

Obituaries

Cecil M. (Oley) Olson

1918-2005

Cecil M. (Oley) Olson, 87, of Pampa, died Saturday, May 21, 2005. A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m., Tuesday, May 24, 2005, at the First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Scott Penrod, pastor, officiating. Arrangements are made by Blackburn-Shaw Funeral Directors, Amarillo.



Olson

Mr. Olson was born Feb. 25, 1918, in White City, Kan. He attended Fort Hayes College in Hayes, Kan. Mr. Olson married Bernice Benbow in Stockton, Kan., on July 6, 1939. They celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on

July 6, 2004. He served in the United States Armed Forces, and was a veteran of World War II. He worked for Halliburton and was the superintendent of Duke Drilling company in Great Bend, Kan. He and his wife, Bernice, came to Pampa, Texas, in 1963, establishing Tubing Testers, Inc., a company he owned and operated until he retired in 1984.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Kent Olson and wife, Linda, of Pampa; Kim Olson and wife, Judy, of Greenwood, Ark.; two daughters, Sonya Dawes and husband, Carl, of Pine Bluff, Ark.; Pamela Brown of Dallas; eight grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be to First United Methodist Church, Foster & Ballard, Pampa, Texas, 79065.

Services tomorrow

OLSON, Cecil M. (Oley) — 2 p.m., First United Methodist Church, Pampa.

CITY BRIEFS

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"THANKS VETS": Two Pampa museums open Military Exhibit at 112 S. Cuyler, May 24th, 1 p.m.

Gray County Weather

This Afternoon: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1 p.m. Partly cloudy, with a high near 92. South wind between 10 and 15 mph. Tonight: A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms, then a chance of showers and thunderstorms, possibly severe, after 11 p.m. Partly cloudy, with a low around 66. South southeast wind between 10 and 15 mph. Chance of precipitation is 40 percent.

Tuesday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thun-

derstorms after 4 p.m. Partly cloudy, with a high near 92. South southeast wind around 10 mph. Tuesday night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low near 63. East wind around 15 mph.

Wednesday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high near 83. East wind around 15 mph. Wednesday night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 63.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Attebury Grain of Pampa.

Wheat	2.81
Milo	3.16
Corn	3.93
Soybeans	5.40

The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa.

Oxy	68.54	+0.50
BP PLC ADR	59.66	+0.16
Cabot Corp	28.95	+0.30
Cabot Oil Gas	29.97	+0.14
Coca Cola	45.16	+0.11
VLO	65.74	+0.55
HAL	42.03	+0.30
TRI	49.63	-0.35
KMI	75.64	-0.33

XCEL	18.10	-0.03
Kerr McGee	71.08	+0.18
XOM	54.51	+0.50
Limited	20.86	-0.03
Williams	17.58	+0.28
MCD	31.30	+0.36
Atmos	27.48	-0.01
Pioneer Nat	39.04	-0.21
JCP	51.16	+0.49
COP	102.52	+1.41
SLB	66.60	+0.63
Tenneco	14.63	+0.16
CVX	52.02	+0.30
Wal-Mart	47.67	+0.49
OKE	29.99	-0.01
NS Grp	26.44	+0.39

New York Gold	419.55
Silver	6.93
West Texas Crude	46.80

Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents and arrest today.

Saturday, May 21

Sixteen traffic stops were made. Traffic complaints were received from Highway 60 East, the 1100 block of Charles, the 1600 block of North Faulkner, and the 1100 block of East Browning.

Two business alarms and one residential alarm were reported.

Law enforcement assistance was rendered at the intersection of Gwendolyn and Nelson streets, the 200 block of North Russell, and the 800 block of North Duncan.

Animal complaints were received from the 2400 block of Dogwood and the 300 block of Anne.

Welfare checks were requested from the 100 block of North Faulkner, the intersection of Crawford and Hobart streets, and the 600 block of Roberta.

An unattended death was reported in the 1900 block of Fir.

Violation of a city ordinance was reported in the 1000 block of Prairie Drive.

Warrant service was attempted at one location.

A civil disturbance was reported in the 1100 block of South Christy.

Domestic disturbances were reported in the police department lobby, the 2600 block of Navajo, and the 1300 block of Garland, where no injuries were reported.

Suspicious person calls were received from the 300 block of North Wells, the 300 block of North Hobart, and the 1100 block of East Foster.

A suspicious person call from the intersection of 17th and Evergreen streets concerned two juveniles with BB guns and pellet guns.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 200 block of North Wynne.

Disorderly conduct/noise was reported in the 400 block of North Nelson and the 1100 block of Sierra.

A vehicle/foot pursuit was reported at the intersection of Hobart and Ward streets. Arrests were made.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 2200 block of Lynn. The driver's window was broken out, but nothing was reported taken. Estimated damage is \$200.

Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle was reported in the 1200 block of East Kingsmill. A vehicle was taken from Doug Boyd Motor Co., 821 Wilks. The vehicle was later found near Canadian. Value of the vehicle was estimated at \$10,000.

Found property was reported at the intersection of Georgia and Mary Ellen, and the 700 block of North Nelson.

Found property was reported in the police department lobby. A bank card was found in the 300 block of Kingsmill.

Theft was reported in the 1000 block of Duncan.

Criminal mischief was reported at Easy's Pop Shop, 729 N. Hobart; Pampa Pawn, 208 E. Brown; and H & R Block, 1301 N. Hobart.

Criminal mischief was reported at Comet Cleaners, 726 N. Hobart. A window was shot, causing an estimated \$400 in damage.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 400 block of Elm. The back window of a vehicle was shot out. Estimated damage is unknown.

Criminal mischief was reported at Long John Silver's, 1050 N. Hobart. A window was damaged, with damage estimate at \$100. The damage was discovered about two weeks ago.

Rhonda Denise Meadows, 37, 1072 Prairie, was arrested in the 1000 block of

Prairie Drive for tampering with government documents.

Sunday, May 22

Twenty-six traffic stops were made. A traffic complaint was received from the intersection of Short and Starkweather streets.

Motorist assistance was rendered in the 700 block of South Municipal Drive. A vehicle accident was reported at the intersection of Randy Matson and Hobart streets.

One business check was made. Two business alarms and one residential alarm were reported.

Suspicious person calls were received from the intersection of Foster and Starkweather streets, the 1800 block of North Hobart, the intersection of Harvester and Mary Ellen streets, the 800 block of North Dwight, the 400 block of North Starkweather, and the 1900 block of Coffee.

Suspicious vehicle calls were received from the intersection of Foster and Osage streets, the 1000 block of North Hobart, the 100 block of North Russell, Highway 60 East, the 800 block of West Francis, the 700 block of Scott, the 1100 block of Sirroco, and the 1900 block of North Zimmers.

Disorderly conduct/noise was reported in the 1900 block of North Banks, the 900 block of Schneider, the intersection of Canadian and Hughes streets, and three times in the 800 block of North Nelson.

Disorderly conduct/other was reported in the 300 block of North Banks, the 300 block of Sunset, and on Highway 60 East.

Driving while intoxicated was reported at the intersection of 17th and Hobart streets.

Domestic disturbances were reported in the 400 block of South Starkweather, the 400 block of South Houston, the 400 block of Yeager, and the 1100 block of Terry, where minor injuries were reported.

Law enforcement assistance was rendered in the 100 block of East Foster.

Civil matters were reported in the police department lobby, the 600 block of East Frederic, the 300 block of Anne, and the 1300 block of Coffee.

Theft was reported in the 1100 block of Frost. A wallet and contents were taken, for an unknown estimated loss.

Felony theft was reported in the 1100 block of Prairie Drive. Jewelry and a credit card were taken, for an estimated loss of \$10,400.

Assault causing bodily injury to a family member was reported at Pampa Regional Medical Center. The incident occurred in the 2200 block of Dogwood. Minor injuries were reported.

Assault was reported at One Medical Plaza, the 800 block of North Frost, and the 2000 block of Duncan.

Violation of a city ordinance was reported in the 1500 block of North Faulkner.

An animal complaint was received from the 300 block of Tignor.

A call concerning a runaway was received from the 2900 block of Rosewood.

A gas drive-off was reported at Taylor Food Mart, 600 E. Frederic. Taken was fuel valued at \$29.15.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 800 block of North Frost.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 800 block of North Nelson, the 1500 block of North Hobart, and the 1900 block of Holly, where a vehicle window was broken out, resulting in an estimated \$200 damage.

Fire

Pampa Fire Department responded to the following calls during the 48-hour

period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, May 21

8:07 a.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 1900 block of Fir.

12:44 p.m. — Three units and seven firefighters, including the fire marshal, responded to an odor investigation in the 1300 block of Coffee. Someone had discarded a cigarette that rolled underneath an old refrigerator on a porch, causing the odor. No fire was found upon arrival.

Sunday, May 22

4:04 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a gas line rupture in the 700 block of 15th Street. A resident had struck a gas line while setting fence posts. Firefighters stood by until Atmos Energy representatives to repair the gas line. No injuries were reported.

Ambulance

Guardian EMS responded to the following calls during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today:

Saturday, May 21

8:08 a.m. — A mobile intensive care unit responded to the 1900 block of Fir. No patient transported.

4:42 p.m. — A MICU responded to the 200 block of Russell. No transport.

11:03 p.m. — A MICU responded to the 500 block of Sloan. No transport.

Sunday, May 22

4:14 a.m. — A MICU responded to a local nursing home and transported one patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

3:51 p.m. — A MICU responded to PRMC and transferred one to Northwest Texas Hospital, Amarillo.

Monday, May 23

5:23 a.m. — A MICU responded to the Jordan Unit and transported one to PRMC.

Accidents

Pampa Police Department reported the following accidents today.

Wednesday, May 18

6:42 p.m. — A 1999 BMW 528i, driven by Valerie Jyl Rushing, 15, 1818 N. Sumner, and a 1999 Chevrolet Suburban, driven by Cindy Lynn Bolin, 37, 1008 Sirroco, collided in the 1800 block of North Sumner. No injuries were reported, and no citations were issued.

Friday, May 20

8:44 a.m. — A 2005 Chevrolet 1500, driven by Kyle Lindley, 25, Pampa, and a 1993 Ford Escort, driven by Donald Wood, 65, 117 N. Starkweather, collided in the 100 block of East Kingsmill. Wood reported possible injuries but refused treatment at the scene. Lindley was cited for failure to control speed.

6:55 p.m. — An unknown vehicle and driver collided with a gas meter in the alley between the 1100 blocks of South Banks and South Faulkner streets, and then left the scene. No injuries were reported, and no citations were issued.

Sheriff

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests today.

Saturday, May 21

Cutter Doy Hutchison, 32, 500 Lowry, was arrested for assault causing bodily injury.

Juan Anguiano Jr., 27, 600 Sloan, was arrested by the Precinct 2 constable for public intoxication.

Juan Miguel Salas, 21, Wheeler, was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety for driving while intoxicated.

Sunday May 22

Kindra Minnett, 21, Jonesboro, Ark., was arrested on a probation violation for burglary of a habitation.

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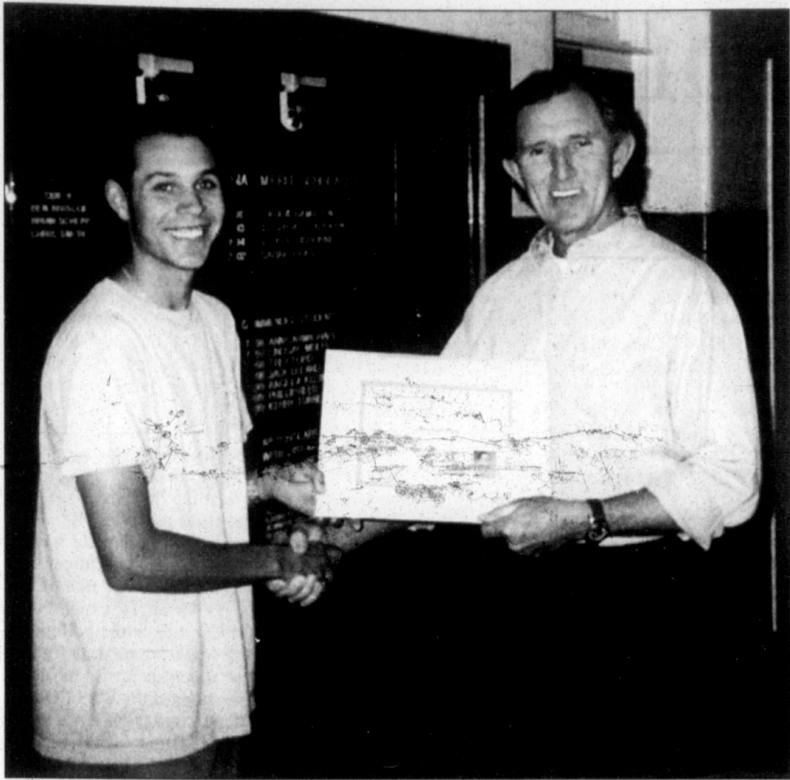
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Mitchell Crow, left, accepts a certificate naming him as the first Michael T. Cornelison Scholarship recipient from Cornelison's father, Lee Cornelison.

First Michael T. Cornelison Scholarship recipient named

Mitchell Crow, a senior at Pampa High School, has been chosen as the first recipient of the annual Michael T. Cornelison Scholarship.

The son of Kent and Donna Crow, he will graduate in the top 10 percent of his class. He belongs to the National Honor Society, National Honor roll and DECA, serving as chapter president for the past three years. In addition to scholastic accomplishments, Crow has also excelled in tennis for four

years: All-District Singles, two years; All-District Doubles, two years; and as Team Captain his senior year, leading the program to a second place finish in the fall. He also represented PHS as a member of the district winning doubles team this spring.

Crow serves in his church and has been involved in other community activities, serving on the Red Cross board of directors for counties in the eastern panhandle and the Pampa Independent School District Planning

Committee. This committee is responsible for developing a five-year plan to help PISD achieve exemplary status.

After graduation, Crow plans to attend Oklahoma University in the fall, majoring in business finance and accounting.

Michael T. Cornelison was a 2001 PHS graduate and a student at Oklahoma Christian University. The MTC scholarship is established with PISD, in care of Business Manager Carol Fields.

High court turns aside appeal of death sentence

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court on Monday turned aside an appeal by a Mexican citizen on death row in Texas who contended he and 50 other Mexicans should have their death sentences overturned because they were improperly denied legal help from their consulates in violation of international law.

In an unsigned decision, justices dismissed as premature the case of Jose Medellin, who argued he was entitled to a federal court hearing on whether his rights were violated when a Texas court tried and sentenced him to death in 1994 on rape and murder charges without consular access.

its full course in state court.

"In light of the possibility that the Texas courts will provide Medellin with the review he seeks," the opinion stated, "we think it would be unwise to reach and resolve the multiple hindrances to dispositive answers to the questions here presented."

The case, which attracted worldwide attention, was seen as a test of how much weight the Supreme Court would give in domestic death penalty cases to the International Court of Justice, or ICJ, in The Hague, which ruled last year that the 51 convictions violated the 1963 Vienna Convention.

The case, however, took an unexpected turn in February when Bush ordered states to comply with the ICJ ruling and hold new hearings.

At the same time, the administration made clear it was Bush's decision — not the judiciary branch's — decision whether to comply with international law.

To avoid future questions about the role of international tribunals in domestic death penalty cases, the administration also announced it was withdrawing from the portion of the Vienna Convention that gave the ICJ authority to hear U.S. disputes.

In an unsigned decision, Supreme Court justices dismissed as premature the case of Jose Medellin.

The court cited a last-minute maneuver by President Bush ordering state courts to revisit the issue, making Supreme Court intervention unnecessary at this time. It reserved the right to hear the appeal again once the case had run

In 1969, the Senate ratified the Vienna Convention, which requires consular access for Americans detained abroad and foreigners arrested in the United States. The Constitution states that U.S. treaties "shall be the supreme law of the land," but does not make clear who interprets them.

Reward increases to \$2,000 for information in vandalisms

The reward for information in the ongoing BB gun vandalism, which has been occurring since early March in the Pampa area, has been raised to \$2,000, according to Lt. Fred Courtney of Pampa Police Department.

The reward had been at \$800, but one \$1,000 donor plus others who gave a total of \$200 have raised the overall amount to \$2,000, he said.

Glass in windows and doors of vehicles and buildings has been damaged at businesses, churches and residences, according to police reports.

The majority of the damage is believed to have been done by a BB gun, according to the reports.

Businesses just outside city limits on Price Road have also been struck.

The total number of incidents involving broken or damaged glass windows and doors for the past several weeks is several dozen, totaling tens of thousands of dollars' damage, according to incident reports.

Anyone with information concerning the vandalism is asked to call Crime Stoppers at 669-2222.



Pampa police are posting this reward for information leading to the persons responsible for a costly vandalism spree here.

Calls will remain confidential, and the caller will remain anonymous, Courtney said.

Crime Stoppers callers may leave a four-digit number if they are interested in the reward.

'Click It or Ticket' campaign under way

Hundreds of law enforcement agencies across Texas will be looking for drivers and passengers who aren't properly secured in their vehicles during the national "Click It or Ticket" enforcement mobilization, which begins today and runs through June 5, according to the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS).

"Fastening a seat belt takes only seconds and could save your life," said Col. Thomas A. Davis Jr., DPS director.

"Making sure children are properly secured also takes only moments. Most impor-

tant, it's the law. If you're in a vehicle and not secured, you can bet that you will be pulled over by a Texas law enforcement officer and you will receive a ticket," Davis said in a news release.

Texas law requires every person sitting in the front seat of a vehicle to wear a safety belt. The law also states that all children under 17 years old must be secured with a safety belt, or in a child safety seat, whether they are sitting in the front or in the back seat. A child less than four years old, or less than 36 inches tall, must be secured in a child safety seat.

Drivers can be stopped and ticketed for a safety belt violation if they, or any of their passengers under the age of 17, are not buckled up or properly restrained.

Traffic fines for failing to use a seat belt or secure a child in a safety seat can run from \$50 to \$200, plus court costs.

In connection with the "Click It or Ticket" campaign, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) has been running an advertising campaign emphasizing seat belt usage by drivers and passengers in pickup trucks.

Schools

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streets following Red Deer Creek, a Wilson attendance area rather than an Austin attendance area.

Officials estimate approximately 100 students would change schools as a result of the changes.

Changes in the district's student transfer policy is also scheduled for vote.

Several other revised policies are on the agenda, as well, including local policies on student activities, grading and progress reports to parents. First reading of TASB Policy Update 75 is listed as

a discussion item.

The board will consider a budget amendment, the revised 2005-2006 school calendar, waivers for the upcoming year, a contract with the TEA for federal funding, and Workers Compensation insurance.

Bids on winter sports equipment and custodial supplies will be considered for award.

Reports on 2004-2005

federal funding and 2005-2006 federal funding are to be presented, followed by a budget workshop.

Jeanna Miller, special education diagnostician at Pampa Junior High, is requesting a leave of absence to serve as president of the Texas Classroom Teachers Association during the 2005-2006 school year.



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Viewpoints

Just when you think kids aren't listening ...

You talk to your kids and you don't think they're listening. Then, one day, they surprise you.

A couple of weeks ago, my son called. He said, "Dad, you've got to see 'National Treasure!' It has the Intrepid in it."

The USS INTREPID (CVS-11) is an old World War II ESSEX Class aircraft carrier.

At 898 feet long and with a displacement of 46,000 tons, it is not a large ship compared with the super carriers of today, but it was the biggest thing I'd ever seen afloat when I stood at her bow on a winter's morning in 1969 in the Philadelphia Naval Yard.

I was fresh out of Officer

Candidate School with the single bright and shiny gold ribbon of an Ensign on the sleeves of my dress blue uniform. Having grown up in Plainview, Texas, the biggest thing I'd ever seen afloat was a 14-foot ski boat on Buffalo Lake near Umbarger (Buffalo Lake had water in it when I was a kid).

It wasn't yet dawn as I walked aboard on the forward brow. I stopped, turned to my left and saluted the stern of the ship where the Stars and Stripes would have been if the sun had been up, then turned and saluted the Officer of the Deck, OOD, LT E.J.B. Huntoon, a tall, thin officer who was halfway through his early morning watch and more than a little

bored until the new guy showed up.

He smirked and directed me to the wardroom, explaining that I could wait there until reveille. The administrative officer, where I was to check in, wouldn't be open until 8 a.m.

I sat in the wardroom, drinking coffee and eating breakfast and trying to look cool.

It was the first of many days aboard a ship that was older than I was, and the memories came flooding back Sunday night as I sat and watched the movie

"National Treasure."

In the movie, Hollywood star Nicholas Cage and his intrepid friends are trying to beat the bad guys to a fabulous treasure hidden away by the nation's founding fathers. It's fast paced and you don't want to miss a second or you'll miss one of the clues in the treasure hunt up and down the East Coast of the U.S. from Washington to Boston.

It really is a great, enjoyable movie, but I was waiting for the USS INTREPID to make an appearance. My son had told me that the ship,

now a floating museum in New York City, was the site of a meeting between Cage and the bad guys. He said the scene lasted only a few minutes and was afraid that I would be disappointed. I wasn't.

At first it was difficult to tell that it was the ship I was on. The flight deck is crowded with displays of aircraft, most of which were too heavy for INTREPID's teakwood flight deck, and apparently fast food vendors and swarms of tourists.

It didn't seem to resemble the ship I had sailed on until a close-up of Cage crossing the flight deck. Behind him was the gray painted island structure with proper safety warnings. I could almost

smell the jet exhaust fumes and hear the high-pitched whine of engines and feel the thud of the catapult. It did bring back memories, mostly pleasant.

The one momentarily ill feeling I had was when Cage's character did a swan dive off the flight deck into the Hudson River.

In OCS, each of us had to dive off a 50-foot tower and swim to the other side of the pool. An angry Chief Petty Officer was at the bottom of the tower reminding us of the then-recent flight deck fires aboard the USS FORESTALL and ORISKANY.

The flight deck of the INTREPID is 52 feet above

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David Bowser

Columnist



Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, May 23, the 143rd day of 2005. There are 222 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 23, 1934, bank robbers Bonnie Parker and Clyde Barrow were shot to death in a police ambush in Bienville Parish, La.

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, Captain William Kidd was hanged in London after being convicted of piracy and murder.

In 1788, South Carolina became the eighth state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.

In 1937, industrialist John D. Rockefeller died in Ormond Beach, Fla.

In 1944, during World War II, Allied forces bogged down in Anzio began a major breakout offensive.

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

In 1960, Israel announced it had captured former Nazi official Adolf Eichmann in Argentina. Eichmann was tried in Israel, found guilty of crimes against humanity and hanged in 1962.

In 1977, the U.S. Supreme Court refused to

hear the appeals of former Nixon White House aides H.R. Haldeman and John Ehrlichman and former Attorney General John N. Mitchell in connection with their Watergate convictions.

In 1985, Thomas Patrick Cavanaugh, an aerospace engineer who admitted trying to sell "stealth" bomber secrets to the Soviet Union, was sentenced in Los Angeles to life in prison.

Ten years ago: The nine-story hulk of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City was demolished. That same day, James Nichols, whose brother and a friend were charged in the Oklahoma bombing, was released from federal custody. Leland William Modjeski, a 37-year-old graduate student, was shot and wounded on the White House lawn after scaling a fence with an unloaded gun.

Five years ago: Two weeks before a U.S.-Russia arms summit, presidential candidate George W. Bush said he would slash America's nuclear arsenal as part of a broad national security review that would call for a missile-defense system.

'He who cannot rest, cannot work; he who cannot let go, cannot hold on; he who cannot find footing, cannot go forward.'

— Henry Emerson Fosdick
American clergyman



Helping seniors or helping heirs?

How many times have we heard advertisements from law firms that specialize in elder law urging, "If you anticipate that you may have to enter a nursing home down the road, an elder care attorney may be able to help you create a plan that will both protect much of your assets and make you eligible for government benefits?" Boiled down to basics, the lawyers are suggesting that they can arrange for you to live off others should you ever require long-term care instead of having to spend the assets you've accumulated during your lifetime.

The quest to allow senior citizens to live off others

doesn't stop there. If you're a senior citizen, you might be eligible for property tax reductions, subsidized prescription drugs, reduced fare on public transportation, and all manner of merchandise discounts.

Don't get me wrong. I don't have anything against older people. In fact, some of my best friends are over 70, including Mrs. Williams. Let's do a bit of analysis of efforts to assist the elderly, but let's use our brains instead of our hearts.

According to a 2003 Housing Vacancy Survey, conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau in conjunction with the Current

Population Survey, 42 percent of Americans 35 years of age owned their homes compared to 80 percent of those 55 and older. The bureau's May 2003 report, "Net Worth and Asset Ownership of Households: 1998 and 2000," shows that excluding home equity, the median net worth of householders 35 to 44 years of age

was \$44,000 and that of householders 70 to 74 years of age was \$120,000.

The bottom line is that seniors are far richer than their mid-life counterparts who are in the workforce paying income taxes. They're being taxed to care for those who are not only less likely to be in the labor force paying income taxes but are wealthier than they. That's a particularly perverse form of income redistribution — until we give it a little more thought to find out who's really being subsidized.

Since older people are not

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Walter Williams
Columnist



Bill does something right for a change

While the Texas Legislature is taking its lumps for wasting time with legislation to police cheer-leading, we have to give lawmakers credit for doing something right for a change. And no, the thorny problem of what to do about school finance hasn't gone away.

Still, we applaud a bill that has passed both the state House and Senate that would require each elected or appointed government official in the state to complete a training course on open records and open meetings laws.

Senate Bill 286, authored by Sen. Jeff Wentworth, R-

San Antonio, was passed by the House late Tuesday. The bill incorporates training requirements in a similar bill filed by Rep. Todd Baxter, R-Austin.

Now the only thing that stands between the bill and becoming law is Gov. Rick Perry's signature. And we would hope the governor realizes the need for such training. After all, we want our public officials armed with the best information possible to serve the public. Too often, the public is

denied information on local-level decisions because officials simply don't know the ground rules on open meetings and open records. This state mandate should give them at least a working knowledge of the subject and increase efficiency of government.

To demonstrate the problems that now exist, Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott said his office receives about 11,000 requests per year from government officials seeking

guidance pertaining to disclosure of records to the public and media.

This newspaper has consistently and diligently tried to keep government entities from hiding things from the public. Our editors can testify that a lot of those requests come from agencies and bureaucrats who are merely trying to buy time with a red-tape process.

This mandated training should be a step toward clarifying in the minds of politicians and bureaucrats just what they have to reveal to taxpayers.

As the attorney general

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Two Meals on Wheels employees, Donna Powell, right, and Jan Chambers, center, who will be honored with a farewell reception Friday, May 27, are shown here with Director Jeane Autry.

Farewell reception planned Friday for two Meals on Wheels employees

Pampa Meals on Wheels will be saying farewell to two employees with a reception on Friday, May 27, from 9 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. at the Meals on Wheels office, 302 E. Foster.

Donna Powell, an employee for 22 years, is retiring. Jan Chambers, first a volunteer and then volunteer coordinator since January 2004, is also leaving.

Powell began working for Meals on Wheels in May 1983 as patron coordinator. "Donna has been an invaluable asset to the Meals On Wheels program," said Director Jeane Autry.

"(Chambers) has been wonderful with our volunteers and has been willing to work at

whatever needed to be done, whether it was part of her job description or not," Autry said.

Powell and her husband Jim plan to travel and spend more time with their grandchildren, Samantha, Chance and McKenzie.

Chambers and her husband Bob plan to spend time in Idaho where they have a home on Lake Pend Oreille.

"Please drop by and bid farewell to these two ladies and meet the two that will be replacing them," Autry said.

Kathy Leeve is the new patron coordinator and Donna Miller will replace Chambers as volunteer coordinator, Autry announced.

First lady not surprised by protesters at holy sites

ABU GHOSH, Israel (AP) — Laura Bush said Monday she was not surprised to be met by protesters during her tour of Mideast holy sites and pledged the United States will do all it can to help resolve age-old conflicts.

"As we all know, this is a place of very high tensions and high emotions," the first lady said while standing in the garden courtyard of the Church of the Resurrection. "And you can understand why when you see the people with a deep and sincere faith in their religion all living side by side."

Mrs. Bush said the protesters who heckled her during Sunday's visits to the Dome of the Rock and the Western Wall did not surprise her and she denied that they overshadowed her goodwill visit.

"I think the protests were very expected. If you didn't expect them, you didn't know what it would be like when you got here," she said. "Everyone knows how the tensions are and, believe me, I was very, very welcomed by most people."

Mrs. Bush was visiting sites sacred to all three major religions born in the region, winding up with a stop Monday at the Church of the Resurrection at Abu Ghosh, a

predominantly Muslim town where some believe Jesus appeared on Easter.

"I think that Abu Ghosh, as we leave Israel, can show us what it's like when the people of three religions that have so many holy sites here in the Holy Land indeed can live in peace with each other," she said.

As Mrs. Bush toured the

coverage.

From Israel, Mrs. Bush traveled to Cairo, where she met with Egyptian first lady Suzanne Mubarak at Ittihadiyya Palace. The two women then taped a segment for "Alam Simsim," the Egyptian version of "Sesame Street," with a peach-colored puppet named Khokha. "Mama Suzanne" and "Auntie Laura," as Khokha called the first ladies, talked about the importance of reading to children.

Mrs. Bush's low-key travels Monday were in contrast to her stops Sunday at sites sacred to Muslims and Jews.

Asked about the protests during an interview on ABC's "Good Morning America," Mrs. Bush said she understands resentments that have been built up, in part because of reports and pictures of prisoner abuse.

"I know from visiting Afghanistan ... that many, many people are glad our troops are there, that we are giving them a chance to rebuild their country," she said. "All of us, everyone ... deplore the photographs that we've seen, the reports that we've heard of prisoner abuse, but that's not really not what happens (with U.S. forces) ... This is a handful of people."

'As we all know, this is a place of very high tensions and high emotions.'

— Laura Bush

12th-century church, nuns and monks sang Psalm 150 in Hebrew as a symbol of the religious cultures coexisting in the region.

President Bush talked with his wife by telephone Monday and she told him the trip was going well, White House spokesman Scott McClellan said. McClellan dismissed the protests as "a little commotion" and said the demonstrators were few although they got a lot of

TURNING POINT

South Korea: North's response to U.S. offer will be 'watershed' in nuclear dispute

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — A South Korean official Monday urged North Korea to quickly respond to Washington's recent recognition of the country's sovereignty, saying it could lead to a turning point in the standoff over Pyongyang's nuclear programs.

Kim Sook, director-general of the foreign ministry's North American affairs bureau, said it was time for North Korea to give a "serious response" to issues discussed at the first meeting with U.S. officials in almost a year.

On Sunday, North Korea indicated a willingness to return to the nuclear bargaining table but said it "will continue to closely watch the U.S. side's atti-

tude" to clarify what it called conflicting statements on American policy toward the reclusive state.

Kim said the North should be ready to respond to the May 13 meeting in New York, during which U.S. officials explained their position on nuclear nonproliferation within the context of stalled six-nation talks on North Korea's nuclear weapons programs.

"We don't think there is any reason (for North Korea) to continue to closely watch," Kim told KBS Radio. "How North Korea will respond will become a watershed in the resolution of the North Korean nuclear issue."

Kim did not elaborate. The comments came as concerns mount that

Pyongyang is moving toward extracting weapons-grade plutonium and could be preparing for a nuclear test.

There has been a flurry of efforts to get North Korea back to negotiations following its announcement two weeks ago it had removed 8,000 fuel rods from a reactor, a step toward extracting weapons-grade plutonium.

Expressing a sense of urgency, Russia's military chief of staff called for steps to prevent the North from conducting nuclear tests.

"Today it is necessary to do everything possible in order not to allow North Korea to conduct (nuclear) tests," Gen. Yuri Baluyevsky, chief of the general staff of the armed forces, said in televised

comments. He did not specify what might be done to prevent it.

Baluyevsky, who spoke during a meeting with his Japanese counterpart, Gen. Hajime Massaki, also called for the renewal of six-nation talks, which stalled in June. The talks involve the two Koreas, the United States, Russia, Japan and China.

"We simply must not allow the testing or existence of nuclear weapons on the Korean peninsula," Baluyevsky said.

Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov told Japan's Kyodo News agency that the solution to the crisis "must lie in negotiations and not in a race to build up arms, especially nuclear ones."

Intrepid

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the water line.

It's a stomach-in-the-throat jump, especially if you can't swim, but when a Chief yells at you, you do what you're told.

There are a million stories about the Fighting I, as the ship was known.

There were the ghosts in after steering from a kamikaze attack off Okinawa.

There was her part in the nation's space program.

There were the two-and-a-half MIGs shot down by her pilots over North Vietnam.

For my part of it, there was the Battle of Cherry Hill, N.J., the United Way cheerleaders of Rhode Island, the time we ran aground in Narragansett Bay, eating langostino off Cuba and building snowmen on the flight deck in New England.

I never thought my son was listening to those stories.

Sometimes your kids surprise you.

Heirs

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in the labor force, they might be income-poor. But since they've been around a long time, many have accumulated significant assets in the relatively illiquid forms of housing and financial equity.

If an older person needs long-term care, he might be able to finance it through the sale of his accumulated assets. Thus, if we subsidize his needs, we really subsidize his heirs. In other words, government programs that pay for various needs of many elderly peo-

ple simply allow elderly people to preserve their wealth so as to be able to bequeath to heirs.

Some elderly people find that their Social Security or job pension check might not provide them with enough money to meet all of their needs. However, there are deals they can make with banks called reverse mortgages.

The American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) highlights the various kinds of reverse mortgages where the bank or some other financial institution gives you a loan based on your home equity. You continue to live in your home, and when you die, your heirs are responsible for paying back the loan plus interest.

Of course, there's another, more traditional, alternative for older people.

It's the one found in the Ten Commandments: "Honour thy father and thy mother."

There was a day when children cared for their aging parents. Parents used to die in the homes of their children. Often today they die all alone in a hospice room. There's less honoring of parents. Why? Through the tax code, children can force someone else to honor their parents.

Walter Williams, Ph.D., is a John M. Olin Distinguished Professor of Economics at George Mason University in Fairfax, Va.

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explained, "We live in an era in which citizens demand more openness from their government. It is my fervent hope that this bill, if signed into law, will give public officials the tools they need to provide the best possible customer service to the people of Texas."

The training course, up to two hours in length, would emphasize the responsibilities government officials have to the public in complying with these laws. The Office of Attorney General would either conduct the training on site, provide a videotaped course at no cost or approve training provided by a government office or other qualified instructor.

If signed into law by Perry, the law would take effect on Jan. 1, 2006, and

current government officials would be expected to enroll as soon as possible. Future officials would be required to take the course no later than 90 days after they assume responsibilities of their office. The open records training also would require public information officers employed by a government office to take the course.

This represents a giant step in the right direction. Now, about that school finance thing ...

Boomtown Theater will host auditions

BORGER — Boomtown Theater, 407 N. Main, will host auditions for their new show at 7 p.m., Tuesday, May 24, and Thursday, May 26, for "The Follies of King Henry," a bawdy comedy.

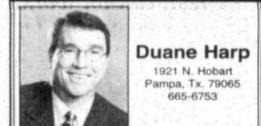
The play requires six women and four men.

Performance dates and rehearsal schedule will be set after the play is cast, according to a press release.

For more information,

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THE PAMPA NEWS COMICS

Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 53-year-old man who, thanks to child abuse from his stepfather, is very confused and hurt today because of what he did. I don't know whether I am gay or straight. (I have several children.)

I never said anything about the sexual abuse he put me through because my mother was a violent person, and she needed him so much I knew she'd never believe me. The abuse didn't stop with just him. My three stepbrothers abused me as well.

My real brother shot and killed himself at age 35 because of my abusive mother and stepfather. I have two sisters who have nothing to do with me because of "rumors" about my past and present. I now have a great doctor, and hope to soon find a good therapist.

My question to you is, am I gay because I didn't fight back and tell my stepfather no? -- SCARRED IN NEW YORK

DEAR SCARRED: When an adult, particularly a parent, abuses a child, it is NEVER the child's fault. An adult is an authority figure and physically more powerful. Not fighting back was your way of surviving the sexual assaults; it does not mean that you are homosexual. A therapist will help you to understand this, and I hope you find one soon.

DEAR ABBY: My son "Bill" will graduate from college in a few weeks. His mother and I divorced when Bill was 10. Part of our divorce agreement was that we -- his mother and I -- would pay for Bill's college education. I paid 60 percent; she paid 40 percent.

I have since remarried, and my current wife thinks that a graduation gift is not necessary because my son will be graduating from college debt-free. She thinks that paying for Bill's college education is enough of a "gift." Part of me understands that concept, yet

another part of me thinks that my son deserves some sort of a gift. I was thinking of a monetary gift -- in the \$500 to \$1,000 range. What do you think I should do? -- CURIOUS DAD IN VIRGINIA

DEAR CURIOUS DAD: Unless she's earning the money that's being given, your current wife should keep her thoughts on this subject to herself. Write a check for whatever amount you wish, and enclose it in a loving letter to your son telling him how proud you are of him and that you love him. *****

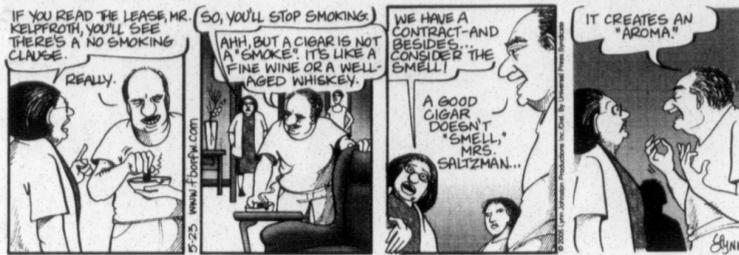
DEAR ABBY: I am very confused right now. When I was 15, I was raped and became pregnant. My father made me give the baby away. Ever since, I have always wanted to know how she was doing and where she was. (I am now 21.)

Recently, my grandmother told me that my daughter is fine and that she lives close by. I was never told because they were afraid I'd want her back and it wasn't possible. Abby, I am very upset that they have never told me where my child was or that the couple who adopted her didn't mind me coming to visit or spend time with her.

I told my boyfriend what happened. He accepts that I have a daughter. Do you think I have a right to be angry because my family didn't disclose my child's whereabouts because they thought it was "better" that I didn't know? -- CONFUSED IN CAMBRIDGE

DEAR CONFUSED: Your feelings are justified, and you have a right to them. However, I hope you will find it in your heart to forgive your parents for what they did. You were a minor, and they may have been trying to spare you some pain. *****

For Better Or Worse



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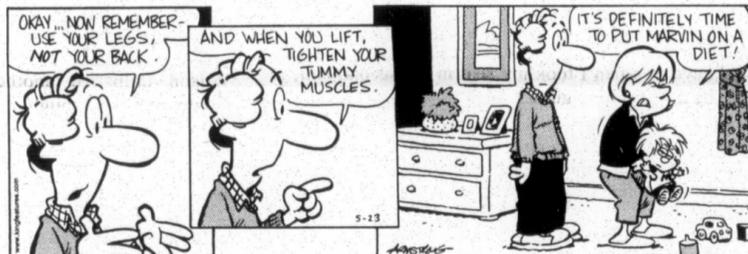
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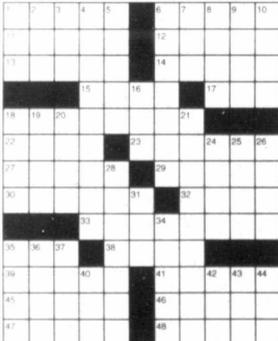
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SPORTS MOMENTS

Angels and alcohol

Angel on the front stretch

Two of the coolest moments in sports thus far this year have occurred in events I normally don't care for. The first was Tiger Woods' amazing 'I think I'll script a Nike commercial here' shot on #16 at The Masters. The other happened over the weekend during the running of the Preakness Stakes when jockey Jeremy Rose and his horse, Afleet Alex, collided with another horse upon exiting turn four. Afleet Alex did everything but crash to the earth while Rose somehow managed to hang on en route to the win. Just as amazing is that the horse they collided with, Scrapy T, finished second.

Michael J. Stevens

Sports Editor



Could there have been a greater power at work? To know the story of Afleet Alex, it would be easy to believe there was. Alex is a group effort. His ownership is comprised of a handful of people who call themselves Cash is King. He is therapy for some, comfort for others. In particular, the mother of the girl he is named for, Alexandra Scott, an 8-year-old who passed away in 2004 after a 7-and-a-half-year battle with cancer. Prior to her death, she created a fund raising effort known today as Alex's Lemonade Stand, which has raised millions for cancer research. Even the most agnostic among us would have to admit that what took place as those horses and their riders sprinted for home could have only been the work of an angel. Perhaps and angel named Alex.

And what shouldn't be lost in all this is that Kentucky Derby winner Giacomo finished in the money with a strong third place run.

No more beer

I went to the Amarillo Duster's game Saturday night to take in the action and to get some shots of Pampa High School product Devin Lemons in his af2 debut. The game was super, going into overtime before Amarillo managed a 68-61 win. Lemons had a good showing on defense and special teams. But it was what happened in the stands that drew my attention for much of the game.

Two fellas standing in the southwest corner of the Cal Farley Coliseum floor, one of them jumping around like a madman. The other, somewhat antagonistic. The latter had early on interfered with a pass that allowed the Duster's opponent (Central Valley) to score a touchdown. As luck would have it, when I took my seat in the second half, it would be next to these guys.

Shortly after sitting down, I heard the kids next to me commentating on the two guys in question. They (the kids) then began to chant, "No more beer." But it was clear these two had consumed more than enough. What bugged me more was the security guy standing right next to them did nothing. Soon, the people seated behind the two began yelling at them. One guy took pleasure in getting under their skin. Challenges were issued. Gestures were made. The security guy finally used his radio to call for help. Amarillo police arrived and hauled one of the two nuts and the goofball in the stands away.

Question — Why did the security guy allow this to happen? Is he not guilty by association for letting these guys get so toasted they evolved from fan to idiot? If it was plain for everyone else to see, how could he have been so blind? Even Festus tried to quell problems before calling for Marshall Dillon.

But now here's the thing. A girl who appeared to be with one of the two drunks, caught a ball that went out of bounds after an incomplete pass by the Central Valley quarterback. That's the cool thing about Arena Football. If a ball goes into the stands, you get to keep it. If her pals had not gotten drunk and into trouble, she would not have been standing where she was when she caught that ball. In fact, it might have been deflected and bounced up to me. Man, timing really is everything, isn't it?

Back in action



Pampa News photo by MICHAEL J. STEVENS

In his first game as an Amarillo Duster, Devin Lemons (left) visits with head coach Steve Perdue prior to the start of the second half of Saturday's af2 meeting with the Central Valley Coyotes. At right, Lemons hustles down field on kick-off coverage. Amarillo (5-2) won the game in the league's first overtime game of the season, 68-61.

Fisher, Glo-Valve defeat Rotary Club, 18-8

Glo-Valve Service connected on 16 hits to out slug Rotary Club Friday 18-8 to stay atop the Optimist 11-12 Cal Ripken League.

Michael Fisher won his first game of the season. He allowed seven earned runs and 10 hits. He struck out 11 and walked four. Cody Cole, Trent Carter and Channer Clendennen pitched for Rotary.

The league leaders started the first inning with a five run rally. With one out, Reid Miller singled to right field. Evan Meschke singled sending Miller to third, who scored on a throwing error which sent Meschke to second. Fisher and Zach Graves walked. Cody Davis knocked in Meschke and Fisher with a single. Conor Wilson unloaded another single which brought in Graves and Davis.

Rotary came back for four runs in the bottom of the first. Clendennen, Jan Smith and Carter singled to load the bases. Clendennen scored when Sam Cain reached base on an error.

Cole aided his own cause with a two-run single. Ryan Pearson slapped a single to left field to score another run to make the score Glo-Valve 5, Rotary 4.

Tyler Malone doubled to start Glo-Valve's half of the second inning. He made it home easily on Miller's triple. A single by Fisher brought in Miller to increase Glo-Valve's lead to 7-4.

In the top of the third Glo-Valve tallied four more times. The big blow was an inside-the-park home run by

Evan Meschke. Wilson was hit by a pitch, Brennan Dickinson singled, Malone walked and Miller had singled before Meschke's three-run homer.

Glo-Valve edged a little further ahead in the fifth on a triple by Malone and ground out by Meschke. Rotary answered with a double by Carter, who scored on a single by Cain.

In the sixth inning Glo-Valve sent 12 batters to the plate. Davis singled, Nick Glover walked and Dickinson was hit by a pitch. Malone tripled them home and then trotted home on a single by Miller. A double by Meschke and a walk to Fisher set the table for consecutive errors which allowed two more runs to score. Glo-Valve led 18-5.

Rotary rallied in the bot-

tom of the sixth inning scoring three times and leaving the bases loaded. Cole Wilson contributed a single, Braxton Reagan walked and Clendennen slammed a two-run double. A walk to Carter was followed by Cain's second hit of the day which drove in the final run for Rotary.

Rotary's defensive play of the game came when Carter grabbed a ground ball at shortstop, tagged the runner and threw to Clendennen covering second for a double play to end the second inning. Glo-Valve returned the favor in the bottom of the inning when Fisher snagged a line drive and doubled a runner off first with a throw to Davis. Glo-Valve had several defensive gems.

Clendennen, with a sin-

gle, double, two runs scored and two RBI, led Rotary's hitting. Sam Cain had two hits, two RBI and a run scored for Rotary. Miller was four for five for Glo-Valve with a triple, four runs scored and three RBI. Glo-Valve improved to 8-0-1 to maintain its three-game lead. Glo-Valve will be back in action Monday at 5:45 p.m. hosting Celanese Corporation, which battled Duncan, Fraser & Bridges Insurance Agency to a 4-4 tie in the early game Friday. Monday's 7:45 p.m. game features D. E. Chase, Inc. and DFB. On Tuesday Cabot Corporation and Rotary play the early game and Celanese and Chase battle in the night cap.

The Pampa Optimist Youth Club is a Pampa United Way agency.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, May 24, 2005:

You have a way of getting much more out of life. A close associate or partner wants to learn this art from you. Sometimes your friends think you have a tendency to push yourself too hard. Know when to lie back and allow situations to just happen. Your imagination seems to be an endless resource -- use it. Toward the cold-weather months, you'll gain financially. You will have energy, but also a sweet tooth -- careful. If you are single, romance will become your middle name. Enjoy new people, but also check them out. As intense as an attraction is, more might be hidden below the surface. If you are attached, share some of your ingenuity, be it in your work or personal life. SAGITTARIUS could challenge you. The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ You might be mellow and easygoing as the sun rises, but by sunset you'll have difficulty curbing your temper. What will help you stay in control? Try taking a walk to gain deeper insight. Try to stop running that inner tape in your mind over and over. Tonight: Feelings flourish.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ A partner tosses another view into the mix. Don't negate this option; work with this person's idea. You'll develop a sound path of action. Teamwork draws you into the winner's circle. Relax more. Feelings heat up to a point of discomfort. Tonight: Be a duo.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★ Often, you think you are right; but then that is your opinion. Open up

and listen to another's pros and cons. You might be amazed at how solid a project or concept becomes if you incorporate others' suggestions. Let others lead. You might like the results. Tonight: Say yes to an invitation.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★ You might be a bit bogged down by work and others' expectations. Verify what you hear. Confirm meetings. Once you relax with a partner, you'll become a lot happier. Give up a need to control. Sometimes you sabotage yourself this way. Tonight: Put your feet up.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Where others flounder, you come up smelling like a rose. Though others can be difficult or contentious, you use their disagreement positively. Combine the many different ideas that come with a superb thought. Tonight: Act as if there is no tomorrow.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★ Pressure builds, and you might want to cocoon, for good reason. The problem lies in the fact that you might have difficulty vanishing. Others want and need your feedback. Try to avoid losing your temper, if possible. Tonight: Screen calls.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Though you might be taken aback by someone's attitude, don't react. Be the ever-diplomatic Libra as you decide how much you want to play into this situation. Communication tosses you into the limelight. Tonight: Talk business or news over dinner.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★ Your finances take precedence. You are not getting the full story about a key situation. Take your time. A part-

ner wants to indulge you. Why not enjoy his or her treat? Lose your judgmental ways. Be open to different styles. Tonight: Gather your bills.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Just because someone doesn't agree with you doesn't mean you won't find a midpoint or solution. You have magnetism, wit and the ability to read between the lines. Push for what you want. Tonight: Beam in what you want.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★ As you gather information, you might want to test the concepts on others. Still, you might not want to reveal the whole story or everything that you are thinking. Follow a hunch with a gift or new purchase. Tonight: Curl up with a book.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Do not compromise a dream or long-term desire. A friend or group of people plays a role in your success. Don't overspend, but buy what you believe is necessary. Your values and affection for key people encourage a celebration. Tonight: Live for the moment.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★ Others seek you out. Accept additional responsibility gracefully. At some point you could be irritated -- curb your temper. Look to the long term. You will know what to do. Check in with an authority figure. Tonight: Late dinner.

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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN A WATER QUALITY PERMIT RENEWAL PERMIT NO.
 WQ0010358002

APPLICATION City of Pampa, Texas 79066, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to renew Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. WQ0010358002 (EPA 1.D. No. TX0027618) to authorize the discharge of treated wastewater at a volume not to exceed an annual average flow of 3,000,000 gallons per day. The domestic wastewater treatment facility is located on the north bank of Red Deer Creek, at a point 3400 feet northeast of State Highway Loop 171, approximately 3.5 miles northeast of the intersection of U.S. Highway 60 and State Highway 273 in Gray County, Texas. The discharge route is from the plant site to Red Deer Creek, thence to the Canadian River Below Lake Meredith. This application was submitted to the TCEQ on April 4, 2005. The permit application is available for viewing and copying at Pampa City Hall, 300 West Foster, Pampa, Texas.

The TCEQ executive director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application. After completion of the technical review, the TCEQ will issue a Notice of Application and Preliminary Decision. **PUBLIC COMMENT / PUBLIC MEETING.** You may submit public comments or request a public meeting about this application. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or to ask questions about the application. The TCEQ will hold a public meeting if the executive director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing. **Written public comments or requests for public meeting must be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087.** **ADDITIONAL NOTICE.** After technical review of the application is

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complete, the executive director may prepare a draft permit and will issue a preliminary decision on the application. **Notice of the Application and Preliminary Decision will be published and mailed to those who are on the county-wide mailing list or the mailing list for this application. That notice will contain the final deadline for submitting public comments.**

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A contested case hearing will only be granted based on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. Further, the Commission will only grant a hearing on issues that were raised during the public comment period and not withdrawn. **The TCEQ may act on an application to renew a permit for discharge of wastewater without providing an opportunity for a contested case hearing if certain criteria are met.**

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