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PD arrests 3 on drug charges

Monday morning, an undercover officer from the Pampa Police Department purchased just under half an ounce of marijuana from James Donald Laden at the Mystic Manor specialty store at 1421 N. Hobart.

Then just after 1 a.m. this morning members of the Pampa Police Department Special Response Team executed a narcotics warrant at 1136 Vernon, arresting two more people for possession of narcotics.

After the Monday drug purchase was made, officers entered the store and placed Laden under arrest. After Laden's arrest a search warrant was obtained for the business. Just under four ounces of marijuana was recovered from

the business, bundled in plastic baggies. The street value of each baggie was said to be \$20.

Due to the close proximity of the Pampa Youth and Community Center and the Community Day Care Center, Laden's charges were enhanced for being in a drug free zone.

He was booked into the Gray County Jail for delivery of marijuana, over .25 ounces but under 5 pounds, in a Drug Free Zone, a third degree felony and for possession of marijuana over two ounces but under four ounces in a Drug Free Zone, a state jail felony.

Laden also had an outstanding warrant for possession of marijuana under two ounces, a class B misdemeanor.

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staff photos by **Betsy Phillips**
 Above, An official of the Pampa Police Department displays marijuana confiscated from a business at 1421 Hobart Street Monday afternoon, April 27, after the arrest of James Laden at that location on charges he sold marijuana to an officer. At left, Haden is placed in a police car for transport to the Gray County Jail.



Local officials attend wind conference

BY DAVID BOWSER
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AMARILLO — The power lines that will stretch from Pampa south to join downstate electrical grids are just part of a larger project, according to Cameron Fredkin with Cross Texas Transmission, LLC.

City of Pampa and Gray County officials were on hand to hear an update on wind energy construction Monday in Amarillo.

It all ties back to an effort by Congress to get wind energy to generate up to 20 percent of the nation's electrical power, Fredkin said, speaking at a wind conference here hosted by Class 4 Winds, a nonprofit wind advocacy group.

The power lines that Fredkin's company is planning to string are part of a statewide project to move electricity generated by wind energy from five Competitive Renewable Energy Zones, or CREZ, basically in West Texas into the regulated Energy Reliability Council of Texas, or ERCOT, market

that covers about 75 percent of the Lone Star State.

Two of the CREZ systems are in the Texas Panhandle.

The Public Utility Commission, or PUC, selected Cross Transmission earlier this year to connect proposed wind farms in the Panhandle B CREZ around Pampa to the ERCOT grid.

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staff photo by **David Bowser**
 Pampa Mayor Lonny Robbins talks with Pampa City Manager Richard Morris during a break at the Class 4 Winds conference in Amarillo Monday.

Traffic stop leads to drug, warrant arrest

BY RACHEL STENNETT
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A traffic stop Friday evening led to the arrest of a Pampa man for multiple charges, including possession/transport of anhydrous ammonia, and possession of methamphetamine and marijuana.

Deputies stopped at vehicle at 9:21 p.m., on Farm to Market Road 749, north of County Road , on suspicious activity.

The driver, Richard Dale Stinnett, 51, of Pampa had existing warrant for allegedly stealing a car, according to Lt. Joe B. Hoard of the GCSO.

Stinnett's vehicle was towed to the Sheriff's office and a search warrant was obtained for the vehicle.

"While executing the search warrant," Hoard said, "We found a plastic bag containing a substance believed to be methamphetamine."

In addition to the meth, officers also found less than two ounces marijuana.

Stinnett was charged with tampering with physical evidence for his apparent attempt to conceal the marijuana from deputies.

Officers obtained a second search warrant for Stinnett's residence. The search was conducted at 4:35 p.m. Saturday, April 25, and revealed a substance believed to be anhydrous ammonia, as well as several items used to manufacture meth. The search also revealed some additional white-powder substance, and an allegedly stolen firearm.

"He was charged with possession/transport of certain chemicals with intent two manufacture a controlled substance," Hoard said.

Stinnett posted a \$76,000 bond Monday morning.

US flu victims may be infecting others

MEXICO CITY (AP) — The swine flu epidemic crossed new borders Tuesday with the first cases confirmed in the Middle East and the Asia-Pacific region, as world health officials said they suspect American patients may have transmitted the virus to others in the U.S.

Most people confirmed

with the new swine flu were infected in Mexico, where the number of deaths blamed on the virus has surpassed 150.

But confirmation that people have been infecting others in locations outside Mexico would indicate that the disease was spreading beyond travelers returning from Mexico,

World Health Organization spokesman Gregory Hartl told reporters on Tuesday in Geneva.

Hartl said the source of some infections in the United States, Canada and Britain was unclear.

The swine flu has already spread to at least six countries besides Mexico, prompting WHO to raise its alert level on Monday but not call for travel bans or border closings. On Tuesday, countries, including Canada, Israel and France, warned their citizens to avoid nonessential travel to Mexico.

"Border controls do not work. Travel restrictions do not work," Hartl said, recalling the 2003 SARS

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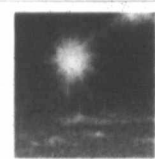

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Wednesday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 76. South wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Wednesday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 58. Windy, with a south wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 84. Northwest wind between 5 and 15 mph.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 56. South southeast wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 77. North northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Friday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 44. Northeast wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

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Texas Two Step results

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Results of the Texas Two Step drawing xxxday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 17-22-26-33. Bonus Ball: 25.

Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 1. Prize: \$425,000.

Winning ticket purchased in: Forney.

Number matching four of four: 5. Prize: \$2,758.

Number matching three of four, plus Bonus Ball: 43. Prize: \$29.

Number matching three of four: 1,093. Prize: \$21.

Number matching two of four, plus Bonus Ball: 778. Prize: \$19.

Number matching one of four, plus Bonus Ball: 4,739. Prize: \$7.

Number matching Bonus Ball alone: 8,923. Prize: \$5.

Estimated jackpot for Thursday night drawing: \$200,000.

Cash Five Texas results

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Results of the Cash 5 drawing Monday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 26-28-29-31-36.

Number matching five of five: 0.

Matching four of five: 77. Prize: \$488

Matching three of five: 2,290. Prize: \$12

Matching two of five: 22,490. Prize: \$2

Next Cash 5 drawing: Tuesday night

Grain prices

The following grain quotations are provided by Atterbury Grain of White Deer. Pries quoted are for the close of the last market day.

Wheat.....	\$4.65
Milo.....	\$4.86
Corn.....	\$6.65

Man in TV interview to killing estranged wife

NACOGDOCHES, Texas (AP) — An East Texas man has admitted in an interview that he killed his estranged wife.

KTRE-TV in Lufkin and Nacogdoches (na-kuh-DOH'-chis) reports that Kyle Barnhill made the admission in a telephone interview that he requested. However, he says he wasn't in his right mind then and still isn't now.

The 40-year-old San Augustine man remains in the Nacogdoches County Jail with bond set at \$2 million.

Prosecutors have charged Barnhill with murder in the slaying last month of 38-year-old Melissa Kesinger Barnhill.

Police say the Barnhills had separated and were divorcing when the woman was fatally shot through a kitchen window of her Nacogdoches home March 11.

The defendant was arrested March 16 in the Eagle Pass area, about 500 miles from Nacogdoches, and returned to East Texas.

Daily 4 results evening drawing

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 2-8-2-3. Sum It Up: 15 (two, eight, two, three. Sum It Up: fifteen)

Pick 3 results nighttime drawing

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 9-4-6. Sum It Up: 19 (nine, four, six. Sum It Up: nineteen)

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Emergency Services

PAMPA PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following calls between 7 a.m. Monday and 7 a.m. Today.

Monday
Officers conducted 11 traffic stops.

A total of nine calls and/or stops concerning animals were made.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 300 block of South Miami, the 1000 block of North Duncan, the 1100 block of West Sandelewood, the 800 block of East Browning, the 1000 block of East Foster, the 1400 block of North Hobart, and the 2400 block of North Charles.

Motor vehicle accidents were reported were reported in the intersection of Charles and 24th streets, and the 100 block of East Harvester.

Four attempts to serve papers were made.

A runaway was reported in the lobby of the PD.

A burglary was reported in the 300 block of Craven, where a 20 gallon air compressor was stolen.

Suspicious person calls were received from the intersection of Brown and Barnes street, and the 300 block of South Miami.

Harassment was reported

in the 2800 block of North Charles.

Forgery was reported in the 400 block of East Frederic.

An offense against family and children was reported in the 300 block of South Cuyler.

A welfare check was made in the 1400 block of West Somerville.

Narcotics violations were reported in the 1100 block of North Hobart, and the 1100 block of Varnon.

Criminal trespass was reported in the lobby of the PD.

Theft was reported in the 1500 block of North Banks.

A violation of a city ordinance was reported in the intersection of Grape and 20th streets.

A silent/abusive 911 call was received from the 1800 block of North Hamilton.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 500 block of North Powell.

Tuesday
Disorderly conduct was reported in the 900 block of South Hobart.

Officers conducted one traffic stop.

A prowler was reported in the 400 block of North Warren.

FIRE

Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls

between 7 a.m. Monday and 7 a.m. Today.

Monday
9:42 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 1900 block of Duncan on a lift assist.

8:09 p.m. — Three units and eight personnel responded to the 100 block of South Starkweather on an electrical fire.

SHERIFF

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests.

Monday
James Donald Lade, 40, of Pampa was arrested by the Pampa Police Department for delivery of marijuana, greater than one fourth ounce, but less than five pounds in a drug free zone, possession of marijuana greater than two ounces but less than four ounces in a drug free zone, and bond surrender on possession of marijuana, two ounces or less.

Pamela Jane Woodruff, 47, of Pampa was arrested by the PD for theft of property, greater than \$20 but less than \$500 by check, and a PPD fine.

Brian Fid Garrison, 37, of Amarillo was arrested by the GCSO for fraudulent use/possession of identifying information, forgery of a financial instrument,

no valid identification, and criminal trespass.

Tuesday
Billy Eugene Massengale, 34, of Borger was arrested by the GCSO for burglary of a building.

Lionel Ray Nash, 25, of Pampa was arrested by the PPD for possession of a controlled substance, greater than one ounce but less than four ounces.

Rena Daniele Williams, 30, of Pampa was arrested by the PPD for possession of a controlled substance, greater than one ounce but less than four ounces, and possession of marijuana, less than two ounces.

AMBULANCE

Guardian EMS reported the following calls between 7 a.m. Monday and 7 a.m. Today.

Monday
3:25 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2700 block of North Hobart and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

Tuesday
12:29 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 700 block of North Nelson. No patients were transported.

5:00 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 900 block of Schneider and transported a patient to PRMC.

Falling light pole reports surface

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission has announced it will investigate topped light poles to try to determine the cause of the failures.

The decision announced last week came after the Austin American-Statesman reported on toppled light poles in Texas and elsewhere. One fell over recently at the Bill Power Stadium in Uniontown, Pa., where an 80-foot athletic light tower crashed to the ground, crushing bleachers. The stadium was empty at the time.

"The potential for some really nasty stuff was there," said school Superintendent Charles Machesky.

Two weeks ago, an American-Statesman investigation found that in the past three years eight athletic lighting poles, all designed and fabricated by

the same Fort Worth companies, had fallen across the country. The newspaper since has confirmed that five other poles made and designed by the same companies have fallen, the Uniontown pole among them. No one has been injured.

Two poles fell in Central Texas, in the Hays and Round Rock school districts. Poles have also fallen in Kentucky, Mississippi, South Dakota and Massachusetts.

The Consumer Product Safety Commission said Thursday engineers will look for the cause of the topped Texas-made poles, according to spokeswoman Kathleen Reilly.

In addition to the poles that have fallen, many others have been removed for fear they would fall soon. As of the end of last week, at least 80 poles nationally had been removed or had extra support added

to keep them standing. In each case, the poles, which weigh as much as 3 tons and in theory should last decades, were erected only a few years earlier.

The damaged poles all appear to have the same lineage, according to former company executives and engineers who have studied the failures. They were designed by Whitco Co. LLP and fabricated to Whitco's specifications by another Fort Worth company, Makers Co. Inc.

A Mexican company, Grupo Polesa, through its American arm, TransAmerican Power Products Inc. of Houston, supplied the metal shafts, but engineers who have examined the poles have not identified that company's work as contributing to the failures.

Started as a family business in 1969, Whitco was sold in 2000 to a group of out-of-state investors. The company's name is on the light poles' warranties, although Whitco declared bankruptcy in 2006.

(An investment group purchased the Whitco name in 2006. Although the new company is also named Whitco and sells light poles,

a spokesman said it was an unrelated entity.)

Though former Whitco executives said they sold hundreds of the so-called high-mast athletic lighting poles between 2001 and 2006, no one has been able to reconstruct a comprehensive customer list to warn current owners of the potential danger.

A former official of Whitco declined to comment to the American-Statesman.

Makers Co. president Greg Haskin, who said his company only welded the shafts to baseplates according to Whitco's specifications, said that in about 2000, when Whitco was purchased, some of the company's designs changed.

In failed Whitco poles Haskin has since examined, he said, "some of them basically were overloaded. The base plate should have been a thicker base plate. The tube should've been thicker for the load. It appears that some of these poles were underdesigned."

Whitco's bankruptcy has meant that in many instances pole owners have to bear replacement costs.

Texas getting stimulus funds for wildlife projects

ANAHUAC, Texas (AP) — More than \$6.4 million will be spent to replace the Texas Chenier Plain Refuge headquarters and visitor center destroyed by Hurricane Ike, Interior Secretary Ken Salazar said Monday.

The money for the facilities in Chambers County is part of the \$29.9 million the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service plans to spend as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act on 129 improvement projects for national wildlife refuges and national fish hatcheries in Texas, Oklahoma, Arizona and New Mexico.

Salazar said in a statement on Monday that jobs would be created from construction, energy efficiency, habitat restoration and other improvement projects.

The agency also plans to spend \$1.7 million for continued restoration on the Bahia Grande Restoration wetland unit at Laguna Atascosa National Wildlife Refuge in the Rio Grande Valley. The project includes building two bridges and a low water crossing.

Texas woman dies when car hits house in western NY

PENDLETON, N.Y. (AP) — A Texas woman has been killed in a crash after the car she was riding in slammed into a house outside Buffalo.

State police say 41-year-old Paul Sonnenmeier of Mesquite Texas was driving on a road in the Niagara County town of Pendleton Monday morning when his vehicle left the road and hit a house.

Troopers say 45-year-old Linda Hosler of Mesquite was taken from the scene but pronounced dead at a local hospital.

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Flu cases rise

such as Tamiflu, and make sure national plans are in place to ease the impact of a larger outbreak.

"Governments will need to start thinking about larger-scale care for a specific disease in accident and emergency wards," he said. "Do they have the infrastructure? Do they have the equipment? Do they have the medicines? This is the time, now, to prepare."

WHO raised the alert level to Phase 4, meaning there is sustained human-to-human transmission causing outbreaks in at least one country. WHO's pandemic alert system was revised after bird flu in Asia began to spread in 2004. Monday was the first time it has ever been raised above Phase 3.

Flu deaths are nothing new in the United States or elsewhere. The Atlanta-based Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that about 36,000 people died of flu-related causes each year, on average, during the 1990s in the United States.

But the new flu strain is a combination of pig, bird and human viruses that humans may have no natural immunity to.

Tuesday, Mexico City Mayor Marcelo Ebrard ordered gyms, sports clubs, swimming pools and pool halls closed — extending a growing shutdown that already included schools, state-run theaters and other public places.

The city was evaluating whether to keep open a subway system that provides 5 million trips a day.

New Zealand reported Tuesday that 11 people who recently returned from Mexico contracted the virus. Tests conducted at a WHO laboratory in Australia had confirmed three cases of swine flu among 11 members of the group who were showing symptoms, New Zealand Health Minister Tony Ryall said.

Officials decided that was evidence enough to assume the whole group was infected, he said.

Israel's Health Ministry confirmed Tuesday the region's first swine flu case in the city of Netanya. The patient, 26, recently returned from Mexico and had contracted it. A

hospital official said the patient had recovered, but will remain hospitalized until the health ministry approves his release.

A hospital in the central town of Kfar Saba said a 47-year-old man who returned from Mexico two days ago and checked himself in when he felt ill had the strain and was being kept in isolation. He was expected to recover.

Meanwhile, a second case was confirmed Tuesday in Spain, Health Minister Trinidad Jimenez said, a day after the country reported its first case. The 23-year-old student, one of 26 patients under observation, was not in serious condition, Jimenez said.

With the virus spreading, the U.S. stepped up checks of people entering the country and warned Americans to avoid nonessential travel to Mexico.

"We anticipate that there will be confirmed cases in more states as we go through the coming days," Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano said on NBC's "Today" show on Tuesday.

The Food and Drug Administration late Monday issued emergency guidance that allows certain antiviral drugs to be used in a broader range of the population in case mass dosing is needed to deal with an outbreak.

Mexico, where the number of deaths believed caused by swine flu rose by 50 percent on Monday to 152, is suspected to be the center of the outbreak. But Mexican Health Secretary Jose Angel Cordova late Monday said no one knows where the outbreak began, and implied it may have started in the U.S.

"I think it is very risky to say, or want to say, what the point of origin or dissemination of it is, given that there had already been cases reported in southern California and Texas," Cordova told a press conference.

Mexico City Health Secretary Armando Ahued said three people died in the capital Monday, but it was unclear if they were included in the national toll. He said 6,610 people went to city hospitals Monday with flu symptoms, but only 29 were remained hospital-

ized.

Dr. Nancy Cox of the CDC has said she believes the earliest onset of swine flu in the U.S. was on March 28. Cordova said a sample taken from a 4-year-old boy in Mexico's Veracruz state in early April tested positive for swine flu. However, it is not known when the boy, who later recovered, became infected.

A decision by WHO to put an alert at Phases 4 or 5 signals that the virus is becoming increasingly adept at spreading among humans. Phase 6 is for a full-blown pandemic, characterized by outbreaks in at least two regions of the world.

Fifty cases — none fatal and most of them mild — were confirmed in the United States. Including the New Zealand, Israeli and new Spanish reports, there were 92 confirmed cases worldwide on Tuesday. That included six in Canada, one in Spain and two in Scotland.

Amid the alarm, there was a spot of good news. The number of new cases reported by Mexico's largest government hospitals has been declining the past three days, Cordova said, from 141 on Saturday to 119 on Sunday and 110 Monday.

Symptoms include a fever of more than 100, coughing, joint aches, severe headache and, in some cases, vomiting and diarrhea. Many victims have been in their 30s and 40s — not the very old or young who typically succumb to the flu.

So far, no deaths from the new virus have been reported outside Mexico.

It could take four to six months before the first batch of vaccines are available, WHO said. Some anti-flu drugs do work once someone is sick.

The best way to keep the disease from spreading, the CDC's acting director, Richard Besser, said, is by taking everyday precautions such as frequent handwashing, covering up coughs and sneezes, and staying away from work or school if not feeling well.

Russia, Hong Kong and Taiwan said they would quarantine visitors showing symptoms of the virus.

Texas treating swine flu as pandemic

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The head of Texas' health department tells lawmakers he expects some Americans eventually will die of swine flu.

Dr. David Lakey, the head of the Department of State Health Services, told the House Committee on Public Health on Tuesday that state officials are treating the outbreak as a pandemic, despite its mild effects on Americans who have been infected.

Lakey said the Legislature spent \$10

Gov't: Stern border enforcement not yet necessary

WASHINGTON (AP) — Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano said Tuesday the policy of passive surveillance for swine flu at U.S. airports and land ports "makes sense" and sterner steps are not yet necessary.

Napolitano also said the Obama administration wouldn't wait for a World Health Organization declaration of a pandemic to deliver a pandemic-like response.

The secretary, who has taken a lead role in the administration's response to the flu breakout, went on morning news shows to assure the American public that the government was ready and able to respond to

million on antiviral medicine last session. Gov. Rick Perry's request for additional medication from the federal government brings the state's total to 1.69 million courses of antiviral medication.

The Austin American-Statesman reported Lakey's remarks on its Web site.

The state has six confirmed cases of swine flu — three in Dallas County and three in Guadalupe County.

Some 50 people have been infected in this country so far, but there have been no reports of deaths, in contrast to neighboring Mexico, where approximately 150 deaths have been reported.

Wind energy conference

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While the CREZ system is designed to deliver a total of 18,456 megawatts of electricity from wind energy into the ERCOT system, about 5,400 megawatts of that will come from the two panhandle zones.

Fredkin said that most of the demand is in the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex, Waco, Austin and San Antonio and Houston areas. The CREZ system power lines is essentially the highway that will provide the transportation of wind generated electricity from the wide open spaces of West Texas to the urban markets.

The panhandle part of the CREZ system represents an investment of over \$800 million. "By the time you add in financing costs, it is close to a billion dollars on the transmission side of the business," Fredkin said. "What that means for the community here is great. We're going to have construction jobs. There will be some operation and maintenance jobs." There will be increased tax revenues for local communities. "Really, the transmission is just the conduit," Fredkin said. "It's just the foundation for delivering the wind." The greatest interest, he said, is in the wind.

"The wind energy facilities are really going to represent investment many times over this \$800 million," Fredkin said. "If it fully gets built out, it will represent billions of dollars in investment, which will lead to more tax dollars, more construction jobs and probably more long term operating and maintenance jobs. There's great potential for benefits here in the community."

There will also have to be connections from the wind farms to the substations. That represents additional investments.

Fredkin admitted that there is still a little uncertainty in the timing of the projects, but slowly the pieces are coming together.

He said the state has about another 30 days to come up with a sequencing plan to begin the power transmission project. He said they should have a schedule by June or July.

While there are issues, Fredkin said he thinks those challenges will be resolved this year and the CREZ projects, along with wind farm construction, will move forward.

Mark Caskey with Sharyland Utilities, which is building the adjoining CREZ system to the southwest of Pampa, said he expects to see wind farms being built simultaneously with the transmission lines.

Fredkin said Cross Texas defining their study areas. Once that's done, they will start identifying routes for

the power lines and present those to the PUC.

"Once we identify our routes," Fredkin said, "we'll get into identifying the landowners on those routes. We'll hold public meetings."

The PUC will ultimately be responsible for selecting one of the routes that Cross Texas submits.

Landowners that could be affected by the routes will be notified by mail, Fredkin said. He said there will also be newspaper announcements notifying the public of the meetings.

Those meetings, he said, will probably be in the fall.

Fredkin said he expects the company's applications for the power lines will go to the PUC in early 2010.

He said construction should start in 2011.

Right now, Fredkin said, the company is looking for office space and locations for their substations.

Drug charges arrests

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If convicted Laden faces 10 years imprisonment and a \$10,000 fine for the third degree felony, and two years and a \$10,000 fine for the state jail felony, and 180 days and a \$2,000 fine for the class B misdemeanor.

At approximately 1:15 a.m. today, Officers of the Pampa Police Department Special Response Team and Patrol Division executed a narcotics search warrant at 1136 Varnon.

Lionel Ray Nash, 25, and

Renaee Daniele Johnson, 30, were arrested at the scene and booked into the Gray County Jail.

Approximately 3.2 grams of suspected methylenedioxymethamphetamine (MDMA) or ecstasy, a residual amount of suspected crack cocaine, and approximately .23 ounces of marijuana were seized from the residence. A handgun was also seized.

Both Nash and Johnson were charged with Possession of a Controlled

Substance, Penalty Group 2, over 1 gram under 4 grams, a third degree felony.

If convicted, Nash and Johnson each face 10 years imprisonment and a \$10,000 fine for the 3rd degree felony.

Johnson was also charged with Possession of Marijuana under two ounces, a class B misdemeanor. If convicted, Johnson faces 180 days imprisonment and a \$2,000 fine for the class B misdemeanor.

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Theme for the week
"Arise and Build"
Lessons from Ezra & Nehemiah

April 26th-29th

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From Dumas, TX

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Week Night 7:30 pm

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Ephesians 4:15



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School Board Place 4
Charles Smith

Early Vote: April 27 8:30-5:00 @ Court House
Election: May 9th @ M.K. Brown

Around town

EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

- PHS will have a Sophomore Parent Meeting on May 12th at 6:00 P.M. in the PHS auditorium to relay information regarding our partnership with Clarendon College and the dual credit opportunities for our students at PHS.
- Gray County Genealogical Society will hold their monthly meeting at 7 p.m. the fourth Monday of each month, except for December. Visitors are welcome.
- Members of Crowley, Texas, High School Class of 1989 are organizing a class reunion. For more information, e-mail chs89reunion@gmail.com or contact Nancy Dodgen Dyess (817) 994-0969 or Misty Shewmaker Hollis at (817) 991-8090.
- Pampa Book Club will meet at 10 a.m. the second Wednesday of each month in the Texas Room of Lovett Memorial Library. The 2009 reading schedule is as follows: April 8, "The Glass Castle" by Jeannette Walls. The May 13 book for review will be announced at a later date. Public welcome.
- T.O.P.S. Club, a weight loss group, is seeking new members. The club meets from 5:30-6:30 p.m. each Monday at 513 E. Francis. New members welcome.
- T.O.P.S. Club, a weight loss group, meets at 11:30 a.m. at noon each Monday at St. Paul's Methodist Church, 511 N. Hobart.

7-H Raiders basketball



The 7-H Cattle Raiders traveling basketball team recently finished third in the Canadian YMCA basketball tournament this past weekend. The Raiders are 4th and 5th grade boys but compete in the 5th and 6th grade divisions. Physical size has been a major disadvantage thru the season, but the Raiders make up size with heart and determination.

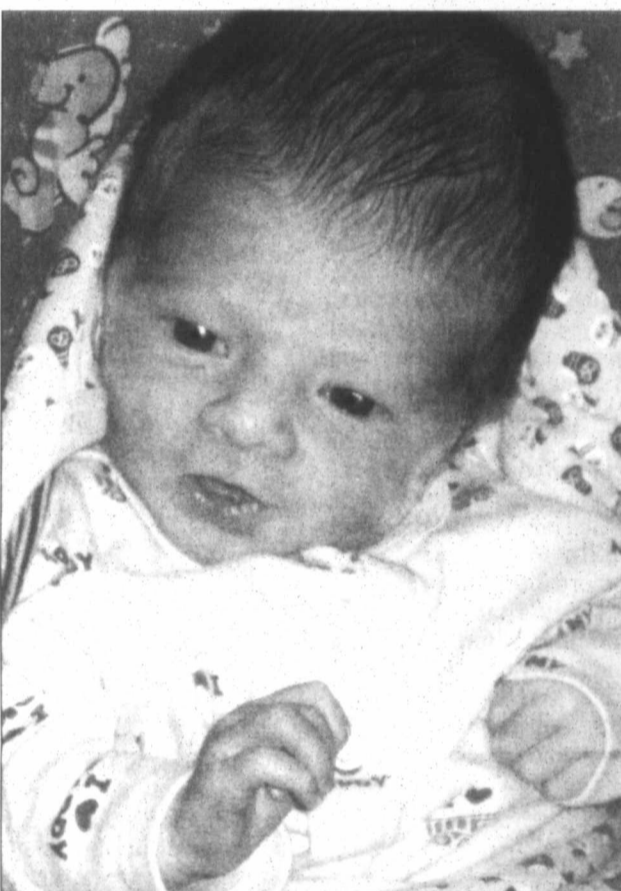
Canadian Tournament

- Adam Zuniga - 11 steals, 4 assists, 7 rebounds, 2 (3 pt.), 4 (2 pt.), 16 total pts.
- Kyndan Lott - 2 steals, 1 assist, 5 rebounds, 3 (3 pt.), 3 (2 pt.), 15 total pts.
- Zach Wilson - 9 steals, 3 assists, 9 rebounds, 3 (3 pt.), 2 (2 pt.), 18 total pts.
- Colton Thompson - 2 steals, 0 assists, 8 rebounds, 0 (3 pt.), 4 (2 pt.), 8 total pts.
- Bryson Burrell - 5 steals, 3 assists, 12 rebounds, 1 (3 pt.), 6 (2 pt.), 16 total pts.
- Jared Lake - 0 steals, 1 assist, 6 rebounds, 1 (3 pt.), 2 (2 pt.), 7 total pts.
- Rhett Harden - 3 steals, 2 assists, 7 rebounds, 0 (3pt.), 5 (2 pt.), 10 total pts.
- TEAM STATS - 32 steals, 14 assists, 54 rebounds, 10 (3 pt.), 26 (2 pts.), 8 (FTM), 10 fouls, 89 total pts



submitted by Tommy and Denise Downs
Maggie Hernandez, 7, bagged her first turkey, taken on a family farm in Wheeler County opening day of spring Turkey Season, April 4.

WELCOME



Pierce Lenox Mote

Ty and Mitsziko Mote are proud to announce the arrival of their son, Pierce Lenox Mote, who was born April 2, 2009 at 6:40 p.m. at Presbyterian Hospital of Denton. Pierce weighed 7 lbs 3 oz and was 18 1/2" long at birth. His arrival is also celebrated by his sister, Antigone, and grandparents, Jerry and Cindy Mote of Krum, TX, Tom and Becky Mechler of Amarillo, TX, and Tamara Pope of Conroe, TX.

OPTIMIST BASEBALL

by John Warner
The first seven batters scored as Glo-Valve Service opened 11-12 Cal Ripken League play at Optimist Park Monday by blasting Cabot Corporation 20-0.

Ryan Powell and Brody Gains combined to throw a perfect game, allowing no Cabot baserunners. Powell struck out four and was credited with the win. Gains fanned two.

Aaron Allen started the first inning rally by drawing a walk. He stole second and third and came home on a single by Powell. Gains followed with a run scoring double. Casey Martindale slammed a massive two-run homer over the left field wall to make the score 4-0.

Chance Douglas continued the rally with a triple. He scored when Zach Hill singled. Hill made two steals and came home on a Colton Thompson single. Thompson stole two bases and tallied on a passed ball making the score 7-0.

In the second inning a walk and a stolen base by Jason Velasquez, an infield out and a sacrifice fly hit by Powell and dropped by an outfielder brought in another run for Glo-Valve. Powell stole second and scooted home on another hit by Gaines. Gaines had a pair of thefts and alertly took home on an infield out

by Douglas.

J. T. Skinner started a 10 run rally in the third by reaching base on an error. Walks to Michael Mechelay, Erick Kuehne and Velasquez produced a run. Allen was hit by a pitch to force in another run. An infield out, a fielder's choice, a walk to Martindale and consecutive hits by Douglas and Hill brought in five more runs. An error followed by three walks rounded out the scoring.

Brett West was the outstanding defensive player for Cabot with three assists from second base which led to putouts. Hill, playing third base for Glo-Valve, cut off a ball headed for left field and made a strong throw to first for an out for Glo-Valve's outstanding defensive play.

Gaines, with three runs, two hits and three RBI, was the leading hitter for Glo-Valve. Close behind were Hill with two hits, two runs and three RBI and Douglas with two hits, two runs and two RBI.

Today's game features Rotary Club and Duncan, Fraser & Bridges Insurance Agency at 5:45 p.m. Official opening day is scheduled for Saturday when most of the Optimist teams will play.

The Pampa Optimist Youth Club is a Pampa United Way agency.

Learn to camp at Caprock Canyons Park

QUITTAQUE— Have you always wanted to take your family camping, but really weren't sure how to go about it? If so, Caprock Canyons State Park will be hosting a two-day program May 9 - 10.

During the overnight Texas Outdoor Family program, families will spend much of the weekend learning not only how to pitch a tent, cook outdoors and learn about nature, but also how to use a global positioning system (GPS) to navigate trails and locate hidden caches. Campers will get the chance to try fishing and kayaking in Lake Theo.

The workshop costs \$55 per family (up to six people), and includes individual car camping sites for each family, restrooms with hot showers, professional park ranger-led programs and instruction, overnight state park police officer public safety and security, and a curriculum developed specifically for use and enjoyment of a state park.

Visit the <http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/learning/bof/> Texas Outdoor Family Web page for more information. Families can register by calling (512) 389-8903.

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR READERS: After the letter from "Frantic Mom in Philadelphia" (Jan. 30) was published, several physicians wrote to express concern that I was suggesting that doctors violate the HIPAA laws by talking to families without consent. This is not what I was suggesting. The goal of HIPAA (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act) is to protect patient information and standardize the transmission of patient health information.

The Health and Human Services Office for Civil Rights Web site (www.hhs.gov/ocr/hipaa) offers a variety of resources to help people understand HIPAA. The rules are complex and -- like any rules -- can have unintended consequences. They were NOT meant to discourage doctor-family communication, but only to give patients some control over their medical information.

Doctors are well within their rights to encourage patients to give consent for sharing information with family members, and they need to explain why it's important. Collaboration is needed when families are deeply involved in their loved ones' care. Research has shown that when family members are involved, patients with serious mental illness stay better longer and have fewer relapses. The patient and therapist TOGETHER can specify what information can and cannot be shared.

Parents like "Frantic Mom in Philadelphia" become more anxious and depressed when they have no information on how to help their children, which creates additional family stress.

Parents who are financially supporting a child over the age of 21 may decide the conditions under which they will continue their support and pay for treatment. They may decide that one of those conditions is that they have some basic information from the patient and therapist about how they can help. I am NOT suggesting that the family should get access to their son's full records, but only that they should be given basic information on how to help and what to expect.

DEAR ABBY: Over the past few years I have noticed a trend in the recorded phone messages of businesses I deal with over the course of a day. It is the use of the phrase, "We'll get back to you at our earliest convenience."

Abby, is it just me, or does that phrase imply that it's about their convenience and not their customers'? There

was a time when the sentiment was, "We'll help you as soon as possible." Am I being too literal here? -- BOB IN COSTA MESA, CALIF.

DEAR BOB: Many businesses rely on automated phone answering systems as a cost-saver because it means they don't have to hire someone to do it. The fact that this offends you enough that you have written to me indicates that you are old enough to remember when customer service came first. I agree with you that given a choice I, too, would prefer to deal with a human being.

Sudoku

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

3	1	8	7	2	9	5	4	6
2	6	5	4	8	3	9	1	7
7	4	9	6	1	5	3	8	2
6	8	7	3	5	1	2	9	4
9	5	3	2	6	4	1	7	8
4	2	1	8	9	7	6	5	3
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THE STARS Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Listen to news and start up talks. Communication flourishes at an unprecedented level. Others could be surprised by your focus and direction. You could be more angry than you realize. Stop before you say something you might regret. Tonight: Head home.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Keep talks going and open doors. You could be sitting on a lot of anger without knowing it. Speak your mind so that there are no questions. An easy flow could be established before you know it. Understand rather than judge. Tonight: Fun and games.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Expenses easily could tumble out of control. Could shopping also be soaring and you are the victim of inadvertent spending? A meeting could be loaded with hot energy. Remember, an argument is as easy as an agreement. Tonight: Easy does it.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Your words are not falling on deaf ears, though a boss or someone you look up to could be a lot to bear. Mobilize others to help make what you want happen. An easy, steady approach draws success. Tonight: Sometimes not saying it all is smart.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Think rather than talk. Share rather than monopolize. What you are doing could draw shocking reactions. If you want, consider alternatives right now. Act in a few days. Trust that there is more emerging or coming up. Tonight: Take some personal time.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You could be more negative than you realize. Refocus; maybe a more detached approach would work. Look to others for suggestions. In fact, just observe if you don't want to ask. What is important is the long-term goal. Tonight: Where the gang is.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Understand what is going on behind the scenes. You could decide that you need to take charge. It isn't out of the question to allow a critical associate to take over. Let this person see what you are dealing with. Tonight: Don't even consider vanishing.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You might want to read between the lines. How you handle someone or what goes on behind the scenes might not be clear just yet. Detach and observe. Note what isn't being said as opposed to what is. Tonight: Choose a relaxing activity.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Work with individuals rather than groups if you want to succeed. What might be difficult at first eases up and becomes a possibility. Review a situation. Stay on top of your game. A boss could be a problem. Tonight: A must appearance.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Defer to others, knowing that you might not be able to do what you want just yet. Keep smiling and watch how everything plays out. Let your creativity come into play. You might want to focus on more fun issues. Tonight: Sort through your options.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Easy works, especially if you can relax and handle a problem. Your ability to move past the obvious and get to the real issue earmarks your decisions and actions. Incorporate an exercise plan in the near future. Tonight: Work late if you need be.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Tap into your creativity, and get past a problem. You might want to revise your plans as a result. No matter what you are doing, do squeeze in some fun. You cannot suppress your innate self-expression. — so don't. Tonight: Take a midweek romp.

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