place like that."

In 40 interviews with The Associated Press during the last two weeks, many players voiced growing worry about the physical and emotional toll professional football takes. Seau's suicide resonated among the 13 rookies, 17 active-veterans and 10 retirees, with more than half of each group saying it pushed them to consider their future in the sport or the difficulties of adjusting to post-NFL life.

It's one thing to read about hundreds of guys they've never heard of suing the league because of neurological problems traced to a career long ago. It's quite another to find out about Seau, a char-

ismatic, recent star for the Chargers, Dolphins and Patriots who played in the Super Bowl.

"The difference with Junior for many folks my age or younger is that I played against Junior a bunch. He was a peer. It's more impactful. Not to suggest I had a great friendship with Junior or knew him off the field. I didn't. It's simply closer to home for me than a guy who played in the '70s or '80s," said Pete Kendall, a starting offensive lineman from 1996-2008 for the Seahawks, Cardinals, Jets and Redskins. "All of those kinds of situations are horrible, but Junior's situation probably would have people re-examining things."

Indeed it did. Even less-experienced NFL players in their mid-20s were forced to face some complicated questions in recent weeks.

"You can't avoid thinking about how the game might be affecting your future. Even something as small as forgetting where I put my keys. I know everyone does that from time to time, but am I forgetful because of football? Have I already done damage to my brain playing the game?" Packers tight end Tom Crabtree, who's played two seasons in the league, wrote in an email.

"When you see a guy we all assume to be so happy and successful take his own life, it's disturbing. I worry about how happy I am with life right now and wonder if the damage is too much to overcome. ... It's like these brain injuries really turn you into another person," Crabtree wrote. "It slowly chops away at your happiness. Nothing you can do about it."

Clemens

trial now in its sixth week.

Clemens' top lawyer, Rusty Hardin, could have the opposite problem. He is colorful, witty and displays the type of courtroom personality lacking by the government, but his scattershot method of cross-examination is confusing and sometimes hilarious. A defense lawyer wants to create confusion and doubt among the jurors, but there's also the possibility that the panel will perceive Hardin as someone putting on an act that's more style than substance.

The trial was always going to revolve around McNamee's credibility — it's not an understatement that he is 95 percent of the government's case — so the jurors' impressions of him are crucial. On Monday, they wrote their questions for him on index cards supplied by the court. The judge then huddled with lawyers from both sides out of earshot of the jury to decide which ones can be asked. The transcript of those discussions was made available Tuesday.

The sheer fact that there were 29 questions shows a degree of uncertainty about McNamee's testimony. At least two questions dealt with how McNamee came to assume that Clemens had previously used steroids in 1998. (McNamee essentially says he pieced it together through fragments of overheard conversation and locker room innuendo.) Someone wanted to know how McNamee could have been "surprised" to see HGH items in a shaving kit in Clemens' bathroom before injecting Clemens' wife, Debbie, sometime around 2003. (McNamee said he ordered the shipment on a previous visit to the Clemens house in Houston and had forgotten about it.)

One question referred to a couple of "email threads" between Clemens and McNamee. The judge and Clemens'

lawyer, showing a deficiency in cyber-vocabulary, were perplexed. Prosecutor Daniel Butler had to explain: "In other words, a series of emails."

"I never heard the word 'thread' used in that context," Walton said.

"I haven't either," Hardin said. The jury has been ushered in and out of the courtroom repeatedly during the trial. At other times, they're subjected to listening to "white noise" from the speakers while the judge and lawyers hold lengthy conferences. They are fully aware that they're not being told everything, and one was curious about an email that had a huge portion blacked out in the middle.

"May the jury see the complete email and the rest of the email trail?" the juror wrote on the card.

The answer was no. The deleted portion dealt with an incident in Florida in 2001, when McNamee was investigated for an alleged sexual assault involving a woman who was found to have a date rape drug in her system. He was not charged. The jury has only been told that McNamee was investigated for a serious offense and lied to investigators, but nothing more.

There was another significant question that was not asked, but it proved a boon to the government. The question: "Did you ever inject any other players with steroids or HGH?"

Clemens' lawyers objected to the word "inject." They already have a concern with the fact that McNamee was allowed to say he "provided" HGH to Clemens teammates Andy Pettitte and Chuck Knoblauch and that he helped another player, Mike Stanton, get those substances.

"That's the whole thing we've been fighting about, is this whole thing of injection," Hardin said.

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A compromised was reached. McNamee would be allowed to say he was "present" for their HGH use. Given the chance to question McNamee once more, Butler, the prosecutor, rammed the point home: "Did Mr. Pettitte then use the growth hormone?" "Were you present when he used it?" "Did Mr. Knoblauch use the growth hormone?" "Were you present when he used it?"

"And Mr. Stanton, did Mr. Stanton obtain growth hormone?" "Were you present when he used it?"

McNamee answered "Yes, sir" six times in a row.

Near the end of the huddle about the jury questions, Hardin was curious. Had Walton ever seen 29 submitted to one witness before?

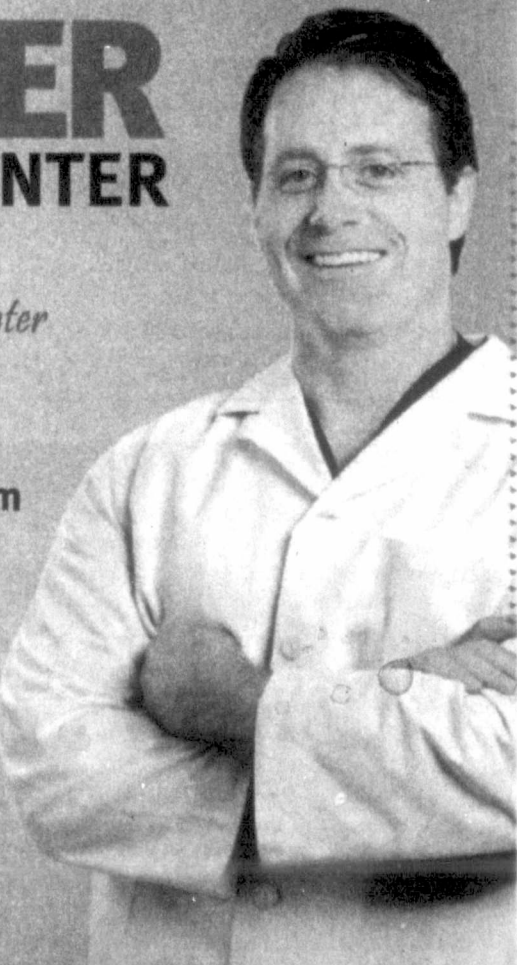
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