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Nikki Shelton of Shutterbug Photography snapped this photo of an owl recently on Fir Street in Pampa.

## Inspection shows violations for 1,435 vehicles on road

An annual Texas Department of Public Safety inspection of commercial vehicles found that nearly one-fourth of those inspected had equipment violations.

During Roadcheck 2008, which ran from June 3 through June 5, DPS troopers inspected 5,824 commercial vehicles, placing 24.6 percent of them out of service for equipment violations.

During the three-day campaign, 5,824 commercial vehicles were inspected, and 1,435 of the vehicles and 178 of the drivers were found to have serious enough safety violations to be removed from service. Last year, 1,659 vehicles and 259 drivers were placed out of service.

Inspectors placed 122 drivers out of service for hours-of-service violations. Other violations ranged from false log violations to suspended, expired and cancelled licenses and having the improper endorsement. Thirteen drivers were placed out of service for drug or alcohol violations. Troopers issued 11 tickets for seatbelt violations.

Vehicle out-of-service violations included 911 trucks that needed a brake adjustment,

564 that had brake system problems, 173 that had tire or wheel problems and 251 that had light malfunctions.

DPS Commercial Vehicle Enforcement troopers, along with Highway Patrol troopers and other inspectors who have received specialized training in commercial vehicle inspection, stopped commercial vehicles to inspect safety equipment and check driver licenses, endorsements and log books.

Troopers also looked for possible drug or alcohol use.

The annual Roadcheck program, which stretches from Mexico to Canada, is designed to reduce commercial vehicle highway fatalities through increased vehicle safety. The Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance, which sponsors Roadcheck, reports a significant decrease in the commercial vehicle crash rate in North America since the program's start in 1988.

Vehicles passing inspection received a CVSA decal exempting the vehicle from inspection for a 90-day period, unless they have an obvious safety defect. Troopers issued 2,054 decals during Roadcheck 2008.

## Lefors man still in hospital after May 5 accident

By **JULIE ANN THOMPSON**  
The Pampa News

A Lefors resident is still hospitalized from the the severe injuries he received in a May 5 accident.

Jeff Kent, a truck driver for Turner Energy Services, was involved in a head on collision with another semi-truck recently while driving just outside of Canadian. He was taken to the hospital in Canadian and then transported by helicopter to North West Texas Hospital in Amarillo where he was



**Jeff Kent**

found to have a broken neck. "It turned the truck over

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## Vandals strike PHS football field - again

By **MARILYN POWERS**  
The Pampa News

Pampa High School's football field was the target of vandals for the second night in a row, with another break-in reported at 10:33 a.m. Thursday to Pampa Police Department by a member of the school's athletic department staff.

The wood frame of the door of the Harvester Hut, located underneath the bleachers, was damaged when the door was forced open. The contents of the structure, which includes merchandise sold at athletic events by the booster club, were ransacked, according to the police report. Nothing appeared to have been taken.

Further damage was done when someone wrote on the door of the building with a permanent marker. No estimate was given for the cost of the damage.

At 8:04 a.m. Wednesday, a resident in the 400 block of East Louisiana called PPD to report that a vehicle he did not own had been left in his driveway. The vehicle was a green Ingersoll-Rand Club Car which is used at Harvester Field.

At the time of the call, a front tire of the vehicle had been punctured.

While investigating the incident concerning the Club Car, damage was found at the football field. Both concession stands had been broken into, and one concession window was damaged as well as a gate north of the concession stand. The track had been written on with chalk.

Another incident reported to PPD Thursday was the theft of an eight-inch howitzer shell weighing over 200 pounds.

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## 4-H to offer trap and skeet this summer

The Gray County 4-H is starting a new Trap and Skeet Project this summer.

Gray County Extension Agent Brandon McGinty said there will be an organizational meeting at 6:30 p.m., Monday, June 16, at the Gray County Annex, 12125 E. Frederic Ave.

"If anyone is interested in this program," McGinty said, "4-H membership forms will be at this meeting."

He said people could also come by the annex and pick-

up forms.

McGinty said boys and girls ages 9 through 18 as of Sept. 1, 2007, are eligible to participate, but they must be members of the Gray County 4-H.

Jeff Haley will be the instructor, McGinty said, and the shooting will be at the Pampa Gun Club.

McGinty said each youth will be responsible for his or her gun, ammunition and eye and ear protection.

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### MINISTER'S MUSINGS

## Apologize for truth or go to prison?

Hey church members, if your preacher was ordered by our federal government to either publicly apologize for the truth that he/she preached or be sent to prison, what would they do? If they don't know what they would do, you should fire them immediately. No one either that ignorant or spineless should ever fill a Christian pulpit.

If they would apologize in the name of not causing a ruckus, then you should also fire them immediately. Any preacher who would apologize for the truth that they preach out of fear of imprisonment is a disgrace to the position and even more so a shame upon the Redeemer who died on the cross.

Hey preachers, if your church found out that you had been ordered by our federal government to either publicly apologize for the truth that you had preached or be sent to prison, what would they insist that you do? What would their counsel be? If you don't know, then you need to find out ASAP.

How? Ask them publicly in church on Sunday morning. How? Ask those faithful disciples who would insist that you NEVER apologize for preaching the truth, to stand up and be counted. Then tell the cowardly hypocrites, the fakes, to GET OUT! And if the fakes outnumber the faithful disciples, then you need to resign that day! Why? Because that gathering may be a lot of things, but it ain't no church!

Now, you may be wondering what in the world has me in such an uproar? I mean, even for me, this article is much more intense than usual - way over the top. Well, here is your answer.

The Canadian government has officially ordered a Christian pastor, Stephen Boisson, to renounce his faith and never again express moral opposition to homosexuality. In a decision handed down just days ago in the penalty phase of the quasi-judicial proceedings, evangelical pastor Stephen Boisson was banned from expressing his Biblical perspective against homosexuality and ordered to pay \$5,000 for "damages for pain and suffering" as well as apologize to the activist who complained of being hurt.

Boisson had written a letter to the editor of his local Red Deer newspaper in 2002 denouncing the advance of homosexual activism as "wicked" and stating: "Children as young as 5 and 6 years of age are being subjected to psychologically and physiologically dam-

aging pro-homosexual literature and guidance in the public school system; all under the fraudulent guise of equal rights."

The activist, local teacher Darren Lund, filed a complaint and the guilty verdict from Lori G. Andreachuk was handed down some weeks ago. "While agreeing that Boisson's letter was not a criminal act, the government tribunal nevertheless ordered the Christian pastor to stop expressing his opinion."

And as for the future: "Mr. Boisson and The Concerned Christian Coalition

Inc. shall cease publishing in newspapers, by e-mail, on the radio, in public speeches, or on the Internet, in future, disparaging remarks about gays and homosexuals. Further, they shall not and are prohibited from making disparaging remarks in the future about ...

Further, all disparaging remarks versus homosexuals are directed to be removed from current Web sites and publications of Mr. Boisson and The Concerned Christian Coalition Inc.," the lawyer opined. Now, it is true that this took place in Canada, but what will we do if/when it happens right here in the good old USA? I believe that we should find out RIGHT NOW what kind of preachers we have in our churches and what kind of churches we have in our cities and towns.

If Jesus Christ and the truths of the Bible don't rank "far above and beyond" our allegiance to our nation and to it's laws, then as a Christian we are fake and should get out of the church! Why? Because we don't belong in it. The church, according to the Bible, is a group of dedicated disciples of Jesus Christ. And if we are so cowardly that we would apologize for the truths taught in the Bible rather than suffer imprisonment, then we need to get out of the church, quit disgracing the term "Christian" and admit once and for all that we are a fake!

Preacher, know where you stand and proclaim it boldly in your church ASAP!

Churches, know where your preacher stands and if they are a fake, fire them! But if they are the real-deal, then you stand by his/her side when they proclaim their commitment to the whole congregation.

He died for us, so we live for Him. God bless.



**Mike Sublett**  
Hi-Land Christian

### Church briefs ...

Gospel music artist Jack Stone will appear in concert at 6 p.m. Sunday at Pentecostal Holiness Church, 1700 Alcock. Founder of Top Shelf Ministries, Inc., Stone has made a number of television appearances including on Primetime Christian Broadcasting and TBN and was a guest on "Hallelujah, Amen" in Nashville, Tenn. Stone has six recorded projects and has writ-

ten two songs. He released his first nationwide single, "Jesus is Enough" in March 2007. The song made it to 16th on the Christian Country Music charts. He recently re-released the song with the Grand Old Opry musicians in Nashville.

**AMARILLO** — Larry and Jodi's Good-Time Gospel Jamboree will present "The Otwell Twins," "Jack Stone"

and the jamboree band at 7 p.m. June 19 at the Church at Quail Creek in Amarillo. Larry and Jodi's jamboree will present "Jennie Raef," 7 year old violinist Kayla Richardson and the jamboree band at 7 p.m. June 20 at The Great Plains Western Church in Claude. Both concerts are free and open to the public. For more information, call (806) 944-5255.

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# Viewpoints

## Thank the Father for our great fathers!

Thank the Father for our great fathers!

Two fathers, both alike in dignity, in fair Pampa where lay this scene.

Father #1: My dad

When I think back over my childhood, God has managed to block out all the fighting and arguing and drama of several people with the SAME PERSONALITY living in the same house. And instead I remember all the good things, thank you, Lord! There are many wonderful moments to remember. Most involve my dad, who in short is outgoing, charismatic and funny. A real character. He rarely meets a stranger. This came in handy for me on many occasions. I don't know why (I'll have to

find out) but it was my dad who dropped me off to kindergarten the first day of school. He sat me down at my table and introduced me to everyone sitting there. That's how the young and shy me got new friends on day one of my school career. Thanks, Dad.

Father #2: My Husband

The day my son was born, an amazing father was born as well. My husband, Mark, never smiled so much or so big, as on the day our baby came into the world. I have the pictures to prove it. Actually, this was one of the reasons why I wanted a baby in the first place. I knew he or she would be getting a great dad. And as usual, I was right. (Ha!) I'm not

being biased here, either. I had a few complications and a week stay in the hospital. We got to know our nurses, and they got to know us. And one of them told my mom that they had never seen a better husband.

**Miranda Bailey**

Guest Columnist



Mark was there for me in every way — through the pain, the pitocin, the epidural, the three-hour pushing, the vacuum, the everything. And when I was too ill to feed the baby, he got up the first night and did it all himself, while I lay in a medical-induced stupor. This was the same guy who made

me promise the nine months prior that he wouldn't have to change diapers (I only agreed because I knew it would never last) — and who was teaching whom to change diapers when we got home? Let's just say I was the student.

Father #1 My dad did, and does, a lot of funny things. He dressed up as a ballerina with me one Halloween. He won us all tickets to the circus by listening to the radio one time with my brother and me in the car. This was before cell phones. He was literally

RUNNING from the car to the phone in the church building we were parked outside of, which would explain why he has a SONG for everyone and everything. Did I mention he's musical? "Oh, my mama don't dance, and my daddy don't rock and roll." That's one of his numbers. Except MY daddy DOES rock and roll. He also gives everyone he meets nicknames like "Sarah Jane" and "Nater-gator" and "Cryin' Ryan." He can fix most things that break in the house or car. Last summer, he fixed my bathtub that had been broken for years. And I'm sure he was singing a song and making me laugh while he did it.

Father #2

My baby/toddler/crazy 22-month old son, Nate, is the busiest, "climbingest," most independent, willful child you'll meet. Oh, he's funny and fun and adorable — don't get me wrong. But he never stops moving and his favorite word is "No!" Plus his current past-times include spitting at and hitting people who won't let him have his way. Needless to say, the spatula and "time-out!" are staples at my house. I am often beside myself. But when I'm just about at wit's end, my husband comes to the rescue. "I want another baby who is busier and ormerier than this one ... because I LUV my

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## Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, June 13, the 165 day of 2008. There are 201 days left in the year.

On June 13, 1966, the Supreme Court issued its landmark *Miranda v. Arizona* decision, ruling that criminal suspects had to be informed of their constitutional right to consult with an attorney and to remain silent before being questioned by police.

On this date:

In 1886, King Ludwig II of Bavaria drowned in Lake Starnberg.

In 1927, aviation hero Charles Lindbergh was honored with a ticker-tape parade in New York City.

In 1935, James Braddock claimed the title of world heavyweight boxing champion from Max Baer in a 15-round fight in Long Island City, N.Y.

In 1944, Germany began launching flying-bomb attacks against Britain during World War II.

In 1957, the *Mayflower II*, a replica of the ship that brought the Pilgrims to America in 1620, arrived at Plymouth, Mass., after a nearly two-month journey from England.

In 1967, President Johnson nominated Solicitor-General Thurgood Marshall to become the first black justice on the U.S. Supreme Court.

In 1971, The New York Times began publishing excerpts of the Pentagon Papers, a secret study of America's involvement in Vietnam.

In 1981, a scare occurred during a parade in London when a teenager fired six blank shots at Queen Elizabeth II.

In 1983, the U.S. space probe Pioneer 10, launched in 1972, became the first spacecraft to leave the solar system as it crossed the orbit of Neptune.

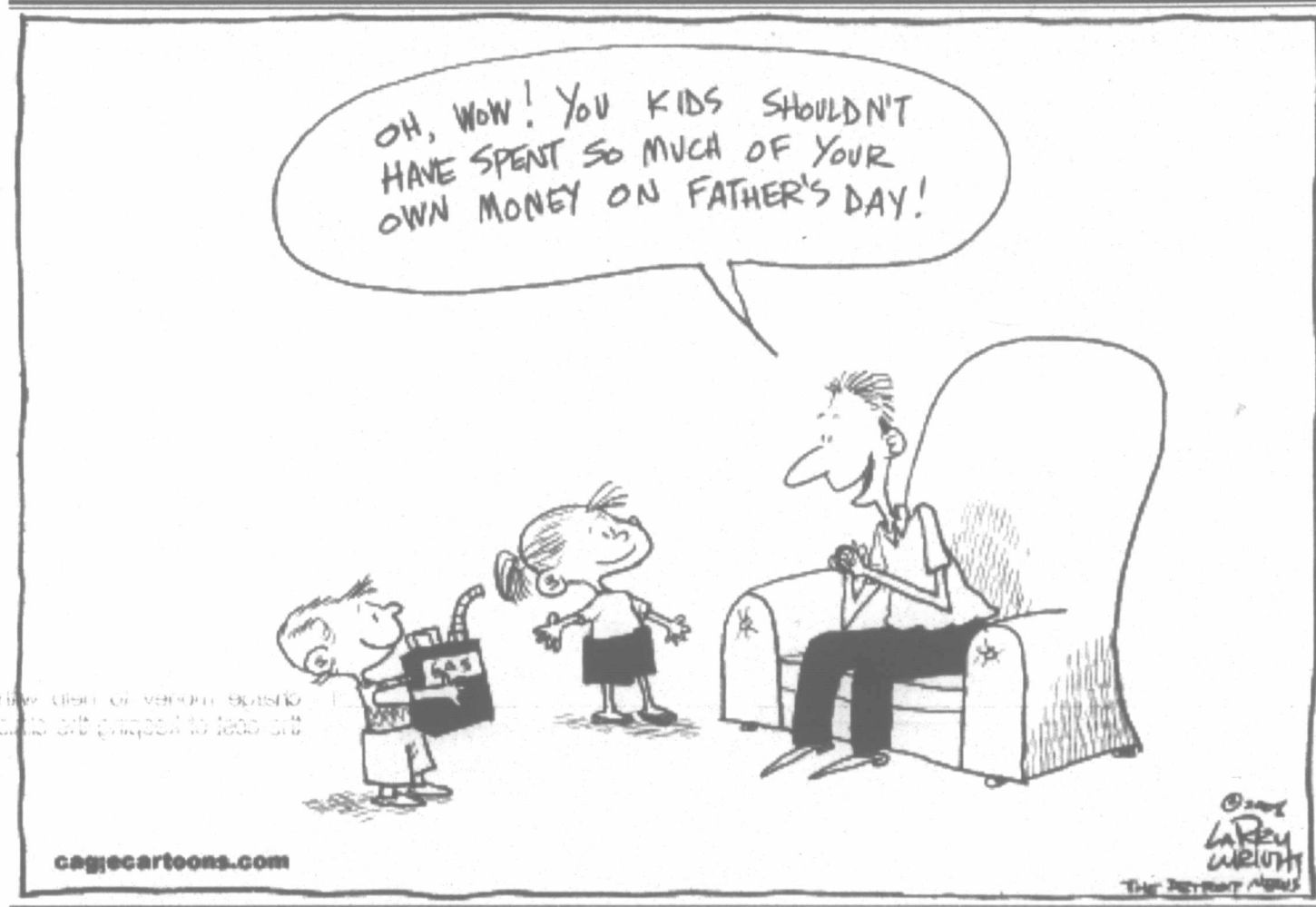
In 1996, the 81-day-old Freemen standoff ended as 16 remaining members of the anti-government group surrendered to the FBI and left their Montana ranch.

Ten years ago: Civil rights leaders and politicians called for an end to racial violence as hundreds of mourners gathered in Jasper, Texas, for the funeral of James Byrd Jr., a black man who was brutally killed by white supremacists. President Clinton visited Thurston High School in Springfield, Ore., where two students were killed and 22 others wounded by a student gunman the previous month.

Five years ago: U.S. forces killed 27 Iraqi fighters after the Iraqis attacked an American tank patrol north of Baghdad. Israel broadened its campaign against Palestinian militants, saying it would strike political as well as military leaders who targeted Israel with terrorism.

*'Of all forms of caution, caution in love is perhaps the most fatal to true happiness.'*

— Bertrand Russell  
English mathematician and philosopher (1872-1970)



## Fathers are important to family nucleus

Get this: Dads are essential to kids.

According to the National Fatherhood Initiative, kids who grow up without dads are more likely to grow up poor, drop out of school, end up in jail and encounter numerous other struggles in life than kids who grow up with dads do.

This information comes as no shock to most men. We know that boys are prone to stupidity and that the creature best suited to taming them is the like-minded fellow called dad.

When I was 5, my father told me to stop jumping around the tub, but I did so anyway. I slipped and hit my head on a ceramic soap dish. It busted into a dozen pieces. My father responded to my stupidity the way he often

did.

"Son of a !!!" I pretended to be hurt, but he knew I was fine. He knew a noggin as hard as mine could have busted a dozen soap dishes without so much as a bruise. Breaking things was one of my talents.

Over the years, I clogged a toilet with an apple core, shattered a picture window with a baseball and hit a golf ball through a neighbor's window (I fled, was later apprehended, and had to mow a lot of lawns to pay my father back for the cost of a new window).

I made it hard for my father to fix the things I

broke though. This is because I lost many of his tools over the years. I was permitted to use them to build shacks and go-carts, so long as I put them back where they belonged.

But I didn't always put them back. He'd usually find them lying in the yard — after hitting them with the lawnmower blade — which prompted a familiar reaction.

"Son of a !!!" When I was a teen, I destroyed more expensive items, such as automobiles. My father made the mistake of purchasing a 1979 Ford Pinto with a powerful six-

cylinder motor — it could burn rubber at will.

When he discovered that a right-rear tire only six weeks old was worn to the threads, he had but one response.

"Son of a !!!" In addition to costing him money, I saw it as my duty to butt heads with him — or, to be more precise, it was his duty to butt heads with me. He grew up without a father, and he remembered the dumb things he did in his youth.

He knew that most any boy is only one or two knuckle-headed decisions away from heading off in a dangerous direction. His job was to keep me in line, a task that was often unpleasant for him.

In high school, I began See PURCELL, Page 5

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## Buses, planes make traveling a nightmare

Long ago, I rode a Greyhound bus from Atlanta to Pensacola, Fla. Outside, the weather was cold and the rain was steady and hard. Inside, it was stuffy, stale and smelly. A man across the aisle was taking nips from a half pint of booze and spitting on the floor.

At one of the many stops, an old woman emerged from dark rain and wedged in next to me. She wore a worn-out wool coat that was soaked. She coughed like Doc Holliday, the tubercular gunman. I spent the rest of the trip trying not to breathe.

Shortly after dawn, when I emerged into the fresh air and sunshine, I swore an

oath that I would never ride a Greyhound bus again. In all the intervening decades, I have kept that vow. In the meantime, however, the "Greyhound experience" has grown wings.

Now the airlines stuff you into small seats with as many people as they can cram on board. The flight is late and uncomfortable, the air stale, and there are long lines and long walks at each end of the flight. Being ahead of my time, I decided two years

ago that my contribution to solving the energy crisis would be to give up flying.

I've kept that vow, too. Given how the airlines help the government spy on their passengers and the chance of encountering poorly trained but trigger-happy air marshals bored out of their gourds, I'm content to leave the high-speed travel to others. If where I wish to go is beyond walking or driving distance, I stop wishing to go there.

And, my friends (to quote

Sen. John McCain), my method is the only solution to high energy prices that is available to the average person. Travel less, use less. I know from my own experience that a lot of business travel could be avoided with a phone call or an e-mail.

When I was in charge of tourist and industrial advertising for the state of Florida, I'd get calls from magazine salesmen in New York, usually in January or February.

"Can I come down and see you?"

"Sure, but I can save you a trip. We've already committed all of our advertising budget."

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# Bailey

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boy! The best little boy in the world!!!!" he says as he swoops in to pick up our son. It is the calm and patience that my husband brings to our house that keeps Nate and me from killing each other. Mark is the one who routinely reminds me that our child is not a brat, "He will be a leader someday." I claim that and hold onto it like nobody's business. Thank you, Mark.

### Father #1

My dad has a tough job. He's a minister by trade — for 35 years, in fact. But I don't envy him. He has done more funerals and weddings and hospital visits than I'm sure I even know about. Can you imagine trying to write and present a sermon Sunday after Sunday? I can barely write a weekly column. But that's not the hard part. I talked to my uncle, a former minister-turned-real estate-agent, a couple of weeks ago. "I don't know how you handle all this stress every day," I told him. "Oh, this is nothing compared to being in the ministry," he said. The tax shelter of the pastor's life is probably one of the only shelters there are for these Men of God. It has to be a calling because who else can stand to deal with "Godly people" stabbing them in the back, stirring up drama and gossip and holding

pastors to an often unattainable standard? And yet, as hard as this "career" is — my dad has not completely lost his joy. He presses on. I really appreciate that about him.

### Father #2

When I met my husband at the age of 17, he wanted to be a famous artist. He could paint and draw almost supernaturally. But as we became more serious, he put me and us before his childhood dreams. He ended up getting a degree that could "pay the bills and maybe pay for art supplies on the side." And his job does just that. Except he doesn't have time to buy, much less use, art supplies anymore. He's too busy providing for our family. Or chasing my beagle down the block. Or grilling the steaks. Or watering the lawn. Or listening to my long-winded stories. Or reading to our son. Thank you, Mark.

Both my father and my husband, although so very different in temperament and personality, are really very much the same: Great fathers who give themselves and their lives for their families. Whether our fathers are the dancing and singing types who keep us giggling, or the calm, level-headed souls who keep us on track, we're blessed either way. I know I am. And I thank the ultimate Father for that.

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

# Purcell

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making a lot of money running a stonemasonry business, and I announced I was going to buy my own car. But the unenlightened old man made me do something stupid with the money: Save it for college. I was furious and fought him hard, but he wouldn't relent.

The friction my father caused me, I now know, was also the basis for my respect for him. A father gives a boy someone to look up to and model himself after. And all that friction over the years polishes an average lump of coal into a diamond.

I'm glad people are doing studies that confirm what a lot of folks have always known about fathers. When boys don't have committed fathers to agitate — and when caring fathers aren't around to inflict unpleasantness on their sons — the result is too often tragic.

When dads are around, things work out in the end. My dad had the satisfaction of seeing me turn out all right. A few years after I graduated from college and bought my first nice car, I let him take a drive. He revved the motor, dropped the transmission into gear, then burned rubber all the way up the road.

I had but one thing to say to that.

"Son of a !!!"

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

# Reese

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"That's all right. I just need to get away from the cold weather."

So they packed their golf clubs and, in between games, bought me lunch just to make their expense account "legal." They must have figured that an hour's conversation with me was a small price to pay for an expense-paid mini-vacation.

At any rate, all Americans need to cut out unnecessary travel. Planning your shopping trips properly can eliminate running down to the mini-mart two or three times a week. Look for places in your own or an adjoining state to take a vacation. You might be surprised. I've yet to find a place in America where I couldn't see beauty, and the whole purpose of recreation is to break your work routine. You can do that 40 miles away just as easily as you can 3,000 miles

away.

I know this sounds heretical, but to spend less we must use less. Use a feather touch on the gas pedal and you'll save gasoline and tire rubber. Driving a steady 60 miles per hour will get you most places nearly as quickly as driving 70 miles per hour. And you will burn less gas.

In the meantime, I will wait for passenger trains and steamships to make a comeback. Going to Europe by sea is a lot more pleasant and healthy — provided you avoid icebergs, rogue waves and storms — than sitting on an airplane for 11 hours while your arteries clot up.

I miss the old Ile de France, which first took me to Europe. It was Ernest Hemingway's favorite ship, and a grand old lady she was, even if you were sleeping over the drive shaft on Deck E like I was. My criteria for good transportation are a pleasant journey and good memories. It's hard to find either on a modern airline.

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

## Events calendar

• The summer reading program at Lovett Memorial Library in Pampa is currently underway now through July 12. This year's theme is "Driven to Read." Participants will assemble a model race car to race on the last day of the program. For more information, call the library at 669-5780.

• 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 Texas Department of State Health Services will be offering immunization clinics for vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases. 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 18, TDH, 736 S. Cuyler, Pampa.

• Amarillo Botanical Gardens will stage its "Music in the Gardens" June 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.

• 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 registration deadline is June 23. The workshop will be offered from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. June 28. 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 the 23rd. For a form or more information, call (806) 874-3372 or 1-800-687-8740.

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# Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

## SISTER SEES NAKED TRUTH OF TEEN'S EATING DISORDER

**DEAR ABBY:** My younger sister "Marni" is 15 and paranoid about her weight because when she was younger she was teased about being fat. From what I have learned on the Internet, she may suffer from anorexia. Marni barely eats most of the time, but occasionally she'll stuff herself and then get rid of it by throwing up in the bathroom. She has also started taking laxatives. We share a room, so I see her without her clothes on, and her body is wasting away. It's not obvious when she's dressed, but when she's undressed she's literally skin and bones. Marni says she's "fine" and will stop her behavior "once she gets her weight down," even though she's already much too thin. She won't let me say anything to Mom, who doesn't seem to realize what's going on. What should I do? I know she needs help. -- ANXIOUS IN LEXINGTON, KY.

**DEAR ANXIOUS:** Marni is NOT fine. You should tell your mother immediately what she has been doing because her life could depend on it. Her distorted body image is not her fault. She needs professional help and should be seen by your family physician immediately. Throwing up after meals and taking laxatives are symptoms of a severe, life-threatening eating disorder. As you probably learned online, anorexia has the highest mortality rate of any mental illness. Nearly 10 million women and 1 million men suffer from an eating disorder. The National Eating Disorders Association has many thousands of members and offers programs and information to support individuals, families and friends who have been affected by eating

disorders. Its Information and Referral Helpline ((800) 931-2237) and Web site ([www.nationaleatingdisorders.org](http://www.nationaleatingdisorders.org)) offer the latest information available on recognizing the early warning signs and getting quality treatment and support. Eating disorders are treatable if caught in time, and recovery is possible. Marni is fortunate to have a loving sister who cares about her welfare, and I'm glad you wrote.

**DEAR ABBY:** My daughter is 20 and finishing her second year of college. She lived in a dorm the first year and now shares an apartment in another city. When she comes home for the weekend, do I have the right to expect her to follow a few rules while she's under my roof? She thinks she should be able to do whatever she wants since she is 20 and living independently while at college. I think she should show us respect by abiding by her curfew (2 a.m.) and not spending the night with her boyfriend. I am tired of lying awake waiting to hear her come in so I'll know she's safe. What she does at school is different because I'm not so tuned in to her comings and goings, but when she's here, I worry. Am I asking too much, or is she being inconsiderate? -- EXHAUSTED AND FRUSTRATED, HAMILTON, OHIO

**DEAR E AND F:** I think we both know the answer to that question. If your daughter were as mature as she thinks she is, she would understand that it's a parent's job to worry. She'd have more sensitivity and respect for your feelings, and be less centered on herself.

### For Better Or Worse



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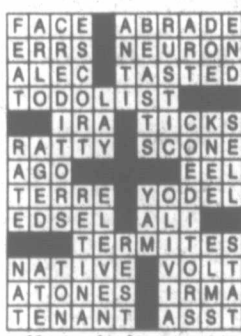


### Crossword Puzzle

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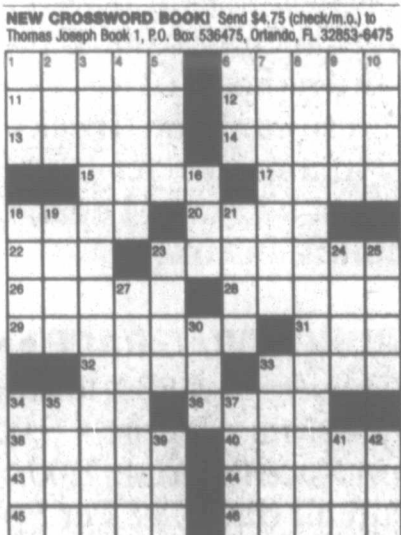
By THOMAS JOSEPH

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| 11 Serious                     | 3 One-time NBC anchor     |
| 12 Bolt holders                | 4 Smoothies out           |
| 14 Western state capital       | 5 Editor's spot           |
| 15 Signs                       | 6 Smidge                  |
| 17 Insolence                   | 7 Canyon creator          |
| 18 Appends                     | 8 NBC anchor              |
| 20 Aspirin target              | 9 Historic seamstress     |
| 22 High hit                    | 10 Im-presses             |
| 23 Famous racehorse            | 16 Massage setting        |
| 26 Blender                     | 18 Chamois's home         |
| 28 Ouzo flavor                 | 27 Hard to catch          |
| 29 "Give me details!"          | 19 Decorate               |
| 31 Golf position               | 21 Med. sch. subject      |
| 32 Party snack                 | 23 Tuna sandwich          |
| 33 Pleased                     | 24 Land east of the Urals |
| 34 Cooking pans                | 25 Wood-wind part         |
| 36 Haleakala setting           | 27 Hard to catch          |
| 38 Wagering every chip one has | 28 Catch                  |
| 40 Heat setting                | 29 Belief                 |
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Yesterday's answer

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# Mukasey: Detainee ruling won't stop terrorism trials

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court's decision on Guantanamo Bay will unleash a torrent of court filings from detainees seeking their freedom but won't affect the military trials planned for some terrorism suspects, Attorney General Michael Mukasey said Friday.

The Bush administration disagrees strongly with the high court's decision that the foreigners held under indefinite detention at the Guantanamo naval base in Cuba have the right to seek release in civilian court. President Bush said

Thursday he would abide by the decision, but also said his administration was evaluating whether to respond to the court's ruling with new legislation.

In Brussels, Belgium, on Friday, Defense Secretary Robert Gates said he would reserve judgment on "what we ought to do next" at Guantanamo until he received briefings on the ruling.

"I have often said that ... we would like to close Guantanamo," Gates said. "I think that despite the fact that

in many respects Guantanamo has become a state-of-the-art prison now, early reports of abuses and so on unquestionably were a black eye for the United States."

Thursday's much-anticipated 5-to-4 ruling was the third time the justices have repudiated Bush on his ambitious and hugely controversial schemes to hold the suspects outside the protections of U.S. law.

Speaking at a Group of Eight meeting of justice and home affairs ministers in Tokyo, Mukasey said, "I'm disappointed with the decision, in so far as I understand that it will result in hundreds of actions challenging the detention of enemy combatants to be moved to federal district court."

He added: "I think it bears emphasis that the court's decision does not concern military commission trials, which will continue to proceed. Instead it addresses the procedures that the Congress and the president put in place to permit enemy combatants to challenge their detention."

He said the Justice Department would comply with the ruling while studying the decision and "whether any legislation or any other action may be appropriate."

So far, 19 of the detainees, including Khalid Sheikh Mohammed and four other alleged Sept. 11 plotters, are facing military war crimes trials. The Pentagon has said it plans to try as many as 80 of the roughly 270 men held at Guantanamo.

## AGRICULTURE NEWS

# Researchers identify genetic 'fix' for problem in some sweet corn hybrids

By JAN SUSZKIW  
ARS News Service

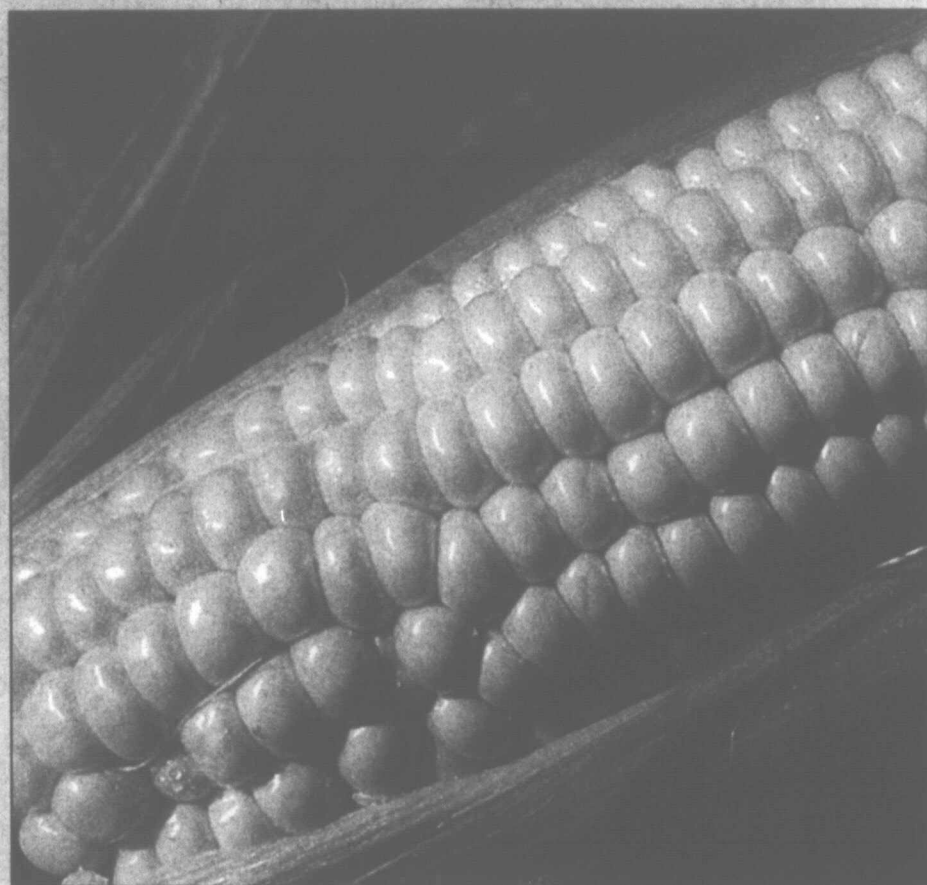
### Researchers Identify Genetic "Fix" for Problem in Some Sweet Corn Hybrids

A genetic quirk discovered in some sweet corn hybrids by Agricultural Research Service (ARS) and University of Illinois (UI) scientists is helping plant breeders make critical "repairs" to the crop's herbicide-degrading machinery.

Several herbicides registered for use on sweet corn kill weeds but not the crop, thanks to protective enzymes in corn that rapidly degrade the chemicals. But some sweet corn hybrids aren't so lucky; they harbor a genetic defect that impedes the enzymes, causing herbicides to linger in the plants, which suffer stunted growth or other harm.

Now, with the defect known, plant breeders have begun using a technique called backcrossing to eliminate this herbicide-sensitivity from germplasm used to develop commercial hybrids. This should greatly reduce the risk of injury to sweet corn from registered herbicides, notes Marty Williams, an ecologist in the ARS Invasive Weed Management Research Unit in Urbana, Ill.

Together with UI colleague Jerald Pataky, Williams elaborates on the problem of herbicide sensitivity in sweet corn, and the benefits expected from discovering its genetic cause, in two articles in *Weed Science*. One article identifies the genetic cause of sensitivity to tembotrione, a new corn herbicide available this year. The other article — written with UI colleague Dean Riechers; Jon Nordby, formerly with UI; and General Mills' Joe Lutz — details the genetic basis of sensitivity to several existing herbicides.



Courtesy photo by Doug Wilson

**Agricultural Research Service and University of Illinois scientists have overcome a genetic quirk that makes some sweet corn hybrids unable to handle herbicides that are often used to kill weeds in corn fields.**

The team found that a cytochrome P450 gene, which regulates metabolism of nicosulfuron and bentazon, is also responsible for protecting corn from other unrelated, P450-metabolized herbicides. By examining offspring plants derived from a cross between a herbicide-sensitive sweet corn inbred and a herbicide-tolerant inbred, they concluded that a defect in the P450-gene — or a very closely-linked P450 gene — results in damage to plants from five distinct herbicide

classes. The team's subsequent evaluations of 54 sweet corn hybrids and 40 inbred lines found the faulty P450 gene is widespread in both processing and fresh-market types of sweet corn grown throughout North America, but that it can eventually be eliminated with selective breeding.

ARS is the U.S. Department of Agriculture's chief scientific research agency.

## Paying for grades: Schools experiment with paying kids

WASHINGTON (AP) — Friday is payday at KIPP DC: KEY Academy, and some sixth-grade girls gather at the makeshift school store trying to decide how to spend their hard-earned money.

They received paychecks for behaving well, doing their homework or making academic gains. The money is pretend. But it can be used at the store for genuine items such as pens capped with fluffy feathers, pencil cases shaped like animals and colorful erasers.

Schools, under pressure to boost student achievement, are offering incentives — field trips and cash, for example — to motivate students.

At KEY Academy, a public charter school serving low-income, minority students in the nation's capital, Cherise Johnson Wallace

proudly clutched a pencil case she bought at the school store. She was glad to have the trinket, but even happier about what it represented.

"It shows how I work very hard to earn good grades," she said, flashing a smile as she rattled off the A's she had earned.

That kind of pride is what supporters of rewards programs point to. They say the prizes motivate kids at first, but that the children eventually form good study habits and become interested in succeeding regardless of whether rewards are on the line.

The charter school's principal, Sarah Hayes, is a believer.

KEY Academy is among the city's top-performing schools, as judged by test scores. "I think a lot of that is tied back to our incentives program because it rein-

forces to the students that our expectations of time on task are serious and that you get rewarded for them," Hayes said.

Studies into the effects of school-based rewards programs are limited. But research by an independent think tank at Stanford University indicated they can raise scores. A separate study examining schools in Ohio that paid kids for passing state tests also showed score gains after the incentive program was enacted.

In New York, about 5,500 students can earn money for getting good test scores. The program is open to fourth-graders, who can earn up to \$250 a year, and seventh-graders, who can end the year with \$500 in the bank.

"We'll soon give out over \$1 million to fourth- and seventh-graders this year," said Roland Fryer, a Harvard

University economist leading the experiment. He said he is happy with the results so far.

Queen Makkada, president of the parents' association at a school participating in the program, said the fourth- and seventh-graders seem to be working harder. She dismissed those who say these kind of approaches amounts to bribery.

"What is the difference between this and giving children an allowance as an incentive for doing their responsibilities?" she said, adding that many parents in her neighborhood cannot afford to give kids an allowance. "This program allowed our children to experience what life is like when you have more to work with."

Some question the long-term impact of rewards programs.

## Dems: Caroline Kennedy brings 'discretion' to search for VP

BOSTON (AP) — Caroline Kennedy lives a very private life with a very public profile. It's the perfect skill set for her newest assignment.

As part of Barack Obama's vice presidential search team, Kennedy must function with the utmost secrecy in what is sure to be one of the most closely watched endeavors of this year's presidential campaign.

The daughter of President Kennedy has sought and treasured

privacy since her father's assassination in 1963.

"She has, I think, a natural kind of reserve about her," said Paul Kirk, a former Democratic Party chairman who now serves as chairman of the John F. Kennedy Library Foundation. "I don't mean aloof, but she is very modest, maybe even shy. She's not one who makes a big scene about herself."

Joel Klein, chancellor of New York's pub-

lic school system, for which Kennedy has worked raising money from private donors, describes her as "the real deal."

"She is a very loyal, devoted, committed friend with absolutely no pretense," he said.

Klein, whose wife, Nicole Seligman, went to Harvard's Radcliffe College with Kennedy, said the president's daughter has a small circle of friends in New York and they are the few who get to see a

wry sense of humor that has rubbed off on JFK's grandson and namesake, 15-year-old Jack.

Recalling a visit with the family on Martha's Vineyard, Klein said John Bouvier Kennedy Schlossberg displayed his mother's wit when the boy asked the chancellor if he were in charge of school snow days and then asked, "Can you do one on my birthday?"

The sole remaining member of a White House family that con-

tinues to captivate the world, Caroline Kennedy Schlossberg does not like talking about herself, nor does she appreciate those who do. But recently she has begun to shed some of her trademark shyness.

Kennedy served as cover girl for AARP's magazine on the occasion of her 50th birthday in November. It fell on Nov. 27, just five days after the 44th anniversary of her father's death.



### stroke awareness in the Senior Population

#### STATISTICS

- Stroke is the 3rd leading cause of death after heart disease and cancer
- Every year, stroke strikes approximately 750,000 Americans, killing 160,000 and forever changing the lives of many who survive
- High blood pressure is one of the most common causes
- Strokes are the #1 cause of serious, long-term adult disabilities in the United States
- 70% of strokes are in persons age 65 and older
- 2/3 of people who suffer a stroke will survive and need high quality rehabilitation
- People with diabetes, especially those who have high blood pressure, are at increased risk for stroke
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The Fourth of July was traditionally celebrated as America's birthday, but the idea of an annual day specifically celebrating the Flag is believed to have first originated in 1885. BJ Cigrand, a school-teacher, arranged for the pupils in the Fredonia, Wisconsin Public School, District 6, to observe June 14 (the 108th anniversary of the official adoption of The Stars and Stripes) as 'Flag Birthday'. In numerous magazines and newspaper articles and public addresses over the following years, Cigrand continued to enthusiastically advocate the observance of June 14 as 'Flag Birthday', or 'Flag Day'.

On June 14, 1889, George Balch, a kindergarten teacher in New York City, planned appropriate ceremonies for the children of his school, and his idea of observing Flag Day was later adopted by the State Board of Education of New York. On June 14, 1891, the Betsy Ross House in Philadelphia held a Flag Day celebration, and on June 14 of the following year, the New York Society of the Sons of the Revolution, celebrated Flag Day.

Following the suggestion of Colonel J Granville Leach (at the time historian of the Pennsylvania Society of the Sons of the Revolution), the Pennsylvania Society of Colonial Dames of America on April 25, 1893 adopted a resolution requesting the mayor of Philadelphia and all others in authority and all private citizens to display the Flag on June 14th. Leach went on to recommend that thereafter the day be known as 'Flag Day', and on that day, school children be assembled for appropriate exercises, with each child being given a small Flag.

Two weeks later on May 8th, the Board of Managers of the Pennsylvania Society of Sons of the Revolution unanimously endorsed the action of the Pennsylvania Society of Colonial Dames. As a result of the resolution, Dr. Edward Brooks, then Superintendent of Public Schools of Philadelphia, directed that Flag Day exercises be held on June 14, 1893 in Independence Square. School children were assembled, each carrying a small Flag, and patriotic songs were sung and addresses delivered.

In 1894, the governor of New York directed that on June 14 the Flag be displayed on all public buildings. With BJ Cigrand and Leroy Van Horn as the moving spirits, the Illinois organization, known as the American Flag Day Association, was organized for the purpose of promoting the holding of Flag Day exercises. On June 14th, 1894, under the auspices of this association, the first general public school children's celebration of Flag Day in Chicago was held in Douglas, Garfield, Humboldt, Lincoln, and Washington Parks, with more than 300,000 children participating.

Adults, too, participated in patriotic programs. Franklin K. Lane, Secretary of the Interior, delivered a 1914 Flag Day address in which he repeated words he said the flag had spoken to him that morning: "I am what you make me; nothing more. I swing before your eyes as a bright gleam of color, a symbol of yourself."

Inspired by these three decades of state and local celebrations, Flag Day - the anniversary of the Flag Resolution of 1777 - was officially established by the Proclamation of President Woodrow Wilson on May 30th, 1916. While Flag Day was celebrated in various communities for years after Wilson's proclamation, it was not until August 3rd, 1949, that President Truman signed an Act of Congress designating June 14th of each year as National Flag Day.

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#12 Jasmine Moore, Senior



#14 Yesenia Flores, Senior



#18 Libby Dyson, Junior



#20 Kamie Doughty, Junior



#21 Kambra Jimenez, Senior



#22 Callie Preston, Junior



#32 Sammie Pearson, Sophomore

## Softball banquet recognizes outstanding players

The Pampa Lady Harvester Softball team held their end of the year banquet on Thursday, June 5 at M.K. Brown Auditorium. They were recognized for a stellar season, which saw them once again go undefeated in District 3-4A with a 10-0 district record. They went four rounds deep in the playoffs, and were the Bi-district, Area and Regional Quarterfinal Champions.

Recognized at the banquet were Yesenia Flores who won the Fighting Heart Award, Kambra Jimenez who won the Amy Youree Memorial Award and there was a tie between Jasmine Moore and Jimenez for Most Valuable Player.

Other awards included: Bobbi Gill for coach of the year, Carlyn Teichman for first team pitcher, Sammie Pearson for first team catcher, Libby Dyson for first team first base, Kelby Doughty for first team infielder and Shelbie Watson for first team designated player. Also recognized were: Ashley Facio for second team pitcher, Callie Preston for second team infielder, Moore for second team outfielder and Jimenez for second team outfielder.

Others at the banquet included: Assistant varsity coach Jason Farmer, trainer Jackie Karson and junior varsity coach Ches Tucker.

The junior varsity roster is as follows: Devin Valentine, Brooklyn Barker, Amanda Harkins, Kaci Reyes, Rachel Heuston, Emilie Troxell, Kenzie Carter, Madi Shults, Candia Jimenez, Mikaela Flores, Karla Dominquez and Jordan Mayhew.





## Kent

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on its side and threw him across to the other side of the track," Kent's son, Adam Kent said. "He ended up breaking his neck and broke his first, second, third, fourth and seventh vertebrae."

Kent stayed at North West Texas Hospital for three weeks before being sent to a spinal rehabilitation hospital in Denver, Colorado.

"Apparently, the other driver, it wasn't his fault but he was turning and didn't use a signal. My dad didn't know he was turning so they kept going and they just plowed right into each other," Adam said.

Kent is currently paralyzed from the chest down and had seen some initial improvement but according to Adam, there hasn't been much recently.

"He's off the respirator but there's not a whole lot of improvement," Adam said. "He's got some facial fractures so he's going to have to have surgery on his face."

When asked if the doctor's are hopeful for more mobility, Adam stated that they didn't know yet.

"We're still praying for him and we hope everyone else is too," Adam said.

Kent, his wife Debra who works at the Jordan Unit, and two of his sons, Brad and Chad live in Lefors. Adam works at Titan in Pampa and Adam's wife, Kera Kent works at The Pampa News.

## Vandals

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The theft was reported at 12:15 p.m. Thursday. The shell had been on display outside in front of a howitzer on the grounds of Freedom Museum USA, 600 N. Hobart. No estimated value was given for the shell, according to the police report.

Anyone with information on any of the incidents is asked to call the police department at 669-5700.

## Texas retail gas prices continue to set record highs

HOUSTON (AP) — Regular self-serve gasoline price averages continued to close in on \$4 per gallon this week across Texas for the first time.

Regular self-serve averaged \$3.93 per gallon, 8 cents more than last week, according to the weekly AAA Texas gas price survey released Friday. The national average already reached \$4.06 per gallon, 7 cents more than last week.

"Record high crude prices are the primary reason motorists are seeing almost daily increases," said AAA Texas spokeswoman Rose Rougeau. "Crude oil surged above \$136 a barrel this week."

The state's most expensive regular-grade gasoline was in Dallas, where the average price rose 7 cents this week to \$3.94 per gallon. The cheapest gas in Texas was in Amarillo, where it rose 6 cents to \$3.89 per gallon.

Average per-gallon prices

## Utah AG's staff meeting with sect member

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A high-ranking member of a polygamist sect met with the Utah Attorney General's Office to discuss the recent raid at a Texas ranch.

Willie Jessop met with Attorney General Mark Shurtleff's chief deputy and other staff members Thursday, The Salt Lake Tribune reported Friday.

Jessop hopes the meeting will "begin to open doors" with Utah authorities. In April, after allegations of abuse, more than 400 children were removed from an Eldorado, Texas, ranch owned by the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

But the Texas Supreme Court recently ordered them returned to their families.

The FLDS is based in two towns on the Utah-Arizona border. During the meeting, Jessop said he talked about a list of FLDS members described as possible threats to law enforcement. The list was given to Texas authorities by the Washington County sheriff's office.

Jessop wants the state's help

of regular, self-serve gasoline in Texas and nationally, as well as the change from last week, according to the AAA Texas Weekend Gas Watch released Friday:

- Amarillo — \$3.893, up 6.4 cents
- Austin-San Marcos — \$3.920, up 7.8 cents
- Beaumont — \$3.927, up 6.9 cents
- Corpus Christi — \$3.916, up 8.7 cents
- Dallas — \$3.936, up 7.1 cents
- El Paso — \$3.900, up 6.8 cents
- Fort Worth — \$3.933, up 7.2 cents
- Galveston-Texas City — \$3.917, up 8.6 cents
- Houston — \$3.918, up 8.2 cents
- San Antonio — \$3.905, up 7.6 cents
- Texarkana (Texas only) — \$3.895, up 8.8 cents
- State — \$3.931, up 7.6 cents
- Nationally — \$4.060, up 7.1 cents

in erasing any perception that he and others are dangerous.

"We're the kind of people for whom an apology goes a long way," he said.

Shurtleff did not attend the meeting with Jessop. He was in Nevada this week to discuss the FLDS and polygamy issues with authorities from other states.

"There are a lot of bridges to be built," Shurtleff spokesman Paul Murphy said. "We've talked and now we discover whether we can trust what the other person has said."

Murphy said Utah wants the FLDS to stop underage marriages — "the No. 1 issue we've had."

Jessop served as a church spokesman during the Texas case.

"We still need to hear who he is and how much authority he has to carry out whatever he says," Murphy said.

Child Protective Services says 143 children are back at the ranch, living in 30 households. Another 178 children, from 33 families, are living in the San Antonio area.

# Economy

## Inflation jumps by biggest amount in 6 months

WASHINGTON (AP) — Inflation shot up in May at the fastest pace in six months, pushed higher by soaring costs for gasoline and other types of energy.

The Labor Department reported Friday that consumer prices rose by 0.6 percent last month, the biggest one-month increase since last November, as gasoline costs surged by 5.7 percent. Food prices, which have also been rising sharply, were up 0.3 percent as the cost of beef and bakery products showed big gains.

Core inflation, however, which excludes energy and food, edged up a more moderate 0.2 percent in May. That increase was right in line with expectations and should help relieve worries that the big increases in food and energy could be breaking through to more widespread inflation.

Ian Shepherdson, chief U.S. economist at High Frequency Economics, said that the moderate gain in core prices showed price pressures are remaining contained despite fears at the

Federal Reserve.

The Fed, which from September through April was aggressively cutting interest rates to fight a mounting economic slowdown, is now indicating that its biggest concern has changed from the threat of a recession to worries about inflation.

In a speech Monday, Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke said that the Fed will "strongly resist an erosion of longer-term inflation expectations." Those comments have raised expectations that the Fed's next move later this year will be to start raising interest rates.

The 0.6 percent rise in overall prices was slightly higher than the 0.5 percent gain that economists had been expecting while the 0.2 percent rise in core prices matched expectations.

So far this year, consumer prices are rising at an annual rate of 4 percent, compared with a 4.1 percent increase for all of 2007.

Energy prices are rising at a 16.5 percent annual rate, compared with a gain of 17.4

percent for all of 2007, while food prices are rising at a 6.3 percent annual rate, up from a 4.9 percent increase for all of last year.

Analysts said the pressure in both the energy and food areas is likely to continue as global food shortages and rising demand push food prices up and energy costs continue to soar, reflecting a relentless surge in crude oil prices.

The energy increases have pushed the nationwide average for gasoline up to a record of \$4.06 and private economists believe that price will keep climbing through the summer driving season.

The combination of rising inflation and weak wage gains contributed to another drop in weekly earnings. After adjusting for inflation, weekly earnings for non-supervisory workers were down 1.2 percent in May, compared to a year ago, the

Labor Department said in a separate report.

Energy prices were up 4.4 percent in May after being unchanged in April. The increase was led by a 5.7 percent jump in gasoline, the biggest one-month increase since last November, and gains of 0.9 percent for electricity, 10.4 percent for home heating oil and 5.6 percent for natural gas.

The 0.3 percent rise in food costs reflected a 1.5 percent jump in beef costs, the biggest rise in 13 months, and another steep increase in cereal and bakery products, which were up 1.6 percent.

Outside of food and energy, clothing costs fell by 0.3 percent and the cost of prescription drugs dropped by 0.7 percent, but airline tickets jumped 3.2 percent, the biggest gain in more than six years, reflecting the surge in fuel costs.

## Appeal based on rumors of affair between DA, judge

AUSTIN (AP) — Lawyers for a convicted killer facing execution next week have filed an appeal asking the punishment be stopped, alleging a prosecutor at his trial and the presiding judge were engaged in a secret romantic relationship that violated legal ethics.

Charles Dean Hood is set for lethal injection Tuesday for a double slaying in suburban Dallas 19 years ago. In an appeal filed Thursday with the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals and in the trial court in Collin County, Hood's lawyers said his conviction and death sentence should be voided.

They accused now retired Judge Verla Sue Holland of being involved "in a long-term intimate relationship with the Collin County District Attorney, Tom O'Connell, who took an active role in the courtroom prosecuting Mr. Hood."

Neither Holland nor O'Connell, now in private practice, returned telephone calls left for them by The Associated Press.

"Judge Holland was absolutely disqualified from presiding over the trial," according to the appeal filed by two

California-based lawyers, A. Richard Ellis and Gregory Wiercioch. "Because the court lacked jurisdiction, the judgment of conviction and sentence against Mr. Hood is null and void."

The accusations first surfaced three years ago in a story at Salon.com, an Internet news site.

In an affidavit dated June 3 accompanying the appeal, a former assistant district attorney, Matthew Goeller, who was not involved in the Hood case, said it was "common knowledge" that the judge and prosecutor "had a romantic relationship" from at least 1987, when he joined the district attorney's office, until about 1993. Hood was tried in 1990.

In another affidavit, David Haynes, one of Hood's defense attorneys at the trial, said he was aware of "rumors concerning a romantic relationship."

"As this was only a rumor, I had no way of verifying its truth or accuracy and therefore I had no valid basis upon which to file either a motion to recuse Judge Holland or a motion to disqualify the district attorney's office," Haynes said.

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