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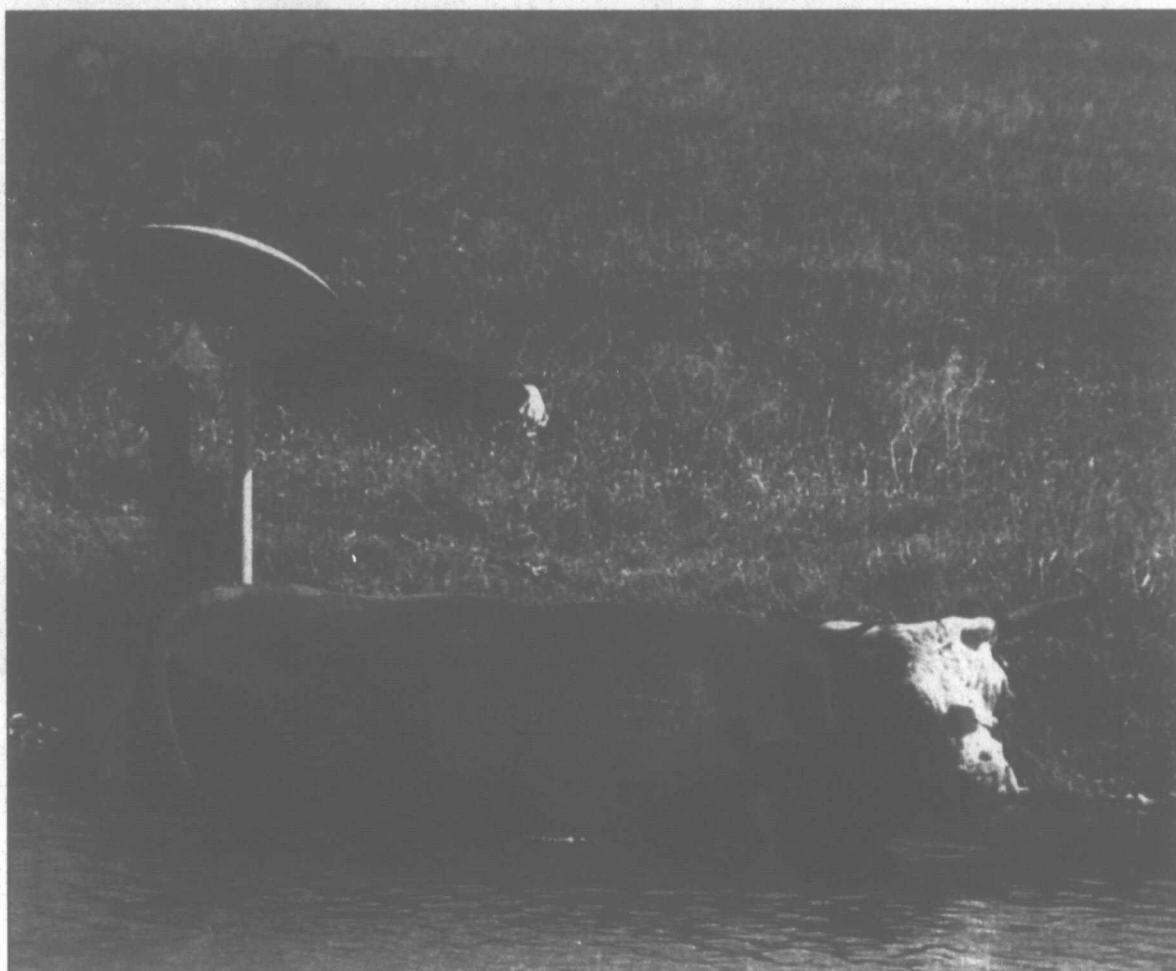
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This cow seems to have found a way to beat the triple-digit heat of recent days by standing in a pond off Highway 60 east of Pampa. A calf rests on the grassy bank behind the cow.

TexasSure New statewide program targets the uninsured

By MARILYN POWERS
The Pampa News

A new statewide program has been launched to identify Texas drivers who do not have liability insurance on their vehicles.

TexasSure is already in operation at county tax assessor-collectors' offices and will be made available to law enforcement officers soon, according to Kim Sue Lia Perkes, a public information officer for the Texas Department of Transportation's vehicle titles and registration division in Austin.

"It is available statewide in all 254 county tax offices," Perkes said in a telephone interview. "Every time you renew or get new tags, the system is checking to see if you have insurance for that vehicle. But by law, you need to carry your insurance card with you at all times when driving and when you go in to register a vehicle." Proof of insurance is also required when having a vehicle inspected.

The computer program was up and running as of May 28 in tax assessor-collectors' offices, and so far no significant problems have been identified concerning its performance.

"It seems to be working really, really well," Perkes said. "We have not identified any major issues with it. Over 99 percent of the records are matching."

Gray County Tax Assessor-Collector Gaye Whitehead said the system is proving to be helpful.

"We were skeptical, but it's been great," she said. "It just went into effect this week. I think it's going to cut down on people who purchase insurance just long enough to get tags, then cancel it."

The Texas Department of Public Safety will make the system available on its Texas Law Enforcement Telecommunications System after a 60-day test by troopers in the Austin area, said Childress DPS Trooper Daniel Hawthorne, safety education officer for the Panhandle area which includes Gray County.

"We're cracking down on uninsured and underinsured motorists in Texas,"

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Red Cross chapter CEO well pleased with Heroes Campaign

By MARILYN POWERS
The Pampa News

The first annual Heroes Campaign of the Eastern Texas Panhandle Chapter of the American Red Cross has been deemed a success, generating \$17,119.81 in donations to the chapter.

"Every donor is a hero," said Jana Gregory, CEO of the chapter. "Heroes touch our lives every day, making us feel safe, making us feel proud. They're the backbone

of every hometown and represent the essence of our organization."

The campaign was conducted in March. Funds will go to provide aid and comfort to disaster victims, transmit important messages to military members serving overseas and help train community members to prevent, prepare for and respond to emergencies.

"One in six people will be impacted by Red Cross programs during their lifetime," Gregory said. "Most

people don't realize that the most common disaster we respond to is single-family house fires."

Last year, the Eastern Texas Panhandle chapter provided disaster relief to more than 288 individuals. Eighty percent of local Red Cross clients do not have insurance, according to Gregory. Over 200 volunteers make up 99 percent of the chapter's workforce. Over 20 people a month have been trained by the local Red Cross in lifesaving skills such

as first aid, CPR and life guarding. Last year, the chapter responded to an average of four house fires every 30 days.

"Our chapter has also taught an average of 20 community members a month to 'be Red Cross ready,' equaling more than 720 individuals over 10,000 square miles," Gregory said.

Funds collected during the Heroes Campaign can be used in a variety of ways to help area residents.

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Cow calling coming around again

By MARILYN POWERS
The Pampa News

Miami's annual Cow Calling Contest activities begin tonight with the Frontier Follies at 8 p.m. in the school auditorium.

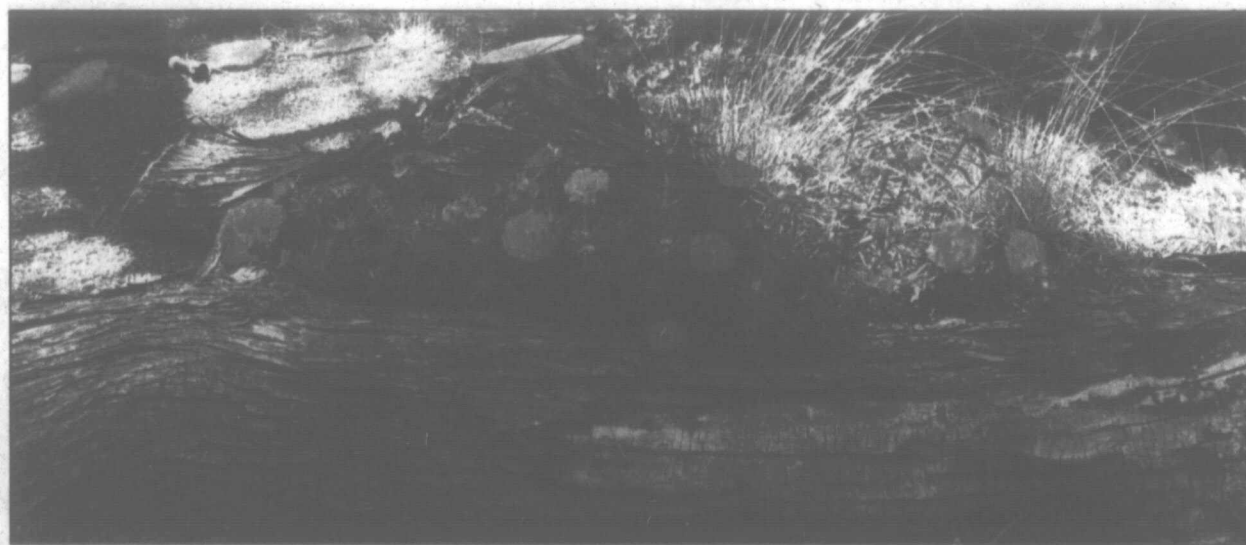
Vendors will open for business at 10 a.m. Saturday in the park. The Texas Cattlewomen's Association will be on hand, and seniors will sell ice cream.

Judging for a steak cookoff will begin in the park at 11:30 a.m. Saturday. Serving will begin at noon.

The cow calling contest will start at 1 p.m. Saturday in the park. A Texas Hold 'Em Tournament sponsored by Miami Volunteer Fire Department begins at 3 p.m. at the Ag Center.

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Log planter






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Any type of container can become a planter, even a hollowed-out log like the one above, which holds moss rose plants with blossoms in a variety of colors at a Pampa home.

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Saturday	Sunday	Monday
		
Sunny	Sunny	Sunny

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 90. Windy, with a south wind between 20 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 68. Windy, with a south wind between 20 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 89. Windy, with a south wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

Sunday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 68. Windy, with a south wind between 20 and 30 mph, with gusts as high as 40 mph.

Monday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 90. South wind around 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Monday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 67. Windy, with a south wind between 20 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

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Texas gas prices set record highs

HOUSTON (AP) — Texas retail gasoline prices set record highs daily this week, according to a weekly survey released Friday.

Regular self-serve averaged \$3.86 per gallon in the 11 Texas cities this week, up a penny from last week, according to the weekly AAA Texas retail gasoline price survey. Nationally, the average rose 4 cents to a record \$3.99 per gallon.

"The absence of any double-digit increases in the regions surveyed could be an indication that the run-up in retail fuel prices is slowing down," said AAA Texas spokeswoman Rose Rougeau. "However, falling demand for gasoline in the US has helped crude oil prices decline from a high of \$135 a barrel to around \$120."

The most expensive gasoline in Texas was in Dallas, where regular self-serve rose 2 cents this week to an average of \$3.87 per gallon. The cheapest gasoline was in Texarkana, where the average rose a penny to \$3.81 per gallon.

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BICHSEL, Louis Leo — Funeral mass, Sacred Heart Catholic Church, White Deer.
KINDLE, Jim Harold — 2 p.m., Memory Gardens Mausoleum, Pampa.

Phillip Shane Bridges, 27, of Pampa, Texas, died June 5, 2008, at Shattuck, Okla. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Bridges was born June 30, 1980, in Canadian, and moved to Pampa when he was 2 years old. He was a 1999 graduate of Pampa High School. Phillip married Victoria Rodriguez on April 26,

2008, in Pampa. He worked in the oilfield for several years and was a member of Calvary Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Victoria Bridges, of the home; one daughter, Alexis Caviness of Pampa; his parents, Johnny Phillip



Bridges

and Debbie Bridges of Pampa; his maternal grandmother, Leta Herring of Pampa; a stepsister, Kelly Lee of Buffalo, N.Y.; two nephews, Michael Shane Bridges of Lefors and Gabriel Lee Pelt of Buffalo, N.Y.

Phillip was preceded in

death by a brother, Johnny Dewayne Bridges; his paternal grandparents, William Arthur Bridges and Ruby Bridges; and his maternal grandfather, Hershell Herring.

MEMORIALS: Calvary Baptist Church, 900 E. 23rd, Pampa, TX 79065.

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

Jim Harold Kindle, 85, of Pampa, Texas, died June 3, 2008, at Pampa. Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, June 7, 2008, at Memory Gardens Mausoleum with the Rev. Lynn Hancock, pastor of Briarwood Church, officiating.

Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Kindle was born Nov. 13, 1922, in Childress

County, Texas. He had been a resident of Pampa since 1948. He married Estelene Durham, and 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



Kindle

War II.

Survivors include two sons, Eddie Kindle and wife Starla of Pampa, and Johnny Kindle and wife Joyce of Stinnett; seven grandchildren, Ceeli Hunt, Brittany Stark and Shelly DeMar, all of Pampa, Jasmine Kindle-Dennis and Ethan Kindle,

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.

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

Jesse Whitson passed away May 30, 2008. He was born Jan. 10, 1949, in Elk City, Okla.

He owned and operated several grocery stores and meat markets in Texas before moving back to Oklahoma. He was then employed with Swedish

Match Inc., for 10 years. Jesse is known throughout the neighborhood for his wonderful Christmas decorations and beautiful yard. When his yard was too full for more decorations, he took over the neighbors' yards as well.

He is preceded in death by

his parents, Elmer and Juanita Whitson; his daughter, Tami Craig; his granddaughter, Shealynn J'eton Whitson; and his great-grandson, Larry Braiden Reynolds.

He is survived by his wife, Wanda Whitson; two sons, Kelly Whitson and wife

Amy of Borger, Texas, and Kevin Whitson and wife Lisa of Dumas, Texas; three daughters, Evelyn and husband Kenton Norris of Guthrie, Okla., Tuesday Mayes of Guthrie, Okla., and Donna and husband Matt Mastalir of Moore, Okla.; his brothers, Derald and wife Linda of Bowie, Texas, and Allen and wife Sharon of Amarillo; his sisters, Charlotte Graham and husband Jackie of Pampa, Texas, and Sandra Fazioli and husband Joseph of Amarillo, Texas; 11 grandchildren, Bridget Craig, Hannah and Rheagan Whitson, Kaile Whitson, Mitchell Manning, Amber Norris, Ashley Kaycee and Emilee Evans, and Mason and Madison Mastalir; and numerous nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Services were held at Smith Memorial Chapel in Guthrie, Okla., at 10 a.m. Monday, June 2. The Rev. Bob Walker of Cathedral of the Hills Assembly of God Church officiated.

Burial was in Memory Gardens Memorial Park in Guthrie. Services were under the direction of Smith-Gallo Funeral Home in Guthrie, Okla. A memorial fund has been established at Tinker Credit Union.

Phillip Shane Bridges, 27

Jim Harold Kindle, 85

Jesse Whitson

CITY BRIEFS

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Bible Baptist

Church celebrating 60-plus years

Members of Pampa's Bible Baptist Church will celebrate the church's 61st anniversary this Sunday with special music, testimonies and old photos. A free lunch will follow the morning church service.

Sunday school begins at 9:45 a.m., the morning service starts at 11 a.m. and the evening service is at 7 p.m. The church provides both bus and van transportation to and from services, and a nursery is provided for children between the ages of 0 and 3.

Bible Baptist dates back to May 18, 1947. It was first established by Central Baptist Church of Amarillo and called Fundamental Baptist Church. H.M. Hutchison of Denton served as the church's first pastor. He remained from 1948-1963 and led the church to a growth of nearly 400 members, a news release from the church states.

The current pastor is Dr. Bob Hudson. He has ministered at the church for the past 15 years. Hudson and members

have invited former pastor Richard L. McIntosh to preach this coming Sunday. McIntosh pastored the church from 1985-1989.

In total, Bible Baptist has had 10 pastors since its inception and has been involved in the missionary field through Faith Promise Giving.

For more information on the upcoming anniversary celebration or other questions, call 669-7830.



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CHURCH BRIEFS

Rushing Wind Emmaus will meet at 6 p.m. Saturday, June 14, at First United Methodist Church in Canadian for a

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Viewpoints

Let 'em go! ... and they'll be back

The high school graduation ceremony has come and gone, but still I find myself thinking about what that momentous occasion means to many of the families in our town: Change — for all parties involved.

When I was in high school, my graduation was almost more anti-climatic than the senior prom. While growing up, we have these ideas in our head of what prom and graduation, and really, what all life's major milestones will be like.

Rarely are they as we imagined. Yet I believe one old adage does in large part remain true when it comes to high school graduation. I'm a firm believer in the "Let them go, and they'll come back to you," idea.

Now is this true for everyone? No. But I've taught high school long enough to know that what our Pampa kids, and truly most kids, really want after graduation is freedom.

Freedom to leave our town and see the outside world.

Freedom to go off on their own.

Freedom to fully become who they have

envisioned themselves to be all of their lives.

It's hard for adults and parents, in particular, to understand this in the middle of what I know are feelings of loss and sadness. You're kids are leaving. I'll be a total wreck when my son's graduation rolls around in 2024. I get that.

But as hard as it is to let them go, don't you want them to come back?

Case in point: My mom was devastated when I informed her that I was going to go to college in Portland, Oregon, 1400 miles away from home. She had a tissue in her hand as she and my dad waved good-bye to a 17-year-old girl who had never been to Oregon, much less flown there. Without a cell phone, with only one large suitcase and a backpack — I began my life adventure. It was glorious.

And to where did it ultimately lead me? Home. Back to this part of the country, yes, but more importantly, back into the heart of my parents. We speak or email one another

almost daily. My parents are some of my best friends in this world, largely due to the fact that they graciously and gracefully let me go.

I often hear Pampa teens talk about how their parents don't want them to leave, or want them to get their "basics" done before they leave Pampa. That's fine and great if all you are concerned about is paying for your kids' education (which you shouldn't be doing, by the way, and that's another column ...).

But is that really why you want them to stay here? Is it completely a financial decision, or do you secretly and subconsciously want your kids to stay close? Are you manipulating your kids into doing something they don't want to do for your own, personal gain?

Look, if you're financing your kid's life for the next five years, I'm not sure that anything else I will say should apply. Many Pampa parents feel obligated or obliged to pay entirely for their kids' college educa-

tion. I understand, but respectfully disagree.

However, what I'm most concerned about today is the kind and generous act of letting children go. They need to go — if they want to go. It's the way it's supposed to be. Especially for small-town kids.

The warmth and solace that many of us have in raising our children in a small town is the very same thing that is now stifling them. Pampa is the only thing they've ever known. I even had some students who had never driven to Amarillo by themselves. To say that some of these kids are sheltered is an understatement — which is what makes it all the more terrifying for parents.

But they will be okay. It's normal to grieve the temporary loss of our children. That is to be expected. Yes, life will never be completely the same. But a new normal will evolve, and believe me, that can be a wonderful thing as well. Perhaps the best graduation gift you could ever give your children.

—Miranda Bailey is a full-time mom, part-time educator and freelance journalist. Her columns appear every Friday. You can reach her at: frazierbailey@sbcglobal.net.

Miranda Bailey

Guest Columnist



Many factors have led to high fuel prices

"We can ignore reality," author Ayn Rand once said, "but we cannot ignore the consequences of ignoring reality." That's as good a description of the problem of high fuel prices as you will find. For years, we have ignored the reality of shrinking supplies and burgeoning demand, and now we are stuck with the consequences.

Those consequences are, among others, \$4-a-gallon gasoline and probably soon to be \$5-a-gallon gasoline. As we wail and flail at people and corporations we wish to blame, as if this were an evil plot to inconvenience us, Europeans, who have been paying much higher fuel prices for years, just laugh.

So far as I can tell, about the only advantage of a journalist hanging around as long as I have is that I remember all of the political fertilizer that politicians have been shoveling out for decades. Congress was

Charley Reese

Columnist



going to solve the energy problem in the late 1970s. It was going to find a cure for cancer. It was going to eliminate illegal drugs. It was going to improve education. It has, of course, done none of these things while escalating the public debt from a few tens of billions of dollars to a few trillions.

Here are the reasons you are paying more for gasoline:

1. There really is less oil in the world in relationship to demand for it. For some reason, we seem to have thought that the postwar situation in which we were the rich country and everyone else was poor would continue indefinitely. More and more countries are now rich

enough for their people to own cars and to expand their industrial base. There are a lot more tailpipes and smokestacks in the world today, and they are all bidding for available oil.

2. The United States Congress and the executive branch have, through their irresponsible fiscal policies, devalued the American dollar. The dollar buys less than it ever has of everything, including oil. To compensate for the loss of purchasing power, the oil sellers demand more dollars per barrel.

3. Political instability also contributes to price inflation. With the world demand running so close to the available

supply, any disruption can cause a price spike. The president's anti-Iran rhetoric contributes its share to higher prices.

4. Peak oil is not too far away. Peak oil is what geologists call the point at which you have found all the oil you can find. The U.S. reached its peak oil in the 1970s. We have not increased production since. Somewhere in the near future, the global supply will peak, after which there will be declining production, which means still higher prices. No one knows exactly when that will be, but it stands to reason that 6 billion people will eventually use up

this nonrenewable resource.

We do not practice serious conservation in this country. The government, with its policies favoring subsidies for trucking, airlines and barges, almost killed the railroad industry. Most countries in the world have maintained their mass-transit systems; we have not. Urban sprawl, which separates where people live from where they work, results in an enormous waste of fuel. We are no doubt the only country in the world that believes every teenager in the household needs his or her own car. A high-school principal told me once that the single biggest improve-

ment we could make to education would be to ban student drivers.

Naturally, we air-condition practically everything in sight and burn lights 24 hours a day in most cities. Architects in the 1950s began to design residences and office buildings that are unlivable without air conditioning.

We designed and created a lifestyle based on cheap energy and the false belief that energy would always be cheap. Well, the consequences are coming home to roost.

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

TODAY IN HISTORY

By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, June 6, the 158th day of 2008. There are 208 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On June 6, 1944, the "D-Day" invasion of Europe took place during World War II as Allied forces stormed the beaches of Normandy, France.

On this date:

In 1799, American politician and orator Patrick Henry died at Red Hill Plantation, Va.

In 1844, the Young Men's Christian Association was founded in London.

In 1918, American Marines suffered heavy casualties as they launched their eventually successful counteroffensive against German troops in the World War I Battle of Belleau Wood in France.

In 1925, Walter Percy Chrysler founded the Chrysler Corporation.



Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion from around the nation:

■ May 23
The Courier, Findlay, Ohio, on the price of gasoline:

With gasoline prices hovering around \$4 a gallon, five oil company CEOs once again were subjected to a show of congressional grandstanding on Wednesday. Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee grilled the five, asking them the same questions they'd asked last month — and they got the same answers. The reason why gas prices are so high is "supply and demand." No, even with their continuing record profits, they don't feel guilty about the high prices at the pumps.

The senators obviously were trying to make it clear to the public that the oil companies are to blame for gouging consumers, and that they, the senators,

are doing all they can to defend our interests. Both of these conclusions are false.

Either the senators don't understand what is causing prices to rise, or they are pretending to be as ignorant as the average consumer. Either way, the American public is being let down by those elected to represent us. ...
On the Net:
<http://tinyurl.com/3shwau>

■ May 27
St. Petersburg (Fla.) Times, on gay marriage:

In 1948, the California Supreme Court led the way in striking down a ban on interracial marriage. Now, 60 years later, the court has issued another groundbreaking decision on marriage that, whatever its flaws, is likely to stand tall in history's judgment. ...
Through a citizens' initiative, Florida's voters will be asked this

November whether they want to amend the state's Constitution to add a ban on gay marriage and other forms of domestic partnerships. No doubt, the California ruling will embolden proponents of this measure. Already a number of states have responded to the gay community's call for legal equality for same-sex couples by slamming the door shut with constitutional amendments. And there continue to be calls for the adoption of a federal amendment banning gay marriage. ...
Florida will come to accept gay marriage at its own pace. The worst thing we could do is lock today's attitudes and prejudices into the state Constitution by passing the ban on gay marriage in November.

On the Net:
<http://www.tampabay.com/opinion/editorials/article520174.ece>

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I disagree on something. Do you think parents MUST do the same things for each of their children, even when there is a great discrepancy in the children's behavior and attitude toward their parents? We have helped out one of our sons who was having financial difficulties. Now the other son, "Sean," expects to receive the same, although he is defiant and does not treat us with the same respect as his sibling. My husband says because we did it for one child, we must do it for the other. I disagree, and think it's rewarding bad behavior. -- **FEUDING IN WISCONSIN**

DEAR FEUDING: Sean does not have the right to "demand" anything from you. However, to give one of your sons money while withholding it from the other will create a rift between them that may never heal, and I do not recommend it. Tempting as it may be to use your checkbook to command compliance, please realize that it won't gain you the respect you feel is lacking. A better solution would be to insist on family counseling as a condition of giving the money. It's an investment that could yield great dividends.

DEAR ABBY: I was at the store yesterday with my Gramma when she ran into a friend she hadn't seen in some time. (Her friend is about 87.) As they were talking, Gramma asked her a question that shocked me. She asked, "Do you still have your husband?" After we left, I told Gramma I thought it was rude to ask someone that question. Her response was, "It's perfectly fine to ask that of someone her age." Is she right? -- **KNOW I'M RIGHT IN LAS VEGAS, N.M.**

DEAR KNOW YOU'RE RIGHT: The question was not a breach of etiquette. By the time women reach their eighth decade, I'm sad to say, most of them have lost their husbands. Your grandmother's question was legitimate, although she might have been more diplomatic and asked "how" her friend's husband was, rather than if she still had him.

DEAR ABBY: The "pennies from heaven" letters in your column have been a blessing to me. "Patrick" and I were together eight years when he died unexpectedly after turning 31 last February. We considered ourselves married, and never thought we'd need a marriage license to formalize our love. When Patrick died, his family took his body. They emptied our apartment the next day and refuse to tell me where he is buried. Three times in the last month I have found pennies dated 1977 -- the year Patrick was born. One particularly shiny one appeared on the passenger seat of my car on my first day back at work. I'm sure it is his way of telling me not to worry, that he is close by. Thank you for printing those stories. They have been a source of great comfort to me. -- **MOURNING IN SAN FRANCISCO**

DEAR MOURNING: Please accept my deepest sympathy for your loss. I'm gratified the "pennies" letters have brought you some solace, as they have many other readers, and I hope your experience will enlighten any couple who thinks a marriage license is "only a piece of paper."

For Better Or Worse



Zits



Garfield



Beetle Bailey



Marvin

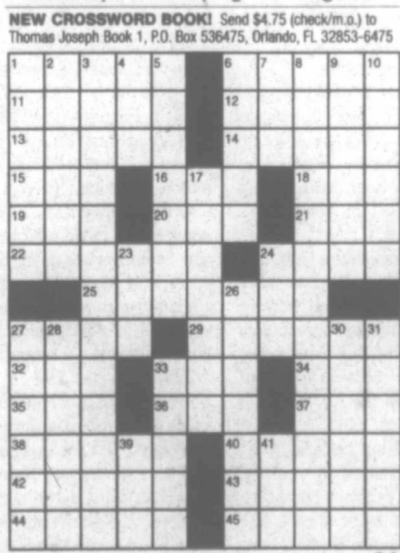


Crossword Puzzle

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
- 42 Earth colour
 - 1 Singer Bonnie
 - 6 Pool floats
 - 11 Town official
 - 12 Honolulu howdy
 - 13 Like tumbler
 - 14 New Zealand native
 - 15 Sticky stuff
 - 16 Diplomatic rep.
 - 18 Actor Cariou
 - 19 Knack Corp.
 - 20 bigwig
 - 21 Plunked down
 - 22 Get comfy
 - 24 Choose Florida
 - 27 Passed with ease
 - 29 Catches
 - 32 Kilmer of "The Doors"
 - 33 Do cafe work
 - 34 Swiss peak
 - 35 Yale rooster
 - 36 Gifted
 - 37 Bill word
 - 38 Number unit
 - 40 Digression
- DOWN**
- 1 Carter's successor
 - 2 "Earth in the Balance" author
 - 3 Robert Sherwood
 - 4 Bus. card abbr.
 - 5 Cloying film
 - 7 Imitating
 - 8 State of false hope
 - 9 Menace
 - 10 New Orleans
 - 17 Gets together
 - 23 Wee bit
 - 24 Words before
 - 26 Not just temping
 - 27 Photographer
 - 28 Multihued cat
 - 30 Dodged the limit
 - 33 Kathy of "Misery"
 - 39 Fury
 - 41 Be litigious



Marmaduke



The Family Circus

By Bil Keane



B.C.



Haggar The Horrible



Peanuts



Blondie



Flo & Friends



Emergency Services

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

Wednesday, June 4

Dombie Cary Miranda, 22, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO on a Randall County warrant for aggravated theft of property by check.

Ricardo Deleon, 41, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO on a capias pro fine for failure to maintain financial responsibility.

Luis Gerardo Acosta, 48, of Pampa was arrested in the 500 block of Reid by Pampa Police Department for public intoxication.

Ryan Mychal Davis, 22, of Pampa was arrested in the 100 block of West Virginia by PPD on a probation violation for burglary of vehicles and possession of less than two ounces of marijuana.

Raymond Dale Sissel, 53, of Lefors was arrested in the 800 block of West Brown by PPD for driving while intoxicated, second offense.

Thursday, June 5

Onge Kwame Roland, 30, of Pampa was arrested in the 800 block of South Hobart by PPD for possession of one gram or more but less than four grams of a controlled substance.

Rhonda Gail Duke, 32, of Skellytown was arrested in the 800 block of Locust by PPD for failure to identify/fugitive from justice.

Cheryl Renea Foster, 39, of Pampa was arrested in the 800 block of

Murphy by PPD for expired motor vehicle registration, expired motor vehicle inspection, no valid driver's license and no insurance.

Darren Deshone Willis, 20, of Pampa was arrested in the 800 block of South Hobart by PPD for possession of one gram or more but less than four grams of a controlled substance; resisting arrest, search or transport; evading arrest; and possession of less than two ounces of marijuana.

Chad Seger Larsen, 25, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO on a motion to revoke probation for driving while intoxicated second or more offense, and a probation violation for burglary of a building.

Sergio Adrian Hinojosa Silva, 22, of Colorado City was arrested by GCSO on a bench warrant for burglary of a habitation.

Fernando Daniel Cruz, 19, of Pampa was arrested by PPD for failure to appear/bail jumping, a bond forfeiture for driving under the influence-minor and capias pro fines for no Texas driver's license and failure to maintain financial responsibility.

Amber Leigh Ramsey, 19, of Pampa was arrested by PPD on capias pro fines for parking facing traffic and parking without locking/removing key.

Friday, June 6

Marisa Ramirez, 28, of Pampa was arrested by PPD on a probation violation for failure to identify and posses-

sion of drug paraphernalia.

Debra Lynn Rawls, 36, of Pampa was arrested by PPD for possession of drug paraphernalia and failure to appear.

Felix Jose Beltran, 29, of Pampa was arrested by PPD for expired motor vehicle inspection, displaying expired registration, no valid driver's license, open container, failure to maintain financial responsibility, failure to appear and two counts of failure to appear/bail jumping.

Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls between 7 a.m. Wednesday and 7 a.m. today.

Wednesday, June 4

5:18 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 400 block of Lefors on a fire investigation.

5:34 p.m. — Two units and five personnel responded to the 200 block of North Wells on a call for medical assistance.

6:20 p.m. — One unit and four personnel responded to the 500 block of West Foster on a call for medical assistance.

7:21 p.m. — Four units and nine personnel responded to the 1100 block of Terry on a reported structure fire. The call, however, was a false alarm.

Thursday, June 5

2:26 p.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to a grass fire in the 1900 block of Chestnut. No injuries were reported.

Sure

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Hawthorne said. "If we stop you, the officer will run your license plate after being pulled over for a traffic violation and will be able to see if your vehicle is insured."

DPS issued 154,000 citations last year to drivers who did not have insurance, he said.

"Now we can check it on the spot," Hawthorne said. "Once available statewide, your chances of being charged with having no insurance will increase."

Other law enforcement officers will have access to the TexasSure program through the DPS TLET system. In addition to inquiries by law enforcement and tax assessor-collectors, TexasSure will also check the database periodically to make sure vehicle owners have not dropped their insurance coverage.

The vehicle insurance verification program came about when the Texas Legislature directed the Texas Departments of Insurance, Public Safety, transportation and Information Resources to develop a system to reduce the number of uninsured motorists. The resulting data-

base connects every registered vehicle in the state by its license plate, vehicle identification number and liability insurance policy.

Twenty percent of the vehicles in Texas, or one of every five, have no insurance coverage, according to the TexasSure Web site. The minimum liability insurance required in Texas covers \$25,000 for each injured person, up to a total of \$50,000 per accident, and \$25,000 for property damage. Liability insurance pays the other driver's medical expenses and/or pays to repair or replace the other driver's vehicle in the event of an accident. It does not pay to repair or replace the insured person's car or pay for the insured person's injuries.

Those who have been denied coverage by insurance companies may seek insurance through an association of insurers called the Texas Automobile Insurance Plan Association. Their Web site is <http://www.taipa.org/tfaq.aspx>.

First-time offenders of the liability insurance law are subject to a fine of up to \$350, plus court costs, and may be assessed additional fees. Repeat offenders face fines of up to \$1,000 and a two-year driver license suspension.

TexasSure is not the first auto insurance verification program in the nation. More than 30 other states

have some type of verification program. Cost of the Texas program is roughly \$7 million, with the funds coming from a portion of the \$1 fee that drivers pay when they apply for or renew their motor vehicle registration.

Information on insurance coverage used in the program is provided by auto insurance companies, which are required by state law to provide the data. In addition to the VIN, license plate and liability insurance policy information, the TexasSure database includes owner name and address; make, model and year of vehicle; insurance company name; effective dates of policy; and insured drivers' names and address. Information is submitted each week by insurers.

Less than one percent of all reported insurance policies cannot be matched in the TexasSure program. Persons whose insurance policy cannot be matched with state records will be contacted to help identify and correct the problem.

Information stored in the TexasSure program is protected by the Federal Driver Privacy Protection Act and other Texas regulations. It is electronically encrypted and otherwise protected at all times.

For more information on TexasSure, go to www.TexasSure.com.

Heroes

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One thousand dollars can be used to provide:

*476 comfort kits containing toiletries to disaster victims who have lost their homes.

*28 sleeping cots or 198 blankets for disaster victims who must sleep in a shelter.

*8,800 "Are You Ready for a Tornado?" brochures for distribution

to local residents.

*Infant formula and supplies for 20 babies after a disaster.

*Shoes for 50 disaster victims or clothing for nine individuals.

*Food and groceries for up to 10 families of three in one week.

*Minor building repairs to make habitable two homes damaged by disaster.

Donors to the Heroes Campaign included Harold Courson, Bonapart's Retreat, Hard Core Ministries, Wheeler County — Kelly, United Supermarket in Borger, Pampa Kiwanis, Pampa Youth, Miami stu-

dents, Conoco/Phillips Borger, Borger Independent School District, Gateway staff and students, Gary Schneck, Pony Oil Company, Ray Mac Energy, OHM Lodge, Sargeco Inc., Payton Machine, McLean Lions Club and Fenton Motor Co.

The Eastern Texas Panhandle chapter serves more than 87,000 people in Carson, Collingsworth, Donley, Gray, Hansford, Hemphill, Hutchinson, Lipscomb, Ochiltree, Roberts and Wheeler counties. The chapter is headquartered at 108 N. Russell, with branch offices in Borger and Perryton.

Calling

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Also on Saturday afternoon is a cow patty bingo game sponsored by the 4-H, as well as buggy rides and a bounce house for children at the park.

The American Legion dance will start at 9 p.m. Saturday in the county barn. Cowboy Church will be held at 11 a.m. Sunday in the school auditorium.

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