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## CINCO CELEBRATION



staff photos by **Rachel Stennett**  
Above, Matachines dancers from St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School perform at the Cinco De Mayo festival yesterday on the front lawn of Pampa High School.  
At right, a Pampa High School drama team member paints the flag of Mexico on the face of Destiny Portillo, a third grade Austin Elementary student.  
The Cinco de Mayo celebration was held from 3 to 6 p.m. Tuesday, May 5.



## Early voting results

Early voting totals for Gray County from the office of Gray County Joint Elections Administrator Linda Lewis, these are totals as of 5 p.m. Tuesday, May 5, the last day of early voting.

PAMPA: 314  
LEFORS: 38  
MCLEAN: 55

Election Day, polls will be open from 7 a.m., until 7 p.m. Saturday, May 9. The polling location for Pampa voters is M.K. Brown Auditorium.

## 12 indicted by Gray County grand jury

BY **RACHEL STENNETT**  
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A Gray County Grand Jury handed up 12 indictments in the 31<sup>st</sup> District Court on April 30. The indictments included one first-degree felony, three second-degree felonies, five third-degree felonies, and three state-jail felonies.

Leo Dan Badillo, 19, was indicted for aggravated sexual assault of a child. Bond was set on the first-degree felony at \$50,000.

According to the indictment, on January 13, 2009, Badillo allegedly intentionally or knowingly caused the sexual penetration of a child under 14 years of age.

Jason Lee McKenney, 23, was indicted for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. Bond was set for the second-degree felony at \$25,000. McKenney was also indicted for injury to a child/elderly/disabled person with intent to cause bodily injury. Bond was set on the third-degree felony at \$15,000.

The indictment states that on September 5, 2008, McKenney allegedly intentionally or knowingly threatened Stacey McKenney with imminent bodily injury by hitting Stacey McKenney and used or exhibited a deadly weapon, a knife, during the assault. On the same day, the indictment says McKenney did intentionally or knowingly cause bodily injury to a child 14 years of age or younger by hitting the child.

Cheryl Knipp Bridge, 50, was indicted for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. Bond was set on the second-degree felony at \$15,000.

According to the indictment, on September 20, 2008 Bridge allegedly intentionally or knowingly, or recklessly caused bodily injury to Damon Cox by striking him with a vehicle.

Dominique Amy Carter, 40, was indicted for unlawful possession of a firearm by felon, enhanced. Bond was set on the second-degree felony at \$15,000.

According to the indictment, on August 17, 2008 Carter allegedly intentionally or knowingly possessed a firearm. Carter was previously convicted of possession of a controlled substance on March 5, 2004. On July 25, 2003 Carter was convicted of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

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## TEACHERS OF THE YEAR Austin's Wheeler loves her job



Angel Wheeler, Austin Elementary teacher of the year, explains the field trip schedule to her students Jacob Ebenkamp and Allie O'Brien while at Career Day at M.K. Brown today.

BY **RACHEL STENNETT**  
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Angel Wheeler never thought she would be a teacher, but now after being in the profession for nine years and being awarded Austin Elementary's Teacher of the Year, she can imagine doing nothing else.

"Teaching is never the same," Wheeler said as she explained her love of the job. "Every day is new, with new challenges."

After graduating from college at West Texas A&M, Wheeler worked a day care and realized that she wanted to work with and interact with kids on a daily basis. Wheeler went back to school and became a certified elementary education teacher.

Since then, she has worked at Travis elementary teaching second and third grades for five years, and taught for two years at Wilson Elementary as a Class Interventionist.

"I felt like I wasn't making a direct impact everyday, so I decided to go back into teaching," she said.

Wheeler said she thinks she has found her permanent niche teaching second grade at Austin.

"I love teaching at this level because the kids are eager to learn and the kids are loving," Wheeler said about her second grade students.

Wheeler was humble about her recognition as Teacher of the Year, but said that as a teacher she tries to treat students how she would want her own kids to be treated by a teacher, even the more difficult students.

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## PAMPA FORECAST

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		
High 87 Low 61	High 73 Low 49	High 66 Low 48

**Thursday:** Sunny, with a high near 87. North northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

**Thursday Night:** A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 61. East southeast wind between 5 and 15 mph.

**Friday:** Mostly cloudy, with a high near 73. Calm wind becoming north northeast between 10 and 15 mph.

**Friday Night:** A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 49. East northeast wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

**Saturday:** Mostly cloudy, with a high near 66. Windy, with a north wind 20 to 25 mph becoming east northeast 10 to 15 mph. Winds could gust as high as 35 mph.

**Saturday Night:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 48. Southeast wind around 10 mph.

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## 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.....	\$5.02
Milo.....	\$5.46
Corn.....	\$7.24

## Cash Five Texas results

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

Winning numbers drawn: 3-14-15-23-30.  
Number matching five of five: 0.  
Matching four of five: 54. Prize: \$676  
Matching three of five: 2,408. Prize: \$11  
Matching two of five: 24,895. Prize: \$2  
Next Cash 5 drawing: Wednesday night.

## Houston transit officer kills assault suspect

HOUSTON (AP) — A Houston transit police officer shot and killed a knife-wielding man who authorities said lunged at the officer during efforts to take the man into custody for questioning about an alleged assault.

The Houston Chronicle reported Tuesday's fatal shooting was the first involving the Metro's law enforcement division since its creation in 1982. A bystander was wounded.

Houston police said a woman flagged down an officer mid-morning and said she had been assaulted. Two officers used Tasers on the man after he failed to comply with instructions and acted threateningly. Authorities said motorcycle officer R.L. Harrington shot and killed the man when he started swinging his knife.

Metro Police Chief Thomas Lambert said Harrington would be reassigned to administrative duties while the shooting is investigated.

## No Mega Millions winner; jackpot \$17 million

ATLANTA (AP) — There has been a rollover in the grand prize for the multistate Mega Millions lottery — to \$17 million.

The rollover occurred because no player matched all the winning numbers from Tuesday night's \$12 million drawing.

The next Mega Millions drawing will be Friday night. Although there was no grand prize winner, three players won second prizes of \$250,000 apiece. Another 20 players, including two who bought tickets in Illinois, won third prizes of \$10,000 apiece.

The winning numbers from Tuesday night's drawing were: five, 23, 38, 39, 54. The Mega Ball number was three.

## Daily 4 results evening drawing

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Tuesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 3-8-7-5. Sum It Up: 23 (three, eight, seven, five. Sum It Up: twenty-three)

## Pick 3 results nighttime drawing

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 3-1-3. Sum It Up: 7 (three, one, three. Sum It Up: seven)

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## Obituaries

### Majaunta Jo Sloan Hills

Majaunta Jo Sloan Hills, matriarch of the Family Hills and woman of God, passed into her eternal reward in Heaven on April 26, 2009. Although a Texan by choice and by heart, she had been in North Carolina since 2002 in the loving care of her daughter GERALYN KLEFFMAN and her family and of many wonderful people.

Mom, as she will always be known by her children and their families, was born in Stratford, Oklahoma, July 26, 1920. When she was two years old, her mother, the late Patsy Villines Sloan McKNERNEY, took her from Oklahoma to Southern California where she grew up as child of the roaring '20's.

In her teen years, Mom received a gift from God in the form of a truly miraculous cure through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This healing led her to become a faithful Catholic and started Mom into a life of honoring Mary the Mother of God.

In 1939, while Mom as in nurses training at Mercy Hospital in San Diego, California, Mom met "Tex". Mom stole the blue-eyed man of her dreams from her best friend and married him in Las Vegas, Nevada on August 31, 1941. He was Forrest Nelson Hills, son

of the late A. D. and Olive Hills of Pampa. The rest as they say was history.

The first three of Mom and Dad's eleven children were born in San Diego, California, during WWII. As soon after the war as possible, Mom and Dad packed up the kids (Patty, Denny and Shaun) and moved to Texas. Dad was going back to the oil fields and would take up a partnership with his father in Hills and Hills Drilling Company. Mom began her life in the High Plains.

During the early post-war oil field years, Mom and the family went wherever Dad was drilling. While they were living in Guymon, Oklahoma, Patty and Denny and several other children from the neighborhood died in a tragic accident. Soon after that, they moved back to Pampa which was home for two sons and seven daughters who were "the Family".

Majaunta was a woman blessed with many talents. She was a wife, a mom, a nurse, a teacher, a singer, a lecturer, a volunteer, a political conservative, a patriot, a grandmother, a committed Catholic Christian. She made sure her children and friends knew they were loved. Mom hugged well and smiled often and liked crowds in the house. It

was common for Mom to invite foreign students, airmen from Amarillo Air Force base, children from St. Anne's orphanage in Panhandle, boyfriends, cousins and friends of the family in for Thanksgiving, Christmas, and other occasions. Many of the guests became part of the family.

Mom touched many lives through her skill, compassion, generosity and faith. She was honored by both Beta Sigma Phi and the Women's Council at St. Vincent de Paul parish in Pampa as Woman of the Year. Mom will continue to touch lives through her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. One of her grandchildren made this comment: "She was a force of nature... an amazing teacher who was willing to impart her knowledge of right from wrong and guide you in manners along the way. She was an example of how to be a strong woman."

Mom was preceded in death by her parents Patsy McKNERNEY and our Grandpa John McKNERNEY, by our father Forrest Nelson Hills, and by our siblings Patricia (Patty), Dennis Arthur (Denny), and Shannon Maureen King. She will be missed and remembered by her children and their spouses: Shaun Hills and wife Carla of Houston Texas,



Hills

Dawn Seery Traweck and husband Mike of San Antonio, Texas, COL (R) John Rockland (Rocky) Hills and wife Ninon of Burke, Virginia, Wendy Fruscella of Amarillo, Texas, Stephanie Rice of Montecito, California, GERALYN KLEFFMAN and husband Kent of Fayetteville, North Carolina, and in Pampa by Majaunta Jo McKean and her husband Allen and Dietta Pope and husband Jerry. She will also be missed by 33 Grandchildren and their Spouses and 20 Great Grandchildren.

A Mass of Remembrance celebrating Mom's life will be held in St. Vincent de Paul Parish church in Pampa Texas on May 30. Local charities that were close to Mom's heart include St Ann's Nursing Home, c/o Bishop Zurek, P.O. Box 5644, Amarillo, TX 79117, and St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School c/o St. Vincent de Paul Parish, 810 W 23rd Ave, Pampa TX 79065.

## Emergency Services

### PAMPA PD

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

Monday  
Officers conducted 13 traffic stops.  
A total of ten calls and/or stops concerning animals were made.

Civil matters were reported in the 2800 block of North Charles, and the 800 block of East Frederic.

Theft was reported at Dollar General, 601 East Frederic, where two employees are suspected of taking \$9,400 in case and merchandise, and the 2600 block of Navajo, where a bicycle was stolen.

Agency assistance was rendered in the intersection of Browning and Wynne street.

Accidents were reported in the 1400 block of West Crawford, the 700 block of North Hobart, the lobby of the PD, and the 1900 block of East Highway 60.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 200 block of North Russell.

Found property was reported in the 2500 block of Perryton Parkway, where a gas card was found.

An assault was reported in the 800 block of South Barnes.

Forgery was reported in the 300 block of East Brown.

Disorderly conduct was reported at Pampa High School, 111 East Harvester.

Suspicious person calls were received from the 2100 block Williston, and the 1700 block of North Evergreen.

Harassment was reported in the lobby of the PD.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 10000 block of West Wilks.

Wednesday.  
Officers conducted two traffic stops.

Suspicious person calls were received from the 100 block of West Foster, the 100 block of North Houston, the intersection of Starkweather and Francis streets, and the intersection of Atchison and Somerville streets.

One alarm was investigated.

### SHERIFF

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests.

David Lee Meyer, 20, of Pampa was arrested by the GCSO for unrestrained child under four years of age, no valid driver's

license, and failure to appear.

Laray Donnell Wilson, 18, of Pampa was arrested by the Pampa Police Department for possession of a controlled substance greater than one gram, but less than four grams.

Shawn Duane Carey, 22, of Pampa was arrested by the PPD for possession of a controlled substance, possession of marijuana.

### AMBULANCE

Guadian EmS ambulance service reported the following calls between 7 a.m. Tuesday and 7 a.m. Today.

Tuesday  
2:54 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 3000 block of Perryton Parkway and transported a patient to

Baptist St. Anthony's hospital in Amarillo.

11:55 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1300 block of Terrace and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

### FIRE

The Pampa Fire Department responded to the following call between 7 a.m. Tuesday and 7 a.m. today.

Tuesday  
The PFD responded to a public service call in the 1900 block of Charles. One unit and three personnel responded to the call.

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# South Texas students harness winds for power

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McALLEN, Texas (AP) — A group of high school students watched intently as one of their peers spun the rotors round and round.

Dean Schneider carefully watched the voltmeter another student held against the wires of what was still a hand-powered turbine.

"Guys, congratulations," the Texas A&M researcher told the Science Academy of South Texas seniors as the reading hit 19 volts. "We just made power."

They're words the class hopes are repeated across the Rio Grande Valley.

An independent study class of 15 seniors, operating entirely from instructions in a technical manual written by a Scottish engineer, constructed two small wind turbines capable of powering a light bulb and a laptop.

The turbines, built with \$1,500 each, are part of an ambitious plan by several state partners to design turbines that can be used to power colonia homes for as little as \$5,000 each.

The students erected the 30-foot turbines in a weekend outside their school and in a park operated by Hidalgo County Precinct 2. The one in the park will power a greenhouse; the school's turbine will provide enough electricity to run security lights.

Although the two wind turbines functioned as planned, it was only half of their assignment. Now the students must develop a set of plans — down to a list of what materials are needed at the hardware store — that a person with no engineering background could follow to build a wind turbine in a back yard

with minimal assistance.

The students are refining a wind turbine prototype that can operate off the electrical grid to power homes in South Texas, said Schneider, an extension agent with Texas A&M's Texas Engineering Experiment Station in San Antonio.

"It's become the right time for renewable energies," Schneider said. "(Public officials are) looking at renewable energy as a way to offset the costs, but overall you can reap a savings. The renewable energy is basically free once you build a system to harvest it."

They received instruction on the science behind the technology and were supervised when they constructed parts, teacher Dale Coalson said. But most work was left to the students, from selecting "Turbimators" as a name for the project to rectifying the mistakes they made along the way.

The class gave the students — many of whom intend to study engineering in college — a learning experience they typically won't get until their last year in college or their first job.

Darla Hollander, who will attend the University of Texas at Austin this fall, said the class gave her a better understanding of how the physics and calculus they learned in high school is applicable in real projects. With more jobs turning into green careers, she said, a wind turbine was a good place to start. "Everybody is going green now," she said. "Engineers are focused on sustainable energy and this is a good place for us to learn."

"It's good experience because it's what the real world is like," said Cesar Riojas, 18, who intends to study human behavior or space operations at the Air Force Academy. "You're not dealing with the abstract. It's all concrete." And the project may have concrete results.

Two University of Texas-Pan American professors believe the students' work could be the basis for a plan to provide power to poor families in colonias.

The wind turbines — part of a two-year grant from the State Energy Conservation Office — designed by the students can operate in South Texas' low wind speeds, said Kamal Sarkar, a professor in the mechanical engineering department.

The \$5 million grant, possibly coming from the economic stimulus package, would allow them to build 400 wind turbines to power colonia homes, he said. If the plan is successful, he anticipates creating a viable business in selling wind turbine parts.

For a \$5,000 investment, a homeowner can build a wind turbine that can lower or eliminates electricity costs for the home.

For people who can't afford electricity in the first place, he said, it gives groups another avenue to help them by building wind turbines — much like the students did — to power their homes.

He said it offers a benefit to colonias where electricity is a luxury most don't have.

"That's what engineers do: they solve problems," Sarkar said. "(The wind turbines) could drastically improve their quality of life" in colonias.



Marcos Tirado, a teaching assistant at the Science Academy of South Texas, welds a wind turbine design created by students at the school on April 25, 2009. (AP Photo/Alex Jones, The McAllen Monitor)

## Re-Elect Charles Smith School Board



I have served this community for six years as a member of the School Board. In that time our taxes have not been increased, our academics have improved and we have enhanced our facilities. I feel that my participation has contributed to a more accountable and economical system of oversight for our schools in Pampa. I am asking for your support on May 9th to continue the educational progress we have made in our schools and community.

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## Judge rejects request to toss lawsuit

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — A judge has denied requests by Gov. Rick Perry's campaign committee and the Republican Governors Association to toss out a lawsuit brought by former Democratic gubernatorial candidate Chris Bell over \$1 million in contributions Perry received in the 2006 election.

Bell, who lost to Perry

in that election, alleges that reporting errors made by the Perry campaign on campaign-finance reports kept the public from fully seeing the source of the money. Bell argues that the governors' group did not follow proper state procedures in making the donation in the late stage of the race.

The defendants wanted

state district Judge John Dietz to dismiss the lawsuit without a trial, but Dietz rejected those requests Tuesday.

Bell's attorney, Buck Wood, said Dietz's ruling did not address Bell's own effort to have a summary judgment in the case. If that effort is also denied, the case will move closer to a trial.

## Indictments

Brandon Wayne Stevens, 31, was indicted for driving while intoxicated third or more.

On October 26, 2008, Stevens allegedly operated a motor vehicle in a public place while being intoxicated from alcohol. On July 23, 1999 Stevens was convicted of an offense relating to operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated, and on January 12, 2000, Stevens was convicted of operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated.

Ronnie Lynn Chase, 64, was indicted for possession of a controlled substance, greater than one gram but less than four grams. Bond was set on the third-degree felony at \$15,000.

On June 27, 2008 Chase allegedly intentionally or knowingly possessed a controlled substance, cocaine, in an amount over one gram but less than four grams.

Jaime Garcia, 21, was indicted for tampering with government school record license/sealed/certification/permit. Bond was set on the third-degree felony at \$10,000.

On October 13, 2008 Garcia allegedly possessed a governmental record,

a social security card, with intent that it be used unlawfully.

Kevin Wayne Jacoby, 41, was indicted for driving while intoxicated, third or more. Bond was set on the third-degree felony at \$20,000.

On July 11, 2008 Jacoby allegedly operated a motor vehicle in a public place while being intoxicated from alcohol. Jacoby was convicted of an offense relating to operating of a motor vehicle while intoxicated on March 24, 1989 and October 2, 1998.

Matthew Chico Jeffries, 19, was indicted for theft of a firearm. Bond was set on the state jail felony at \$7,500.

On August 12, 2008, Jeffries allegedly unlawfully appropriate, by acquiring or otherwise exercising control over, property, a firearm, from Justin Isbell, the owner, without the effective consent of Isbell.

Joseph Dagan Jones, 25, was indicted for forgery of a financial instrument. Bond was set on the state jail felony for \$7,500.

On July 5, 2008 Jones allegedly passed a forged writing, a check for the

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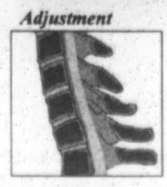
amount of \$150, to Sandra Russel, Jones purported to writing to be an act of Rosie Johnson, a deceased person, who did not authorize the act.

Caroline Thomas Smith, 56, was indicted for possession of a controlled substance, less than one gram. Bond was set for the state jail felony at \$7,500.

On July 5, 2008 Smith allegedly intentionally or knowingly possessed a controlled substance, cocaine, in an amount less than one gram.

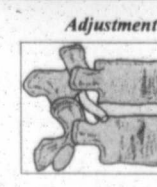
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## Teacher

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kids by working with them in small groups. I learn their strengths and weaknesses and I know how to reach them," Wheeler said. Wheeler teachers her students about math, reading,

science, and technology.

"I'm thankful for my job," she said, "I want to continue to be strong and always be open for change."

# Viewpoints

## Today in History

Today is Wednesday, May 6, the 126th day of 2009. There are 239 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 6, 1937, the hydrogen-filled German airship Hindenburg burned and crashed in Lakehurst, N.J., killing 35 of the 97 people on board and a Navy crewman on the ground.

On this date:

In 1859, Georgia miner John H. Gregory discovered a lode of gold in Colorado.

In 1861, Arkansas seceded from the Union.

In 1889, the Paris Exposition formally opened, featuring the just-completed Eiffel Tower.

In 1910, Britain's King Edward VII died; he was succeeded by George V.

In 1942, during World War II some 15,000 Americans and Filipinos on Corregidor surrendered to the Japanese.

In 1954, medical student Roger Bannister broke the four-minute mile during a track meet in Oxford, England, in three minutes, 59.4 seconds.

*No man chooses evil because it is evil; he only mistakes it for happiness, the good he seeks.*

— Mary Wollstonecraft, British writer and philosopher

In 1960, Britain's Princess Margaret married Antony Armstrong-Jones, a commoner, at Westminster Abbey. (They divorced in 1978.)

In 1981, Yale architecture student Maya Ying Lin was named winner of

a competition to design the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

In 1994, Britain's Queen Elizabeth II and French President Francois Mitterrand formally opened the Channel Tunnel between their countries.

In 2002, right-wing Dutch politician Pim Fortuyn was shot and killed in Hilversum, Netherlands. (Volkert van der Graaf was later convicted of killing Fortuyn and was sentenced to 18 years in prison.)

One year ago: Barack Obama swept to a convincing victory in the North Carolina Democratic primary while Hillary Rodham Clinton eked out a win in Indiana. A Georgia man who'd killed his live-in girlfriend was executed; William Earl Lynd was the first inmate put to death since the Supreme Court upheld the constitutionality of lethal injections. Kobe Bryant won his first MVP award after leading the Los Angeles Lakers to the best record in the Western Conference.

Today's Birthdays: Baseball Hall-of-Famer Willie Mays is 78. Sen. Richard Shelby, R-Ala., is 75. Rock singer Bob Seger is 64. Singer Jimmie Dale Gilmore is 64. Gospel singer-comedian Lulu Roman is 63. Actor Alan Dale is 62. Actor Ben Masters is 62. Actor Gregg Henry is 57. Former British Prime Minister Tony Blair is 56. TV personality Tom Bergeron is 54. Actress Roma Downey is 49. Rock singer John Flansburgh (They Might Be Giants) is 49. Actor George Clooney is 48. Actor Clay O'Brien is 48. Rock singer-musician Tony Scalzo (Fastball) is 45. Actress Leslie Hope is 44. Rock musician Mark Bryan (Hootie and the Blowfish) is 42. Rock musician Chris Shiflett (Foo Fighters) is 38. Cowboys tight end Jason Witten is 27. Actress Adrienne Palicki is 26.

2009 SO FAR...



## Happy Mother's Day

By Martha Randolph Carr

Mother's Day is a celebration of the smaller moments that only the Moms still remember and carry in their hearts everywhere. Today is about the Moms who showed up so often our kids assumed we were sitting in the car waiting, which gave them the confidence to get back to the task at hand.

If we've done our job right they have often taken us for granted but in a moment of crisis repeated something we thought they never heard because it looked like they weren't listening.

And so, in recognition this Mother's Day every mother needs to be cheered by every passerby. In order to accomplish that ask all of the kids who call you, Mom to give you a giant, yellow spider mum corsage with a big yellow bow big enough to cover a shoulder. I plan to pin mine on there and wear it proudly till bedtime.

I am probably a little young for the familiar mark of motherhood but I don't care anymore. I'd like my due and as all parents know, once the offspring gets to be in their 20's they take off for parts unknown with a few notable exceptions.

Louie, whom I raised, will call from several states away when he's not feeling well or just got a promotion or in the middle of a sudden emergency. I've figured out when to just say, I'm sure you can handle it, when to say, congratulations and when to start figuring out how to get

on a plane.

Nattie, who needed a fill-in mom, is in her early 20's and enormously responsible. The shopping is the best because there's nothing like a 24 year old to stop you from buying something dowdy and she knows more about makeup than anyone behind the counters. A recent promotion will also take her far away from me for now.

Doug, my oldest and another who needed someone to be there to call Mom is happily married in the suburbs and talks to me about the house, the garden, the job, the son in law. All of it is good stuff and about them, as it should be, except for today.

Today, whether they know it or not is a celebration of all the moments spent figuring out over the phone how to help them get the car fixed and the insurance to pay for it.

It's about sitting at the kitchen table with a manual helping another study for the securities test while trying to remember my own high school math. And it's about sitting bundled up in the rain and the wind watching football practice even though I never quite got the rules.

It's about letting all of our kids understand that we believe in them and know they can do great stuff and even managing to sound like that in a text or over the phone.

Just so all of the progeny knows, we were only making it look easy. It's actually a lot of work to shut off the good advice and let them gain their own footing in life.



It's even harder to watch grown children trip or fall and only offer words of encouragement as they learn how to pick themselves back up again. But that's our job and we know that when done well, we make ourselves obsolete or at least way in the background.

That is, except for Mother's Day when something a little showy is in order. No roses or tall lilies, both of which are too hard to parade around all day. A nice big spider mum corsage is just the ticket. And if Doug is reading this, none of those tiny little mums that resemble dandelions and are an impulse buy in the grocery store. Everybody take the time, stop by a florist and do it up right so that your mom knows you actually did notice she was always there when you needed her.

Happy Mother's Day everyone.

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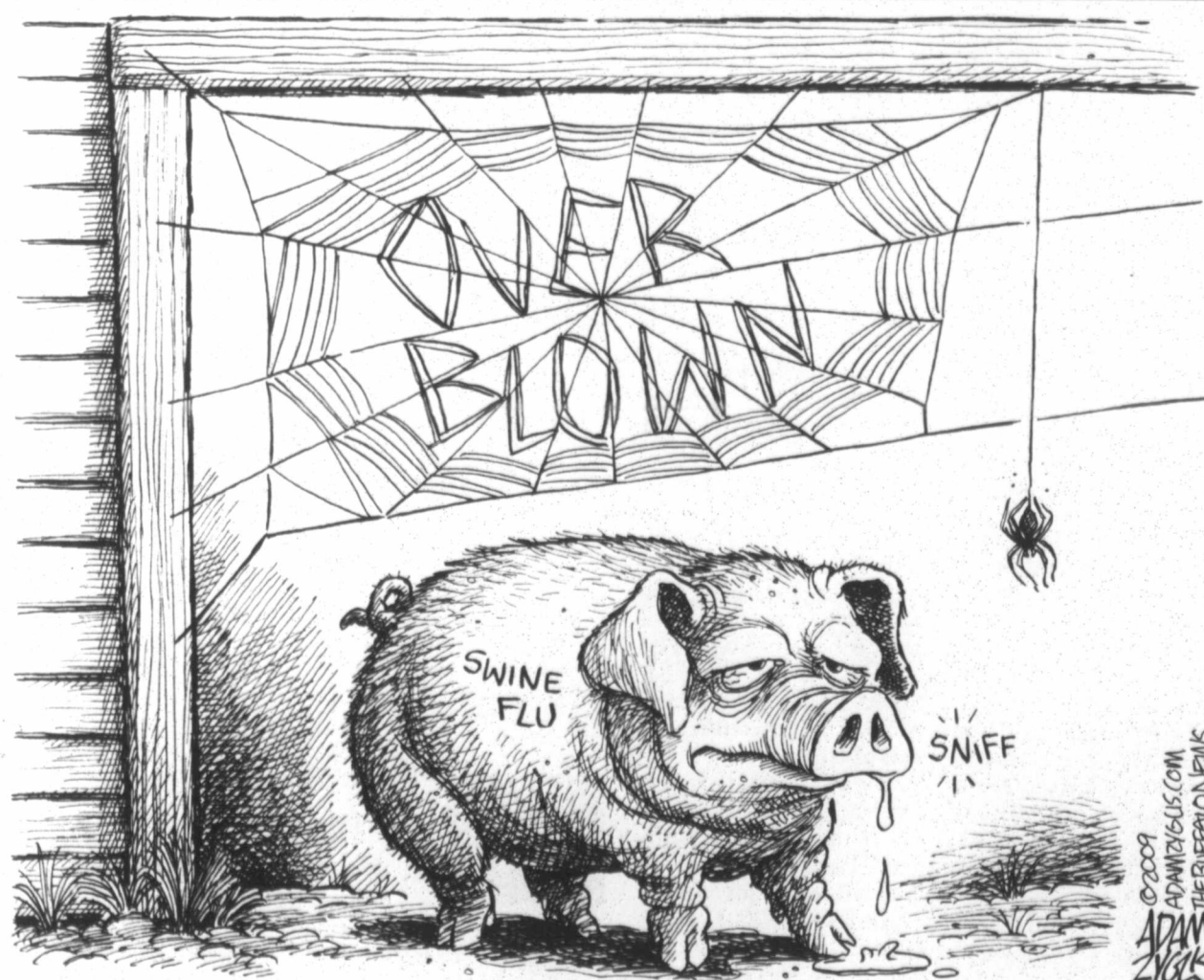
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# Around town

## Doughty caps college career



Former Pampa Harvester, Tyler Doughty capped off his collegiate baseball career with a relief appearance in the Lone Star Conference Tournament, held this past weekend in Abilene, Texas. The tournament featured the top six teams in the Lone Star Conference.

Doughty spent the last three years at Eastern New Mexico University working out of the bull pen for the Greyhounds. Prior to his years at ENMU Doughty spent one season as an infielder at Frank Phillips College in Borger.

The 2009 season marked the Eastern New Mexico's first

ever appearance in the LSC Championship Tournament. Doughty ended his career with 4 wins and 5 saves. His sophomore year he was named 2nd team All-Conference, and led the Greyhounds with a 3.12 Earned Run Average. The 3.12 ERA is the second best in ENMU history.

This past season Doughty had 2 conference wins. His best outing came against Texas A&M Kingsville, when he pitched 5 innings in relief giving up only one run and recording a victory. Doughty will graduate this December with a degree in Business.

## Optimist baseball Rotary improves to 5-0

Rotary Club improved their record to 5-0 after notching a 6-0 victory over a tough DFB team.

Cade Engle led Rotary at the plate going 2-3 with 2 doubles and 2 runs scored. Luis Chavez also went 2-3 with 2 singles and an RBI. Blayne Troxell and Rance Tipps added a hit a piece and Troxell added 2 RBI's.

Ethan Hunt picked up his fifth win of the season with no losses. Hunt pitched 5 innings, giving up no runs, no hits, walking 1 and striking out 10. Thomas Haley pitched the last inning giving up 0 runs on 0 hits and striking out 2, to earn the save.

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## Glo-Valve trounces Cabot 8-0

Glo-Valve Service used five pitchers in whitewashing Cabot Corporation 8-0 Tuesday in Pampa Optimist 11-12 Cal Ripken League play.

Erick Kuehne went two for two with a run scored to lead Glo-Valve in hitting.

Ryan Powell allowed two hits, no walks and struck out two Cabot batters in the first inning to receive credit for the win. Casey Martindale retired the side in order with two strikeouts in the second inning. Colton Thompson gave up a hit and struck out two in the third inning. He did not walk a batter. Brady Gaines struck out two of the three batters he faced in the fourth inning. Gaines walked the other batter he faced and later threw him out trying to steal home. Aaron Allen pitched the last two innings for Glo-Valve and gave up a hit and a walk. He struck out seven in two innings, including four in the fifth inning when one of his victims reached first on a passed ball.

Cabot wasted two hits and a walk to Nate Ferguson, a single by Zach Hampton and a walk and a hit by Jacob Brown leaving six runners on base.

With one out in the bottom of the first inning, Powell aided his own cause with a single to right field. He stole second and third and scored on an infield single by Gaines. Gaines stole two bases and came home on a single to center by Martindale. Martindale stole second and scored on Chance Douglas' RBI double. Douglas stole third and tallied when Zach Hill was safe on an error. Hill stole two bases and made the fifth run of the

inning on an infield out by Thompson.

In the second inning, Erick Kuehne started a rally with the first of his two hits of the evening. He went from first to third when Jason Velasquez bounced a hit off the left center field wall. A walk to Allen loaded the bases. Powell drove in a run with his second hit of the game. A single by Gaines brought in two more runs and ended the scoring.

Cabot had several outstanding defensive plays. A throw from left fielder Hampton to shortstop Ryan Rhoden to third baseman Reid Malone nabbed a Glo-Valve runner trying to go from first to third on a single.

A fine throw from Malone to catcher Brown caught a Glo-Valve runner trying to score on an overthrow. Centerfielder Derrick Maxwell made two good fly ball catches in centerfield turning one into a double play.

Glo-Valve's right fielder Douglas snagged a fly ball for the outstanding defensive play for Glo-Valve. Martindale made a nice running catch at shortstop of a soft fly ball which prevented two runs from scoring in the first inning.

Ferguson pitched the first four innings for Cabot shutting Glo-Valve out the last two innings. Rhoden pitched the fifth inning for Cabot getting Glo-Valve out in order.

Glo-Valve plays its fourth game in five days today at 5:45 p.m. against Duncan, Fraser & Bridges Insurance Agency. The game was moved up because of the All School Band Concert on Thursday.

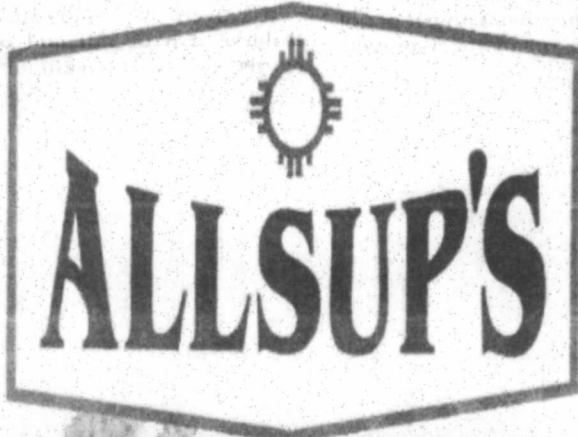
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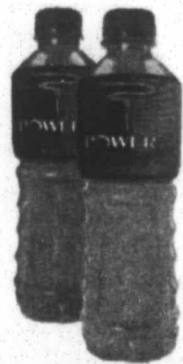
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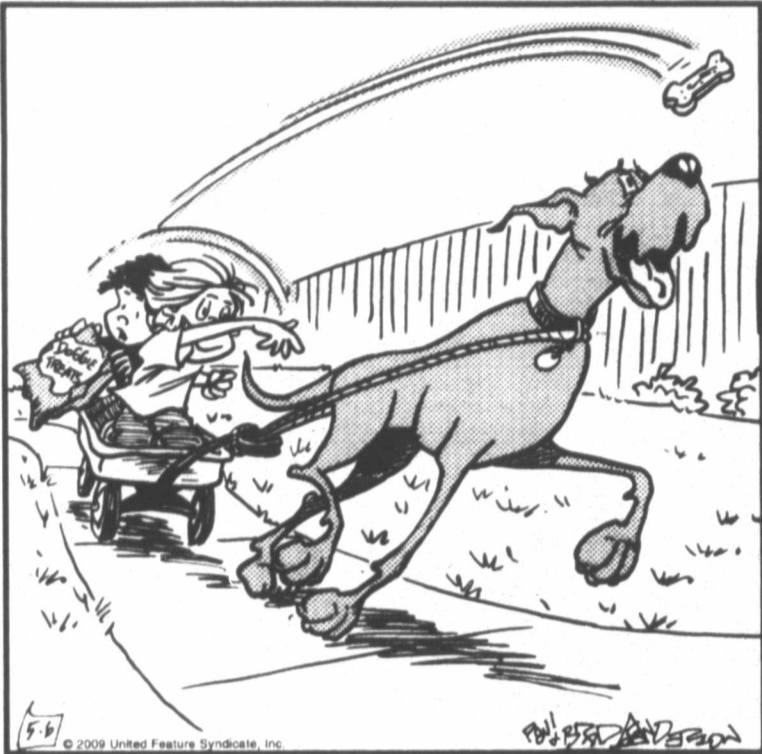
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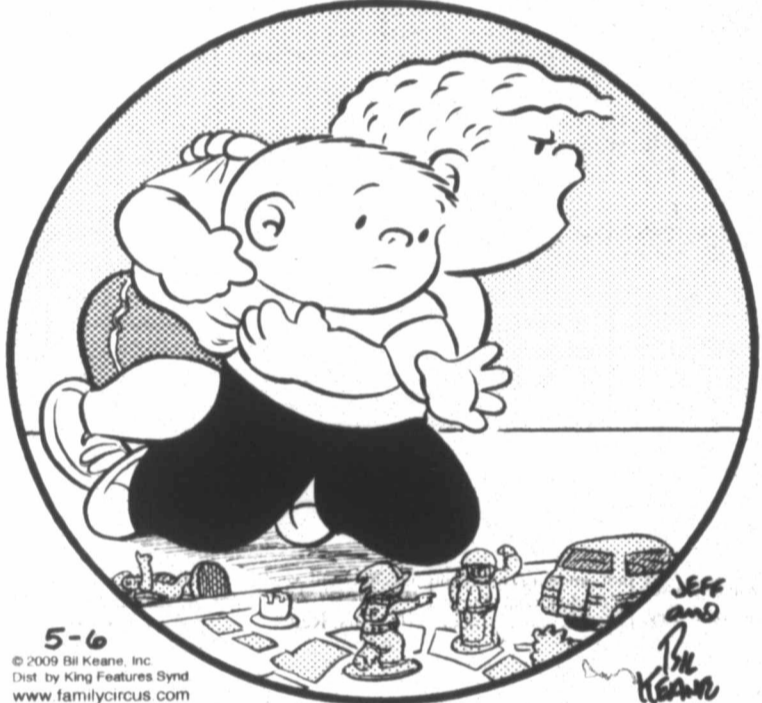
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## THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



"Mommy! Isn't it 'bout time for PJ to take a nap!"

Daily Crossword Puzzle

### CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
- 39 Piper of rhyme
  - 1 Wander off
  - 6 Busy folks in Apr.
  - 10 Sweet liqueur
  - 11 BLT base
  - 12 Humming homes
  - 13 Candy-maker of literature
  - 14 Composer Charles
  - 15 File cabinet item
  - 16 Knightly address
  - 17 Bashful buddy?
  - 18 Reverence
  - 19 Learned inside out
  - 22 Floral rings
  - 23 Party snack
  - 26 Talking horse of TV
  - 29 Hotel amenity
  - 32 Director Van Sant
  - 33 Melody
  - 34 Eyetooth
  - 36 Judy's daughter
  - 37 Wonderland visitor
  - 38 Showed interest
- DOWN**
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  - 2 Far from important
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  - 4 Iowa State
  - 5 "You bet!"
  - 6 Composed
  - 7 Bamboo eater
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  - 20 Singer McGraw
  - 21 Bill word
  - 24 Treasonous fellow
  - 25 Repo man's feat
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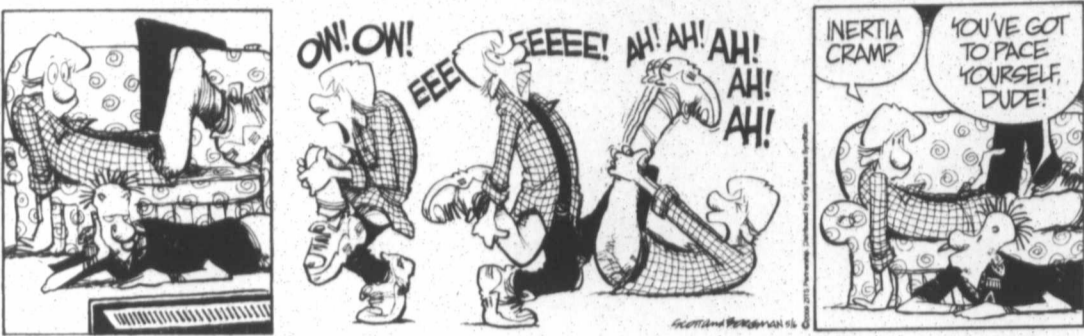
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# Around town

## ALTRUSA



Altrusa member, Judy Warner, introduced Pampa AFS students at a recent Altrusa meeting. Left to right: Toby Lam, Hong Kong; Sonja Huber, Switzerland; and Pamela Olivares, Colombia.



Mayda King, Altrusan; Dee Dee Laramore, Tralee Executive Director; and Louise Bailey, Altrusan, presenting donation to Tralee Crisis Center.

## Perceptor Theta Iota news

Perceptor Theta Iota met in the home of Nancy Broggin in Pampa, April 13, 7:30 p.m. Ann Franklin, President presided. Nancy Broggin Recording Secretary called roll and read minutes of the previous meeting which were approved as read. Janice Hubbard, Treasurer, gave Treasurer report, and committee reports were heard. Correspondence from International order of Rose Programs were received for Founder's Day, April 30. Girl of the Month was voted on. Scholarship applications were read and voted on. Perceptor Theta Iota also recently met in the home of Nita Hill in Pampa, on April 27, at 7:30 p.m. Ann Franklin, President presided. Nancy Broggin, Recording Secretary called roll

and read minutes of the previous meeting, which were approved as read. Nita Hill gave the Treasurer report in the absence of Janice Hubbard, Treasurer. Officers and committee reports were heard. Installation of officers were held. Results being Pat Kindle-President, Barbara Benyshek-Vice President, Nancy Broggin-Recording Secretary, Nita Hill-Corresponding Secretary and Janice Hubbard Treasurer. Founder's Day will be April 30, 6:30 p.m. at Pampa Country Club. Nathan Dennis, the Beta Sigma Phi Scholarship Recipient for 2009, will be a guest. End of Year Meeting and Social will be held May 11, 7:30 p.m. at the home of Carolyn Smith.

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First Baptist Church of Pampa Women's Ministry Presents the 4th Annual Mother, Daughter, Sister, Friend, Brunch will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 9, 2009 in the Fellowship Hall. Cost is \$5, you can pay at the door.

The brunch will feature Myra Green's Bible Alive Theater, presenting "Hannah's Song." Bible teacher/conference speaker, drama and music missionary, and Gospel singer Myra Green presents free musicals from the Bible where she gives away DVDs, CDs and tapes.

She is the co-founder of Green Ridge Ministries and Bible Alive Theater, with her husband Clif who is president & manager. They present the Gospel through music, drama, teaching and preaching across the USA and abroad.

Myra has led women's bible studies for several years, and has served as guest speaker and singer for retreats and conferences. She teaches and speaks with excitement from her personal journey with Jesus, and uses the Bible as the basis of everything she teaches. Myra is an accomplished portrait artist, home-schooled 11 years, and taught home school enrichment drama classes and directed student plays several years. Myra and Clif live in Glorieta, NM.

Myra says, "Jesus has done so much for me. I am just an ordinary woman who loves to sing for Jesus."

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