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Grant to fund officer training

By David Bowser
The Pampa News

Warden Joe Nunn of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice came away with more than he asked for. Nunn went to the Pampa Economic Development Corporation Thursday seeking \$350 scholarships for 12 students, or about \$4,200, to attend correctional officer training at Clarendon College. He got a grant of \$8,400 for Clarendon College for 24 students.

He said the TDCJ presently has a training program at Plainview, but many of the applicants from this area can't pick up and move to Plainview for a month or two.

Lt. LaDonna McAlpine, the training officer, said she'd received several calls from Perryton, Wheeler and Shamrock about the academy. She said she has six applicants already that can't go to Plainview for their academy, but they can come to Pampa.

Nunn said the guard academy would provide stable jobs in Pampa.

"We're recruiting in Canadian, in Perryton, in all the smaller towns around," Nunn said, "to bring more people to Pampa."

He said they were going to all the high schools in the area.

Nunn said the 200-hour training program at Clarendon College would tentatively meet four hours a night for 10 weeks beginning July 28.

He said that the staff at the prison would be providing the instruction.

"We're trying to find some way to hire people here locally," Nunn said.

The starting salary for a person graduating from the



Squealin', Singin', and Grillin'

Pampa's "Burnin' the Bricks" created a lot of activities for fun over the weekend. Top photo - Casey Cunningham of Dumas once again brought his Plymouth and generated a cloud of white smoke during Saturday's burnout at Recreation Park. Left photo - Leading a sing-along of "This Land is Your Land" at the Bathroom Benefit held at the Woody Guthrie Folk Music Center were (from left) Janet Whitesell, Lorelee Cooley and Kavin Allenson. Allenson played some of his original music during the benefit. Bottom photo - Kevin Burrows and Roy Lott were among the cooks vying in the first 'Cookin' on the Bricks' contest. See tomorrow's issue of The Pampa News for lists of winners and more photos of the events.



Fiveash 'on the road' to wind energy seminars

by David Bowser
The Pampa News

The executive director of the Pampa Economic Development Corporation has been on the road.

First was the Houston Wind Exposition, then it was a wind energy seminar in Lubbock.

"It was a very interesting show," Dwight Fiveash, executive director of the Pampa Economic Development Corporation, said of the Houston exposition. "There were 13,000 visitors that attended the show. There were over 800 exhibits."

He said the exhibitors included developers, real

estate firms, wind turbine manufacturers, maintenance groups and even law firms.

Burlington Northern and Santa Fe had an exhibit there because they transport the wind generators and equipment.

"There was also a job fair going on at one end of the building," Fiveash said.

He said there were many people from overseas.

"Some of the major manufacturers of wind turbines are not located in the United States," Fiveash said.

He said he was amazed at the different designs of wind turbines.

"Some of them were pretty far-fetched," he said.

Fiveash was their representing High Ground, a coalition of counties in the Texas Panhandle and South Plains.

"There were 60 folks from the panhandle that went down and worked that booth," Fiveash said.

When Fiveash wasn't working his shift and was visiting other booths, gathering information and networking.

"The seminar at Lubbock," Fiveash said, "was taught by Texas Tech University."

Fiveash said two professors taught the school.

"There were probably 35 folks in the class," he said.

He said the Lubbock semi-
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Miami School Board to discuss budget

The 2008-2009 school year budget is one item that will be discussed at a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Miami School District tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the administration office located at 100 Warrior Lane.

Other items to be discussed include the resignations and hirings of personnel, the salaries of business manager and technology coordinator, the student handbook and code of conduct, the wind project, preliminary TAKS reports and Region 16 contracts.

The board will also dedicate time to financial reports such as the fund balance, transportation report, cafeteria report and tax report.

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Tuesday Night: A 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Some of the storms could be severe. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 65. Southeast wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Wednesday: Mostly cloudy, with a high near 88. Southeast wind between 5 and 15 mph.

Wednesday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 68. South-southeast wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Thursday: Mostly cloudy, with a high near 91. South wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Thursday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 65. South wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

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Perot Web site centers on U.S. economy

DALLAS (AP) — Billionaire former presidential candidate Ross Perot is starting a Web site to highlight the "economic crisis" facing the country because of deficit spending.

The Web site announced Monday is PerotCharts.com, a play on Perot's use of economic charts in political advertisements during his 1992 and 1996 presidential campaigns.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
Finding of No Significant Environmental Impact

USDA Rural Development has received an application for financial assistance from Lancaster Pollard Mortgage Company, for construction of a 76 unit multi-family apartment complex. It is located at the intersection of Alcock Street and Dwight Street. The physical address is going to be 1600 Alcock Street Pampa, Texas.

The major elements of the proposed project will consist of the construction of the 76 unit apartment complex which will include an office and community center. As required by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), USDA Rural Development has assessed the potential environmental effects of the proposed project. To avoid any significant environmental impacts, the following mitigation measures have been adopted by USDA Rural Development Class II Environmental Assessment.

If cultural materials are encountered during construction, work must cease in the immediate area of the discovery. Work may continue in those project locations outside of the discovery area, with written approval from USDA Rural Development. The contractor must immediately notify the consultant engineer, at the Texas Historical Commission (512) 463-5867, and the USDA Rural Development State Environmental Coordinator (254) 742-9786.

With the inclusion of these measures, USDA Rural Development has assessed the potential environmental impacts of this proposed action and has determined that it will not significantly affect the quality of the human environment, therefore, USDA Rural Development will not prepare an environmental impact statement for this proposed action.

Any written comments regarding this determination should be submitted within fifteen (15) days of this publication. Requests to review the Environmental Assessment upon which this determination is based should be directed to USDA Rural Development, Amarillo Sub-Area Office, 6565 Amarillo Blvd. W., Suite C, Amarillo, Texas 79106. Clyde Jenkins, Area Specialist, at (806) 468-8600, extension 4.

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Services tomorrow

WARREN, Helen Claye — 10 a.m., Crescent Park Baptist Church, Odessa.

Obituaries

Jackie Hobbs, 90

Jackie Hobbs, 90, of Pampa, died June 15, 2008, at Amarillo. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

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

Evelyne Epps, 86

Evelyne Epps, 86, of Pampa, Texas, died June 15, 2008, at Pampa.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, June 17, 2008, at Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel with Dr. Johnny Funderburg, pastor of First Baptist Church, and the Rev. Doug Hixson, pastor of Cornerstone Baptist Church, officiating.

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

Mrs. Epps was born June 2, 1922, in Van Alstyne, Texas, where she attended



Epps

Women's Sunday School class. She taught Sunday School for many years. She was a member of the Pampa Fine Arts Association.

Survivors include her husband, Lewis Epps, of the home; one son, Andy Epps and wife Kay of Pampa; two daughters, Barbie Crow and husband Bud, and Della Moyer and husband Jim, all of Pampa; eight grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren;

two great-great-grandchildren; and one sister, Beadie Baird of Pampa.

Evelyne was preceded in death by her parents; a son, Tim Epps in 1997; and a sister, Doris Smith in 2008.

MEMORIALS: Cal Farley's Boys Ranch & Affiliates, 600 SW 11th, Amarillo, TX 79101, or the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children, P.O. Box 190567, Dallas, TX 75219-0567.

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

Helen Claye Warren

Helen Claye Warren of Odessa, Texas, formerly of Pampa, Texas, passed away Thursday, June 12, 2008, in Cooks Springs, Ala. She was born Aug. 14, 1922, to Henry Clay Chandler and Marion Poarch in Manitou Springs, Colo.

Helen married Robert E. Warren, Jr. April 30, 1939, in Pampa, Texas. She came to Odessa in 1974. She was a member of Crescent Park Baptist Church in Odessa.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert E. Warren, Jr.; brother, C.B. Chandler; two sisters, Margaret Say and Aline Brown; and a grandson, Clay R. Warren.

She is survived by three sons, Robert C. Warren and wife Kat of Denver, Colo., and Charles D. Warren



Warren

and wife Durinda of Birmingham, Ala., and Mark R. Warren and wife Freada of Plainview, Texas; eight grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 6-8 p.m. Monday, June 16, 2008, at Frank W. Wilson Funeral Directors.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Tuesday, June 17, 2008, at Crescent Park Baptist Church with Dave Miller officiating. Interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Helen spent her life helping others. In her honor, memorials may be made to Clay R. Warren Memorial Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 626 Plainview, TX 79073.

Services entrusted to Frank W. Wilson Funeral Directors.

Emergency Services

Fire

Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls in the 48 hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Friday, June 14

10:40 a.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to Recreation Park for a public service standby.

Saturday, June 15

1:09 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 2300 block of Evergreen on a call for medical assistance.

3:17 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 1600 block of Zimmers for a vehicle extrication.

6:28 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to a motor vehicle accident in the 900 block of South Banks. No injuries were reported.

12:03 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 100 block of North Dwight on a call for medical assistance.

Ambulance

Guardian EMS ambulance reported the following calls between 7 a.m. Saturday and 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, June 14

9:16 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 600 block of Frost and transported a patient(s) to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

10:44 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 400 block of Graham and transported a patient to PRMC.

Sunday, June 15

12:05 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 900 block of Varnon and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

1:08 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2300 block of Evergreen. No transport.

2:32 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1300 block of Duncan and transported a patient to BSA Hospital in Amarillo.

5:06 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1300 block of Garland and transported a patient to PRMC.

6:29 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 900 block of South Banks. No transport.

10:08 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2100 block of Lea and transported a patient to BSA.

Monday, June 16

12:04 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 100 block of Dwight and transported a patient to PRMC.

Top court eases rules for foreigners to try to stay in U.S.

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court made it easier Monday for some foreigners who overstay their visas to seek to remain in the United States legally.

The court ruled 5-4 Monday that someone who is here illegally may withdraw his voluntarily agreement to depart and continue to try to get approval to remain in the United States.

The decision essentially embraced a proposed Justice Department regulation governing the treatment of similar cases in the future.

Samson Dada, a Nigerian citizen, stayed beyond the expiration of his tourist visa in 1998. He married an American the following year and soon began trying to obtain a visa as an immediate relative of a citizen. But Dada and his wife apparently failed to submit some documents, causing immigration officials to deny the visa.

Dada has been trying again to obtain the visa, but immigration authorities meanwhile have ordered him to leave the country.

He agreed to leave voluntarily, which would allow him to try sooner to re-enter the country legally than if he had been deported.

The court's task was to decide whether he could withdraw his voluntary agreement to leave the country and continue to try to adjust his status while in the United States.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by **Albany Grain of White Deer**:

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

OKY	89.76	+1.69
BP PLC ADR	69.35	+0.95
Cabot Corp	29.43	-0.64
Celanese	48.99	+0.75
Cabot Oil Gas	68.32	+1.90
Coca Cola	54.46	-0.96
VLO	43.90	-0.94
HAL	49.30	+1.16
XCEL	20.55	-0.16
Anadarko	79.37	+2.04
XOM	88.20	-0.16
Nat'l Oilwell	84.79	+1.63
Limited	18.56	-0.11
Williams	38.79	+0.01
MCD	59.83	-0.12
Atmos	26.59	+0.16
Pioneer Nat	77.50	+2.42
JCP	39.13	-0.34
COP	95.35	+1.09
SLB	101.08	+1.39
Tenneco	20.57	-0.11
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▲ The Greater Pampa Chamber of Commerce Top O' Texans Goldcoats were out on May 16th welcoming a new business to Pampa, Fiesta Foods. From left, Larry Baker, Charles Henry, Bob Marx, Mike Keagy, Pat Montoya, Scott Hahn, The Copheranham family Kaki, Ashley, Chelsea, Ken and Jarrett, Roy Morriss (back), Paulette Hinkle, Jack Reeve, Shelly Cook, Jerry Foote, and Gladys Vanderpool.

◀ The Greater Pampa Chamber of Commerce Top O' Texans Goldcoats were out on June 6th welcoming Deb's Quick Stop as a new member to the Chamber. From left, Scott Hahn, John Horst, Kerrick Horton, Benny Horton, Laura Garza, Dawn Ellis, Bob Marx, Amanda Starnes, Ronnie Stapleton (owner), Charles White, Deb Stapleton (owner), Lynn Allison, Lyndon Field, Charles Henry, Jack Reeve and Shelia Webb.

CHAMBER LETTER

Since Boone Pickens announced his Mesa Power Project and that he had selected Pampa as his center of operation for the project, the Chamber office has received many phone calls. Some are inquiries about what is going on and how will it impact the economy of Pampa. Some are inquiries about possible business moves to Pampa and some are from people who are looking to relocate to Pampa. We have prepared additional relocation packets in preparation for this increase in inquiries.

Now that the Mesa Power Project has been announced and the GE turbines ordered for the first phase of the project, I think it is time to start touting Pampa's great opportunity to become the "Wind Energy Capital of the World" and its other assets. With us now receiving world-wide recognition, I think we should be very aggressive in seeking auxiliary manu-

facturing and other businesses related to wind energy. We must also begin preparing to meet the needs of the influx of workers and equipment required to construct and later operate and maintain this enormous project.

Lack of housing is one concern that we hear everyday at the Chamber, and with the projected number of workers required for the project the situation will only get worse. I predict that within the next six to 12 months you will see a sharp increase of home and apartment construction. Overall, the economic impact to Gray and surrounding counties is promising to be very, very big.

A date to remember is July 23rd, which has been designated as Pampa Night for that night's pres-

entation of "TEXAS" in Palo Duro Canyon. The Pampa Chamber will set up tables in the patio area with brochures and other information to show a case Pampa and Gray County. Call (806) 655-2181 for reservations. Ticket prices for the show range from \$14.50 to \$27.50. The Big Texan Steak House will be providing dinner meals for an additional \$13.95 to \$15.95 per plate.

Local activities coming up in July include the July 4th fireworks display in Recreation Park, the Junior Rodeo Association Rodeo on July 12th and the Kiwanis Golf Tournament on July 12th. Again and again, I am reminded how lucky we are to have such a valuable asset as the Pampa Regional Medical Center. This week I spoke with

the representative of a developer from Dallas who builds apartment buildings and who had heard Boone Pickens speak about Pampa and the Mesa Power Wind Project.

He asked me about various things such as availability of land, proximity to a major airport, current business trends and the like. Then they asked if we had a good hospital. When I began telling them that we had a 115-bed acute-care hospital that provides a full-range of medical services including cardio/pulmonary service and a super 24-hour Emergency Room, I realized again how great it is to have such an outstanding, well-staffed facility in a city the size of Pampa. It is a great selling point for selling Pampa.

The thing to remember when someone asks about what Pampa has to offer is that many other small cities have similar assets as ours' but our Pampa Regional Medical Center

and the services it offers is an asset that few can match.

Keith Pitner

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RELAY FOR LIFE

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Viewpoints

Texas Tales: Austin home to many historic fires

They happened too far apart both physically and in time for anyone to declare a jinx, but Austin has a bad record when it comes to government buildings destroyed or heavily damaged by fire.

The latest loss occurred during the pre-dawn hours of Sunday June 8, when the 152-year-old Governor's Mansion sustained heavy damage in a four-alarm blaze. A passerby who saw flames shooting from the front of the Greek Revival-style structure just across from the Capitol reported the fire at 1:43 a.m.

Designed by noted architect Abner Cook, the two-story, ante-bellum house with its distinctive 29-foot columns has been the residence of 40 of Texas' 47 chief executives. It is the fourth-oldest governor's mansion in the nation, and the oldest west of the Mississippi.

Fortunately for posterity, all the mansion's historic furnishings, including Stephen F. Austin's writing desk and Sam Houston's bed, had been removed for a \$10 million renovation started last fall.

State officials and history-minded citizens are worried about how an intruder could have entered a building under 24-hour protection by the Department of Public Safety.

Austin's string of destructive public property fires dates to the fading days of the Republic of Texas, during the administration of President Anson Jones.

About 2 a.m. on Sept. 11, 1845, someone noticed flames licking from the Office of the Treasurer. The Capital City had no organized fire department, and the structure and contents were a total loss.

Despite its lofty title, the treasury was an

unimposing wooden structure located off lower Congress Avenue near the Colorado River. And despite rumors to the contrary, no money or valuable financial documents were destroyed. Still, papers that would be considered historically significant today went up in smoke.

The fire was believed to have been the work of an arsonist but sketchy newspaper accounts don't report that authorities ever identified the culprit.

The next fire to break out in a government building in Austin — the headquarters of the Adjutant General — also was intentionally set.

While only a handful of historians have ever heard of it, the 1855 blaze that destroyed the Adjutant General's Department building in the 700 block of Congress Avenue had a devastating impact.

As former Texas Ranger and historian John Salmon "Rip" Ford later wrote: "The reports of many military officers were lost, without the possibility of reproduction. For that reason it is almost impossible in many instances to give exact dates of military happenings."

The old Indian fighter understated the situation. What Texas lost was much of its early history.

By legislative act in 1846, according to the Texas State Library and Archives, "The duties which fell to the Adjutant General included the issuance of all military orders; the maintenance of records of appointments, promotions, resignations, deaths, commis-

sions, etc.; the receipt of monthly and annual returns, and muster rolls from the various military units; the keeping of the records of general courts martial; recruitment and enrollment of Rangers and militiamen."

Most of those documents, dating back to the days of the Texas Revolution, were reduced to ashes.

"Early on Thursday morning last," the weekly Austin Gazette reported on Oct. 13, 1855, "the office of the adjutant general was discovered to be on fire, and in a short time the whole building was enveloped in flames. Gen. [James S.] Gillett was barely able to save a few clothes. All the records of the office ... are destroyed."

The newspaper went on the report that the fire had been the work of an "incendiary," another word for arsonist.

"The window of the office was found open," the newspaper continued, "and the fire appeared to have been built on the floor."

The only good news the Gazette could report, and it is slim consolation for historians today, is that the fire did not spread to the adjacent building — the office of the Gazette.

While arrests were made in connection with the setting of the fire, the state did not succeed in getting any convictions against the suspects.

Not only did the fire destroy the department's records from the 1830s to early 1850s, with no papers and no building, the state simply abolished the office for a time. When the Legislature took no action to rebuild the headquarters or fund the agency,



Mike Cox
Columnist

Gen. Gillett got a letter from Gov. E.M. Pease on Feb. 4, 1856, that "there is ... no longer any occasion for the services of an Adjutant General."

The Legislature did not bother to reinstate the office until 1860. By that time, the state had a new office building for the General Land Office, a relatively fireproof structure that still stands and for years held most of the state's surviving historical documents.

The next major loss of public property in Austin happened on Nov. 9, 1881, when fire left the limestone capitol at the head of Congress Avenue a charred hulk. While state workers and volunteers managed to save some of the documents in the building, much Texas history again went up in smoke.

The only positive side of the blaze was that it destroyed an ugly and cheaply built statehouse one newspaper writer called "the old sarcophagus" and cleared the way — literally — for the present granite capitol.

Finally, in an incident with some similarities to the Governor's Mansion blaze, a fire that started inside a television set in the lieutenant governor's apartment in the Capitol on Feb. 6, 1983, (also on an early Sunday morning) raged out of control for a time. If the Austin Fire Department had not finally knocked it down, the fire would have gutted the then 101-year-old building.

Like the Capitol fire in 1881, the 1983 fire resulted in something good: It led to a major renovation of the building, with particular emphasis to fire control.

Ironically, the now-interrupted remodeling project at the Governor's Mansion included installation of a sprinkler system.

Hmm, Machiavelli really knew his stiff

Niccolo Machiavelli, who was a sort of Karl Rove of his day, though with more integrity, said of the Swiss that they were "the most free and most armed people" of Europe. Get it? The connection between arms and freedom?

That statement is still true of the Swiss. Many people know that they practice neutrality, but not many know that they practice armed neutrality. If the gun controllers' claim that the mere presence of arms leads to mayhem were true, the Swiss would have wiped themselves out years ago. There are guns and gun ranges all over the place. You would be hard-pressed to find a Swiss home without a firearm and ammunition. Yet, the Swiss have a very low crime rate.

If you were a robber or a rapist, who would you rather have as a victim? Someone who is armed, or someone who is defenseless? Even a stupid criminal knows the answer to that question.

If the police can protect us — which is another claim the gun-control people make — then why are so many people murdered, raped and robbed? Even the television fictional stories tell you the answer to that. The cops get there after the crime has been committed. Otherwise, there wouldn't be a crime scene. Nearly all the cop shows open with the police

Charley Reese
Columnist



looking at a dead, unarmed body.

Do you really believe that the men who had just fought a long and bloody war against the British and were writing what we call the Bill of Rights had this conversation:

"Well, let's see. We've guaranteed freedom of assembly, of religion, of speech and of the press. Oh, my gosh, we've forgotten the duck hunters. They'll raise heck if we leave them out, so we'd better write an amendment for them."

The Second Amendment has nothing whatsoever to do with hunting. It states: "A well-regulated militia being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed."

The men who wrote these amendments were pretty darn fluent in English. If they had intended the right to keep and bear arms to apply only to the militia, they would have said so. They would have written "A well-regulated militia being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the states to arm their respective militias

shall not be infringed."

They didn't say that. The main sentence says "right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed." "People" means everybody, not just the members of the militia. The subordinate clause, "A well-regulated militia being necessary to the security of a free state," just gives one, but not the only, reason why all the people have a right to keep and bear arms. The militia, after all, was drawn

from the people. It was not the Army. The first meaning of "bear," by the way, is to carry, bring or take. Americans have the right to keep arms and to carry them.

The word "regulate" in those days meant trained, and do you notice again the connection between arms and freedom? The subordinate clause refers to a "free state." Obviously, an unfree state would not allow the people to be armed.

The Founding Fathers were not urban neurotics like so many of today's politicians. They were almost all outdoor people. Guns were to them just tools, like their axes or plows. You couldn't survive in the wilderness without firearms, and at the time of our Revolution, there were only about 3 million people from Maine to Georgia.

Nor were there any police forces. There was no Secret Service, FBI or any of the other

alphabet law-enforcement agencies. If you decided to travel, you traveled at your own risk, and you can bet people traveled armed. When I was last at Williamsburg, Va., they had a room in one of the historical houses arranged as if a traveler had just arrived and unpacked. There on top of a dresser was a pistol.

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Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

■ June 9
Fort Worth Star-Telegram on asylum in the U.S. for Iraqis:

The tragedies of the Iraq war usually are measured in several ways: number of American troops killed, Iraqi civilians who have perished since the U.S. invasion and the mounting thousands of physically and emotionally injured on all sides of this conflict.

It's difficult to begin to calculate the destruction to private and public property, including the infrastructure needed to sustain a struggling "society." And the drain on the U.S. treasury — not to mention the toll on the psyche of a war-weary public — is immeasurable.

But there is another tragedy of the war that most Americans don't even think

about and, until very recently, the U.S. government had done little to address except with vapid political rhetoric.

The war has produced an enormous refugee crisis in the Middle East, with more than 4.5 million displaced Iraqis. About half have fled to Egypt, Jordan and Syria, but more than 2 million remain in their own country, enduring hardships that most of us could never imagine.

Thousands of those who are seeking asylum in the United States are Iraqis who face added danger because they worked for or assisted the U.S. military, American contractors and representatives from U.S. news-gathering organizations.

This newspaper has criticized the administration for not doing enough to aid the displaced people of Iraq, especially those who seeking refuge in this country.

Last month, the federal government created an office in Baghdad (within the protected Green Zone) to begin processing applications of individuals and their extended families who are seeking asylum here. There have been such offices in Syria, Egypt and Jordan, but people trapped inside Iraq had no way to reach them.

As many as 70,000 people could qualify for relocation in the United States, according to The Washington Post.

Our nation can look forward to a new wave of refugees fleeing a war-torn country — a country we invaded with the promise of liberating the people. The least that America can do is open its doors to those "liberated" individuals who now must flee their homeland because they somehow aided the liberators. URL: <http://www.star-telegram.com>

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I am 19 years old and have known a girl I'll call Emma for a couple of years. She's 14 and like a member of my family -- a little sister. My parents joke that Emma is their second daughter. Emma is an only child and lives with her mother. Her dad is an alcoholic who is currently serving time in prison. Lately Emma has been hanging out with a group of 18- and 19-year-old boys who let her drink and smoke pot with them. People say she's just "doing what all teens do," but I have never smoked or had a drink in my life. Should I tell Emma's mother what's going on and risk losing our relationship, or should I wait to see if it's just a phase? I feel responsible, but don't know what to do. -- **BIG SISTER IN OKLAHOMA**

DEAR BIG SISTER: Tell Emma's mother NOW. Because Emma's father is an alcoholic, she already has the predisposition to become one. The longer you procrastinate, the greater her chances of getting into serious trouble --and face it, she's already well on her way. The "boys" Emma is hanging out with are too old for her, and girls under the influence of alcohol and marijuana make mistakes that can affect the rest of their lives.

DEAR ABBY: I'm 26, and "Henry," my boyfriend of five years, and I are expecting our first child. We're not married, but plan to be sometime after the baby arrives. My problem is my mother. She keeps telling me that because Henry and I aren't married, the baby's last name should be my maiden name. She says it's the law. I always believed that a child's last name should be the father's last name, married or not. Is my mother right, or is our baby entitled to have his father's last name? -- **SECOND THOUGHTS IN SANTA ROSA, CALIF.**

DEAR SECOND THOUGHTS: According to the Los Angeles County Hall of Records, because you and Henry are not married, in order for his name to appear on the baby's birth certificate, he will have to sign a Declaration of Paternity. This can be done in the hospital at the time of the child's birth. However, because you don't live in L.A. County, and laws can vary in different places, check with the birth clerk at the hospital where the baby will be delivered.

DEAR ABBY: I recently celebrated a birthday and was taken to lunch by a couple who are like a second set of parents to me. As they always do, they presented me with a card filled with cash. The cash was a combination of \$10s and \$20s. I opened the card in front of them, read the sentiment inside and thanked them from the bottom of my heart. However, it is always awkward because I never know what to do with the money. Is it proper to count it in front of them, or acknowledge the cash, close the card and count it later in private? -- **GRATEFUL IN ORLANDO**

DEAR GRATEFUL: You should thank your benefactors warmly for their generosity, close the card and count the money privately. Then write them a sweet note in which you thank them again for the amount they gave you. To count the money in their presence would make it appear you are fixated on the amount.

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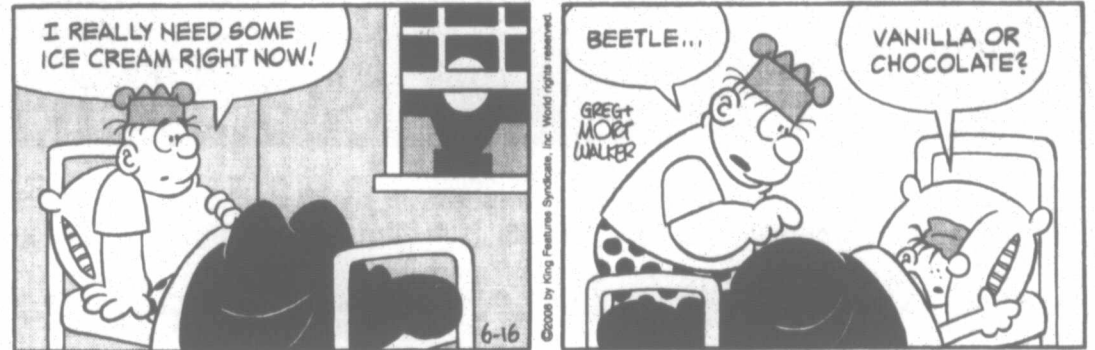
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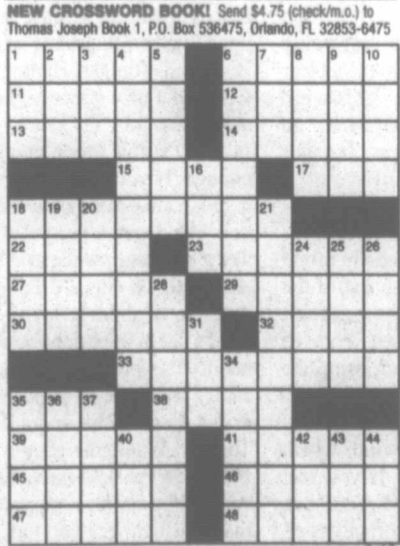
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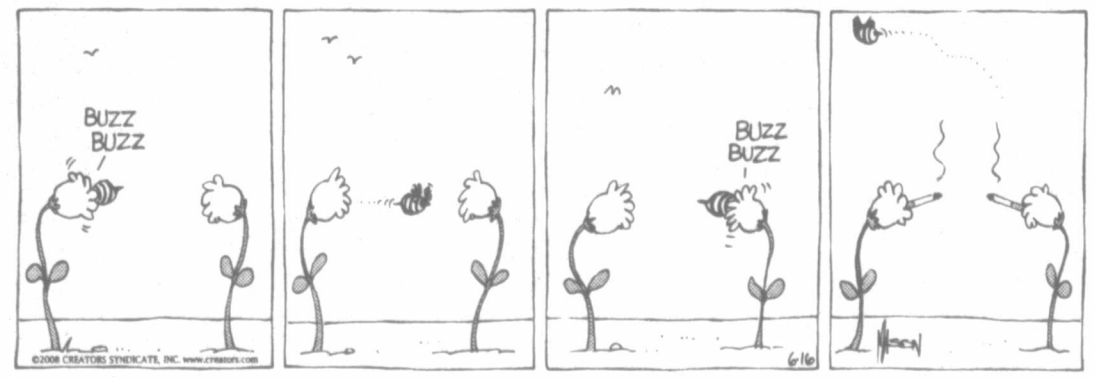


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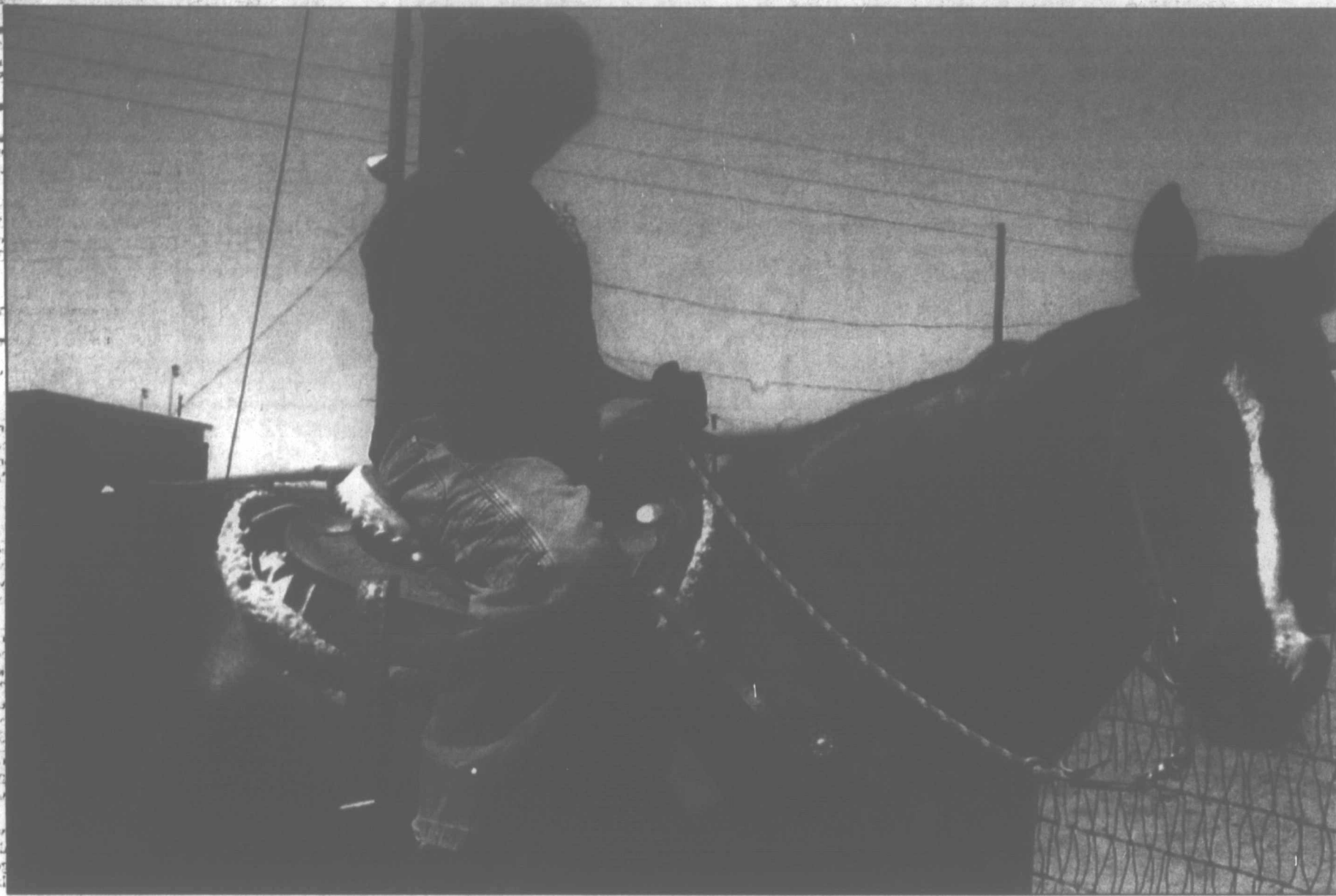
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Sports



Michael Mojca, atop his horse Prize, competed in the Hutchinson County Sheriff Posse Playday in Borger, Texas, recently and placed first in the following events: barrels, poles, golfette and goat un-decorate.

Courtesy Photo

Lakers still alive, beat Celtics 103-98 in Game 5

LOS ANGELES (AP) — As purple-and-gold streamers rained down, Lamar Odom shook his head in approval, Derek Fisher caressed the game ball against his chest and Kobe Bryant clapped his hands before striding from the floor.

"I love L.A." blared through the speakers and "Not In Our House!" flashed on the scoreboard.

The P.A. announcer cried, "This is not over yet!" The Los Angeles Lakers aren't done playing. The NBA finals are headed East.

Bryant scored 25 points, including a decisive dunk in the final minute — and Odom added 20 as the Lakers, playing with pride on their star-studded stage, prevented the Celtics from winning a 17th title with a 103-98 win in Game 5 on Sunday night to close to 3-2 in this restored rivalry.

"We didn't want to see any champagne popping," Odom said. "It wasn't easy. I wouldn't expect it to be."

No team has overcome a 3-1 deficit in the finals to win a title. The first 28 failed, and now the Lakers, who blew a 24-point lead and lost Game 4 and nearly squandered a 19-point lead in Game 5, have a chance to do something extraordinary.

They'll have to win on the Celtics' parquet floor Tuesday night to force a winner-take-all Game 7, where anything is possible.

Especially with Bryant, the game's best player, on hand.

"In training camp if you told us, 'We'll give you two games that you have to win to win a world championship,' we would have taken it in a heartbeat," Bryant said. "This is a great opportunity for us."

The league's MVP and ultimate finisher isn't finished yet.

On a night when Bryant didn't have his best game, the other Lakers came up big. Pau Gasol had 19 points and 13 rebounds, Odom had 11 rebounds and four blocks, Derek Fisher added 15 points and Jordan Farmar came off the bench to get 11.

"We were aggressive. We played hard," Lakers coach Phil Jackson said. "Not smart

all the time, but we played hard."

Paul Pierce led the Celtics with 38 points and played all but two seconds. Kevin Garnett added 13 points and 14 rebounds, and Ray Allen had 16 points. But Boston's Big Three couldn't close out their first chance at winning it all, and now will get two cracks at home.

Following the game, Allen left the arena immediately because of an undisclosed health issue with one of his children.

The Celtics, trying to win their first title since 1986, are consoled by the fact they are going home. They are 47-7 at TD Banknorth Garden this season.

"We wanted to go back home, but we didn't want to play," coach Doc Rivers said. "But now we have to play, and we earned that right. That's why the regular season is so important. We fought for it all year. We have Game 6 at home, and that's not a bad place to be."

After scoring 15 points in the first quarter, Bryant went cold from the floor and finished just 8-of-21. But he made a big steal, poking the ball away from Pierce and streaking down to deliver a two-handed dunk with 37.4 seconds left.

"I just was kind of reading the play and I was able to get my hands on the ball and get out and get a dunk," Bryant said.

The Celtics called a timeout, superfan Jack Nicholson jumped to his feet and the scoreboard in Staples Center flashed: Not In Our House!

On Saturday, Bryant had said "this is far from over," and he could be right.

Accused of being selfish and too tough on his not-as-talented teammates, Bryant can bow to the other Lakers for sending the series back across country. Gasol, the 7-foot Spanish center criticized for being pillowy soft, didn't back down underneath and was able to get Garnett into foul trouble.

But just as they did in

Game 4, when they staged the biggest comeback in finals history, the Celtics pushed the Lakers to the brink of summer with another rally. This one fell a little short, but the outcome was still in doubt when Pierce, who grew up hating Boston like every other kid from L.A., made two free throws with 1:14 remaining to get the Celtics to 97-95.

'A lot of things can happen. We're young enough and dumb enough to be able to do this.'

— Phil Jackson
Lakers Coach

Fisher then missed a jumper and the Celtics appeared to be in business when Pierce fought off two Lakers for a rebound. He made four 3-pointers in the first eight minutes and his free throw gave the Lakers a 25-15 lead. The Celtics were forced to extend their defense, and Bryant made them pay when he faked a long-range shot and fired a pass underneath to Vladimir Radmanovic to make it 29-15.

Odom, a model of inconsistency in the series, drove the lane for a hoop to put the Lakers ahead by 16, and Gasol's bucket in the final second made the overhead scoreboard read: Lakers 39, Celtics 22.

Most teams might panic. Not the Celtics. They were in

and Abdul-Jabbar, and Russell and West.

Before the game, Lakers coach Jackson said the only way for his team to approach a close-out game was to keep playing.

"A lot of things can happen," he said. "We're young enough and dumb enough to be able to do this."

With Bryant, they have the smarts and skills to get it done.

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a bigger hole — 21 points — after the first quarter in Game 4 when they staged their epic rally.

And, sure enough, back Boston came.

When Sasha Vujacic scored, the Lakers' lead bulged to 19, and the oh-so-trendy L.A. faithful were carrying on like a rowdy East coast crowd. That's when the Celtics began chipping away as Pierce scored six points and Tony Allen scored two quick baskets.

The Celtics' rally seemed short-lived when Garnett picked up his third personal, but with the Lakers unable to get anything to drop, Pierce made a layup and 3 to make it 43-39 before Odom finally ended Los Angeles nearly six-minute scoring drought.

The Lakers briefly regrouped but P.J. Brown scored on a putback and Pierce hit another 3-pointer with 5.2 seconds left as the Celtics closed to 55-52 at half and bounded toward their locker just 24 minutes from a title that remains just out of reach.

It's Woods vs. Mediate in US Open playoff

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Superman vs. Everyman. Tiger Woods vs. Rocco Mediate.

The U.S. Open is down to two players, one who needs no introduction and another who insists he's not simply happy to be here.

The 18-hole playoff Monday comes courtesy of a last-second save by Woods, whose 12-foot putt on No. 18 pulled him into a tie with Mediate, the unlikely finalist.

"I'm playing against a monster tomorrow morning," Mediate said.

Surprisingly, though, not an invincible monster.

Woods came into Sunday's final round with a one-stroke lead and a perfect 13-for-13 record in majors when he held at least a share of the lead after 54 holes. He gave the lead away on the first hole, scraping his way through the rough to a double bogey.

Suddenly, what looked like a march toward victory turned into a limp — Woods treading gingerly on that surgically repaired left knee that will now have to make it through 90 holes, not 72.

He said he's happy to get a chance to work through the pain.

"If I don't make that putt, I don't get to continue playing," Woods said. "At least I gave myself a chance to win the tournament tomorrow. And that's all I can ask for."

Woods shot 2-over 73, Mediate even-par 71.

Lee Westwood also had a chance to be in the playoff. Putting just before Woods, he didn't put quite enough on his 15 footer from above the hole and finished third, one stroke behind at even-par 284.

"It's sickening not to be in the playoff," Westwood said.

It will be the first U.S. Open playoff since 2001, when Retief Goosen shot 70 to beat Mark Brooks by two strokes at Southern Hills. It was anticlimactic, as these daylong playoffs often are played in front of a thin crowd and with the result basically decided at the turn.

to get there, you will get a glimmer in the next few days. Tonight: Keep smiling. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

***** You could be overwhelmed by everything that comes forward. Rethink a situation, understanding that others also have limitations. A tense interaction will open the door to greater ease once the air is cleared. Tonight: Hanging out is fun. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

*** Lie low. Try not to get caught up in today's Full Moon energy. Enough is enough. If you have an opportunity, take a break this afternoon. You'll discover you could get a second wind. Tonight: Try a different restaurant. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

***** A child or loved one seems to need a lot of attention. You know how to handle this person. Do whatever is necessary to move in a positive direction. Focus on priorities and a key friendship. Tonight: Where the gang is. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

*** You are in a pressure cooker. No matter which way you turn, you feel like you cannot win. Loosen up when dealing with a friend or roommate. Everyone might be a tad stretched. Tonight: Let someone else make the choice. Let another person begin the conversation.

BORN TODAY
Beatle Paul McCartney (1942), newspaper publisher Edward Scripps (1854), Russian Grand Duchess Anastasia (1901)

***** Visualize a bigger coffee and greater security. Though it might feel close to impossible to figure out the path

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academy in Plainview is \$2,100 a month.

"If they go through the academy here at Clarendon College," he said, "they can start at \$2,245 a month."

The difference is that they will be employed going through the Plainview academy. In Pampa, they won't be employed until they graduate from the academy.

"We will be doing the screening July 8 and 9 and July 23 and 24, right before we start the academy," Nunn said. "We'll run background checks. Even though it's a college course, I don't want somebody putting out their money for the course and us coming back and saying you don't qualify."

He said applicants need to be at least 18-years-old with no felonies and no Class A or

B misdemeanors in the last five years.

"We have a pre-employment test that they also have to pass," Nunn said.

If a person graduates from the academy, Nunn said, they will have a job with TDCJ in Pampa.

He said the state does have good benefits.

"That's a plus for us," Nunn said.

He pointed out that in the past, the prison has allowed prisoners to do community work for the city, but those programs have been cut short, he says, because he doesn't have enough guards to send out with the work crews.

"We still try to keep as many squads of inmates out as we can," Nunn said, "but we've got to have officers to do it."

Pampa City Manager Trevlyn Pitner told the EDC board that four years ago, there were seven crews working around town.

"Now, we have one," Pitner said. "It has a direct impact on our budget."

Nunn said that once a person graduates from the academy, they can transfer after six months, but he said the EDC might want to put a stipulation on the grants that the applicant would have to stay a year.

While Kathy Cota, the board's secretary, worried that TDCJ might transfer new academy graduates to some place that needs guards more, Nunn calmed her fears.

"There's not going to be any place that needs worse than we do," Nunn said. He said they are only 70

percent staffed.

"We're 60 officers short now," Nunn said.

The only question concerning the scholarships was raised by Gary Sutherland, EDC treasurer. He was on the closeout of the Previous Economic Development Corporation that had made loans available for such a program a decade ago.

"If they stayed a full year," Sutherland said, "then they didn't have to pay that back. There were some that didn't stay the full year, and we ended up trying to collect that as we closed out the EDC."

He said he didn't think the EDC should have to monitor such a program, a view with which other board members concurred.

The board agreed that they would make an \$8,400 grant

available to Clarendon College to fund 24 scholarships. If 24 people didn't apply, then the money could be rolled over to another class.

Nunn said Clarendon College had to have 12 people to sign up to make the class. He said he hoped that it would be successful and more classes could be held and TDCJ could hire more

people.

Sutherland said the EDC had the money to put into the project, and he felt this would be a good use for it. It would be one of the more stable areas in which the EDC could create jobs.

"We want to see it fly," Sutherland said.

Wind

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nar dealt with the mechanics of wind energy and efforts to capture it. It dealt with how wind turbines work and the physical forces that drive them and some of the problems with wind energy.

When Fiveash first entered engineering school at the University of Florida in his youth, he said he spent a year studying aerospace engineering. A lot of those terms came back to him, bringing back memories of his college days.

"They got into power distribution and how the system interconnects with outbound power," Fiveash said, "and what the problems are there - the peak periods, the lull periods."

He said there were a variety of people at the Lubbock seminar, ranging from people with no engineering background to public school science teachers to professional engineers involved in wind energy.

"There were people in the land development business," Fiveash said. "There were

construction people that put these things up."

He indicated that there were a number of mayors and councilmen from different cities.

"The course got into economics," Fiveash said. "We had an overview of how wind turbines might affect the desalinization of sea water."

He said most people don't realize that the hub of one of the wind turbines may be spinning at only 20 mph, but 210 out, the tip of the blades may be spinning 200 mph.

"It's a huge amount of air going through one of those things," Fiveash said.

He said the humidity, air temperature and altitude all have a bearing on the turbine.

"It was very, very interesting," he said.

Fiveash said he came back from his travels even more enthused about wind energy than when he left.

"I learned a lot," he said. "I know more now about how things work and how they're related to the wind industry."

Officials say mansion fire politically motivated

AUSTIN (AP) — Investigators said Monday that the arson at the Texas Governor's Mansion was politically motivated and offered a \$50,000 reward for information leading to the arrest of the person who torched the historic building.

State Fire Marshal Paul Maldonado said last week that investigators did not believe the blaze was politically motivated, but changed course Monday.

"It is likely that feelings of anger may have motivated his crime," Maldonado said. "He may be known to get angry and express strong opinions about the government, Governor Perry himself, the death penalty, the renovation of the mansion or other political issues."

Speaking directly to the suspect at a news conference Monday, Maldonado said: "We do feel you had a message and we would like to hear from you. We're not quite sure what that message is, but please contact us."

Maldonado said officials are not yet ready to release video footage of the alleged arsonist, but said investigators believe they are looking for a white male, between 5-foot-9 and 6-1, who was wearing a ball cap, a dark shirt, work-type gloves, blue jeans or cargo style pants.

The suspect is probably physically fit because he was able to scale an 8-foot chain-link fence to get onto the mansion grounds, he said.

Investigators have said video footage shows a suspect in the early morning hours of June 8, standing in front of the Governor's Mansion, igniting an object and throwing it onto the porch of the historic landmark, creating a fireball and blaze that ravaged the 152-year old structure.

Department of Public Safety troopers were on guard at the time.

Experts say the historic landmark is salvageable and Gov. Rick Perry has said he's committed to restoring the mansion no matter the cost. Texas first lady Anita Perry will likely lead the restoration effort, he said last week.

The Perrys had moved out of the mansion last fall for a

renovation project estimated to cost \$10 million. Antique furniture and other relics had been placed in storage.

Experts said protective coverings that had been in place for the renovation may

have spared the house more serious damage.

The two-story Greek Revival style house has been the official home of every Texas governor since it was completed in 1856, including

Sam Houston and George W. Bush.

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