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Gray County Precinct 2 employees began work this week on repairs to County Road 12 1/2. From left are Trent Murray, Clay Lock, Bill DeVoll and Robbie Cochran. Repairs are expected to continue on the road through most of the month of June.

Deputies recover stolen trailer

By **MARILYN POWERS**
The Pampa News

Gray County sheriff's deputies have recovered a trailer which was reported stolen out of Randall County on April 28.

The trailer was found June 3 at a location on Gray County Road 2 1/2, according to GCSO Lt. Joe B. Hoard. The trailer is a two-horse side-by-side model valued at approximately \$2,000.

"Gray County Sheriff's Office had been notified May 2 by Texas and Southwestern

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'Appliance Day' set for Saturday

By **MARILYN POWERS**
The Pampa News

Almost 300 discarded appliances have been collected at the three Appliance Days held on the first Saturdays of March, April and May, according to Gray County Precinct 2 Commissioner Gary Willoughby.

The next Appliance Day will be from 9 to 11 a.m.

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Plane crash victims not found in wreckage

By **DAVID BOWSER**
The Pampa News

LAKE MEREDITH -- Recovery crews have yet to find any remains of a pilot or his passenger from an airplane that crashed into Lake Meredith more than two decades ago.

Cindy Ott-Jones, Lake Meredith National Recreation Area superintendent, there will be another search of the crash site as soon as the wreckage of the plane is removed.

"It's been there for 24 years," she said.

Wednesday, recovery crews began pulling the mangled Beechcraft 77 Skipper from its resting place on a sand bar about 200 yards from the waters edge north of RR boat ramp at Harbor Bay.

"It's coming up in pieces," Jones said.

Wednesday, recovery crews brought the forward part of the plane and the tail section ashore.

Rozanna Pfeiffer, a spokesman for the National Park Service, said today that more debris would be recovered, but that recovery efforts had been temporarily suspended because of high winds.

The original plan was to begin moving the plane early Wednesday morning before the wind increased, making the recovery effort more difficult.

A barge from Lake Meredith Marina equipped with a crane was brought to the crash site about 10 a.m. Wednesday where crew members waded calf-deep



Pampa News photo by David Bowser

A salvage barge from Lake Meredith's marina brings the mangled front end of a plane into the Fritch Fortress boat ramp. The plane crashed into the lake in 1984.

Blood drive set for Monday

Coffee Memorial Blood Center will host a blood drive beginning at 12 p.m. on Monday, June 16 at Clarendon College, located at 1601 W. Kentucky. Every eligible donor who presents to donate during the month of June will get an American Donor T-shirt and register to win an American Idol Getaway.

The trip for a family of

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Pampa mosquito spraying program to begin

The City of Pampa will begin spraying the city for mosquitoes within the next three to four days, according to Terry Brown, a crew leader with the city's Public Service Department.

The department uses 'Biomist,' the trade name of a pyrethrin/mineral oil mixture that is sprayed into the air along city streets. Pyrethrin is an organic pesticide derived from chrysanthemum flowers. The product is odorless and biodegradable.

The spraying will be performed either during the night or day, depending on the mosquito breed the department is targeting and the weather conditions. The ideal spraying condition is when the wind velocity is 10 mph or less. An ultra-low volume sprayer is used to disperse the insecticide.

Should a resident wish to exclude their property from the program, they should call the department at 669-5760, extension 3.

According to Brown, the Red Deere Creek and the rest of the city's park system will be included in the spraying program.

Residents can aid in mosquito control by keeping their lawns mowed and emptying any containers of water on their property. Old tires - a primary mosquito breeding ground - should be disposed of properly.

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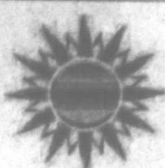
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Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 88. East wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south between 15 and 20 mph. Winds could gust as high as 25 mph.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 67. Windy, with a south wind around 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 87. South wind around 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 69. South wind around 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 89. South wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 69. Windy, with a south wind between 20 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

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Danny Ray Malone, 75

AMARILLO — Danny Ray Malone, 75, died June 3, 2008. Graveside services will be held Friday, June 6, 2008, at 11 a.m. at the Memory Gardens Cemetery in Pampa, Texas.

The Rev. Norman Rushing of Central Baptist Church will officiate. Arrangements are by Schooler Funeral Home, 4100 South Georgia, Amarillo.

Danny was born April 30, 1933, to Virgil and Jewel Malone. He married Ellen Wiley on Aug. 26, 1961, in Pampa. He worked for the City of Pampa for 22 years before retiring.

He was a volunteer for Good Samaritan Christian Service for 10 years in

Pampa before moving to Amarillo. He enjoyed working outside in his yard and having outdoor cookouts.

He is survived by his wife, Ellen of Amarillo; three daughters, Dana Malone of Las Cruces, N.M., and Amy Crandall and husband Andy of Amarillo, and AFS student, Christine Gwiazda of Hamburg, Germany; and three grandchildren, Taylor and Skye of Amarillo, and Miles of Las Cruces.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be sent to Good Samaritan of Pampa, 309 N. Ward, Pampa, TX 79065 or Central Baptist Church of Pampa, 513 E. Francis, Pampa, TX 79065.

Earl Leon Waugh, 79

BORGER — Earl Leon Waugh, 79, of Borger, died May 29, 2008. Services were June 2. He was buried at the National Memorial Cemetery in Phoenix, Ariz.

Mr. Waugh was born June 2, 1928, at Okmulgee, Okla. He was married to Dorothy Ann Kinsey of Pampa for 53 years.

An electrician by trade, he

was a corporal in the U.S. Army, a Christian, a baseball coach and an inventor.

Survivors include his three daughters, Denise, Micki and Cherry; six grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Condolences may be made to Todd and Micki Howard, 5629 S. Pirates Cove Rd., Tempe AZ 85283.

Steve Foley charged after dog attack

RICHMOND, Texas (AP) — Former Houston Texans linebacker Steve Foley faces a felony charge of attack by a dog after his pit bulls bit a woman on the face and arms and killed her puppy.

Foley, 32, surrendered at the Fort Bend County Jail on Wednesday, the Houston Chronicle reported for its online edition. A Fort Bend jail spokeswoman said Foley was no longer being held there Wednesday night.

An indictment accuses Foley of failing to secure the dogs. The pit bulls attacked neighbor Twana Schulz on March 26, causing serious bodily injury when they bit her on the arms and face, according to court documents.

Schulz, 36, was walking to the corner to pick her daughter up from the school bus when she was attacked.

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Obituaries

Services tomorrow

BICHSEL, Louis Leo — Vigil services, 7 p.m., Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors, Pampa.
KLEIN, Stella A. — Graveside services, 10 a.m., Memorial Heights Cemetery, Lefors.
MALONE, Danny Ray — Graveside services, 11 a.m., Memory Gardens Cemetery, Pampa.

Louis Leo Bichsel, Sr., 80

WHITE DEER, Texas — Louis Leo Bichsel, Sr., 80, of White Deer, died June 3, 2008, at White Deer.

Vigil services will be at 7 p.m. Friday, June 6, 2008, at Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel in Pampa, and funeral mass will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 7, 2008, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in White Deer with the Rev. Elias Rodrigues, of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church of Pampa, officiating.

Burial will be in Sacred Heart Cemetery in White Deer with military honors courtesy of the U.S. Army personnel from Fort Hood, Texas.

Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Bichsel was born on Aug. 7, 1927, in White Deer, to Leo M. and Adella Bichsel. He married Vivian

L. Spoonemore on Nov. 7, 1947, in Corning, Iowa.

Louis was a veteran of the U.S. Army Air Force, serving during World War II. He worked for Northern Natural Gas from 1950 until 1964.

He then worked for Ike's Garage in White Deer as a mechanic, and then later opening Louis' Garage. He then worked for Northern Gas Pipeline as a field booster operator, retiring in 1992.

On May 23, 2008, Louis was honored with his high school diploma made possible by the VFW.

Survivors include his wife, Vivian Bichsel, of the home; three daughters, Diana Bichsel of White Deer, Becky Baten and husband Gene of Pampa, and Debbie



Bichsel

Alford and husband Greg of Katy; two sons, Rudy Bichsel of Pampa, and Randy Bichsel and wife Barbara of Booker; seven grandchildren, Rick Baten and wife Sissy of McLean, Stephanie Ellis and husband

Richard of McLean, Keven Baten, Tanya Gasaway, and Cherie Keller and husband Chris, all of Pampa, and Chris Alford and Tasha Boyd, both of California; two step-grandchildren, Tory Laimonis and wife Tanna of Michigan, and Jason Laimonis of Ohio; six great-grandchildren, Zoie Baten, Zarek Baten, Kaia Gasaway, Dylan Ellis, McKenzie Ellis and Dietrick Keller; eight stepgreat-grandchildren, Lisa Ellis, Lyndsey Ellis, Kristin

Ellis, Rena Smith, Brook Alley, Noah Laimonis, Erik Laimonis and Ryan Laimonis; five brothers, George Bichsel and wife Bonnie of Perryton, Gerald Bichsel and wife Carolyn of Dallas, Robert Bichsel and wife Margie of White Deer, Marion Bichsel of Houston, and Jim Bichsel and wife Nadine of Pampa; and one sister, Lori Albus and husband Charles of Pampa.

Louis was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Richard Bichsel, Wallace Bichsel and Wilford Bichsel; and a sister, Geraldine Held.

MEMORIALS: Odyssey Hospice, 6900 I-40 West, Suite 150, Amarillo, TX 79106.

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Steven 'Cro' Burden, 52

SOUTHWESTERN Bell Telephone in Lubbock for 26 years.

He moved to Ruidoso in 2006 and was risk manager for the Inn of the Mountain Gods and for Ski Apache. He has been a member of the National Ski Patrol for over 25 years.

Survivors include his wife, Christi of Lubbock; his sons, Stuart and Sean, both of Lubbock; his parents, Nona and Russ Burden of McAllen; and his brothers, Keith Burden of Fort Collins, Colo., and the Rev. Kevin Burden of Greenville, Ky.

The family will receive visitors at 7 p.m. Saturday in the Aspen Room of the Swiss Chalet Inn in Ruidoso and suggests memorials be to Diabetes Association or Muscular Dystrophy Foundation. Condolences may be made online at www.lagroneruidoso.com.

Stella A. Klein, 89

MARCH 5, 1919, in Larned, Kan. She married Herbert L. Klein on March 20, 1937, in Greensburg, Kan. He preceded her in death on Jan. 27, 1990.

She had been a resident of Lefors since 1942.

Stella was a dietician for Lefors ISD for 30 years. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Lefors.

Survivors include one

son, Robert "Bob" Klein and wife Beverly of Lefors; four sisters, Verna Arthur of Alpine, Wyo., Laura Dovel of Denver, Colo., Joan Mitchell of Garfield, Kan., and Lena Simmons of Medicine Lodge, Kan.; four grandchildren, Bob Roy Klein of Keller, Roger Klein of Pampa, Randy Klein of Dallas and Suzan Hudson of Bedford; seven great-grandchildren; and

eight great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; two sisters; and two brothers.

MEMORIALS: BSA Hospice, 800 N. Sumner, Pampa, TX 79065, or First Baptist Church, 315 E. 4th, Lefors, TX 79054.

—Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whitley.com.

Lt. Col. Edmund H. Lutz

at the Army Air Corps Advanced Flying School at Pampa Army Air Force Base 11-miles east of Pampa.

In August, he met Betty Jean Tiemann, a member of the girls' club that welcomed each new class of cadets

with a dance and refreshments. Lutz and Tiemann were married Nov. 1, 1943.

Survivors include Betty Jean, the couple's four daughters and their families. Betty Jean is a granddaughter of Sam and Emily Case

whose family was the second family to live at the railroad station that became Pampa. She plans to return to Pampa to live in the Tiemann home at 311 N. Wynne.

Jim Harold Kindel, 85

she preceded him in death in 1980.

Jim worked for Pampa Concrete for over 40 years as a driver and shop foreman. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving during World War II.

Survivors include two sons, Eddie Kindel and wife Starla of Pampa, and Johnny Kindel and wife Joyce of

Stinnett; seven grandchildren, Ceeli Hunt, Brittany Stark and Shelly DeMar, all of Pampa, Jasmine Kindel-Dennis and Ethan Kindel, both of San Antonio, Kenny Livingston of Borger and Becky Malac of Crosby; 12 great-grandchildren; and a special pet, his dog "Mitsy." He was preceded in death

by four brothers and one sister.

MEMORIALS: BSA Hospice, 800 N. Sumner, Pampa, TX 79065.

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Kindel

Jim Harold Kindel, 85, of Pampa, Texas, died June 3, 2008, at Pampa. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Kindel was born Nov. 13, 1922, in Childress County, Texas. He had been a resident of Pampa since 1948. He married Estelene Durham, and

Stocks

The following gain quotations are provided by Atebury Gain of White Deer

Wheat	7.00
Milo	9.54
Corn	10.71
Soybeans	11.99

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

OKY	88.01	+0.62
BP PLC ADR	68.04	+0.54
Cabot Corp	32.04	-0.01
Celanese	47.67	-0.11
Cabot Oil Gas	63.60	+4.53
Coca Cola	56.92	+0.22
VLO	48.82	-0.56
HAL	47.24	+0.35

XCEL	21.04	+0.01
Anadarko	74.47	+0.67
XOM	86.82	+1.07
Nat'l Oilwell	82.02	+0.75
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 Vijay Mohan M.D.

Plane

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water to attach cables to the plane's fuselage.

Monday, National Park Service employees had cut through the bottom of the upside down plane and started removing sand from the cockpit.

Wednesday, the crane pulled the front part of the plane, including the propeller, engine and cockpit from the mud and brought it to Fritch Fortress where it was brought ashore about noon and moved to the Hutchinson County airport for inspection by aviation officials.

Pfeiffer said today the service's law enforcement officers would carry out a search

grid of the crash site once the larger pieces of debris have been recovered.

The two-seater plane, piloted by Steven Lampe, 25, and carrying passenger Larry Lucas, 23, both of Amarillo, crashed into the lake on Friday afternoon, Jan. 27, 1984. The pair had left Tradewind airport in Amarillo earlier on what Lampe had told airport officials was to be a two-hour flight.

A six-day search by aircraft, boats and divers failed to find the missing plane.

John Ware, 18, who was canoeing with his father, sister and friend Greg Daley, 16, all of Fritch, found the plane's wreckage Friday on a sand bar north of the RR boat

ramp at Harbor Bay.

Jones said part of the plane was protruding from the water as the lake level dropped.

As the front part of the plane, still upside down with what's left of the landing gear reaching skyward and stubs where the wings once were, was hauled ashore by the wrecker from Borger, two sport utility vehicles carrying family members of the pilot and passenger rolled down the concrete boat ramp to the edge of the water to join NPS officials, recovery crew members and Moore County deputies in inspecting the piece of the plane that had been brought ashore.

Blood drive

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four includes: four nights,

one room, at the Crowne Plaza Suites in Arlington, \$300 gas card, four tickets to the August 22 pre-season Dallas Cowboys vs. Houston game, four tickets to the August 23 Rangers vs. Cleveland game, four tickets to Six Flags and four reserved-seat tickets to the August 25 American Idol Concert in Dallas.

According to Coffee Memorial Marketing and Community Relations Director Suzanne Talley, the need for blood is especially prevalent in the summer months.

"There are more accidents in the summer due to four-wheeling, ATV accidents and people just being out on the road more," Talley said.

Coffee Memorial is especially in need of O positive and negative blood types. For more information call 331-8800 or go to www.thegiftoflife.org.

"Someone could go to the website and if they can't make the Pampa drive they can see where else they can donate," Talley said.

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Appliance Day

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Saturday at Top Of Texas Ice Co., 1945 N. Hobart. Anyone with unwanted refrigerators, freezers, refrigerated air conditioners, clothes washers, dryers and/or stoves may bring them to the company during that time for proper disposal.

The free public service enables local residents to properly discard their unwanted coolant-containing appliances without having to pay to have the coolant removed from them. Landfills, including Pampa's landfill, will not accept such appliances unless the coolant

has been removed and documentation of the removal provided.

Elderly and disabled persons who cannot bring their appliances to the company may call 665-2061 for more information to schedule an appliance pick-up. Volunteers are needed to help pick up these items, and may also call the number.

The Appliance Day event was the result of Willoughby's attempts to clean up rural dumping sites. He had found rural sites in the county where appliances, furniture and other discarded items were being dumped along county right-of-ways

and on private property.

Sixteen refrigerators and freezers were collected at the first Appliance Day in March. Approximately 130 appliances, including more refrigerators and freezers, were collected in April, and the May event drew another 50 coolant-containing appliances and 33 other appliances.

"We are cleaning up Pampa, one appliance at a time," said Mary Ann Richards of Top Of Texas Ice. "Please don't throw away an appliance illegally. Call us or bring it to us, and we'll take it from there."

Trailer

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Cattle Raisers Association and by Randall County Sheriff's Office that the possibility existed of a stolen trailer in Gray County," Hoard said.

GCSO Deputies Robert

Douglas and Cary Rushing, and Chief Deputy Kelly Rushing, investigated the report and recovered the trailer.

The cattle raisers association was involved in the incident because it investigates stolen items associated with

livestock, and its investigators are peace officers, Hoard said.

"The case is still under investigation by Randall County Sheriff's Office," Hoard said. "No arrests have been made yet."

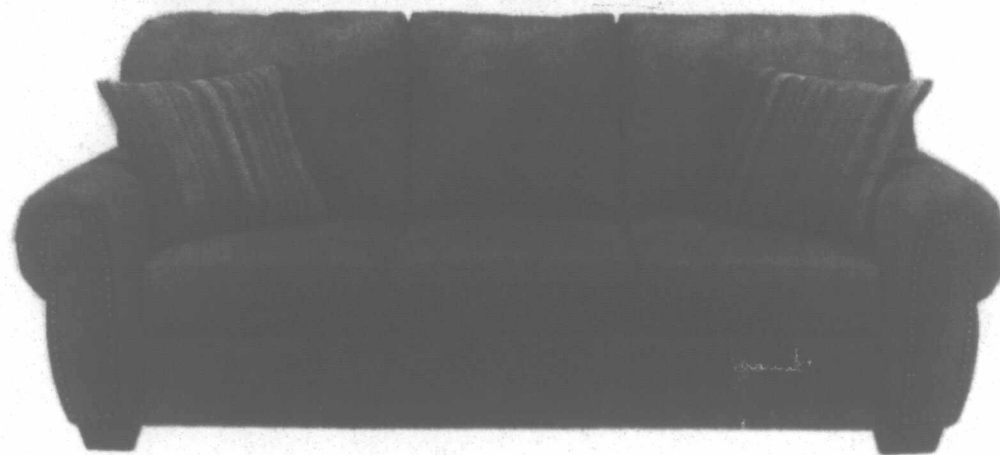
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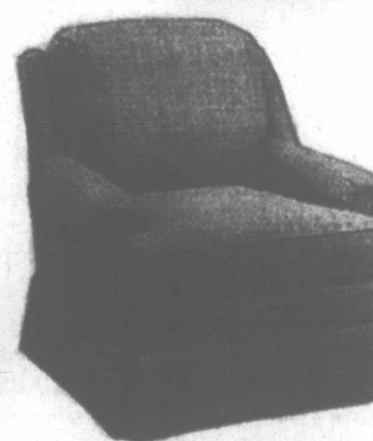
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Viewpoints

North American vacation sites for nature lovers

Any serious birders out there? I admit I love birds, but I really know nothing about them. I'm doing good to tell a hummingbird from a pigeon. As obtuse as I no doubt am, I still admire practically anything with a feather — even turkeys.

One of the city's water towers is plainly visible from my neighborhood. A summer or two ago, the tower was literally buzzing with buzzards. Black, hulking birds that circled endlessly. Though I am bad with numbers, I know I counted 20 to 30 circling or perching on the tower at one time.

I love the outdoors as long as I can go indoors at sleep time. That is why I am so intrigued by an electronic news release I recently

received entitled "Native American Sights at National Wildlife Refuges."

For those of you who want more nature in your next vacation, I have included a PORTION of the e-release printed verbatim below:

Where the Birds Are:
Native American Sites at National Wildlife Refuges

In late August when birds begin to gather over the lakes at Tamarac National Wildlife Refuge in northwestern Minnesota, it is a sign the wild rice is ripe. Hundreds of migrating ring-necked ducks are among the waterfowl that come to Tamarac's 21 lakes to feast.

Just as the birds are drawn to the lakes, so are the local Ojibwe people. The Ojibwe

have been gathering wild rice, known as manomin, at Tamarac Refuge for hundreds of years. Birdwatchers are sometimes surprised to see their canoes among the flocks of birds. While one person steers the canoe with a pole, another uses a pair of cedar sticks to guide the stalks over the boat and gently shake the grain free.

A canoe can hold up to 500 pounds of rice, if the ricer is very industrious. A ricing party may take 1-3 loads a day. Yet the Ojibwe take only 15 percent of the total crop, leaving plenty for

the birds.

Signs mark historic native American sites throughout the refuge and visitors can walk the same trails the Ojibwe used to travel from their spring sugarbush (maple sugar



Skyla Bryant
City Editor

collecting sites) to their fall wild ricing sites. Many of the refuge's trails and roads are open for hiking in the summer and snowshoeing or cross country skiing in the winter. The refuge also has a five-mile auto route.

An historical exhibit at the visitor center includes information on ricing.

Directions: The refuge is 18 miles northeast of Detroit Lakes, Minn., at the junction of County Roads 26 29. It is open during daylight hours. Tamarac's visitor center is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on weekdays, and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. during summer and fall weekends. ...

Wapato Harvesting

The Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge near the mouth of the Columbia River in Washington State was once the location of the village of Cathlapotle, inhabited by Chinookan peoples. They harvested salmon and a wetland tuber called wapato, food for wintering tundra swans and other water birds protected by the refuge.

Residents of Cathlapotle

lived in large, communal buildings made of cedar planks. In 1805, the Lewis and Clark explorers observed 14 houses in the village and estimated that 900 people lived there. A 78-foot-long plankhouse of the sort used by residents of Cathlapotle has been recreated and is open to the public on Friday, Saturday and Sunday afternoons during the summer and available to groups by special arrangement. Call 360-887-4106 or visit <http://plankhouse.org/>

There are several hiking trails and an auto route on the refuge, open during daylight hours seven days a week. Information can be obtained at refuge headquarters at 28908 NW Main See **BRYANT**, Page 5

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, June 5, the 157th day of 2008. There are 209 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On June 5, 1968, Sen. Robert F. Kennedy was assassinated in Los Angeles' Ambassador Hotel after claiming victory in California's Democratic presidential primary. Gunman Sirhan Bishara Sirhan was immediately arrested.

On this date:

In 1884, Civil War hero Gen. William T. Sherman refused the Republican presidential nomination, saying, "I will not accept if nominated and will not serve if elected."

In 1917, about 10 million American men began registering for the draft in World War I.

'What is objectionable, what is dangerous, about extremists is not that they are extreme, but that they are intolerant. The evil is not what they say about their cause, but what they say about their opponents.'

— Robert F. Kennedy
U.S. senator (1925-1968)

In 1933, the United States went off the gold standard.

In 1940, during the World War II Battle of France, Germany attacked French forces along the Somme line.

In 1947, Secretary of State George C. Marshall gave a speech at Harvard University in which he outlined an aid program for Europe that came to be known as "The Marshall Plan."

In 1967, war erupted in the Mideast as Israel raided military aircraft parked on the ground in Egypt; Syria, Jordan and Iraq entered the conflict.

In 1976, 14 people were killed when the Teton Dam in Idaho burst.

In 1981, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported that five homosexuals in Los Angeles had come down with a rare kind of pneumonia; they were the first recognized cases of what later became known as AIDS.

In 1993, country star Conway Twitty died in Springfield, Mo., at age 59.

In 2004, Ronald Wilson Reagan, the 40th president of the United States, died in Los Angeles at age 93 after a long struggle with Alzheimer's disease.

Ten years ago: A strike at a General Motors parts factory near Detroit closed five assembly plants and idled workers nationwide; the walkout lasted seven weeks. Volkswagen AG won approval to buy Rolls-Royce Motor Cars for \$700 million. (However, BMW later got to purchase the Rolls-Royce brand name and logo.)



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Winning the battle of childhood obesity

"What a relief. After two decades of growth, childhood obesity rates have finally leveled off!"

"Ah, yes, you speak of a study published in the Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA). Based on data gathered from 1999 to 2006 by the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, it would appear obesity rates for kids and teens have plateaued."

"That's good news, right?"

"That is the hope. However, researchers are cautiously optimistic. One doctor interviewed in The New York Times said he's not sure if obesity rates are at a true plateau in prevalence or just a temporary lull."

"But I thought there has been a nationwide effort to combat obesity in kids."

"That is correct. State and local government programs may be having some effect, but nobody knows for sure. The fact is 32 percent of America's school-

children are S T I L L overweight or obese."

"That's a lot of kids."

"The reasons why are obvious. America produces massive amounts of processed, high-calorie junk foods. These products are loaded with corn syrup, sugars and fats. The human body was not designed to consume such processed, high-calorie foods."

"I didn't know that."

"Too many busy families are skipping nutritious home-made meals in favor of fast food. Everybody

knows that fast food is also loaded with calories and fat."

"So that's why I'm putting on the pounds!"

"Our wealth is part of the challenge. Many kids are walking around with cash in their pockets,

giving them the means to buy junk at the convenience store. Add to that the fact that kids spend hours sitting around watching TV, playing video games and visiting social-networking sites on the Internet and you're going to have an obesity problem."

"We need more government laws and programs to fix this problem!"

"That is what some suggest. Some would like government regulations to

clamp down on food manufacturers. Some advocacy groups are trying to put 'sin taxes' on junk food. Some believe the solution is to use the might of the government to determine what the rest of us should eat."

"They want to tax my Twinkies?"

"But the real solution comes down to the most important force on Earth where children are concerned: parents!"

"Parents?"

"According to the Mayo Clinic, the cause of childhood obesity is pretty simple: Kids are eating too much and exercising too little. To correct the problem, parents need to create new family habits that promote healthy eating and exercise."

"How do parents do that?"

"Stop buying junk food on See **PURCELL**, Page 5

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Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

■ May 23

San Antonio Express-News on Obama and McCain and their oppositions:

As someone who has built his reputation as a foe of the special interests in Washington, Sen. John McCain is seeing a positive turn into a negative.

McCain, the presumptive presidential nominee for the Republican Party, has come under fire recently for staffing his campaign organization with the very figures he has railed against for years lobbyists.

Trying to combat the perception of a double standard, McCain issued a poli-

cy that prohibited individuals with conflicts of interest on his campaign staff.

The new rule, the New York Times reported, requires staff members, including part-time volunteers, to complete a questionnaire that identifies "issues and clients that could be embarrassing for the senator and the campaign."

After McCain issued the edict, two staff members resigned, including San Antonian Tom Loeffler, the general co-chairman of the campaign, who had business ties to Saudi Arabia.

Like any politician, McCain knows perception is often more powerful than reality, and his ties to lobbyists create the suspicion that he is cozying up to the special interests he claims to oppose.

Sen. Barack Obama, the Democratic presidential frontrunner, seized the opportunity to condemn his Republican counterpart.

"It appears that John McCain is very much a creature of Washington," Obama said during a campaign stop in Oregon, according to the Associated Press. "We can't have special interests dictating what's happening there."

The attack represents the kind of political gamesmanship that will become more common as the race progresses. Obama has lobbyists on his team, too, although he says they are unpaid volunteers. Voters may disregard the nuance, seeing special interests as special interests, regardless of

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Brady Albert used the CREATE-a-Beat! water slide to help beat the heat at the end of year party recently. Courtesy Photo

Purcell

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a regular basis. Just buy it once in a while as an occasional snack. Bone up on basic nutrition, read labels and make sure healthful foods are readily available. And always serve fruits and vegetables with meals.

"That sounds straightforward enough. What else?"

"Parents should limit the

amount of time kids spend in front of the tube and the computer screen. They should limit all activities that allow their kids to sit around chomping on Doritos and drinking sugary sodas."

"But what will kids do with the extra time?"

"What kids have ALWAYS done: go outside and play. Let them ride their bikes, catch ball, build shacks or make up games — WITHOUT parental involvement. Believe it or not, kids

have gotten along well for centuries without their parents hovering over every move."

"A kid might like that."

"Most important, parents need to lead by example. Parents need to eat right, turn off the tube and exercise, too. As these commonsense measures begin producing results — as kids begin shedding the weight — parents can reward their children for their success. But for goodness' sakes, don't reward

them with food."

"These Mayo Clinic ideas make a lot of sense. Parents surely are the best cure to childhood obesity. Though I got a question."

"Go on."

"I've been meaning to knock off some pounds. You think my parents will let their 40 year-old son move back in?"

—Tom Purcell is a humor columnist nationally syndicated exclusively by Cagle Cartoons.

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whether they are on the payroll.

"We have enacted the most comprehensive and most transparent policy concerning lobbyist activities," McCain told reporters. "And I challenge Senator Obama to adopt a similar policy."

The two candidates are also sparring over campaign finances. Obama raised \$41 million in March, compared to only \$15 million for McCain, according to Economist.com. As a result, Obama is expected to forego public financing, while McCain wants to embrace it no surprise there.

According to McCain, the problem arises with a pledge the candidates made last year. The promise was that, if one of the nominees decided to accept public financing, the other would do the same. Only one of the candidates, however, has reaffirmed that commitment McCain.

"If I am the Democratic nominee, I will aggressively pursue an agreement with the Republican nominee to preserve a publicly financed general election," Obama responded in writing to a questionnaire from a public interest group in the Midwest, the New York Times reported in November.

If Obama seems to be skirting a commitment he made more than five months ago, McCain has his own problems on the campaign finance front. The Republican candidate, one of the architects of campaign finance reform legislation, is likely to accept public

financing. But he also plans to rely on help from the coffers of the Republican National Committee, which is allowed to accept "soft money" contributions with fewer restrictions than donations specifically earmarked for a candidate.

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Directions: Take the Ridgefield exit from Interstate 5 approximately 20 miles north of Vancouver, Wash. Drive 3 miles west to Ridgefield, where you will see signs directing you to the refuge.

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: Our parents make my sister and me go with them to visit our grandparents one Saturday a month. They live two hours away. We don't like having to waste our Saturday this way. My sister and I are 15 and 16, and we're old enough to stay home alone. When we are there, all we do is sit there bored while our parents and grandparents talk. Our grandparents show no interest in us, even though they tell our parents how much they "love" seeing us. Our parents say our grandparents are not in good health and may not be around much longer, so one Saturday a month isn't too much to ask. The other day Mom overheard us in our room talking about how much we hate having to go over there, and she was furious. She said we were selfish and care about no one but ourselves, and she had better not hear that kind of talk again. Please tell us what you think. -- **BORED TO DEATH IN SAN FRANCISCO**

DEAR BORED TO DEATH: Sometimes when people grow older, they lose the knack of communicating with younger people. While visiting your grandparents may seem like a pain in the neck now, when you're older you may be glad that you did. One way to bridge the generation gap would be for you and your sister to show some interest in THEM. Prepare a list of questions to ask them before you go to visit. You might be pleasantly surprised to find their answers a fascinating window on the past, and give you an insight about how your parents were raised. Please consider what I have said. It will make visiting your grandparents less of an ordeal -- and you might even learn something of value.

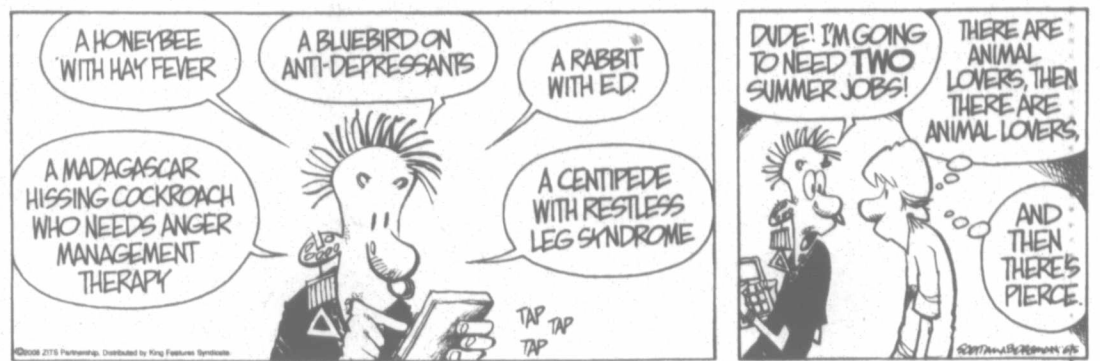
DEAR ABBY: My long-standing boyfriend, "Peter," and I plan to be married next year. Peter's parents divorced long ago because his father was abusive. Peter told me about a specific incident in which his father pushed him down the basement stairs. Because of a recent spiritual awakening, Peter decided to forgive his dad, but the man rejected a face-to-face reconciliation with his son. Of course, this has hurt Peter deeply, and it hurts me to see him go through it. I had always thought that married couples should share the same last name. But I feel uncomfortable taking Peter's name, knowing that it was given to him by a man who abused him and no longer wants him as a son. A logical solution would be for us to take his maternal grandfather's last name because he and Peter are extremely close. However, I could never ask Peter to give up his last name. Should I alone take his grandfather's name? I realize this problem may not seem important, but it carries a lot of weight with me. -- **NO-NAME JANE IN GAINESVILLE, FLA.**

DEAR JANE: While you could never "ask" Peter to give up his last name, you should certainly talk to him about your feelings. If he has no objection, you could use his maternal grandfather's name. You could also, as many women do today, continue to use your maiden name. Or, you two lovebirds could choose a name you both like and adopt it together. After all, to quote William Shakespeare, "What's in a name? That which we call a rose by any other name would smell as sweet."

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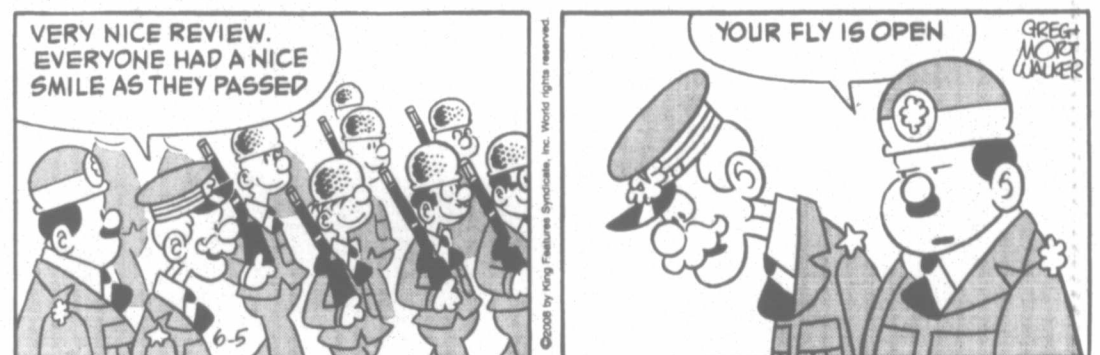
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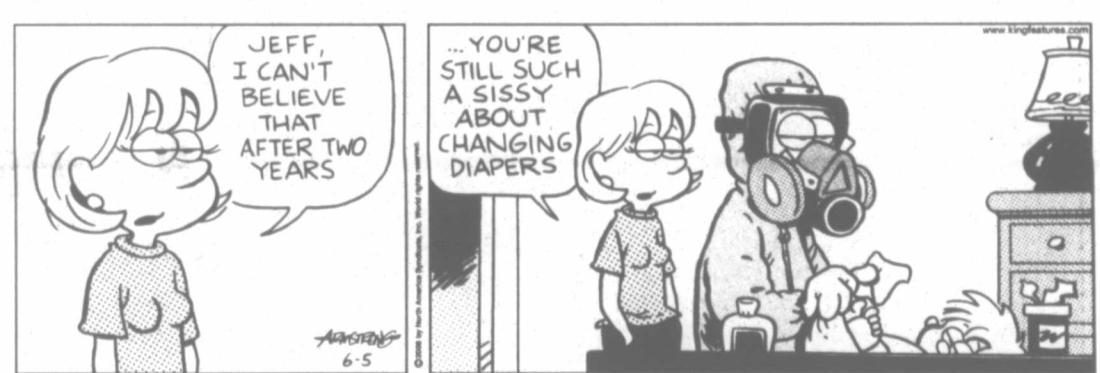
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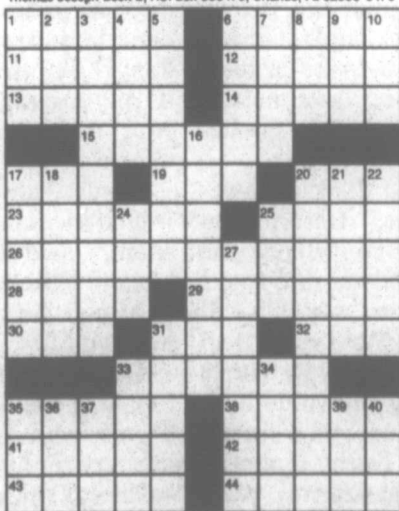
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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- 3 1995 mishap
- 4 "... like I need — in the head"
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- 6 Date trees
- 7 Speak
- 8 Calm
- 9 Flamenco
- 10 Cry
- 11 Cut off
- 12 Ave.
- 13 crossers
- 14 Italian
- 15 sand-wiches
- 16 Saucy
- 17 Elevator door feature
- 18 Comic
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- 20 Prompt
- 21 Wonder
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- 24 Potter
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- 26 Pointer
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- 28 Bar buy
- 29 The Carpenters' "Close —"
- 30 Like London weather
- 31 Insolent look
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- 2 That's it!
- 3 1995 Bond film
- 4 Ticklish
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- 7 Bawl out
- 8 Undiluted
- 9 Nest-egg
- 10 Ignited
- 11 Rink stuff
- 12 25th % means: Abbr.
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- 14 "Thats," e.g.
- 15 Corbin
- 16 Bensen series
- 17 Helpful
- 18 kind of dog
- 19 "Let's hear it"
- 20 Horse
- 21 Rink stuff
- 22 25th % means: Abbr.
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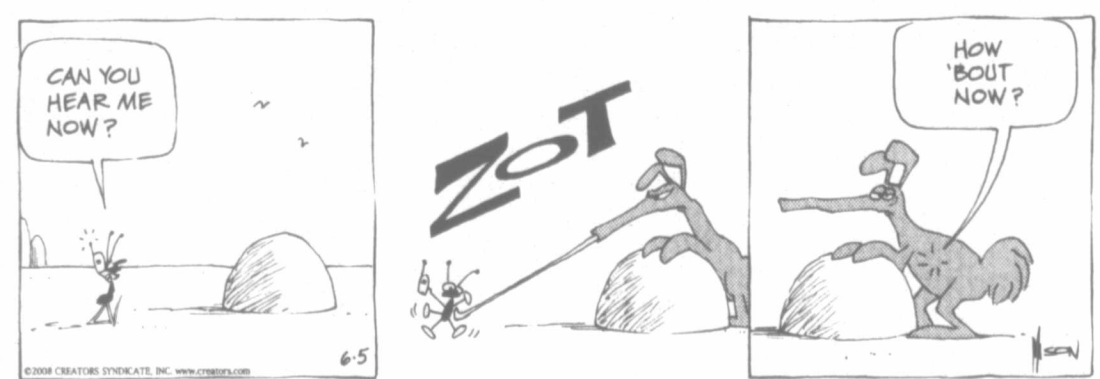
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THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane



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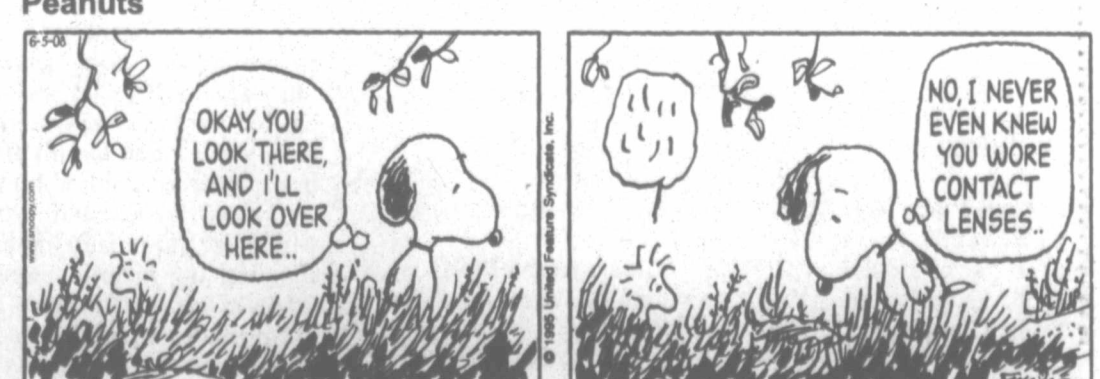
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Lady Harvester Softball Camp to begin June 9

The Lady Harvester Softball Camp will begin June 9 at Lady Harvester softball field on the campus of Pampa High School. The camp is open to incoming third to ninth graders as of the 2008-2009 school year and will run from 8 a.m. to noon.

The five day camp fee is \$70 and includes a T-shirt and one on one instruction from the camp staff. The camp staff will include current coaches of the Lady Harvester Softball Team as well as former players and collegiate softball players.

All campers should wear cool, comfortable clothes. It is mandatory that each camper have their own glove. Cleats,

batting gloves, visors and other gear is optional. It is encouraged that each camper bring a bottle of water, a towel to dry off with and a willingness to learn and become a better softball player. There will be drinks and snacks available for purchase during the break time. On Friday, campers will need to bring an extra change of clothes as the camp will teach sliding form on a slip and slide.

Registration may be mailed to Bobbi Gill, 1451 Stone Road, Miami, Tx, 79065 or dropped by the athletic office of Pampa High School. For more information, contact Gill at 806-868-4707.

Hidden Hills Results

Seniors Scramble
Hidden Hills
Golf Course
June 4, 2008

1st Place (58)
R. Parnell
J. Davis
N. Willingham
B. Briley

2nd Place (60)
T. Taylor
B. Swope
R. Covalt
D. Clendenner

3rd Place (61)
W. White
B. MacMillan
B. Baldrige
G. Owens

4th Place (62)
O.K. Lee
J. Mabry
J. McGuire
B.F. Dorman

Closest to the Pin
Jim Brashers (#6)

Pampa Golf Newsmakers

In the June 4 senior scramble, Gerrel Owens made a hole in one on #15, a par three 128 yard hole, at Hidden Hills. He used a seven iron.
On Sunday, June 1, Josh Blackmon of Pampa made a hole in one on #8 at Hidden Hills. The hole is 172 yards and Blackmon used a wedge. Playing with Blackmon were Buster Kelly, Sam Maples and Scott Wiseman.
Ralph Baker shot his age with a great round of 72 this week. He will be trying to break it next time.

Big Brown's jockey goes for the Triple Crown again

NEW YORK (AP) — Kent Desormeaux is sitting on the brink of greatness one more time.

The Hall of Fame jockey hopes this will be the rare instance when the sequel is better than the original.

"I never dreamed I could get another chance at this," Desormeaux said. "Now all of it is like a daydream, a movie."

Ten years after failing in the Belmont Stakes with the kind of race that could define a career, Desormeaux gets his Triple Crown do-over.

Desormeaux vows he'll end the Belmont aboard Big Brown the way he should have ended the race 10 years ago with Real Quiet: With a blanket of white carnations in the winner's circle and a Triple Crown.

This time, Desormeaux has a better feel for the pressures and expectations that go into Saturday's race. Aboard Real Quiet, Desormeaux simply lived for the moment and wanted to have fun in a marquee race — but he lost by a nose.

Not now. Not this time. A career that bounced the jockey around the globe searching in vain for that second chance hardened him and a family crisis that put his flop in perspective matured him.

"Now, I'm relishing it a whole lot more and understanding the historic importance," Desormeaux said.

No matter where he rides, Desormeaux can't escape the memory of the heartbreak at the end of the 1998 Belmont. He's been asked about the finish all month by reporters, and even a moment that should have been a time to celebrate brought a video reminder. Desormeaux sat on the dais for Wednesday's Belmont draw as a replay of the finish of the '98 race played behind him. Like always, Real Quiet lost.

"I want to put closure on

the Real Quiet situation," Desormeaux said.

Desormeaux and trainer Bob Baffert believed they had the horse that could win the 12th Triple Crown and earn racing greatness. They led Real Quiet to wins in the Kentucky Derby and Preakness, and a victory in the Belmont seemed inevitable.

Sound familiar so far? Real Quiet burst out of the gate at that fateful Belmont

and onto the 1 1/2-mile track to take a commanding six-length lead. Then the horse they called "The Fish," flopped. Victory Gallop wore out Real Quiet down a surprising stretch run and won by a nose in a photo finish.

Desormeaux still second guesses the way he ran the race. "Instead of asking him for an explosive run, I would have asked him to just ease into a better stride," Desormeaux said.

Even worse, the stewards said they were prepared to disqualify Real Quiet because Desormeaux tried to swerve the colt into Victory Gallop's path.

"The only reason Real Quiet got beat was because he didn't see the horse coming," Desormeaux said. "He wasn't tired, he was just gawking on the lead. I know that for certain because when we hit the wire, it was the first time Real Quiet saw Victory Gallop. In three jumps, I was a length in front."

Gary Stevens, who fell a Belmont victory short of the Triple Crown aboard Silver Charm in '97, won the third

jewel on Victory Gallop. Stevens said Real Quiet finished second because the colt lost focus over that extra half mile that has tripped up even the greatest of horses (Hello, Smarty Jones). Stevens doesn't expect Big Brown to fall victim to a similar behavior deficiency on Saturday.

"I don't see this horse beating himself and I don't see this horse getting beat because of jockey error," Stevens said. "I'm not as bold as Rick Dutrow to say it's a foregone conclusion because anything can happen. But if nothing does happen, it's going to be fun to watch."

Dutrow has seemingly taken the pressure and focus off Desormeaux with his daily boasts that Big Brown will win the Triple Crown. While some industry insiders take offense, Desormeaux gets a kick out of the predictions.

"I love it. I think it's awesome for me," Desormeaux said. "The confidence he exudes just filters into me. I don't have to say any of those things. But I really feel that way inside. Now we've got to let Big Brown do it."

Desormeaux won a second Kentucky Derby aboard Fusaichi Pegasus two years after Real Quiet's ride. But a cocky attitude quickly wore out its welcome in California. He globetrotted from Japan to New York looking for another chance, a second shot at proving he could win as a humble, grateful jockey.

Desormeaux's professional disappointments aboard topflight mounts have been a blip compared to the personal hardships in his family.

His youngest son Jacob was born with Usher syndrome, a genetic disorder that stole his hearing at birth and is slowly robbing him of his sight. There is no known cure and 9-year-old Jacob will likely be blind by adulthood.

Jacob took a ride on some friend's shoulders at the Preakness and begged his mother to buy Big Brown. Sorry, the colt's already been sold. But winning this one for his family would be absolutely priceless.

"I want to be able to say, 'at the end of the day, we saw it,'" Desormeaux said. "The Kentucky Derby, the Belmont, the Triple Crown, it's a big, big deal. There's a bigger deal at home."

No matter where he is, Desormeaux daydreams about winning the Triple Crown. He imagines how he will ride Big Brown if they get pressed against the rail or if the colt breaks free from the pack. Desormeaux wonders how track announcer Tom Durkin will call the race if Big Brown is first to the wire and takes the Triple Crown.

"I know how bad he really wants the chance to try it again," said Hall of Fame jockey Mike Smith. "If he tells you he's not nervous, he's lying."

Desormeaux was interrupted at the draw by a UPS driver who had a special delivery for him. There was a basket of red apples for Big Brown and an oversized card from the employees, "wishing you the Triple Crown."

Cheesy perhaps, but Desormeaux loved the message. He's wants to put the stamp on a great career on Saturday and prove the failure of a decade ago will not be repeated.

"This is the world to me," Desormeaux said. "To never be forgotten are some powerful, powerful words."

"I never dreamed I could get another chance at this. Now all of it is like a daydream, a movie."

— Kent Desormeaux
Big Brown Jockey

Emergency Services

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the period from 7 a.m. Monday through 7 a.m. Wednesday.

Monday, June 2

Eleven traffic stops were made.

A traffic complaint was received from the intersection of Harvester and Duncan streets.

A vehicle accident was reported in the 1200 block of North Hobart.

Calls and stops concerning animals occurred at the intersection of Browning and Jupiter streets, the 1000 block of Terry Road, the 300 block of North Wells, the 1200 block of Wilcox, the 1800 block of Lea, the 900 block of North Frost, the 1400 block of Hamilton, the 1500 block of Williston, the 1100 block of Terrace, the 800 block of South Barnes, the 2800 block of Charles, the 100 block of West 30th and the 700 block of Deane Drive. A neighbor's pit bull jumped a fence and attacked the caller's dog in connection with the incident in the 700 block of Deane Drive. The dog which was attacked was injured.

Agency assistance was rendered in the 700 block of East Frederic and the 1000 block of Darby.

A welfare check was made in the 700 block of North Christy.

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

A suspicious vehicle call was received from the 300 block of South Ballard.

Silent/abusive 911 calls were received from the 2100 block of North Faulkner and the 2800 block of Charles.

Violation of a city ordinance was reported in the police department lobby.

A narcotics violation was reported in the police department lobby.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1000 block of North Sumner, the 2100 block of Charles, the 1400 block of North Hobart, the 2600 block of North Hobart and the 1000 block of Neel Road.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 800 block of Campbell and the police department lobby.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1000 block of Varnon Drive. A window valued at \$75 was shot out.

Telephone harassment was reported in the 200 block of North Russell.

Harassment was reported in the 600 block of Sloan.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 400 block of North Zimmers.

Assault was reported in the 500 block of Carr.

Two alarms were reported.

Forgery was reported at United Supermarket, 1420 N. Hobart. Four checks with total combined value of \$165.88 were written on the same account.

Theft was reported in the police department lobby. The incident occurred in the 400 block of Jupiter. A wallet with driver's license and debit card, along with a checkbook, were taken. Checks with total value of approximately \$1,800 have been written since the theft occurred.

Theft was reported in the 1200 block of North Hobart. At least one arrest was made in connection with the incident.

Burglary was reported in the 600 block of Barnes. Taken from a residence were 250 VHS movies.

Tuesday, June 3

Fourteen traffic stops were made. A vehicle was impounded at the intersection of Gwendolen and Hobart streets in connection with one stop. Possession of less than two ounces of marijuana was reported in connection with a stop in the 100 block of East Francis.

Motorist assistance was rendered in the 800 block of South Hobart.

Traffic complaints were received from the 800 block of South Hobart and twice from

the 2800 block of Charles.

Vehicle accidents were reported at the intersection of Kentucky and Sumner streets and the 800 block of Locust. At least one arrest was made in connection with the accident at the intersection of Kentucky and Sumner streets.

Calls and stops concerning animals occurred in the 1800 block of Holly, the 300 block of North West, the 400 block of Hughes, the 900 block of Wilcox, the 300 block of West Browning, the 1000 block of South Barnes, the 500 block of North Wells, the intersection of Market and Wells streets, the 1100 block of South Nelson, the 800 block of South Faulkner, the 800 block of South Banks, the 1000 block of North Frost (three), the 1100 block of Varnon Drive, the intersection of Browning and Lefors streets, the 800 block of Duncan, the 1100 block of Crane Road, the 800 block of Scott, the 700 block of Mora and the 1100 block of South Sumner.

Agency assistance was rendered on two occasions in the 800 block of Lefors. At least one arrest was made in connection with the second incident.

Two attempts to serve papers were made.

Warrant service was attempted on two occasions, resulting in at least one arrest.

A welfare check was made in the 800 block of South Hobart.

A missing person was reported in the 2600 block of Fir. The incident involved a possible runaway.

An unattended death was reported in the 1800 block of North Wells.

A suspicious person call was received from the 200 block of North Ballard.

Suspicious vehicle calls were received from the 400 block of West Brown and the 1000 block of Prairie Drive. Possession of drug paraphernalia and a Wheeler County warrant were reported in connection with the incident in the 1000 block of Prairie Drive.

Silent/abusive 911 calls were received from the 800 block of South Barnes, the 1300 block of North Hobart and the 600 block of North Wynne. Evading arrest/detention were reported in connection with the incident in the 800 block of South Barnes.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 400 block of East Francis.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1000 block of South Sumner.

Harassment was reported in the 2100 block of North Nelson.

Domestic disturbances were reported in the 1500 block of North Dwight and the 500 block of Doucette.

Assault was reported in the 700 block of North Banks. A curfew violation and public intoxication by a minor were reported in connection with the incident.

One alarm was reported. Information on a possible identity theft was reported in the police department lobby.

Theft was reported in the police department lobby. The incident occurred in the 2300 block of Comanche. A leather purse, wallet, key and identity card were taken. Estimated value of loss is \$35.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 1300 block of Williston. Taken from a 2000 Honda was a wallet with driver's license, Social Security card, ATM card and \$10 in cash.

Wednesday, June 4

A traffic complaint was received from the intersection of Alcock and Hobart streets.

Suspicious person calls were received from the 1300 block of North Hobart, twice in the 700 block of North Nelson, the 1900 block of North Dwight and on twice in the 1200 block of North Hobart.

A suspicious vehicle call was received from the 600 block of North Sumner. At least one arrest was made in connection with the incident.

One alarm was reported.

CREATE-a-Beat!



Courtesy Photos

TOP PHOTO: Alisa Villareal recently won the girl's biggest and brightest smile award at CREATE-a-Beat! after-school program at Hi-Land Christian Church.

BOTTOM PHOTO: Nikolas DeLeon won the award for boy's biggest and brightest smile.

Alleged R. Kelly victim doesn't appear in video, relatives say

CHICAGO (AP) — A sex tape that prosecutors say shows R. Kelly having sex with an underage girl has sharply divided the alleged victim's family into those who think it's her and those who don't, a relative told jurors.

When prosecutors asked Leroy Edwards Jr. during cross-examination whether the family "has pretty much split in half as a result of this incident," he answered softly, "Yes."

Edwards was one of three family members to testify Wednesday as the defense began presenting its case in the R&B superstar's child pornography trial. All three insisted the female in the video is not their relative. Four relatives testified earlier for the prosecution that it is.

Asked Wednesday whether the

female in the video at the center of the case was her relative, Shonna Edwards responded, "It definitely wasn't her."

The 27-year-old said she saw the tape for the first time several days ago in a lawyer's office, telling jurors that the female's body in the tape was too developed to be her relative at that time.

Prosecutors, who rested their case on Monday, allege the girl was as young as 13 when the tape was made.

Shonna Edwards said she met Kelly frequently in the 1990s when she sang in an R&B music group with her relative, and she added that the man in the sex tape "did not appear" to be Kelly.

Kelly, 41, is charged with 14 counts of child pornography for

allegedly videotaping himself having sex with an underage girl. He has pleaded not guilty and faces up to 15 years in prison if convicted.

Both he and the alleged victim deny they're on the graphic, 27-minute tape.

The singer, dressed in a honey-brown suit and bright flower-pattern tie, appeared attentive as he sat behind the defense table Wednesday, sometimes even nodding his head in agreement during the testimony for the defense.

During cross-examination, prosecutors displayed two photos on a split screen — one of the female in the tape and one of the alleged victim — and asked Shonna Edwards if it was at least possible they were the same person.

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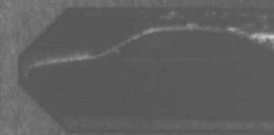
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Events calendar

• **Amarillo Botanical Gardens** will stage its "Music in the Gardens" June 9, 16, 23 and 30 with various musicians and vocal artists. Gates will open at 7 p.m. Performances will last from 7:30-8:30 p.m. Visitors must provide their own lawn chairs, blankets and sunscreen. Admission will be \$4 for adults, \$3 for seniors and \$2 for children 2-12. Children under 2 are free. Membership Card holders also get in free. For more information, call the gardens at (806) 352-6513.

• **The Texas Department of State Health Services** will be offering immunization clinics for vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases including polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps, HIB (haemophilus influenzae Type B) and chickenpox (varicella). Flu vaccines may also be offered at designated clinics. The TDH will charge money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay. The following clinic(s) will be offered: 9:30-11:30 a.m. and 1-3 p.m., June 6 and 18, TDH, 736 S. Cuyler, Pampa.

• **Pampa Girl Scout House**, 720 E. Kingsmill, will be the site of a "Container Gardening Workshop" for girls between seventh and 12 grades and their mothers. The workshop will be offered from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. June 7. Participants will learn how to grow flowers, herbs and vegetables in fun, creative containers. The fee is \$12.50 per person. Girl Scouts of Texas Oklahoma Plains is hosting the event. Participants may join the Girl Scouts for a \$10 fee. Registration and fee must be turned into the Clarendon office (P.O. Box 729, Clarendon, TX 79226) by June 2. For a form or more information, call (806) 874-3372 or 1-800-687-8740.

• **The Eighth Annual Flatlanders Car Show** will last from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. June 7 on the east side of Sunset

Lake at Guymon, Okla. A cookout is scheduled at 7 p.m. June 6 at Pickle Creek Building. A Turbo 350 transmission, Flow Master Mufflers, pressure washer, GPS tracking system and more will be given-away at the show. The entry fee to register for the show is \$25. To learn more, call (806) 339-8165, (580) 338-3837 or (580) 338-2743.

• **A Pampa High School Class of 1969** "reunion meeting" is scheduled at 7:30 p.m. June 12 at Innovatie Staffing Solutions, 1327 N. Hobart.

• **Make plans now to attend the Frontiers in Writing** writer's conference, June 13-14, 2008 at the Fifth Season Inn in Amarillo. New York Times Bestselling author Bob Mayer will be the featured guest speaker and a workshop provider. Mayer has worked with thousands of writers and taught at numerous workshops and conferences. Other presenters will include Doris Wenzel of Mayhaven Publishing, Robert Ray, multi-published author of "The Weekend Novelist," and several editors and regional authors. Private paid critiques with freelance editor Kim Campbell will also be available. For more information, visit Panhandle Professional Writers at www.panhandleprowriters.org.

• **Copper Breaks State Park** near Quanah will celebrate National Trails Day and host a campsite talk on the "Romance of the Cowboy" June 14 at the park. National Trails Day will be observed from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Volunteers are sought for a general cleanup effort along the park's 10-plus miles of trail. The campsite talk will begin at 8:30 p.m. and include cowboy poetry performances with award-winning poets Doc Wood and Hal Newsom. For more information, contact the park at (940) 839-4331.

• **The deadline to enter a free religious poetry contest** sponsored by New Jersey Rainbow Poets will be June 14. For more information, visit www.rainbowpoets.com on the Internet.

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• **Equality Texas Foundation** will present "Pride in Faith," a program concerning the intersection of faith and sexual identity/gender identity, at 7 .m. July 10 at Amarillo Unitarian Universalist Fellowship. A panel discussion will follow the program. Admission is free.

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Farmworker's death prompts call for reform

LODI, Calif. (AP) — The death of a pregnant teenager pruning grape vines in 100-degree heat has outraged the farmworking community and sparked calls for safety reforms as laborers prepare for the long summer harvest.

On Wednesday, 500 farmworkers and their advocates capped a poignant, four-day march to the statehouse demanding safer conditions on thousands of vineyards and orchards.

Authorities in California — the only state with a heat-illness standard — suspect Maria Isabel Vasquez Jimenez, a 17-year-old undocumented Mexican immigrant, collapsed last month because her farm labor contractor denied employees proper access to shade and water.

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and the Mexican government have called her death preventable. State officials say they have revoked the company's license.

As the throngs reached the end of their 50-mile pilgrimage at the Capitol steps, a Roman Catholic bishop said a prayer.

"Farmworkers like Maria Isabel are not agricultural implement to be used and discarded," said Arturo Rodriguez, president of the United Farm Workers, which organized the trek. "They are important human beings. Important to their loved ones, important because of the work they perform in feeding all of us."

Those at the head of the mass threading its way through backroads toward Sacramento this week held up three caskets: one symbolizing the death of Vasquez Jimenez, one for the fetus she carried and the third for other victims of heat-related illness.

San Joaquin County authorities are considering whether to pursue criminal charges against Vasquez Jimenez's employer, Merced Farm Labor, which was issued three citations in 2006 for exposing workers to heat stroke, failing to train workers on heat stress prevention and not installing toilets at the work site.

The Atwater company has yet to pay the \$2,250 it owes in fines.

A spokesman for state Labor Commissioner Angela Bradstreet said Wednesday that information investigators shared about conditions at the vineyard on May 14 and the company's failure to correct previous worker safety violations prompted the decision to revoke the contractor's license.

The firm's attorney said in a statement he expected Merced Farm Labor would "be completely exonerated of any fault or wrongdoing," but did not address the proceedings.

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