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Suspect indicted for 2003 murder

BY RACHEL STENNETT rstennett@thepampanews.com

A Gray County grand jury indicted John Robert Williams, 32, April 30 for capital murder in the death of truck-stop murder victim Vickie Helen Anderson.

The indictment alledges that on October 16, 2003 Williams

intentionally caused the death of nude, lying on the shoulder of Anderson by strangling the her in the course of committing or attempting to commit the offense of kidnapping.

Anderson was found early in the morning in October 16 by a ranch hand going into Johnson Ranch. Anderson was discovered

AREER DAY

Interstate-40 access road.

Investigators believe she caught a ride traveling West from a truck stop, located in Sayre, Okla, where she was last seen, sometime between 10:30 p.m and 8 a.m. Her autopsy showed that she had facial abrasions, contusions, scalp wounds and tire pattern injuries. Anderson went unidentified for two years before investigators were able to locate a family member to claim her body and identify

The death was later connected with other murders in truck MURDER cont. on page 3

Prarie chicken decline discussed

BY DAVID BOWSER

dbowser@thepampanews.com MCLEAN - In the second of four meetings with landowners concerning the lesser prairie chicken, state and federal officials offered Gray County ranchers and farmers advice on dealing with the habitat of the small grouse and asked for ideas to increase dwindling populations.

Brandon McGinty, Gray County agricultural agent, speaking to a group of landowners here Wednesday that were interested in the lesser prairie chicken, says to him conservation is the one message that keeps coming up when Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, U.S. Natural Resource Conservation Service and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service officials talk about the prairie chicken that is a candidate for listing under the Endangered Species Act.

dents at Career Day held yesterday at the M.K. Brown auditorium. Millican told the group of students that all the personnel, including himself, have full time jobs outside the fire department and BIRD cont. on page 3

3 PHS seniors awarded \$20K

Chief of the Hoover Volunteer Fire Department Joe Millican introduced his staff to elementary stu-

Eugene Anderson, President of the Eugene and Daniela Anderson Scholarship Foundation (ASF), has announced that graduating Pampa High School (PHS) Andrew Ashley Seniors, Hatcher, Courtney Renee Linn and April Rose Silva are this year's Anderson Scholars and have each won an Anderson Foundation Scholarship.

Andrew Hatcher has been awarded a four year scholarship of \$20,000 (Twenty Thousand Dollars). He is the son of Darla Watson and stepson of Shawn Watson of Pampa. He will attend St Edward's University in Austin and study Journalism. Andrew is ranked twelfth of 223 students in the Pampa High School Class of 2009. He has been very active in extracurricular activities while working part time. He is President of the National



Pampa High students Andrew Hatcher, Courtney Linn and April Silva have been awarded Anderson Foundation Scholarships.

school newspaper, "The Little Harvester." Andrew is active in

Honor Society, and editor of the ber of the Drama Society club and performed in school plays for three years. He is a member speech and debate. He is a mem- SCHOLARSHIPS cont. on page 3

staff photo by Rachel Stennett

Missing man found dead

Authorities say a missing western Oklahoma man has been found dead near Pampa, Texas.

Sam Carter Hardy, 74, missing from Reydon, Oklahoma was found in Roberts County Wednesday May 6, 2009 at approximately 1:30

Carter was dry watching a rig sight on Friday, May 1 about three miles off of Hwy 70.

A DPS helicopter manned with a Roberts County Deputy spotted Mr. Carter's vehicle at 12:53 p.m. and led Roberts County Sheriff Miller to the location. Carter was found six miles south of the rig location, 9 miles from highway 70.

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TEACHERS OF THE YEAR Shannon honored by Pampa High

BY RACHEL STENNETT rstennett@thepampanews.com

After 33 years of teaching fulltime, Beth Shannon is finally getting the thanks she deserves through her Teacher of the Year award for Pampa High School.

Shannon started teaching in 1972 and is winning the award for the first time. Shannon is retiring in May, but has spent the majority of her life teaching chemistry to high school students. Right now, she teaches 10th, 11th, and 12th grades in Chemistry, AP Chemistry, and IPC.

"Since I have been at PHS, I have taught two generations of some families," Shannon explained of her experience. "I think it's time to pass on the torch."

Though Shannon never intended to be a teacher, she ultimately ended up going to college for education and winded up teaching. Her history in the profession is rich and varied.

Shannon started her career at Southside School in Altus, Oklahoma. She spent five years there before becoming a part-time night instructor. at Western Oklahoma State College in Altus, where she taught for three years before transitioning to a day time instructing position.

SHANNON cont. on page 3



Wednesday, May 6 . Hidden Hills & the Country Club Contact Tim @ 665-8431 or David @ 669-5866 for more information. Hurry! Only enough space for 72 teams of two!

For the record

PAMPA FORECAST

Friday

Low 49

Saturday

High 63 Low 47



High 63 -Low 48

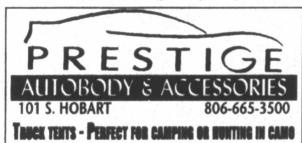
Friday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1pm. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 74. North northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph. Friday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 49. Northeast wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph. Saturday: Mostly cloudy, with a high near 63. East northeast wind between 10 and 15 mph. with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Saturday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 47. East southeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Sunday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 63. East wind between 5 and 15 mph.

Sunday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 48. East wind 15 to 20 mph decreasing to between 5 and 10 mph. Winds could gust as high as 25 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.....\$5.12

Cash Five Texas results

Wednesday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 34-4-19-24-32. Number matching five of five: 0. Matching four of five: 82. Prize: \$446 Matching three of five: 2,520. Prize: \$10 Matching two of five: 24,662. Prize: \$2 Next Cash 5 drawing: Thursday night.

Daily 4 results evening drawing

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Wednesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 8-7-1-7. Sum It Up: 23 (eight, seven, one, seven. Sum It Up: twenty-three)

Winning Texas lotto numbers

Winning numbers drawn: 14-4-43-29-21-34 Number matching six of six: 1. Prize: \$11 million Winning number purchased in: Burleson. Number matching five of six: 19. Prize: \$2,072. Number matching four of six: 1,209. Prize: \$48. Number matching three of six: 24,997. Prize: \$3. Estimated jackpot for Saturday night drawing: \$4 mil-

Pick 3 results nighttime drawing

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 6-7-0. Sum It Up: 13

(six, seven, zero. Sum It Up: thirteen)

Worker dies in Arlington work trench collapse

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — A worker died in the collapse of a trench at a new water tower in Arlington.

Arlington Fire Department officials say the victim was a subcon-

tractor working in a 10to 15-foot-deep trench when the sides gave way Wednesday morning.

Assistant Fire Chief Alan Kassen said the trench had not been properly secured.

The medical examiner's office identified the victim as 34-year-old Robert Harrell of Grand Prairie. His body was recovered early Wednesday after-

Boys & Girls Club director accused of child porn

LUFKIN, Texas (AP) The director of the Boys & Girls Club of Lufkin was arrested Wednesday, accused of having child pornography on his laptop computer. The images included a photo of a naked male teen, authorities said.

Patrick Sanders, 51, of Lufkin, was arrested after someone at the club reported seeing the images, Lufkin police said.

Sanders was charged with three counts of sexual performance of a child and three counts of possession of child pornography. He turned himself in and was being held in the Angelina County Jail on a \$300,000

A 17-year-old teenager seen in the photographs told police Sanders asked him to pose naked, The Lufkin Daily News reported.

Investigators say Sanders admitted he had taken the photos and uploaded them to his laptop, the newspaper reported.

Boys & Girls Clubs of Deep East Texas executive director Jeff Woods told KLTV-TV that Sanders has been put on paid leave. It was unclear if Sanders

had an attorney.

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Memorial Day Service

AMBULANCE

lance reported the follow-

ing calls between 7 a.m.

Wednesday and 7 a.m.

section of Huff and Brown.

1:23 a.m. — A mobile

ICU responded to the 200

block of North Wells and

FIRE

reported the following calls

between 7 a.m. Wednesday

and 7 a.m. Today.

a public service call.

vehicle accident.

Wednesday

Pampa Fire Department

8:33 a.m. — Three

9:35 p.m. — One unit

units and seven personnel

responded to MK Brown on

and four personnel respond-

ed to the intersection of

Huff and Brown on a motor

Tucker says smugglers

have been known to use

freighters to haul cocaine,

and "maybe a Coast Guard

cutter or marine police got

Wednesday

Thursday

Today.

Guardian EMS ambu-

Hemory Cemetery & Mausoleum of Dampa 23rd St and Price Rd www.memory-gardens.tripod.com 665-8921

There are no obituaries today

Emergency Services

PAMPA PD

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

Wednesday Officers conducted 20

traffic stops. A total of six calls and/ or stops concerning animals

were made. Theft was reported in the 800 block of South Barnes,

where a bicycle was stolen. Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 500 block of North Naida, where a purse, \$40 cash, and a \$50 Walmart card were reportedly stolen from a 198 Pontiac Grand Am.

Threat was reported in the 1200 block of Darby.

Suspicious person calls were received from the intersection of Hobart and Worrell streets, the intersection of Louisiana and Charles streets, the 300 block of West Francis,

mischief Criminal was reported at Wilson Elementary, 801 East Browning, where play-

SABINE PASS, Texas

(AP) — A stroll on a Texas

beach led to the discov-

ery of 24 neatly wrapped

cocaine packages that

apparently washed ashore.

The Jefferson County

Sheriff's Department was

working with federal agen-

ground equipment was written on with graffiti.

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Disorderly conduct was reported at Pampa High School, 111 East Harvester. Welfare checks were made in the intersection of

Cuyler and Highway 60, the 1800 block of North Hamilton, and the 1900 block of North Hobart. Criminal trespass was

reported in the 400 block of North Dwight, and the 700 block of East Frederic.

One alarm was investigated. Agency assistance was

rendered in the McCullough and Dwight streets.

A motor vehicle accident was reported in the intersection of Huff and Brown streets

A prowler was reported in the 500 block of North Magnolia.

Thursday

Suspicious person calls were received from the 600 block of Texas Avenue, the intersection of Buckler and Faulkner, the 1700 block of North Williston, and the intersection of Nelson and Oklahoma.

determine the source of

the 53 pounds of cocaine,

now-confiscated cocaine

was discovered Tuesday

several miles west of Sea

Rim State Park, in the

KFDM-TV reports the

worth about \$500,000.

An assault was reported in the 200 block of North Wells.

SHERIFF

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests. Wednesday 9:33 p.m. — A mobile Joshua Wayne Knight, ICU responded to the inter-

25, of Pampa was arrested by the GCSO for violation No patients were transportof probation on criminal ed. trespass in Tarrant County, and violation of probation on possession of marijuana

in Tarrant County. Don Alton Davis, 41, of transported a patient to Pampa was arrested by the Pampa Regional Medical Pampa Police Department Center. for sexual assault of a child.

Daniel Robyn Reynolds, of Woodwward, Okla., was arrested by the Department of Public Safety for failure to display driver's license.

Mario Isidro Portillo, 44, of Pampa was arrested by the PPD for driving while intoxicated, second.

Tuesday Shawn Wayne Seymour, 35, of Borger was arrested

by the GCSO on a blue warrant

53 pounds of packed cocaine found on Texas beach Sabine (suh-BEEN') Pass cies Wednesday to try to

Lt. Troy Tucker says some people were looking for debris that washes ashore, such as metal, when they came across the cocaine. Names of the finders weren't released.

too close and they kicked it over.'

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) - Results of the Cash 5 drawing Oldest daughter testifies against mother in abuse case

area.

BETSY BLANEY Associated Press Writer

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) Gloria Ramirez's oldest child testified Wednesday that her mother threatened her life and her siblings' lives if they told anyone about the filthy conditions inside the family's small

jurors her mother didn't only once a day, that she want anyone knowing about the squalid conditions that included dirty diapers stacked in closets, regularly was left to care trash covering most of the for her six siblings when floors and roach and rodent her mother and stepfather infestations

"She told me if we told anyone she'd kill us," the 11-year-old testified on the third day of her mother's a child.

Police came to the home in July 2007 after Anthony Moya, Ramirez's husband,

inside a white baby wipe with her biological father box and put it in the refrig-

Moya, father to six of the seven children removed from the home, faces the same 11 charges. His trial was expected to start later this month.

Esperanza, who was nine at the time of her removal, also testified that she and Esperanza Ramirez told her siblings routinely ate often prepared meals of corny dogs and wienies in the microwave and that she

Esperanza Ramirez testified that her mother - now eight months pregnant with her 10th child — showed trial on 11 charges of child the dead fetus to all the chilendangerment and injury to dren and blamed them for the miscarriage "because we weren't letting her get any sleep.

Five of the seven called a funeral home to removed from the home the ask about a casket for a day of the miscarriage are in fetus Ramirez had miscar- the state's permanent cus-

and a family is adopting the youngest child. The couple's twins were

born in May 2008, less than a year after the seven youngsters were removed. The state has temporary custody of them. Asked where trash

could be found in the house, Esperanza Ramirez responded, "everywhere. In every room, on the floor, on tables." Her mother never picked it up, she told jurors. In her statement to police

a few days after the children were removed, Gloria Ramirez minimized the filth in the home and blamed Moya because he didn't help her clean up what she called "messy" conditions. Police found the kitch-

en floor covered in dirty clothes, soiled diapers and trash. Refrigerators in the living room and kitchen contained moldy food and roaches. Rat feces was visible throughout the house, police said.

Gloria Ramirez cared ried. She placed the fetus tody. Esperanza Ramirez is for her children when they

were infants, her daughter

"When they started growing she would stop," Esperanza Ramirez testified. Once that point was reached it was Esperanza who changed their diapers, fed them and cared for them, she testified.

The bugs were everywhere, Esperanza Ramirez testified.

"When we slept bugs would get on us and we'd have to wipe them off," she said. They saw mice scurrying around the home and heard them as they tried to sleep at night.

In 1999, Child Protective Services temporarily removed Esperanza and her brother from the couple's home in nearby Brownfield due to neglect and the home being unclean

Esperanza Ramirez said she likes her father's home, especially how clean it is.

'It's the total opposite," she said. "I have everything that a kid should have."

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Murder indictment

stops over several states, according to news reports on KFDA. Bodies from victims in the truck stops slayings were found in Oklahoma, Arkansas, Texas and Mississippi between 2003 and 2004.

Many of the victims of the murders were truck-stop prostitutes. Williams is in prison in Mississippi multiple charges unrelated to the case, including murder.

The offense carries a sentence of death or life in prison, but Distric t Attorney Lynn Switzer indicated she will not seek the death penalty in the case. Bond was denied for Williams

The details of the indictment, including how

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investigators connected Williams to the murder were not available for release at this time, according to Switzer's office.

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The area Carter was found is considered very remote. Carter's vehicle high centered and was stuck. Mr. Carter was found .7 mile from his vehicle.

An autopsy has been requested and no cause of death has been determined at this time.

Bird habitat

John Hughes of Canadian, who's with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, said a group out of New Mexico first petitioned to list the lesser prairie chicken as an endangered species a decade ago. The Fish and Wildlife Service at the time designated it a candidate species but did not list it.

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It remains a candidate species today with no legal protection under the Endangered Species Act, but last December, the federal agency increased the priority for listing the bird that was once so plentiful in the Texas Panhandle.

Hughes and Heather Whitlaw, a biologist with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department out of Lubbock, indicated that if local populations of the lesser prairie chicken can be expanded, it might not be listed.

Unfortunately, populations of the bird in the northeastern panhandle, including Gray County, are declining

In addition, there has been a 78 percent reduction in the range of the prairie chicken since 1963.

McGinty says that improving prairie chicken habitat, to a great extent, is a matter of instituting good range management practices. Brush and weed control is one of the tools that can be used to improve wildlife habitat and livestock grazing, he says.

There have also been some changes in recom-

Scholarship

Anderson

cont. from page 1 mendations from state and federal agencies on management practices, he says.

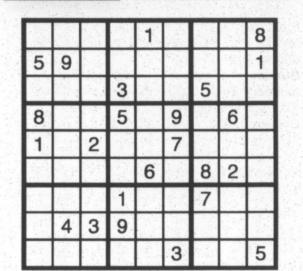
In the past, the recommendation was to remove all brush. Now, wildlife biologists are recommending that some be left for wildlife habitat.

Hughes said that while a lot Conservation Reserve Program, or CRP, land has been planted with improved grasses, wildlife biologists are now recommending using native grasses.

Sudoku

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Answer to yesterday's



Scholarships

of the Choir and has also acted in a school musical production. He is a representative on the Band Council and a member of the Jazz Band. A teacher commented, "Andrew is truly the Renaissance man. He is talented in music theatre, writing, public speaking, sciences and English. He is interested in the world in general and every-

thing in it." Courtney Linn has been awarded a four year scholarship of \$20,000 (Twenty Thousand Dollars). She is the daughter of Melanie Carter of Pampa. will attend Embry Riddle Aeronautical University at Prescott, Arizona and study Space Physics. Academically, Courtney is ranked eleventh of 223 students in the Pampa High School Class of 2009. In her junior year she was accepted by NASA's High School Aerospace Scholars Program and completed a rigorous online course covering the areas of aviation safety, aerospace engineering, flight systems and applied physics. While working up to 35 hours per week at United Supermarkets in Pampa, she has found time to be active in extracurricular activities. She has excelled in both group and individual competitions with the school's band and has been a math team captain in UIL Academic Competitions. She is a member of the National Honor Society, the community service club, ASTRA, and the Latin Club. She passed her National Latin Examination with the rating Magna Cum Laude. She has taught music lessons for Vacation Bible School and has tutored young people in playing the flute.

As one of her teachers has

said about Courtney, "She

is an incredibly talented

musician and a very seri-

ous student. Her accom-

plishments are evidence of the diligence that she gives in any endeavour."

April Silva has been awarded a four year scholarship of \$20,000 (Twenty Thousand Dollars). She is the daughter of Daniel and Cynthia Silva of Pampa. She will attend Texas Tech University in Lubbock Biology. study Academically, she ranked 17th among the 223 students of the PHS Class of 2009. April is a member of the National Honor Society. She has been very active in sports during her high school career and has served as the captain of the varsity soccer team and also played volleyball for the school. April has also been a member of the varsity and mixed choirs, SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions) and the Latin Club. Her community service activities include participation in the Children's Shopping tour, hosting junior high soccer intramurals and working at the Lovett Memorial Library. She has also acted part time as a receptionist and clerk for a computer business. One of her teachers said that April "stands out above others in her penchant to choose the road less travelled and to doggedly stay the course regardless of obstacles."

Foundation was established in 2000 to assist students to obtain higher education. Since that time, the Foundation has awarded 34 Scholarships valued at over \$560,000. Ben Briscoe, an Anderson Scholar from Pampa High degree at that university. Foreman University; Science), Lidia Salazar (Education) and Urvish Trivedi (Pre-Medical).

School will graduate this year from SMU with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Journalism; Joy Zhang, who last year graduated in three years from Texas Tech with a Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting is now pursuing a Masters of Business Anderson Scholars who are still pursuing their studies are Zach Edens (Computer Science) and Michael (Biomedical Science) at Texas A&M; Aaron Pepper (Journalism) Northwestern Landon McNeely (Biology) at Baylor University; Monica Johnson (Psychology) at the University of North Texas; Lindsey Riley (Early Childhood Education) at Abilene Christian University and at Texas Tech: Rachel Parker (English), Taylor Reeves (History and Political

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students at Pampa High School, who would hope become Anderson Scholars and benefit from the Anderson Scholarship Foundation, that they must achieve high academic standards, contribute positively to their school and community, and demonstrate financial need. Information about ASF Scholarships can be obtained at the PHS Student Counsellors' office.

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Mr Anderson has advised The Eugene and Daniela 12th Annual SKY Camp



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Registration Deadline: May 31st Camp Dates:

June 19th-21st

For information call 1-806-372-7696

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Hospice Foundation 1-800-572-6365 First Baptist Church of Pampa Women's Ministry Presents our 4th Annual Mother, Daughter, Sister, Friend Brunch Saturday, May 9, 2009 ~ 10:00 A.M. In the Fellowship Hall Cost ~ \$5.00 (you can pay at the door) Featuring Myra Green's Bible Alive Theater Presenting "Hannah's Song' Hannah's Song By Mary Green, Original score written and performed by Allen Green A musical form the Bible, out of the pages of First Samuel. The true story of Hannah, the mother of Samuel, the priest and prophet. Hannah's childless state leads her into an intimate relationship with-God, through the "blood of the sacrifice". Her prayer is answered and she gives her son back to the Lord. There at the temple she offers her Lord the praise of her heart and speaks the prophetic words of God concerning the Anointed One, the King who will rule forever (Jesus). Hannah is used by God to bless the world through her prophetic song concerning the Lord's Christ. For more information call 669-1155 First Baptist Church • 203 N. West

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 for overseeing 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.

VOTE for EXPERIENCE and a **PROVEN RECORD**

Vote May 9th at M.K. Brown

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Viewpoints

Today in History

Today is Thursday, May 7, the 127th day of 2009. There are 238 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History

On May 7, 1915, nearly 1,200 people died when a German torpedo sank the British liner RMS Lusitania off the Irish coast.

On this date

In 1789, the first inaugural ball was held in New York in honor of President George Washington and his wife. Martha

In 1833, composer Johannes Brahms was born in Hamburg, Germany.

In 1840, composer Peter Hyich Tchaikovsky was born in Votkinsk, Russia.

In 1909, Edwin H. Land, inventor of polarizing filters and Polaroid instant photography, was born in Bridgeport, Conn.

quarters in Rheims,

In 1954, the 55-day Battle of

Dien Bien Phu in

Vietnam ended with

Vietnamese insurgents overrunning

In 1960, Leonid

Brezhnev replaced

Marshal Kliment

Voroshilov as presi-

dent of the Presidium

the Supreme

French forces.

France.

In 1945, Germany signed an unconditional surrender at Allied head-

"We all live in suspense, from day to day, from hour to hour; in other words, we are the hero of our own

> Mary McCarthy, American author

story.

In 1975, President Gerald R. Ford formally declared an end to the "Vietnam era." In Ho Chi formerly Saigon — the Viet Cong Minh City celebrated its takeover.

In 1977, Seattle Slew won the Kentucky Derby, the first of his Triple Crown victories. (On this date in 2002, Seattle Slew died.)

In 1984, a \$180 million out-of-court settlement was announced in the Agent Orange class-action suit brought by Vietnam veterans who charged they'd suffered injury from exposure to the defoliant.

Ten years ago: NATO jets struck the Chinese embassy in Belgrade, killing three people and injuring 20; President Bill Clinton called the attack a "tragic mistake." A jury in Pontiac, Mich., ordered "The Jenny Jones Show" to pay \$25 million to the family of Scott Amedure, a gay man who was shot to death after revealing a crush on Jonathan Schmitz, a fellow guest on the talk show. (However, the Michigan Court of Appeals later overturned the award, and the Michigan Supreme Court refused to

Today's Birthdays: Former Sen. Pete Domenici, R-N.M., is 77. Singer Jimmy Ruffin is 70. Singer Johnny Maestro is 70. Actress Robin Strasser is 64. Singer-songwriter Bill Danoff is 63. R&B singer Thelma Houston is 63. Rock musician Bill Kreutzmann (The Dead) is 63. Rock musician Prairie Prince is 59. Actor Robert Hegyes is 58. Movie writer-director Amy Heckerling is 55. Actor Michael E. Knight is 50. Rock musician Phil Campbell (Motorhead) is 48. Country musician Rick Schell is 46. Rock singer-musician Chris O'Connor (Primitive Radio Gods) is 44. Actress Traci Lords is 40. Singer Eagle-Eye Cherry is 38. Actor Breckin Meyer is 35. Rock musician Matt Helders (Arctic Monkeys) is 23. Actor Taylor Abrahamse is 18.



"I'll pray for you"

"I'll pray for you." I'd be willing to bet a large sum of money that nearly ever person has

heard this phrase before. I've noticed the prayer promise the most in Pampa.

I am a proud Christian, and have a large group of Christian friends, but I've never been promised so much prayer in my life.

"Yeah, I accidentally hit a bird with my car," I told my friend the other day.

"Oh, I'm so sorry. I'll pray for you," she replied. I have had many conversations to this nature the past month few months of my life living here.

Before, I was used to hearing this phrase at church. Talking after church, a friend might tell me that she has a had a hard week. Automatically, I felt the need to tell the friend I would pray for them, before I could even process what the friend

was saying. I would promise prayer to anyone. Kid scrape a knee playing in the nursery? I was willing to promise prayer, and maybe. if they injury was bad enough, I might offer to pray for them on the spot. As soon as I walked out the church doors though, the likelihood of me actually praying for the friend or injured knee became seriously downsized.

Don't get me wrong. I'm a prayer lover. My mom prays, and then she prays prayer, even though it to wonder if the prayers

some more, and prays again. Her identity is in prayer. Because of her, I have been raised knowing the value of prayer in every day life.

Prayer is probably one of the most valuable tools we have in every day life. Most people pray when they are in a bind, even unintentionally

A little while back, I was traveling home to Pampa from Amarillo. Lacking an internal sense of direction and an external GPS, I headed West when I came to I-40, instead of going east towards Pampa. A simple, but regrettable mistake.

I travelled through the city and was about 15 miles out of town before I realized what happened. At that exact moment, the orange gas light came in my car.

"Oh, God..." I muttered to myself. The phrase could be seen as a violation of a commandment, but I see it as a prayer in disguise. I was lost an it was dark. I kept heading west, thinking that the next city, suburb, or gas pump was going to come my way in less miles than it would take heading back to Amarillo. I continued pleading to God that I would make it somewhere without running out of gas, imagining other, scary I-40 alternatives that might happen if I didn't.

God answered my

started out as an accident, and since then, I've made a point to be aware of prayer. It's the least I owe to God for saving my irresponsible Even with my efforts to

value prayer and not use it an "emergencies only" phrase or comfort blanket for friends in trouble, I'm still as guilty as the next person. I misuse prayer all the time.

For some reason, when I hear about someone going through a hard time or tragedy, I feel a need to tell the storyteller that I will pray for them. I could probably say other things, other more true things, but it's like if I tell this person I will pray for them, I'm telling them that I am recruiting God to be on there side and everything will be alright

It could be true. If I prayed, God would likely hear the prayer and intervene in the situation. But, how many times do I follow up on my prayer promises? Not nearly enough.

I've noticed there is an abundant amount of prayer promise comments on Facebook, a social networking site that I belong to. If ever I tell my friends something negative on Facebook, like I've had a hard day, I get a lot of replies of people telling me they will pray for me. I truly appreciate the kind sentiments, but I started

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kind phrase. I had started to become slightly jaded in the area of prayer promise until last week when I felt the deep

are just that, a comforting,

need to tell a friend I would pray for them. An old family friend

was diagnosed with Lymphoma. I care about the friend and I have been praying frequently for them, but I realized that all the people that I promise prayer to deserve it just as much as this friend. People deserve more than a prom-

It took a serious situation to jolt my system into the meaningfulness of prayer, but now I know that am not going to throw prayer promises around as if they were monopoly money, fun but worthless.

Instead, I will pray when promise people, and pray when I don't.

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Analysis: Border security move has political angle

SUZANNE GAMBOA Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) President Barack Obama has done what many critics of immigration reform wanted border security first.

Obama sent more investigative agents to the border, poured money into upgrading ports of entry and targeted traffickers who smuggle in people and drugs, then smuggle out guns and cash.

Shifting the focus away from those who come to the U.S. illegally in search of work, he planted it squarely on criminals who foment violence in Mexico and kidnap and kill inside the United States.

Obama hopes those moves will gain him leverage in dealing with the thorniest part of immigration reform: creating a path to citizenship for illegal immigrants. But will his gambit work?

In three tries in three years, Congress has failed to pass an immigration bill,

mainly due to opponents' vague insistence on "border security first." No one has said who and what will determine that the border is secure, but the mantra provides clever cover for an unwillingness to deal with the nearly 12 million people living in the U.S. illegally.

Last week, Obama hinted he's aware of that.

"If the American people don't feel like you can secure the borders," he told reporters, "then it's hard to strike a deal that would get people out of the shadows and on a pathway to citizenship who are already here, because the attitude of the average American is going to be, 'Well, you're just going to have hundreds of thousands of more coming in each year.'

There is no comprehensive immigration bill moving through Congress so far this session, although there are several bills dealing with various aspects of the issue. In his 2010 budget proposal, Obama plans to ask Congress to

up border enforcement and security.

Under Obama's predecessor, George W. Bush, nearly 670 miles of fence and barriers went up on the U.S.-Mexico border. The Border Patrol was doubled to about 18,000 agents. The immigration agency's **Fugitive Operations Teams** saw its budget soar from \$9 million in 2003 to \$218 million in 2008.

Thousands of people were arrested in crackdowns on employers and in raids of private homes. Nearly 350,000 immigrants, a record, were deported. It took billions of dollars to create jail space to house those awaiting deportation. Thousands of employers began using an immigration database to check whether the people they've hired can legally work in the U.S.

Still, Bush's record doesn't satisfy a main congressional critic, Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas.

"It's not enough," Cornyn said, pointing out

provide \$27 billion to beef that the number of border agents pales in comparison with, say, New York City's police force, which

has nearly 40,000 officers. Obama has been building on Bush's work. He said he wants to take a more thoughtful approach to enforcement than, as he put it, "just raids of a handful of workers." His administration is concentrating on companies that recruit undocumented workers who may be depressing U.S. wages, but won't ignore people working illegally at those busi-

He hasn't given in to the demands of some of his strongest supporters immigration advocates and Latinos — for a moratorium on workplace raids. He's also made Mexico's drug violence a high priority for the Homeland Security Department.

So for now, Obama can show he's at least made an attempt to placate the critics.

Highlights from the Texas Legislature

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) -Under a strict new voter ID proposal being circulated in the Legislature, most Texans would have to present photo identification before being allowed to cast a regular ballot.

Exemptions would be provided to voters aged 70 and over, the indigent and Texans who state a religious objection to having a photo ID - provided they show up at the polls with a voter registration certificate.

The proposal by Rep. Todd Smith, GOP chairman of the House Elections Committee, is far tougher than previous versions, which encouraged but did not require use of a photo ID. The legislation would also provide a two-year phase-in of the new rules, instead of four years as Smith had previously proposed.

LEGE TO HOMEBUILDERS: CLEAN IT UP

The Texas House is working to overhaul the Texas Residential Construction Commission in response to a state report that found the agency ineffective for homeowners trying to get builders to address defects in their homes

The proposal would introduce more regulation of homebuilders, including a provision to make it easier for homeowners to file complaints and resolve disputes.

The legislation also would require licensing of homebuilders and regular continued education.

Created in last year's report from Sunset Review Commission, concluded that the agency does not have the trust of the consumers to protect them from unqualified builders. The Sunset Review regularly Commission

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creation of the commission was backed by homebuilders. It was praised by the industry for establishing standards and warranties for home construction, and for creating a process to resolve disputes between builders and buyers out of court.

"This just was not enough to protect homeowners from shoddy work," said Rep. Ruth Jones McClendon, D-San Antonio, who filed the bill.

Consumer groups have argued the agency did more to protect builders than consumers and limited homeowners' legal recourse in disputes.

"This is not a bill the builders love," McClendon

CHIP EXPANSION

Families earning up to 300 percent of the national poverty level would be eligible to buy health coverage for their children through the Children's Health Insurance Fund under legislation the Senate passed Wednesday. That would boost the eligibility beyond the 200 percent above poverty level specified under current law.

Averitt. Sen. Kip R-Waco, said it's a "buyin" program for the new families, who would pay a portion of the cost of the insurance based on a sliding scale. He said the expansion would bring in additional federal matching dollars.

The bill would also allow state officials to establish the amount and types of assets allowed for families to qualify if they have net income above 250 percent of the federal poverty level. The conservative Texas

Public Policy Foundation criticized the Senate vote,

saying that CHIP was created for children of the working poor but that the expansion would extend the insurance to families making up to \$66,000 per year, making it "an expensive entitlement for the middle class."

The group questioned why an expansion is needed when some 170,000 Texas children eligible for the program under current guidelines aren't enrolled.

> **ANTI-ABORTION PLATES**

The House on Wednesday gave final approval to offer "Choose Life" or "Choose Adoption" specialty license plates to Texas drivers.

The House rejected an effort by Fort Worth Democrat Rep. Lon Burnam to offer "Pro-Family, Pro-Choice" license plates.

"I wanted to make sure everyone understood what they did yesterday, which is to politicize these license plates," Burnam said. He said "Choose Life" license plates would send a political message, violating constitutional rights to free speech by offering only one side of the heated abortion debate in Texas.

The controversial "Choose Life" license plates have been advocated this session by Gov. Rick Perry and anti-abortion groups.

The House had not gained ground on creating the "Choose Life" plates until they were attached Tuesday to an otherwise uncontested bill transferring some duties of the Texas Department of Transportation to a new Department of Motor Vehicles. The House on Wednesday unanimously approved the whole DMV bill — including both "Choose Life" and 'Choose Adoption" plates.

The "Choose Life" and

"Choose Adoption" plates now head to the Senate as part of the DMV bill.

The Senate has approved a separate bill that would "Choose Life" create

> DON'T LET THE SUN GO DOWN ON YOU

The State Board of Education will not be subject to periodic legislative review, after the House on Wednesday rejected a proposal to do so.

The bill by Rep. Patrick Rose, D-Dripping Springs, would have brought the 15-member elected body under "sunset" review, a process in which lawmakers periodically scrutinize operations of government

The vote came a day after the House gave the measure preliminary approval, in a squeaker vote. But, the vote was overturned on Wednesday.

Opponents, mostly conservative Republicans, said the board shouldn't be treated like other state agencies because members are elected and do not have a staff.

The board adopts curriculum, adopts textbooks and sets graduation require-

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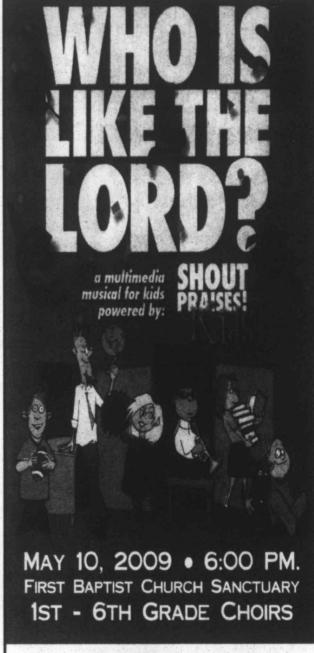
The Texas Finance Commission will change the Web site biography of its top official to reflect his ongoing work as an executive for Cash America, a fast-growing pawn shop and payday loan company in Fort Worth, officials said Wednesday.

As currently written, the resume says William J. White, chairman of the Finance Commission, retired from Cash America in March 2004. However, officials say he was rehired two months later and has continued to work as the company's senior vice president for government relations.

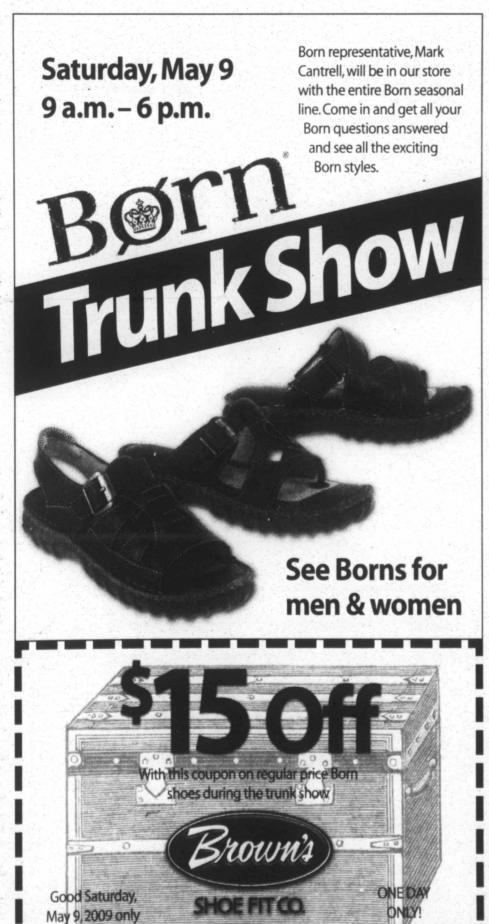
"He is employed by America," said Cash Leslie Pettijohn, executive director of the Finance Commission. "That does need to be clarified on the Web site."

The commission oversees the Texas Department of Banking, the Department of Savings and Mortgage and the Office of Consumer Credit Commissioner.

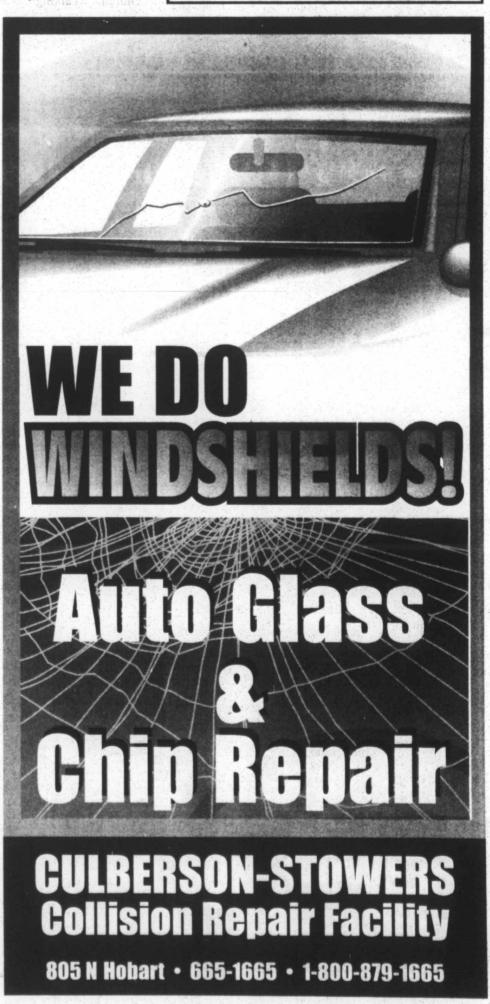
Several Democrats pushing for payday loan curbs this year say White has a conflict of interest between his state regulatory role and his private business



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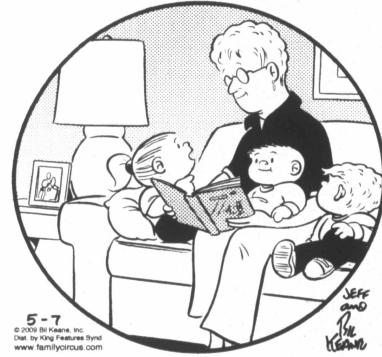
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"My sleeve is NOT a napkin."

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By Bil Keane



"I gotta give your reading of that story a rave review, Grandma."

Daily Crossword Puzzle

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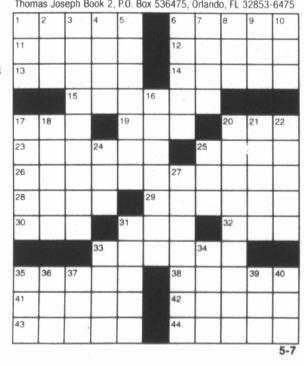
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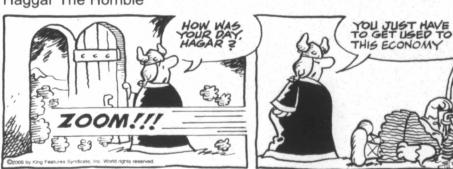




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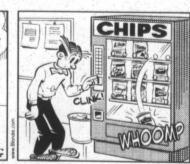
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, May 8,

This year, you often juggle many differ-

ent ideas, factions and friends. The inter-

esting part is that you will be able to

identify with different views or under-

stand others even better. You don't get

confused; you simply understand the dif-

ferent interests. Creativity flows, but you

will want more than just ideas; you will

want results. If you are single, you will meet a lot of people, as your charisma is

quite high. Choosing the right person

could take talent. If you are attached,

agree to disagree. Then you will learn

and grow closer together. You also don't

always need to be on the same page.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll

*** You know how to juggle many

different concerns. Know what you

expect and want. Visualize more. Move

from a very solid point of view, making

the impossible possible. Your will plays

an enormous role in events. Tonight

*** Others exercise their will, and

unfortunately you could be the butt of

this energy. You too have a strong will

should you need to call it in. It would be

better to walk away. Listen to news with

a grain of salt. A problem melts with

ingenuity. Tonight: Remember, you are

*** An easy approach with work

and/or a daily life issue could save a lot

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

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Daily Horoscope

of hassle. Investigate and finish off rather

than start up something new. Some days

you are better off relaxing. Listen to

news that heads in your direction.

**** Your imagination plugged in

could make a big difference. The issue

for you is where you want to funnel this

unusual energy. Love and romance could

benefit. A relationship with a child could

warm up with some fun. Tonight: Lead

others into the weekend. Share in the fun.

** Honor a domestic issue and don't

push yourself too hard. Why not kick

back or take the day off? You feel as if

you have way too much turf to cover.

The good news is that you will be able to

*** Keep conversations open and

flowing. It is easy to make a judgment

and shut someone out. It is harder to keep

your bias to yourself and keep listening.

Today gives you a wonderful opportuni-

ty to practice this skill. Tonight: Out and

*** You might feel a bit down and

need to make a difference. Tune in to

tivity. Be careful with spending. Too

much might be happening, and too

quickly at that. Revise your opinions.

*** You are all smiles and not exact-

ly sure about your choices. Listen to

news that heads in your direction from a

very serious friend. You could have your

hands full with all the people around you

Be willing to say "enough." Tonight

your instincts once you wash away nega-

Tonight: Put your feet up.

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

*** You might need some down-

time. If you can, work from home or try

to go off by yourself. A boss could be

unduly difficult, but you do know how to

deal with it. Don't allow others to dump

more work on you. Tonight: Go for quiet.

behind the scenes could be close to

impossible. Be willing to grasp where

others are coming from. Try to find a

midpoint that works for everyone. Go for

the assumption that everyone is right!

*** A partner could be difficult and

contributing to his or her panoramic per-

spective. You might want to negotiate a

different balance with your work and

your personal life. Look at today as how

extreme the situation could become.

*** So much information is landing

on your desk or ears that you can barely

juggle what you have to do. Exhaustion

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) **★ Reading what might be going on

Tonight: Where the action is.

Tonight: A must show.

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GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I am a secondary school teacher and would like to comment on the letter from "Sports Dad Down South" (Feb. 9) about his teenaged, athletic

star son. That boy has an ego problem that is out of control. I see it in the classroom every day. Many successful athletes think that only the "little" people have to do class work, be on time to class and complete homework. They have the best relationships with their coaches who "intervene" on the athlete's behalf, regardless of behavior and effort -- soliciting "help" for a student who often does not deserve it.

tually will recognize that other influences are shallow and lack the depth of DEAR

heard from many other teachers, administrators and parents -- all eager to share what they have learned in dealing with teens who are high achievers in sports. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I am also the parent of a talented athlete. He was popular in high he had cheated the whole way through. Now at 21, he has thrown away his scholarship, quit the university, and is wandering around wondering why he was never picked up by the NFL.

Somewhere in high school, amid all the acco-

do have longevity or stunning success in the sport. Questions the youngster

must consider are: (1) What will he do when he is not

he loves besides sports is very helpful. That will help "Dad" steer him into a college and major that fit. --BASEBALL MAMA IN

DEAR ABBY: To 'Sports Dad": The fact that a 17-year-old finds your limits a problem can be a good thing, depending on how

His dislike of your parental positions can mean you are doing a good job. Kids really do not respect a doormat. He can have many friends, but he has only one dad. -- KATHY IN METAIRIE.

664-3311.

occurred to "Sports Dad" to investigate the possibility that his son's behavior might be caused by steroids? -- KATE IN ATLANTA DEAR ABBY: That

a saying I heard years ago: "When they are 5 years old. they have all the questions. When they are 17, they have all the answers." I've found out through the years that this isn't far from reality. --BURL IN DALLAS, N.C.



I have watched an athlete's arrogance fed daily by those who attach the kid's value as a person to the level of his performance at that evening's game. Abby, I hope that "Sports Dad's" stellar-performing son evenhis father's love. -- TEXAS TEACHER WHO-KNOWS TEACHER:

Thank you for writing. I

school, great in football and basketball, and was wooed to university with a scholarship in hand. The problem was, in spite of our urging to buckle down and study, he admitted to us on high school graduation night that lades, our son lost touch with reality. Please advise "Sports Dad" to not give up on his son while he still has a chance, and to impress upon him how important hard work and discipline are. --MOM IN MOURNING DEAR ABBY: We have

stressed to our college baseball star son that no matter how successful any athlete is, there will come a time when he or she retires from their beloved sport. Not everyone makes it to the pros, and not all those who

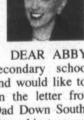
playing anymore? (2) How is he going to help his community and society with his talent? And most important (3) what will he do if, God forbid, he is injured? Having an idea of what

SAN DIEGO

unrealistic his attitude is.

DEAR ABBY: Has it

father and son remind me of



Around town

OPTIMIST BASEBALL Glo-Valve now 5-0

Brody Gains retired the first nine batters in a row and Aaron Allen added three more to complete a perfect game as Glo-Valve Service bested Duncan, Fraser & Bridges Insurance Agency 13-0 Wednesday at Optimist Park.

Glo-Valve improved its Pampa Optimist 11-12 Cal Ripken League record to 5-0.

Gains used only 36 pitches and struck out the last seven batters he faced in notching his second win of the season. Allen struck out one. Rhett Harden and Jacob Nelson pitched for D.F.B.

With one out in the bottom of the first, Ryan Powell walked and stole second. Gaines singled to left to bring Powell in. Gaines stole two bases and tallied on a single to center by Casey Martindale. Martindale stole second and third and took home on a ground out hit by Chance Douglas.

Glo-Valve did most of its damage in the second inning after two were out. Colton Thompson walked, stole two bases and scored on a wild pitch. J. T. Skinner followed with a walk. After a popup and a strikeout, Jason Velasquez and Allen singled up the middle to load the bases. Powell walked to force in a run. Gaines unloaded a double to clear the bases. He stole third and was

brought in again by a Martindale single. In the third inning Thompson reached base on an error. He again stole two bases. Skinner walked and stole second. A hustling Michael Mechelay beat out an infield single to score Thompson with Skinner taking third. Velasquez reached base on an error which allowed Skinner to score and sent Mechelay to third. A walk to Allen loaded the bases for Powell again. Powell produced a

Martindale went two for two with two RBI, four stolen bases and a run scored to lead Glo-Valve's offense. Gaines was two for three with a double, four RBI, three stolen bases and two runs. Powell had a single, two walks, two stolen bases, two runs and three RBI.

two-run single to close the scoring.

The outstanding defensive play of the game came when DFB's Jonathan Doyle caught a Glo-Valve runner steal-

Today's games find Rotary playing Claude in Claude with Cabot traveling to Clarendon. Both games have a 7 p.m. start. Monday's 5:45 p.m. game is between Glo-Valve and Clarendon. At 7 p.m. Cabot goes to Claude while Panhandle hosts D.F.B.

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

Entries wanted for soccer 3v3 tournament

The Pampa High School Soccer Booster Club is hosting a 3v3 tournament on June 6 to raise funds for the 2009-2010 PHS soccer teams. The tournament will be held at the Pampa High School Soccer Fields on 23rd Street.

Boys and girls teams consisting of 3 to 5 players are wanted. Entry fees per team are \$80 (U6), \$100 (U8, U10, U12, U14), and \$125 (High School and Adult).

Each participant will receive a tournament t-shirt. All players in U6 and U8 receive a participation award. First, second and third place trophies will be awarded in the U8 through High School Divisions.

Registration and medical release forms are available by contacting Michele Dyson at 663-0737 or Coach John True at 806-632-2325. All registration materials must be received by May 29, 2009.

Mueller offers a metal building to a deserving non-profit organization

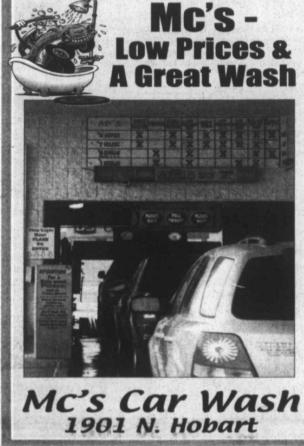
BALLINGER, Texas manufacturer of steel buildings and residential metal roofing, wants to extend a helping hand to a Texas non-profit in need of a new facility. One organization will be chosen to receive a new Mueller steel building through applications submitted by June 1, 2009.

Due to widespread economic stress, Mueller wants to give something back to a struggling organization that always gives to others, whether it is a food bank facility, a volunteer firehouse, or maybe a senior citizen center. Upon making the announcement, Mike Fry, director of marketing for Mueller said, "We are very supportive of the hard working nonprofits in Texas and during these tough times, we want to do our share of giving back by offering a helping hand to one of these deserving organizations."

Mueller is teaming up with the popular tele-vision series, "Texas Country Reporter" with Bob Phillips to publicize this offering. Viewers of the program representing non-profit organizations will be invited to write

in and explain why their organization is worthy of receiving a Mueller steel building. The winner will be announced on the television show this fall.

For complete contest rules and entry form visit http://www.texascountryreporter.com and click on "Helping Hand."



EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

• There will be a Sophomore Parent Meeting on May 12 at 6 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

· Kay's Kreative Kids will host their annual art show from 1 - 4 p.m. sunday, May 17 at Lovett Memorial Library. The public is invited to attend the showing of works done by students ages 5 to 16. Art work in watercolor, pastel, pencil, acrylics, oils and pottery will be on display.

 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 tact Nancy Dodgen Dyess (817) 994-0969 or Misty Shewmaker Hollis at (817) 991-

• 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.

· USS Maddox Destroyer Association Reunion is slated Sept. 9-13 in Phoenix, Ariz. To find out more, call (337) 616-8450 or e-mail cwgilles45@aol.com.

· Fawn Lake Press is offering free "Proud to be an American" flag decals to anyone sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to Fawn Lake Press, 54 Fawn Lake Rd., Durango, CO 81301. Active servicemen and women need not send a SASE to receive the free 2 x 3-inch color decals. Fawn Lake will pay their postage.

 Manhattanville My Soldier is seeking volunteers to "adopt" a deployed United States Serviceperson. To find out more, visit www.mysoldier.com on-line or write to: Manhattanville College My Soldier Department, 2900 Purchase St., Purchase,

· 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.

Snake head found in restaurant dish

CLIFTON PARK, N.Y. (AP) — A diner at an upstate New York restaurant got a little something extra with his broccoli — a severed snake head.

Jack Pendleton was at T.G.I. Friday's in Clifton Park on Sunday when he spotted something gray mixed in with his vegetables and realized it was a snake head the size of his thumb, with part of the spine still attached.

Pendleton says he snapped a photo with his cell phone camera and called the waiter

A spokeswoman for the Carrollton, Texas, chain says it's investigating. The broccoli was pulled from the restaurant and others served by the same supplier. It wasn't immediately known what type of snake was involved.

Pendleton and his girlfriend weren't charged for their meals. He says he has no

over. The manager said he'd never seen anything like it.

Do you have a news tip? Call 669-2525

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