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## Families view Lake Meredith recovery

By **DAVID BOWSER**  
The Pampa News

LAKE MEREDITH -- The families of the men killed when a small plane crashed into Lake Meredith in 1984 were at the lake today.

spokesman for the National Park Service, said they might go out to the crash site later today.

So far, Pfeiffer said this morning, National Park Service employees have not found any remains.

"They were out there all

day yesterday," Pfeiffer said.

Recovery efforts Monday, she said, were hampered because of equipment failures.

The NPS crew eventually cut through the bottom of the fuselage of the inverted and began removing sand from

the cockpit Monday. Pfeiffer said work was halted this morning so NPS officials could meet with the families.

Pilot Steven Lampe with passenger Larry Lucas took off from Tradewind Airport in Amarillo in 55-degree weather under clear skies about 2:30 p.m., Friday, Jan. 27, 1984.

Tradewind officials described Lampe as an experienced pilot with about 200 hours of flying time.

A six-day search of the lake following the crash failed to locate the missing plane, although a nose wheel and hydraulic lines were found in the lake the day after the plane was reported missing.

A spokesman for the Civil Air Patrol said the following day as they launched a search effort that Lampe hadn't filed a flight plan but told airport officials that they would return in a couple of hours.

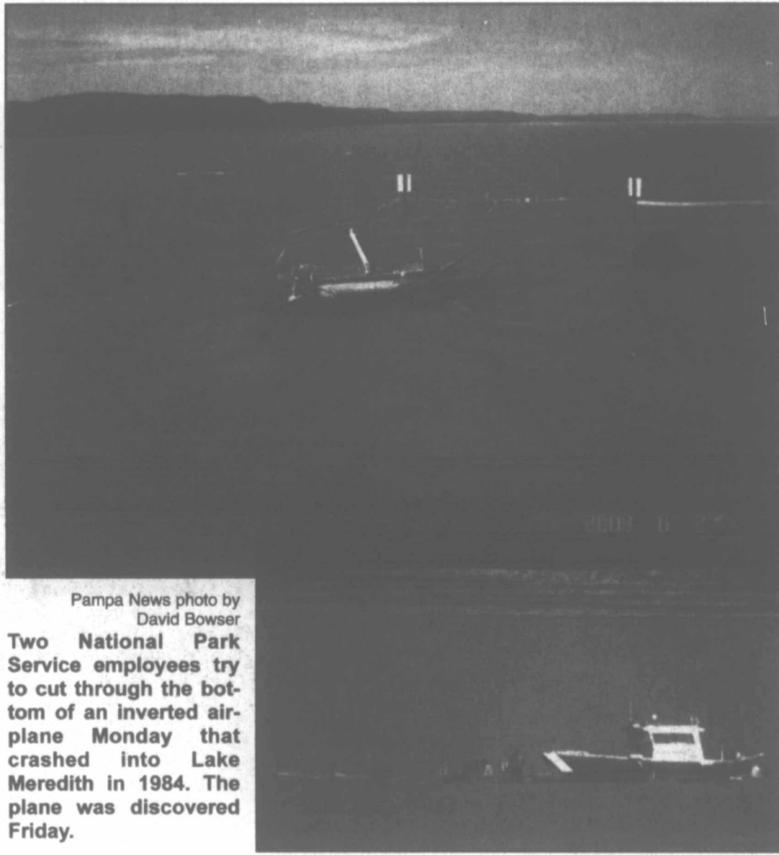
Pfeiffer said the incident report filed at the time of the crash indicated that Lampe was 25. News reports from the day said Lucas was 23.

CAP officials reported intermittent emergency transponder signals, but they faded before the aircraft could be located.

A Fritch family and friends on a canoe trip to the lake discovered the wreckage of the plane last Friday.

John Ware, 18, who was

See **PLANE**, Page 8



Pampa News photo by David Bowser

Two National Park Service employees try to cut through the bottom of an inverted airplane Monday that crashed into Lake Meredith in 1984. The plane was discovered Friday.

## County Jail repair ok'd by commission

By **MARILYN POWERS**  
The Pampa News

An estimate of \$144,478 to repair Gray County Jail was accepted by Gray County commissioners at their 9 a.m. meeting Monday in the second-floor courtroom at Gray County Courthouse, 205 N. Russell.

Gaylon Childers, president of Childers Brothers Inc. of Canyon, presented the estimate on behalf of his company to commissioners after it was determined that the work proposed by the company is not offered by any other company in the area and thus it was not required that the county seek bids for the repairs. Any such transaction requires going out for bids if the cost of the transaction is \$25,000 or more and if more than one company can perform the work.

Sheriff Don Copeland had reported to commissioners at their May 1 meeting that the jail had begun showing signs of settling unevenly, resulting in sloping of floors and potential plumbing problems. Copeland had Childers Brothers inspect the building to determine the cause and what could be done to repair the structure. Childers addressed commissioners at their May 15 meeting and told them of the building's problems and his proposal to level the building and stop the sagging.

The cause of the sagging is believed to be the fact that the jail was built on ground which had been disturbed and then filled in, Childers said. Leveling and stabilizing the building will involve placing 17 submerged piers under the north exterior wall and another 12 under the west exterior wall.

The bid by Childers

Brothers Inc. does not include removal and replacement of the sidewalk along the north and west sides of the jail, steps necessary to the placement of the piers. It also does not include any work by a plumbing company to realign pipes which have

See **JAIL**, Page 8

## Alleged assault reported

By **MARILYN POWERS**  
The Pampa News

An alleged assault resulted in one Pampa resident seeking treatment at Pampa Regional Medical Center's emergency room Sunday afternoon, according to a Pampa Police Department report.

Police officers were dispatched to PRMC at about 8:30 a.m. Sunday concerning a reported assault, said PPD Sgt. Donny Brown. Upon arrival, they met with the victim, Lisa Hernandez, 23.

"Hernandez told officers that the night before, at about 11 p.m., she and her boyfriend, Patrick D. Mize, age 29, of Pampa got into an argument at a residence in the 400 block of North Roberta," Brown said. "During the incident, it is believed that Mize may have struck Hernandez' head against the concrete porch at the residence and punched her in the face at least once."

The case remains open and is currently under investigation.

## Vandals open crude oil valves

By **MARILYN POWERS**  
The Pampa News

Gray County sheriff's deputies are investigating a case of criminal mischief in which crude oil was spilled onto the ground from a tank battery.

Deputies received a call at 12:15 p.m. Saturday to go one and one-half miles east

of Highway 749 south of Pampa on an oil lease road. The caller reported that someone had opened valves on several tank batteries at that location, said GCSO Lt. Joe B. Hoard.

Upon arrival at the scene, deputies discovered that valves had been opened and an estimated 170 to 190 barrels of oil had spilled out

onto the ground from the tank battery, owned by Pablo Energy, resulting in contaminated land, Hoard said. The value of the spilled oil is approximately \$20,000, he said.

The case remains open, and no suspects have yet been arrested.

## 'Lunch in the Park' needs volunteers

Debbie Middleton, director of child nutrition for the local public school system, is seeking immediate volunteers for the Lunch in the Park summer nutrition program currently underway this week in Pampa. Lunch in the park is open to children between the ages of 1 and 18. The meals will be served now through July 25.

"We need," Middleton said, "four to eight people who are willing to take lunches to the parks for us -- a total of eight or nine days --

over the course of about two months. We would love to have eight volunteers."

Lunch is typically served from 11:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Monday through Friday at the following three locations: Central Park, Marcus Sanders Park and Mann Support Center.

"The volunteers usually pick up the lunches at Wilson (Woodrow Wilson Elementary School) at 11:30 a.m. and deliver them to the park," Middleton said. The volunteers transport, deliver

and help serve the lunches. Middleton said each volunteer usually spends an hour to an hour and 15-minutes with the program per day.

Middleton said she needs help immediately and fears she will not have enough volunteers to serve out the lunches for the current week. Volunteers are needed to fill in Tuesday through Friday.

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Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 68. Windy, with a southwest wind 25 to 30 mph decreasing to between 10 and 15 mph. Winds could gust as high as 45 mph.

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 96. Winds could gust as high as 40 mph.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 59. Winds could gust as high as 40 mph.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 83. North-northwest wind around 10 mph.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 67. East-northeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south-south-east.

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**Obituaries**

**Janice Ann 'Mother' Rucker, 67**



Rucker

Janice Ann "Mother" Rucker, 67, of Pampa, died Friday, May 30, 2008, in Pampa. Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, June 5, 2008, at Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel with Jim Hash officiating.

Cremation and arrangements are by Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Janice Ann Dillman was born on May 31, 1940, in Pampa, to George and Clara Dillman. She was a 1957 graduate of Pampa High School and attended West Texas State University in Canyon.

She married Terrell Rucker on June 27, 1962, in

Pampa.

Janice was a lifelong member of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church. She was a great wife, mom, Granny, and friend. She was a contestant in the very first Kid Pony Show and was a lifelong barrel racer and a true cowgirl.

Her hobbies included her horses, making shirts for her cowboys, team penning, and being a mom to all her "other" kids. She will be greatly missed by all.

She was preceded in death

by her husband, Terrell; a daughter, Roy Lynn Cline; her parents, George and Clara Dillman; a sister, Norma Jean Homer; a brother, Donald Dillman; and by two grandsons, Matthew Rucker and Gregory Cline.

Survivors include three sons, Rex Rucker and wife Carolyn of Pampa, and Roy Pat Rucker and Eddy Douglass, both of Amarillo; one daughter, Keziah Hoover and husband Brad of Pampa; and nine grandchil-

dren, Darci Dunn and Chelsi Dunn, both of Rangely, Colo.; Jessica Cline of Abilene, Jason Cline of Altus, Okla., Nicole Rucker, Evan Rucker, Ryne Richardson, and Marlee Richardson, all of Pampa, and Kyler Rucker of Amarillo; and by her special lifelong friends, Temi Wardell, Becky Mayfield, Judy Morriss, Terri Sexton and Kelly Aldridge.

MEMORIALS: BSA Hospice and Olivia's Angels, 800 N. Sumner, Pampa, TX 79065.

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**Doris Christine Smith, 84**

LEVELLAND — Doris Christine Smith, 84, of Levelland, died Saturday, May 31, 2008, at Covenant Hospital Levelland.

Services were scheduled for 2 p.m. today at College Avenue Baptist Church with the Rev. Mike Honzell officiating. Burial will be in the City of Levelland Cemetery under direction of George Price Funeral Home.

Mrs. Smith was born Sept.

24, 1923, at Van Alstyne, to William and Jewell Judkins. She married John H. Smith in August 1942 in Sherman; he died in 2000.

Mrs. Smith was currently a member of College Avenue Baptist Church in Levelland. While a member of Christ United Methodist Church, she served on several boards and served as church historian.

She volunteered at Senior

Citizen Center since 1985, and was an accomplished artist and poet. Early in her career, she was the first individual to earn a C.D.A. to teach the Levelland ISD's Headstart program.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a niece, Joretta Baird in 1981; and a nephew, Tim Epps in 1997.

Survivors include two sisters, Evelyn Epps and Elveda "Beadie" Baird, both

of Pampa; a nephew, James A. Epps of Pampa; and three nieces, Barbara Crow and Della Moya, both of Pampa, and Loretta Robinson of Wimberly.

The family suggests memorials be to American Heart Association or to Alzheimer's Association. To send online condolences, go to [www.mem.com](http://www.mem.com).

**Emergency Services**

**Pampa PD**

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the period from 7 a.m. Thursday to 7 a.m. Monday.

**Thursday, May 29**  
 Twelve traffic stops were made. One stop at the inter-

section of West and Brown streets resulted in at least one arrest.

Traffic complaints were received from the intersection of 18th and Hobart streets, the 200 block of West Tyng, the 1100 block of North Perry, the 1300 block of North Russell and the 200 block of North Somerville.

Motorist assistance was rendered at the intersection of Francis and Hobart streets.

Vehicle accidents were reported at the intersection of Highway 60 and Loop 171, the 800 block of South Hobart and the 1000 block of North Hobart.

Calls and stops concerning animals occurred in the 600 block of North Roberta, the 2000 block of West 23rd, the 1900 block of North Zimmers, the 800 block of South Faulkner, the 400 block of Lowry, the 1400 block of North Hobart, the 1000 block of South Banks, the 400 block of Lefors, the 100 block of West 30th, the 1000 block of Murphy, the 1100 block of Varnon Drive, the 1900 block of North Wells, the 1100 block of South Hobart, the 2200 block of Evergreen and the 1100 block of North Hobart.

Warrant service was attempted on one occasion and resulted in at least one

arrest.

Welfare checks were made in the 1300 block of Charles, the 300 block of West Kingsmill, the 100 block of South Russell and the 2200 block of Dogwood.

Found property was reported in the 300 block of Anne. A compact disc case with CDs and a bag containing a prescription bottle with 20 pills were taken.

A suspicious person call was received from the intersection of Browning and Twiford streets.

Silent/abusive 911 calls were received from the 1100 block of South Hobart and the 1000 block of Huff Road.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1500 block of Coffee and the 2500 block of Charles.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 2100 block of Charles. The front window of a house was broken with a rock. Estimated cost of damage is less than \$50.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1000 block of Neel Road.

Three alarms were reported.

One open door was checked.

Forgery was reported at Mr. Payroll, 309 N. Hobart. The incident involved a check for \$2,900.

Forgery was reported in

the police department lobby. The incident occurred at Cabot IRI Credit Union, 1810 N. Price Road. Forged checks for unknown amounts were reported.

Theft was reported at Pampa Junior High School, 2401 Charles.

Theft was reported in the 1000 block of North Sumner. An American flag and a Texas flag were taken from a flagpole. Estimated value of loss is \$100.

Theft was reported on two occasions at Wal-Mart Supercenter, 2801 Charles. Two cans of hair spray, a can of mousse, two eyeliners, a bracelet, a chocolate candy bar and a package of women's underwear were taken on one occasion. Estimated value of loss is \$44. At least one arrest was made in connection with one of the incidents.

Theft of service was reported at Stokes Radiator, 525 W. Brown. Parts and labor valued at \$557 were paid for with a check written on a closed account.

Burglary of a habitation was reported in the 1100 block of North Starkweather. A television and a .32 caliber gun were taken. Estimated value of loss is \$951.

**Friday, May 30**

Twenty-four traffic stops were made. Stops in the See SERVICES, Page 7

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# Viewpoints

## It is time to choose between Hillary and Obama

Everyone who is ready for the Democratic candidate for President to be decided, raise your right hand.

David Letterman has had a running joke on his talk show for awhile now about how long it seems to be taking to end the battle between Obama and Clinton for the party nomination.

Their campaigning has dominated the national news for so long that journalists will likely have to scramble to fill up air space once the issue of the Democratic nominee is decided.

At least one aspect of the process ends today. Montana and South Dakota are holding their primary elections, the last in a long line of state races spread out over six months.

Obama needs 42 more delegates to secure the 2,118 now needed to win his party's nomination, according to a CNN report. Clinton needs 201; she has 159 fewer delegates than Obama.

Don't think that the results of the Montana and South Dakota primaries will decide the issue, however. Both states together do not provide enough pledged delegates to make Obama the winner of the nomination, even if he wins every delegate.

So how is this contest going to end? It seems it will all come down to those "superdelegates," the ones who are not pledged to any particular candidate but can cast their votes for whichever one they please, as

opposed to the regular delegates, who are chosen to vote for the candidate their voters prefer.

There are about 825 superdelegates, and approximately 200 of them are still undecided, according to CNN. The day is approaching when they will have to make up their minds.

Of course, the campaigning and rhetoric doesn't end with the naming of each party's candidate. We will then be treated to more speechifying as each party's nominee turns their full attention to the big election that will decide who

our next President will be.

It will be interesting to see who will be the Democratic candidate, and also who will be named as that candidate's running mate. This has been a milestone campaign, with people of both sexes and more than one cultural and biological background included in a battle for votes.

Even so, I admit I find it difficult to give my total support to any of the three top runners at this point. I have reservations about each of them, and I will probably do like I have done in recent elections and vote for the "lesser of

two evils."

I do not vote a straight party ticket, but instead try to pick the candidate in each national, state and local race that best seems to agree with my point of view on issues. One problem with that method is that it is sometimes difficult to find a candidate whose views are similar to mine, or even a candidate whose views on some of the issues has been made clear.

Another problem is that we are so bombarded with "expert analysis" of what the candidates say that their original words become twisted and take on different meanings.

Candidates' campaign promises are also of little value sometimes. Have you

ever noticed how much they promise without ever explaining how they hope to accomplish their stated goals? It may sound good to say that there will be a chicken in every pot, but just how will the candidate get those chickens in those pots if elected?

And finally, the number of registered voters who go to the polls for any election, be it national, state or local, is nowhere near 100 percent, a fact which means that a relatively small percentage of people in this country decide who will be the elected public servants of us all.

May the best person win, in both the Democratic primary and in the Presidential election. Even if the best isn't really that great.

### Marilyn Powers

Staff Writer



## Corn prices: Speculators not to blame

In searching for villains for rising food and oil prices, some commentators have turned to speculators, namely people trading on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange and similar exchanges around the world. A sample of the claims: "Biofuels and droughts can't fully explain the recent food crisis — hedge funds and small investors bear some responsibility for global hunger."

"The global food crisis is likely to persist if speculative investment by the corporate world is not reined in soon, warned a top expert responsible for reporting to the United Nations on human rights violations."

"Financial speculators reap profits from global hunger."

Instead of condemning commodity speculation, we ought to recognize the vital function it serves. Let's look at it with a simplified example that captures the essence of speculation in commodity futures markets.

Say that today's price of corn is \$6 a bushel. I have a hunch that because of future supply and demand conditions, such as drought, war and increased other uses for corn, that in May 2009 corn will sell for \$12 a bushel. I stand to make a lot of money if I buy corn now for \$6 a bushel, hold it, and in May 2009 sell it for \$12 a bushel. Sure, I've made a bundle of money for myself but is my speculative activity deserving of condemnation? The answer is no; I've served a valuable social function.

Supposing my guess is correct about future supply and demand conditions and corn will be scarcer in the future, what is the socially

### Walter Williams

Columnist



wise thing to do now so that more will be available in the future? The answer is to use less corn now. How do you get people to voluntarily use less corn now?

If you said, "Let the price rise," go to the head of the class. That is exactly what happens as other speculators and I buy corn now. Today's price of corn will go up. The result is people will use less corn now and more corn will be available in May 2009 than would be the case if the current price of corn remained at \$6. The valuable function of futures markets is that of allocating goods over time. It is wise to take the future into account in decisions that one makes today.

The futures market is no bed of roses. My guess could be wrong. There could be a bumper crop of corn, and its May 2009 price might be \$3 a bushel. I'd have to sell corn that I bought today for \$6 a bushel for \$3 in May 2009 and suffer a big loss.

We all are speculators to one degree or another. Last August, my home heating oil company offered its customers a deal. I purchased 900 gallons of oil for a spot price of \$2.64 a gallon. I made the purchase with the expectation that oil prices would rise over the winter months. The previous year, I purchased 900 gallons and lost because heating oil fell from the spot price at which it was purchased. Another example is when you expect

gasoline prices to be higher next week. You fill up your tank this week.

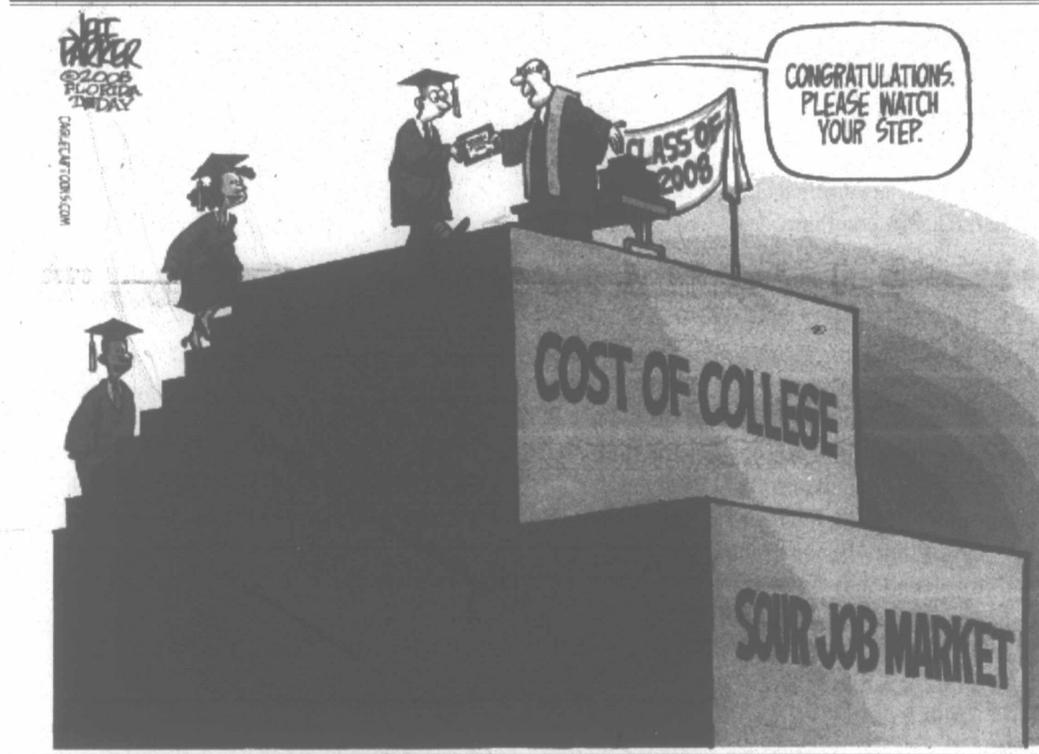
The futures market, which takes into account both the present and the future availability of goods, is a vital part of a smoothly

functioning economy. Unfortunately, that fact provides little comfort to people frustrated over the high prices of food and fuel. As such, it provides fodder for political demagogues, charlatans and quacks who rush

in with blame and prepare "solutions" for the problems they themselves have created — the high prices for food and fuel are directly linked to the policies of the White House and Congress.

—Walter E. Williams is a

professor of economics at George Mason University.



## Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

■ May 25

Austin American-Statesman on the memories of Memorial Day and an online medal collection that will help veterans remember their hardest fight in service:

This last Monday in May is set aside to remember those Americans who sacrificed their lives in military service to their country. The tangible symbol of that sacrifice is the Purple Heart, awarded to service members wounded or killed in combat. An estimated 1.7 million Americans have received the Purple Heart medal.

Officially adopted on the 200th anniversary of George Washington's birth, Feb. 22, 1932, the Purple Heart began as the Badge of Merit a century and a half earlier. The heart-shaped cloth badges were awarded by Gen. Washington for exceptional service soon after the Revolutionary War ended.

Behind each Purple Heart awarded since then is a story. They can be tragic, heroic, mundane, embarrassing or inspiring — but each is unique. Over time, many of those stories have been lost or forgotten. But somewhere a loved one, family member or friend would like to know the story behind a Purple Heart found in an abandoned trunk or dusty attic, passed down through family members or purchased at a flea market.

Ralph Webb of Austin was one of those. He inherited a Purple Heart medal that had been awarded posthumously to

his uncle, 1st Lt. John Tracy Webb, along with certificates from President Truman and Gen. Douglas MacArthur. But he didn't know much about the story of his uncle's death in World War II.

Webb began searching on the Internet and found Tom Lane, a Chicago photographer who collects Purple Hearts — and their stories. Lane collects the medals and posts pictures of them and whatever other information he can find about the recipient on his Web site, purplehearts.net. Lane is not only a collector, he is also something of a historian and he dug up a piece of Lt. Webb's story.

Lt. Webb was in the 4th Chemical Company of the Army Air Forces and was captured in the Philippines. Lane said Webb's death corresponded with the U.S. attack and sinking of the Enoura Maru, one of the infamous Japanese "hell ships" that transported prisoners from the Philippines to Japan. Lane said the presidential certificate (with printed signature) went to the next of kin of each of the nearly 300,000 Americans killed in battle in World War II. The MacArthur letter, signed by autopen, went to service members killed in the Philippines.

Lane said he often finds similar stories as he pursues his collection. "The most interesting part of the whole collecting process is to get the story behind it," he said, "to try to put as much of a story to the name as I can."

Lt. Webb's Purple Heart, and as much as anyone knows of his story, is now out of the box in the garage and on display on Lanes Web site. And Ralph Webb, a Vietnam Veteran, knows more of the story behind that medal now added to

Lanes collection.

Most of the medals in Lane's collection are from World War II, and all were awarded posthumously. They are sober reminders of the reason we memorialize those who died in battle today.

Congress passed the Stolen Valor Act two years ago, making it illegal to falsely claim to have won certain awards, including the Purple Heart. But the act does not apply to the buying and selling of medals among legitimate collectors like Lane, although eBay no longer allows the sale of Purple Hearts and certain other military medals.

Lane began collecting military items as a kid but decided to concentrate on Purple Hearts about 10 years ago. He went online with his collection about four years ago.

"Because I'm an advanced collector, I decided to honor the soldiers I'd researched," Lane said of his Web site. He started with one Purple Heart and now has more than 100, with pictures of the medals, some individual photos and any other information he can find.

Be warned, it's an emotional journey. So many stories of death in battle, accounts of fathers and sons killed in combat or missing in action, of men trapped in sinking ships, dying in airplane crashes and in captivity is not comfortable reading.

But then, it shouldn't be. Lane's Web site is a testament to the ultimate sacrifice, and it isn't supposed to go down easy. At least there is a place for these medals to be displayed and the stories behind them told for all who are interested. URL: <http://www.staesman.com>

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# Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

**DEAR ABBY:** Before her death, I promised my mother that I would not get fat like her. Now I'm finding it hard to keep that promise. Ever since we lost Mama, I have slowly gained a little each year. I have tried to lose, but all I do is look at food and I gain. If this keeps up I'll become the size my mother was. Does that mean I failed her because I broke my promise? I feel so guilty. Please help me. -- **JUST LIKE MY MAMA IN TEXAS**

**DEAR LIKE MAMA:** The answer is no, so stop feeling guilty. Guilt has nothing to do with it. It's common for people to gain weight after 30, and I can confirm from personal experience that it doesn't happen because anyone "looks" at food. Weight gain is a form of banking. If we deposit more money in our saving account than we spend, we have a large savings account. On the other hand, if we spend more than save, the account dwindles. It's the same with weight. Eat more calories than we burn, the result is a fat we-know-what. To "spend" calories rather than wearing them, a change in diet and a program of regular exercise are necessary. Also, people don't necessarily eat because they are hungry. Some overindulge for emotional reasons. I recently received a letter that could be of help to you. Read on:

**DEAR ABBY:** I am alive because, in one of your columns, you provided the contact information for Overeaters Anonymous. I wrote to the address listed and, within days, received a friendly note offering support. Like many others with an overeating problem, I waited more than two years before going to my first meeting. But that meeting changed my life. I have been in recovery from compulsive eating for 32

years. My life today is better than I could have ever imagined. There are about 6,500 Overeaters Anonymous (OA) groups in 75 countries. Patterned after the 12-step program of Alcoholics Anonymous, they offer recovery from compulsive eating. Because today obesity, with all its attendant health problems, is acknowledged as an epidemic, I hope you will again mention OA to your readers. Fellow sufferers and their physicians are sometimes resorting to drastic measures to help them lose weight. My life was saved thanks to this program and the fact you mentioned it. Thank you. -- **DONNA S. IN TEXAS**

**DEAR DONNA S.:** Thank YOU for the timely reminder that for weight loss, a support group can make the difference between success and failure. Overeaters Anonymous is listed in many telephone books and also on the Internet at [www.oa.org](http://www.oa.org). It charges no dues or fees, and no membership lists are kept. There is no shaming, no weighing in and no embarrassment. Everyone meets on common ground and is welcomed with open arms into a fellowship of women and men who all share the same problem. The only requirement for membership is the desire to stop eating compulsively.

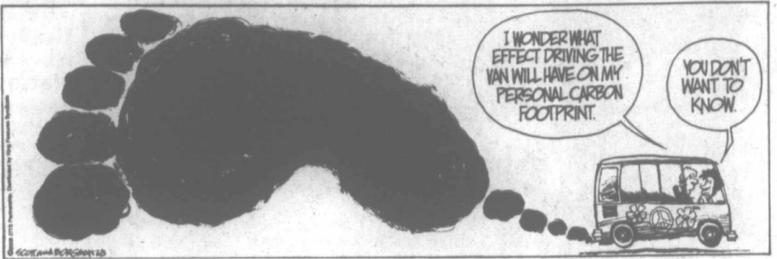
**DEAR ABBY:** Do you think a person can be taught "common sense," or is it something you are born with? -- **CURIOUS**

**DEAR CURIOUS:** Common sense is something a person is born with. I have heard from many people with professional degrees, but no common sense.

## For Better Or Worse



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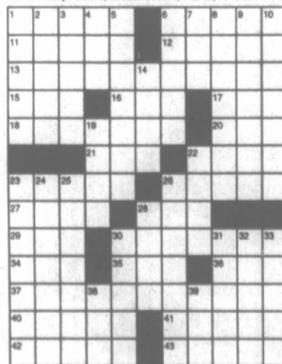
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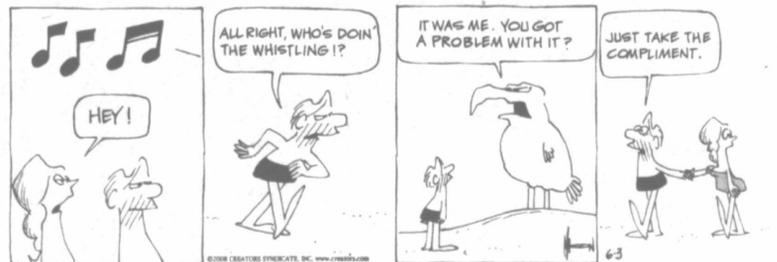


## The Family Circus

By Bil Keane



## B.C.



## Haggar The Horrible



## Peanuts



## Flo & Friends



## Blondie



# Services

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1200 block of East Frederic, the intersection of Foster and Hobart streets, and the intersection of Foster and Cuyler streets resulted in arrests.

Traffic complaints were received from the intersection of Ballard and Browning streets, the 1100 block of Terry Road, an area of Wells and Nelson streets, and the 2800 block of Charles.

Vehicle accidents were reported in the 400 block of South Starkweather, the 600 block of Plains, and the intersection of Highway 60 and Loop 171.

An abandoned vehicle was reported at the intersection of Hobart and Crawford streets.

Calls and stops concerning animals occurred in the 2100 block of North Banks, the 500 block of North Somerville, the 1000 block of North Sumner, the 100 block of West 30th, the 500 block of North Wells (twice), the 1100 block of Terrace, the 800 block of East Kingsmill, the 1000 block of Huff Road, the 1000 block of Prairie Drive, the 400 block of Tignor, the 1000 block of South Nelson, the 1900 block of North Wells, the 2100 block of Lynn, the 600 block of Bradley Drive, the 1100 block of South Christy, the 300 block of Henry and the 1600 block of West Somerville.

Civil matters were reported in the police department lobby, the 100 block of South Sumner, the 1100 block of South Hobart and the 2600 block of North Hobart.

Warrant service was attempted on three occasions and resulted in at least three arrests.

Two attempts to serve papers were made.

Welfare checks were made in the 600 block of North Sloan and the 1200 block of North Hobart.

Lost property was reported in the police department lobby. Runaways were reported in the 400 block of North West and the 600 block of West Buckler.

Suspicious person calls were received from the 100 block of West Kingsmill and the 300 block of Wells.

A suspicious vehicle call was received from the 1400 block of North Hobart.

A prowler was reported in the 2300 block of Rosewood.

Violation of a city ordinance was reported in the 700 block of North Roberta.

Silent/abusive 911 calls were received from the 2200 block of North Wells and the 200 block of West 28th.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 800 block of North Christy, Pampa Junior High School, the 1100 block of Gwendolen, the 2100 block of North Faulkner, along Varnon Drive and Huff Road, and the 2800 block of Perryton Parkway.

Telephone harassment was reported in the 1300 block of Coffee.

A threat was reported in the police department lobby. Domestic disturbances were reported in the 1000 block of Duncan and the 700 block of Sloan.

Assault was reported at Pampa Junior High School. Minor injuries were reported as a result of two female juveniles fighting.

Four alarms were reported.

One building check was made.

Theft was reported at Nearly New, 2216 N. Hobart. Ten to 12 items of clothing with total estimated value of \$70 were taken.

## Saturday, May 31

Twenty traffic stops were made. Stops in the 1300 block of North Russell and the 1100 block of Varnon Drive resulted in arrests.

Traffic complaints were received from the 1600 block of Charles, the intersection of Alcock Street and Price Road, and the intersection of Browning and Duncan streets.

An abandoned vehicle was reported in the 900 block of West Crawford.

Vehicle accidents were reported at the intersection of Randy Matson and Duncan streets, the intersection of 21st and Nelson streets, the 1400 block of North Hobart, the 1100 block of Russell and at Recreation Park, 1600 East Highway 60.

Calls and stops concerning animals occurred in the 2400 block of Fir, the 300 block of Henry, the 1700 block of East Harvester (twice), the 2600 block of North Hobart, the 700 block of North Zimmers and the 1100 block of Farley.

Agency assistance was rendered in the 800 block of Campbell and the 700 block of Murphy.

A civil matter was reported in the 300 block of North Hobart.

Suspicious person calls were received from Recreation Park, the 1100 block of North Hobart and the 2400 block of Cherokee.

Suspicious vehicle calls were received from the intersection of Browning and Cuyler streets and the 900 block of Denver.

Violation of a city ordinance was reported at the intersection of Texas and Russell streets.

A silent/abusive 911 call was received from the 1200 block of North Russell.

Public intoxication was reported in the 1400 block of North Hobart.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1400 block of North Russell, the intersection of Hobart and Alcock streets, the 300 block of North Davis, the 500 block of West Montagu, the intersection of Lynn and 23rd streets, the 1100 block of Willow, the 300 block of North Banks and at Pampa High School, 111 E. Harvester.

Telephone harassment was reported in the 700 block of North Nelson.

Harassment was reported in the 700 block of North Faulkner.

Domestic disturbances were reported in the 1400 block of North Hobart and the 600 block of East Craven.

Two alarms were reported.

## McKiernan takes over NATO command

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — The American general who led the ground invasion of Iraq took command of the 40-nation NATO-led campaign in Afghanistan on Tuesday.

Army Gen. David D. McKiernan took charge of the 51,000-member International Security Assistance Force from Gen. Dan McNeill, who will retire from the U.S. Army after 40 years.

Addressing a change of command ceremony Tuesday,

McKiernan said he was "honored to walk alongside our Afghan brothers."

"While today marks a transition in commanders, the mission must continue without missing a beat," he said, listing security, reconstruction and development as the types of support that Afghanistan deserves. "Insurgents, foreign fighters, criminals and others who stand in the way of that mission will be dealt with."

One open door was checked. Theft was reported at Taco Bell, 1002 N. Hobart. Cash valued at \$470 was taken.

Theft was reported in the 500 block of North Dwight. A bicycle valued at \$200 was taken.

Burglary was reported in the 800 block of South Sumner.

## Sunday, June 1

Six traffic stops were made. Stops in the 1500 block of East Browning and the 600 block of South Gray resulted in arrests.

A traffic complaint was received from the 200 block of North Sumner.

Motorist assistance was rendered in the 2200 block of North Hobart.

Vehicle accidents were reported in the police department lobby, and the intersection of Harvester and Hobart streets.

Calls and stops concerning animals occurred in the 1100 block of North Starkweather, the 800 block of Barnes, the 800 block of South Faulkner and the 1700 block of East Harvester (twice).

Agency assistance was rendered at the intersection of Foster and Ballard streets.

Suspicious person calls were received from the 1000 block of West Wilks, and the intersection of Kingsmill and Starkweather streets.

Suspicious vehicle calls were received from the 1000 block of South Dwight and the 700 block of West Brown.

A prowler was reported in the 100 block of South Wynne.

A silent/abusive 911 call was received from the 200 block of Tignor.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 500 block of Sloan, the 700 block of Sloan, the 100 block of North Warren, the 900 block of Varnon Drive and the 700 block of Murphy.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 400 block of West Buckler.

A threat was reported in the 1000 block of South Dwight. Assault was reported in the 100 block of West 30th.

One alarm was reported.

Theft was reported at the city swimming pool, 701 E. Kentucky. A wallet, cigarettes, five credit cards, a hat and a shirt were taken from a locker. Estimated value of loss is \$145.

Theft was reported in the 300 block of Sunset. A softball glove and bat were taken. Estimated value of loss is between \$50 and \$500.

Theft was reported in the 2800 block of Charles.

## Monday, June 2

Three traffic stops were made.

An abandoned vehicle was reported in the 1300 block of North Hobart.

A vehicle accident was reported at Kingsmill on West Highway 60.

Suspicious person calls were received from the 1100 block of Neel Road, the 600 block of North Warren, the 100 block of Hughes, the 100 block of North Hobart and the 1300 block of Coffee.

Burglary was reported in the 800 block of East Kingsmill.

## Sheriff

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

## Saturday, May 31

Patrice Oreava Ballard, 20, of Pampa was arrested in the 1100 block of Varnon Drive by Pampa Police Department for displaying expired registration, expired motor vehicle inspection and failure to appear/bail jumping.

Jesse Tyler Riley, 22, of Canadian was arrested in the 800 block of South Sumner by PPD for animal at large, animal nuisance, no rabies vaccine and failure to appear.

Valentine Carrol Bryant, 32, of Pampa was arrested in the 1400 block of North Hobart by PPD for public intoxication.

## Sunday, June 1

Daniel Sanchez Diaz, 29, of Pampa was arrested in the 1800 block of Fir by PPD for resisting arrest, search or transport; evading arrest or detention; public intoxication; and capias pro fines for running a stop sign and displaying

expired registration. Almanza Dagoberto Chavez, 32, of Pampa was arrested by a Gray County constable for driving while intoxicated and no driver's license.

Lonnie Benjamin Moore, 31, of Pampa was arrested in the 600 block of South Gray by PPD for no valid driver's license, no liability insurance and a fugitive warrant out of Nebraska.

Kyle Ray Roberts, 33, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO to serve a 75-day sentence for a probation violation.

## Ambulance

Guardian EMS ambulance reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

## Monday, June 2

7:24 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 200 block of West Craven and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

9:27 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred a patient to BSA Hospital in Amarillo.

2:43 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of Faulkner and transported a patient to PRMC.

2:52 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 300 block of Doyle and transported a patient to PRMC.

6:37 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred a patient to BSA.

10:47 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of Carr and transported a patient to PRMC.

## Tuesday, June 3

12:31 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1500 block of West Kentucky and transported a patient to PRMC.

1:34 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Banks and Buckler. No transport.

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■ Editor's note: We apologize. The jumps for the following opinion columns were not continued in Monday's edition of The News.

## Plane

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canoeing with his father and sister Allison, and Greg Daley, 16, all of Fritch, notified park service employees last Friday that they had found a plane on a sand bar about 200 yards north of the RR flat ramp near Harbor Bay.

Ware said the plane was inverted with only its belly showing as waves washed over it.

Cindy Ott-Jones, Lake Meredith National Recreation Area superintendent, said Monday that receding the water level in the lake revealed the fuselage and part of the tail of plane. She said the plane was upside down, filled with sand and entangled in mesquite branches.

Jones, who surveyed the site Saturday, said the plane was in two to four feet of water. She said sand filled about three-quarters of the plane's cockpit.

Pfeiffer said today that the park service was still awaiting investigators from the National Transportation Safety Board and the Federal Aviation Administration.

Jones said NTSB and FAA officials along with a representative of Beechcraft are expected to be on the scene this week.

"They told us no later than Wednesday," Jones said Monday.

She said that she expected the aircraft to be recovered from the lake Thursday or Friday.

Former park service officials said there had been previous attempts to locate the wreckage. In the late 1980s, Lampe's father brought in a miniature submarine and hard-hat divers, but the search was about three miles east of where the wreckage was found Friday.

Armando Lujan with the National Park Service Fire Department said that as the lake waters have receded, he's seen motorcycles and cars that had been left in the lake, but he'd never seen the airplane.

## Jail

Continued from Front Page

shown evidence of sagging due to the building's uneven settling.

Another item on Monday's agenda which has been included in previous commissioners' meetings was a proposed county policy concerning junkyards and rural dumping. Commissioners unanimously accepted a policy drawn up by Precinct 2 Commissioner Gary Willoughby and County Attorney Josh Seabourn. The county had not previously had a policy concerning junkyards and rural dumping, and the new policy follows the state guidelines set forth in the Texas Health and Safety Code.

An emergency budget amendment for Precinct 3 was approved by commissioners. The amendment became necessary due to unexpected transmission repairs to a pilot grader. The amendment will add \$20,000 to the precinct's budget for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Five bids on tax-delinquent property in Pampa were accepted by commissioners. The bids are from Lonell Moore, \$100, 409 Harlem; Lonnie B. Moore Sr., \$100, 419 Harlem; Lonnie B. Moore Jr., \$125 for 1056 and 1060 Varnon Drive and \$100 for 537 Harlem; and Hollie Carter, \$100 for 229 Henry. All addresses are vacant lots.

Commissioners okayed replacement of an employee for Precinct 2 and approved payment of bills and salaries.

The county's policy concerning taxable fringe benefits for county employees was also discussed.

Commissioners approved adding a sentence to the county employee handbook which reads, "Gray County will fully abide by Internal Revenue Service guidelines requiring taxation of fringe benefits."

An executive session was held to consider medical payment for a county employee.

# Texas Tales: Outlaw Newman's sad end ...

By MIKE COX  
Columnist

Outlaw Bud Newman apparently believed himself bullet-proof, figuratively and even literally.

After all, he had beaten the rap after killing a man in a gun battle in 1895 and then gotten acquitted of robbing a Southern Pacific train near Comstock two years later. Not only had Newman come off Scott-free, he had made a few bucks for his effort.

Evidently, the 23-year-old Newman believed he could do better. Not better as in going straight, but better in terms of making a bigger score.

About 11 p.m. on June 9, 1898, at a point called Coleman Switch about 4-miles west of Santa Anna, Newman and three other masked men descended on a Santa Fe passenger train that had stopped there to switch tracks on its run from Brownwood to San Angelo. The other three robbers were later identified as Pierce Keaton and Bill and Jeff Taylor, brothers.

After getting the drop on the train's engineer, some of the gunman escorted the engineer and fireman Lee Johnson to the always-locked express car and told Johnson to have the messenger open up. Staring into a gun barrel, the fireman did as told.

Newman and company planned to blast open the money safe with dynamite once the messenger let

them inside.

Unfortunately for the fireman and the robbers, an armed Santa Fe livestock agent riding in one of the passenger cars snapped to the robbery attempt and alighted from the train with .45 blazing.

A general firefight erupted. Johnson crumpled with a gut shot that would prove fatal. Newman took a slug in his right arm while a bone-shattering ball thudded into Keaton's right leg.

Sans money, the robbers mounted their horses with varying degrees of ease and galloped off into the night. They pretty much kept riding until they reached Sutton County, 125-miles to the southwest. That's where the Taylor family had a ranch.

Meanwhile, back at the crime scene, the train crew put the wounded fireman on board and backed into Santa Anna. A day later, Johnson died.

Lawmen from all over that part of West Texas rushed to Coleman County. The investigation was made easier by the fact that in their haste to escape, the would-be robbers had left behind their dynamite. While fingerprint technology had not yet become a forensic tool, the packages containing the explosives bore advertisements from merchants in San Angelo and Sonora. On top of that, the tracks left behind by the fleeing bandits lay in the direction of

Sutton County.

Tom Green County Sheriff Jerome. Shield telephoned the Sutton County sheriff and asked him to see if the retailer in Sonora remembered who he sold the dynamite to. The Sonora lawman soon had a name.

Led by Shield and a deputy U.S. marshal, a multi-agency posse soon headed toward the Taylor Ranch. Without much trouble, Newman and his colleagues were arrested.

Apparently figuring he could game the system one more time, Newman later agreed to flip for the state in exchange for immunity. On his damning testimony, Keaton and Jeff Taylor got 99 years to do for the murder of the fireman and another eight for the attempted robbery — more years by far than either had to spare.

Bill Taylor got convicted of participating in the botched holdup and awaited trial on the murder charge when he managed to escape from the Coleman County Jail.

Knowing that Taylor would be getting in touch with the now-free Newman, officers got Newman to convince Taylor that he planned another train robbery back in Comstock. Taylor fell for it and soon found himself back in the pokey.

Finally, it dawned on Taylor that Newman had betrayed him not once, but twice. More than a little

annoyed, Taylor vowed revenge.

With that mission in mind, Taylor sawed his way out of his cell and made good his escape. Regrettably for him, the first house he came to after fleeing the lockup was the sheriff's.

Taken to a presumably sturdier jail, the Brown County lockup, in June 1900 Taylor broke out a third time.

Again, the Coleman County sheriff recruited Newman to help him catch Taylor. A posse including Newman caught up with Taylor some 70 miles south of Sonora.

According to a story filed by the Coleman correspondent for the Dallas Morning News on Aug. 14, 1900, at some point, "Taylor got the drop on Newman and killed him, but not before Newman had fired his Winchester, which took effect in Taylor's groin."

Returned to Brownwood, Taylor said that in killing Newman he had realized "the only object in his life." Now, he allowed, he stood "perfectly willing for the law to take its course."

That noble sentiment aside, he soon escaped a fourth time, never to be heard from again. Some said he crossed the Rio Grande into Mexico. No matter where he ended up, Bill Taylor had proven Bud Newman had been wrong in thinking himself bullet-proof.

# Kennedy: Reporting the good with the bad

By CHARLEY REESE  
Columnist

Sen. Ted Kennedy, D-Mass., has been diagnosed with a malignant brain tumor that is likely to be fatal in a relatively short time. Everybody's luck runs out sooner or later. At 76, he's had a pretty good run marked by both family tragedies and political successes.

The usual Washington crowd is falling all over itself in heaping praise on Kennedy, some even claiming he's been one of the greatest senators ever. Whether he was a great senator or merely a long-serving senator depends on your opinion of the legislation he helped pass. He was certainly one of the legislative contractors who built the American welfare state.

If you're going to put the man's life in perspective, however, you should Google "Chappaquiddick," especially if you're too young to know what that was about. That's the site of a most disgraceful episode in Kennedy's life.

He drove off a bridge. There was a girl in the car. He got out. She didn't, and she died. He claimed he tried to save her, but we have only his word for that. He went back to the site of a party and conferred with two aides. The aides claimed they tried to find her, too. All night, Kennedy conferred with family lawyers and public-relations people. Some nine hours later, two fishermen spotted the car and reported the accident. In the meantime, Kennedy had gone back to his hotel, cleaned up and didn't mention the accident to anyone the next morning until he was confronted by the police chief.

Some people believe that if he had reported the accident immediately, she might have been saved. The theory is that there was probably a bubble of air in the car. But we will never know. The Kennedy machine covered it all up. You can read the sordid details if you're interested. The girl's name was Mary Jo Kopechne, a former campaign worker for Bobby Kennedy.

Kennedy for many years was a rounder and a womanizer. Old age and a stiff back might have reformed him. He also had a reputation, at least in his youth, for being the least bright of the Kennedy brothers. At least he has been smart enough to have always hired a bright staff.

I feel nothing for the man, one way or the other. He is, to me, a mop of white hair set upon a majestic head with a booming voice. I've seen a lot of white hair and heard a lot of loud voices. It annoys me, though, when the national news media undertake to whitewash a public figure. The current Washington crowd is made up of the biggest suck-ups on the planet. They labor mightily, in the words of Thomas Wolfe, "to make the world safe for hypocrisy." If you are going to write about Ted Kennedy, people are entitled to know it all, the good and the bad. Trying to elevate people to sainthood should be left to the Catholic Church.

As for his illness, one has to keep in mind that dying is a natural human

process. Every single day people die, the good and the bad. In fact, one of America's political geniuses, Hamilton Jordan, just died in Georgia at the age of 63 from cancer.

Jordan, when he was an extremely young man and when Jimmy Carter was an unknown state legislator, mapped out a plan to get Carter elected governor and then president. And it worked. Some people who knew him said that Jordan was not an especially likable guy, but he was certainly one of the smartest political strategists this country has produced. He became disillusioned with both major parties, but said recently the "oxygen" for a third party had been used up.

We are all part of a passing parade, and Kennedy has had a smoother passage than most. He spent his life surrounded by fixers and never had to grub for a living. I wish him a peaceful end.

—Write to Charley Reese at P.O. Box 2446, Orlando, FL 32802.

## Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

■ May 26  
Fort Worth Star-Telegram on the plight of the children at the Yearning for Zion ranch in West Texas:

No one disputes that removing more than 450 children from their parents in the Yearning For Zion ranch outside Eldorado had to be disruptive — even traumatizing — to those youngsters.

The question is whether the children's interests were better served by placing them in foster care than by leaving them with a sect in which girls are made to marry and have children while still children themselves.

It's hard for child welfare officials to win. They're accused of overreacting because they removed all the children from the Fundamental Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints compound. Had they not acted, they might be accused of not protecting children from sexual abuse.

On Thursday, a three-judge appellate panel in Austin ruled that officials acted hastily, that they hadn't proved that a large number of younger children were in immediate danger and that a trial judge should have returned almost 130 children to their families after custody hearings in April.

But on Friday, the state appealed to the Texas Supreme Court, saying the appellate panel wrongly second-guessed the trial judge and would force

the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services to return children to an atmosphere of "continuing sexual and emotional abuse."

Ruling on a petition filed by about three dozen mothers, the court said that state District Judge Barbara Walther erred in not overruling the decision to remove the children from their families on an emergency basis. The court's reasoning: Though the state identified 20 women at the ranch who became pregnant while they were between 13 and 17 years old, all but five now are adults, none lived with the women petitioning the court, and there wasn't evidence younger children had been physically or sexually abused.

The appeals court rejected the state's arguments that the ranch community was one "household" and that all the children were in danger because of the "pervasive belief system" that young girls should marry and have children. The court also said that the state hadn't tried ways of protecting the children that would keep families intact.

The sect's belief system by itself doesn't put the children in physical danger, said Chief Justice Kenneth Law and Justices Bob Pemberton and Alan Waldrop.

"Even if one views the FLDS belief system as creating a danger of sexual abuse by grooming boys to be perpetrators of sexual abuse and raising girls to be victims of sexual abuse as the department contends, there is no evidence that this danger is 'immediate' or

'urgent' ... with respect to every child in the community."

But in its Friday petition, the agency argued that Walther had done "what was prudent and cautious based on the evidence available" at the hearing and that the appeals court engaged in "a poor analysis of misstated facts."

Though the ruling would require that children be returned to their parents,

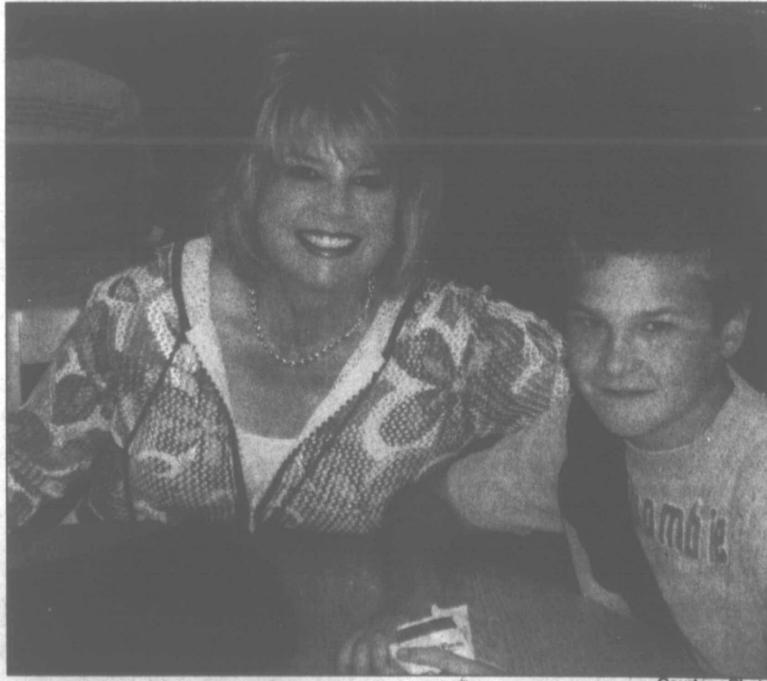
agency lawyers argued that it's still not clear which children belong to which parents.

The authenticity of the abuse report that triggered the state's raid now is in question, but it's clear the community encouraged, even forced, underage girls to have children.

The case has raised difficult legal, moral and social questions. And no doubt it's agonizing for families to be split while

the legal process runs its course.

Children and their parents should be reunited as soon as possible — but not until state officials and the courts are assured that children now in foster care aren't being returned to a situation that clearly risks their welfare. URL: <http://www.star-telegram.com>



Muffins with Mom

Lisa and Cyler Clifton enjoyed muffins recently during "Muffins with Mom" at Pampa Junior High School.

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# Federal Reserve chair signals more rate cuts likely

WASHINGTON, (AP) — Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke signaled Tuesday that further interest rate cuts are unlikely because of concerns about inflation. High oil prices are a double-edged sword that can both put a damper on already weak growth and spread inflation, he said.

Bernanke, in prepared remarks delivered via satellite to an international monetary conference in Spain, said that the Fed's powerful doses of rate reductions that started last September along with the government's \$168 billion stimulus package, including rebates for people and tax breaks for businesses, should bring about "some-what better economic conditions" in the second half of this year.

To help brace the economy, the Fed last month dropped its key rate to 2 percent, a nearly four-year low, but hinted that could be the last reduction for a while. Bernanke drove that point home again on Tuesday.

"For now policy seems well positioned to promote moderate growth and price stability over time," he said.

The Fed's juggling act has gotten harder. It is trying to right a wobbly economy without aggravating inflation.

Many economists believe the Fed will hold rates steady at its next meeting on June 24-25 and probably through much, if not all, of this year. A few believe that inflation could flare up and force the Fed to begin boosting rates near the end of this year.

Bernanke, however, suggested that leaving

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rates at their current levels should be sufficient to accomplish the Fed's twin goals of nurturing economic growth while preventing inflation from taking off.

Economic growth in the current quarter, he acknowledged, is "likely to be relatively weak." Even as he reiterated the Fed's hope for a pickup in growth in the second half of this year and into 2009, Bernanke said the economy continues to battle against a trio of negative forces — a housing slump, credit problems and fragile financial markets.

Until the slumping

housing market and falling home prices show "clearer signs of stabilization," there will continue to be threats to the economic growth getting back to full throttle, he said. Moreover, recent increases in oil prices pose "additional downside risks to growth," he said.

At the same time, if already lofty oil prices, now hovering past \$127 a barrel, continue to rise, that could worsen inflation, Bernanke warned.

The Fed's aggressive rate-cutting campaign has contributed to a lower value of the U.S. dollar. That, in turn, has helped to push up the prices for imported goods flowing into the United States and fuel a rise in consumer prices. Bernanke called that development "unwelcome." He said the Fed is "attentive to the implications of changes in the value of the dollar for inflation and inflation expectations."

# GM closing four truck and SUV plans in North America

WILMINGTON, Del. (AP) — General Motors is closing four truck and SUV plants in the U.S., Canada and Mexico as surging fuel prices hasten a dramatic shift to smaller vehicles.

CEO Rick Wagoner said Tuesday before the automaker's annual meeting in Delaware the plants to be closed are in Oshawa, Ontario; Moraine, Ohio; Janesville, Wis.; and Toluca, Mexico. He also said the iconic Hummer brand may be discontinued.

Wagoner said the GM board has approved production of a new small Chevrolet car at a plant in Lordstown, Ohio, in mid-2010 and the Chevy Volt electric vehicle in Detroit.

Wagoner announced the moves in response to slumping sales of pickups and SUVs brought on by high oil prices. He said a market shift to smaller vehicles is permanent.

GM shares rose 36 cents, or 2.1 percent, to \$17.80 in premarket trading.

The cuts will affect about 2,500 workers at each of the four facilities, although Wagoner did not know exact numbers. Many will be able to take openings created when 19,000 more U.S. hourly workers leave later this year through early retirement and buyout offers.

He said the company has no plans to allocate products to the four plants in the future.

"We really would not foresee the likely prospect of new products in the plants that we're announcing today that we'll cease production in," he told a Moraine, Ohio, city official who asked a question in a telephone conference call.

The moves will save the company \$1 billion per year starting in 2010. Combined with previous efforts, GM will have cut costs by \$15 billion a year, Wagoner said.

Wagoner said GM's board approved the production schedule of the Chevrolet Volt, and the company plans to bring the plug-in electric car to showrooms by the end of 2010. The Volt runs on an electric motor and has a small engine to recharge its batteries.

He said the change in the U.S. market to smaller vehicles likely is permanent. "We at GM don't think this is a spike or a temporary shift," Wagoner said.

The Detroit-based automaker also has just emerged from a spate of labor problems, with two local union strikes at key factories and a nearly three-month strike at key parts maker American Axle and Manufacturing Holdings Inc.

GM said in a recent regulatory filing the strikes will

cost it a total of \$2 billion before taxes in the second quarter.

Detroit's automakers have been making the shift to more fuel-efficient vehicles, but not at the pace that matches consumers' drive to hybrids and high mileage models made overseas. Gas prices have accelerated the retreat from trucks and sport utility vehicles, leaving the Big Three at the most critical crossroads in 30 years.

The U.S. market is diffi-

cult for every automaker, with consumer confidence weak and 2008 sales expected to be the lowest in more than a decade. But it is most difficult for the Detroit Three, who have relied more heavily on sales of trucks and SUVs than their foreign counterparts. Trucks make up 70 percent of Chrysler LLC's U.S. sales, for example, compared to 41 percent at Toyota Motor Corp.

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