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Austin Elementary School held the annual Field Day Thursday afternoon, with weather in the mid-80's and low winds. Fourth and fifth grade students were involved in a variety of competitions, including Tug-O-War. Eugene Polasek, PE coordinator, organized the event. Students played games on the outside lawn of the side of the school.

staff photo by **Rachel Stennett**

Change is in the wind

BY **DAVID BOWSER**
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CANADIAN — "It is coming," Kenneth Starcher, director of the Alternative Energy Institute at West Texas A&M University, told participants at the Hemphill County Wind, Water and Wildlife Conference here concerning wind energy.

Starcher, who has been with the institute since 1976, said wind energy has expanded dramatically and he expected to see to continue to expand.

He said the Texas Panhandle sits in a unique position with regard to wind energy.

The nation is basically divided

into three electrical grids — the eastern United States, the western United States and Texas. They all come together here, Starcher said.

The draw back has been that the panhandle has been separated from the rest of Texas, but that's changing. The state's CREZ, Competitive Renewable Energy Zone, process will connect proposed wind farms in the panhandle with the electrical grid downstate.

But just as important, there are plans to connect the panhandle to the electrical grid in the eastern U.S.

That opens the area to a much larger customer base, he said.

Xcel Energy is building transmission lines from Woodward, Okla., just east of the Texas Panhandle to Oklahoma City. There are plans to run transmission lines from Tulia to Oklahoma City, Starcher said. There are also plans to build transmission lines from the panhandle to Wichita and beyond.

Starcher said the power generated by wind turbines near Pantex, northeast of Amarillo, is being sent to Missouri.

"They're paying a little fee to get it there," he said, "but they found a better price there than selling it locally."

The key, he indicated, is being

able to move the electricity from where it is produced to where customers are demanding it. These transmission highways, he said, are the Farm-to-Market Roads of the future.

Starcher said one of the most efficient wind farms in the nation is the one at Wildorado, west of Amarillo.

"The wind farm at Wildorado, over near Vega, has been one of the best ones in all of the United States," Starcher says.

It's been producing electricity for about two years now, and it's increasing its volume.

Brad Christopher with the WIND cont. on page 3

Lake conditions solid for weekend

WYLIE, Texas (AP) — Debby Wiley is ready for the Memorial Day weekend rush at the Dallas-area marina she manages.

It's a much better feeling than she had three years ago, when drought conditions forced officials to move Collin Park Marina into the main part of Lavon Lake before the cove where it normally sits turned into a maze of dried, cracked mud.

Wiley said the marina wasn't deserted when Lavon was at a paltry 35 percent of capacity in 2006, but she figures the phone "ringing off the hook" this year has something to do with ideal lake levels that are showing up in other parts of Texas, too.

"You give us sunshine and you give us water and the people come," she said. "That's all they need."

Wiley's marina store, a res-

taurant and several boat docks are back in their cove, floating on about 20 feet of water. The scene about 30 miles northeast of Dallas is probably similar elsewhere in lake-rich northeast Texas.

John Rael, who monitors lake levels for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, said lakes from the Dallas area eastward are in good to great shape, with some overflowing and implementing controlled releases. Numerous lakes that Rael said always see significant holiday traffic are either full or close to it, particularly in areas close to Houston and westward toward Austin.

"If you haven't made reservations or planned for that area, it's too late," Rael said. "We're just expecting overflow crowds at our facilities this weekend."

LAKES cont. on page 3



Captain Jake Courtney affixes a flag on the party boat moored at Collin Park Marina on Lake Lavon in Wylie. The lake-rich northern and eastern parts of the state have had plenty of rain, and officials are expecting huge crowds over Memorial Day weekend.



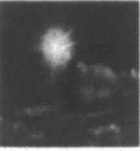
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Sunday: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 78. South southeast wind between 5 and 15 mph.

Sunday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 59. South southeast wind around 10 mph.

Memorial Day: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 82. South southeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Monday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 61. Southeast wind around 10 mph becoming southwest.

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Democrats use stalling strategy

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Talkative House Democrats used stalling tactics Friday to prevent passage of a voter identification bill they oppose that's scheduled for debate this weekend.

Democrats — who'd warned they would put up a fight to stop the voter ID measure — began talking at length on non-controversial legislation to use up the clock. The Legislature adjourns June 1, and a number of bill passage deadlines are arriving in the next few days.

The Senate already passed a Republican-pushed bill requiring voters to show a photo ID or two non-photo ID alternatives when they cast a ballot. Democrats say that would prevent people without those forms of identification from voting and suppress turnout. If Democrats are going to stop the legislation, it will have to be in the House, where the chamber is almost evenly divided by party.

Veteran Rep. Delwin Jones, R-Lubbock, said Democratic opponents of the voter ID bill were trying to pressure fellow lawmakers to negotiate the legislation, in turn threatening scores of unrelated bills. The delay tactic, using the rules to eat up time, is known as "chubbing."

"In lieu of the filibuster, the House chubs," Jones said. "It keeps a lot of bills from being considered, which puts a lot of pressure on the members who have bills they want to pass."

Rep. Jim Dunnam, D-Waco, leader of the

House Democrats, said members of his party were willing to compromise on key legislation but would continue to use parliamentary maneuvers to keep the voter ID bill off the House floor.

"We're not being obstructionists. We're not killing any bills. We're not breaking quorum," Dunnam said. "We're trying to get the House's priorities back in order."

Dunnam said Democrats would allow important bills to be taken up out of order with a vote of a supermajority of legislators — two-thirds of them. But that would take bipartisan agreement, which so far has been elusive.

The House gavelled into session 30 minutes late Friday. Then, after the usual prayer, pledge and welcoming remarks, legislators started in on a long "local and consent" agenda. It's supposed to be a non-controversial agenda of bills that usually breezes along.

But Democrats made it clear they planned to ask lots of questions on those bills and use up all the time permitted — 10 minutes per bill — to slow down the House's work pace.

One Democratic lawmaker during his questioning about a proposed municipal utility district in Waller County brought up a House leadership scandal from the 1970s. Another, questioning a Republican doctor representatives on his legislation, asked about the best remedies for nasal congestion.

Rep. Sid Miller, R-Stephenville, raised a



Rep. Jim Dunnam, D-Waco, right, talks with Rep. Warren Chisum, R-Pampa, left, during the session in the Texas House of Representatives Friday, May 22, 2009, in Austin, Texas. Rep. Trey Martinez Fischer, D-San Antonio, center listens.

technical point to try to prevent the whole local and consent agenda from being considered so that the House could return to major pending bills, like changes to the top 10 percent college admissions law and, potentially, voter ID, slated for Saturday. He later temporarily withdrew that technical challenge.

"Hopefully we can get back to the people's business and see less chubbing," Miller pleaded, to no avail.

Republicans huddled to talk strategy at the back of the House chamber and in an adjoining conference room, where former Speaker Tom Craddick joined them. The Republicans told news reporters to leave the room.

Rep. Mike "Tuffy" Hamilton, R-Mauriceville,

said Republicans were taking a wait-and-see approach, for now.

On the other side of the Capitol, Sen. Leticia Van de Putte, chair of the Senate Democratic Caucus, said senators were scrambling to find ways to revive legislation that may be close to death in the House.

Van de Putte and fellow Democrats tried unsuccessfully to block the voter ID bill in the Senate. She said if voter ID hadn't been placed on the House agenda, "we'd be rockin'-and-rollin'."

"I'm sorry to see what has happened happen, but we set the tone here by doing that at the beginning. We have to remember this is about voter ID, not anything else," she said.

No paper Monday

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Lakes

Lake levels aren't as high as they were last year across much of Texas, but most of the bigger lakes are within 20 percent of conservation, or what is considered the optimum level. Two lakes in Central Texas are exceptions: Travis and Buchanan. Travis was at 62 percent of capacity in the latest monthly report from the Texas Water Development Board. Buchanan was at 69 percent.

"They are below conservation, but they're not in dire straits by any means," said Greg Shelton, who monitors river and lake levels for the National Weather Service. "With the recent rains in that part of the state, especially in the Austin and San Antonio areas, I'm sure those reservoirs have rebounded somewhat."

Although the latest drought map released Thursday showed that conditions have eased in South Texas, parts of that area remain the only ones in the country in exceptional drought. The impact on water recreation is minimal because there are only a few of what the state calls major lakes in those areas. Still, weather officials are watching rainfall closely.

"The long-term forecasts are indicating for that drought to persist in deep

South Texas especially," Shelton said. "That would be an ongoing concern."

The opposite is true in North Texas. Flooding along the Red River has some resort owners at Lake Texoma expecting their Memorial weekend turnout to be lower. Several Texoma parks are closed because of flooding, and Wiley said she's had calls from people looking for alternative sites.

"With us, since everything floats, too much water is not a problem," Wiley said.

Good weather forecasts also are playing a role in officials expecting large crowds. The chances of rain around most of the state don't exceed 30 percent through the weekend, said Victor Murphy, a National Weather Service meteorologist. He said normal conditions, which means temperatures in the 80s, are expected across most of the state.

"We do not see any significant impact weather for the weekend across Texas," Murphy said.

In West Texas, Lake Brownwood was to reopen this weekend after storms earlier in the month destroyed up to half of the lake's approximately 1,000 docks.

Rob McCorkle, a spokesman for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, said his agency had no forecasts for the volume of traffic this weekend.

Wind

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Edison Mission Group that runs the Wildorado operation said the Texas Panhandle is perfect for wind farms.

"It's hot and windy," he said, "or it's cold and windy."

Having spent most of his career with the Edison companies in the east, he said he was used to coal-fired plants. Wind energy is something new to him, but he's enjoying it.

Christopher, who came to the Texas Panhandle from Pennsylvania, said an 80-megawatt coal-fired plant employs 52 people. A 161-megawatt operation, like the wind turbines at Wildorado, employs 15 people.

In addition, he said a wind farm uses no water and has no fuel costs.

In addition to generating power, Starcher said there are things in the future that may increase the value of wind farms such as cap and trade policies that are being discussed.

"It will get a lot more people interested in developing wind energy more quickly," he said, "because there's more money in it."

One of the benefits of wind energy that some utilities are finding now is that it counters the volatility of natural gas.

"It can help stabilize some of their prices," Starcher said.

As for landowners' involvement in wind farms, attorney Judd Finney with

the Amarillo law firm of Peterson, Farris, Pruitt and Parker said there is no real standard wind lease. Wind law is still developing, although certain directions are becoming apparent.

Still, Finney said that everything is negotiable and terms of wind leases he's seen have varied widely.

The time for a landowner to begin protecting himself, Finney said, is when he starts negotiating.

"It's slowed down a little bit now," Finney said, "but it will pick back up."

He said he's seen leases for 20 to 50 years and has heard about proposed leases for up to 90 years.

"They plan on being here a while," he said.

Finney said landowners need to keep in mind that there is more to a lease than a single payment. There are royalties, which are a percentage of the gross revenue generated by the wind turbines. There are installation fees, damage fees and liabilities to contend with.

One of the major questions right now, he said, is the ability to convey wind rights. The law is still being developed as to whether wind is a property right that can be severed and sold separately like mineral rights.

"We don't know how it will work yet," Finney said, "but people are doing it."

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Pampa High School

May 28 & 29 • Final Exams
May 29 • Graduation Rehearsal • 2:00 p. m.
May 30 • Graduation • 10:00 a. m.
May 30 • All Night Party

Pampa Junior High School

May 27 & 28 • Semester Tests
May 27-30 • Band Semester Tests and Auditions for '08-'09
May 29 • Early Release • 1:15 p. m.

Austin Elementary

May 27 • Kindergarten Celebration & Awards • 8:30 a. m.
May 27 • 1st & 2nd • Grade Awards Assembly • 9:45 a. m.
May 27 • 3rd, 4th and 5th Grade Awards Assembly • 1:00 p. m.
May 29 • 5th Grade Step-Up Ceremony • 10:30 a. m.
May 29 • 5th Grade Last Walk • 12:45 p. m.
May 30 • Early Release • 1:15 p. m.

Lamar Elementary

May 27 • Head Start and Pre-K Music Program • 8:30 a. m.
May 28 • Kindergarten Music Program 9:00 a. m.
May 29 • 1st and 2nd Grade Awards Assembly 8:30 a. m.
May 29 • 3rd, 4th, and 5th Grade Awards Assembly • 10:00 a. m.
May 29 • Early Release • 1:00 p. m.

Travis Elementary

May 26 • 5th Grade to Wonderland Park
May 27 • 2nd Grade to Central Park • 10:00 a. m.
May 27 • Kindergarten Graduation • 10:00 a. m.
May 27 • 4th Grade to Recreation Park • 11:30 p. m.
May 28 • 1st Grade to Hobart St. Park • 10:00 a. m.
May 29 • Awards Assembly • 9:00 a. m.

Wilson Elementary

May 27 • Kindergarten Graduation • 9:00 a. m.
May 28 • Awards Assembly • 10:00 a. m.
May 29 • 5th Grade Graduation • 1:30 p. m.
May 29 • Early Release • 1:15 p. m.

For the most up-to-date Pampa ISD information, Go to the school website at www.pampaisd.net From the parent connection drop-down menu, click on the Pampa ISD Event Calendar



Viewpoints

Today in History

Today is Saturday, May 23, the 143rd day of 2009. There are 222 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

1430 - Joan of Arc is captured near Compiègne, France, by Burgundians, who sell her to the English.
1785 - Benjamin Franklin creates his own pair of bifocals.

1873 - Canada's North West Mounted Police force is established.

1915 - Italy declares war on Austria-Hungary, entering World War I.

1934 - U.S. robber couple Bonnie Parker and Clyde Barrow are shot to death in a police ambush as they drive a stolen Ford Deluxe along a road in Bienville Parish, Louisiana.

1945 - Nazi official Heinrich Himmler commits suicide while imprisoned in Luneburg, Germany.

1969 - Death toll in Malaysia rioting exceeds 500, with 90 percent of casualties ethnic Chinese.

'Genius does what it must, talent does what it can.'

— Edward Bulwer-Lytton, English author

1971 - An earthquake destroys town of Bingol in eastern Turkey, killing 1,000 people.

1992 - United States and four former Soviet republics sign agreement to implement START

missile-reduction treaty.

1993 - More than 1.5 million Cambodians ignore Khmer Rouge threats and vote in the country's first free elections in more than two decades.

1995 - Israel suspends plans to confiscate Arab land in east Jerusalem, acknowledging that it no longer can act at will to strengthen the Jewish hold on the city.

1996 - A North Korean pilot flies his MiG-19 jet across the world's most heavily guarded border and defects to South Korea.

1998 - Troops clear out 2,000 students occupying the Indonesian Parliament, and President B.J. Habibie, two days into the job as Suharto's successor, swears in a new Cabinet.

2002 - A heat wave strikes India and kills 1,030 people, mainly in the southern state of Andhra Pradesh. Temperatures reached a record 124 degrees Fahrenheit (51 degrees Celsius).

2004 - A bomb planted by suspected rebels explodes in a crowded discotheque in northwest Colombia, killing six people and wounding 82 — the bloodiest in a series of attacks marking the 40th anniversary of Colombia's main rebel group, the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC.

2006 - Osama bin Laden reportedly says in an audio tape that Zacarias Moussaoui — the only person convicted in the U.S. for the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks — had nothing to do with the operation.

2007 - A 60-year-old woman gives birth to a pair of boys in New Jersey. Hospital officials believed Frieda Birnbaum was the oldest woman to give birth to twins in the United States.

Today's Birthdays:

Carl von Linné (Linnaeus), Swedish botanist (1707-1778); Franz Anton Mesmer, Austrian physician (1753-1815); Rosemary Clooney, U.S. singer (1928-2002); Joan Collins, English-born actress (1933--); Drew Carey, U.S. comedian (1958--); Jewel, U.S. singer (1974--).



Five Remarkable Ladies Who Served As Women Airforce Service Pilots

Mac Thornberry
U.S. Congressman

Since the first Memorial Day following the Civil War, Memorial Day has gradually changed from a solemn day recognizing the sacrifice of those who have given their lives to defend our country into a holiday marking the beginning of summer. But this Memorial Day we should all take time to remember and reflect on the original purpose of the day. As we remember the fallen, we can also draw inspiration from five remarkable ladies from our part of Texas who served as Women Airforce Service Pilots during World War II: Madelyn M. Eggleston from Vernon, Grace C. Fender from Amarillo, Marion S. Hodgson from Wichita Falls, Mary Alice Vandeventer from Lueders, and Florene Watson from Borger.

In the days leading-up to World War II, our country was divided between those who thought strict neutrality and our geographic isolation would keep us out of war and those who thought that we must prepare for an inevitable war against Fascism.

One of those preparedness programs was the Civilian Pilot Training Program or CPTP. The CPTP trained thousands of pilots, including around 2,500 women. In many CPTP programs women were allowed in at a ratio of one woman to ten men; however, Florene Miller Watson of Borger beat those odds and was serving as an instructor teaching men to fly at an Odessa, Texas airfield when World War II began on December 7, 1941 — her 21st birthday.

A groundbreaker in many ways, Florene Watson began her World War II service in the Women's Auxiliary Ferrying Service or WAFFS, one of just 25 women in the nation qualified for WAFFS when the program began. "[The] WAFFS were flying a year before [the] WASP started flying.... [We] would take new airplanes anywhere they were needed..." In January 1943 she was made Commanding Officer of the WAFFS-WASP units stationed at Love Field in Dallas. By the end of the war she had flown every type of training, cargo, fighter, and twin and four-engine bomber that the Air Corps used.

Madelyn M. Eggleston from Vernon was hooked on flying as a child living in Nebraska, where a family friend had an airplane. She took her pilot's training through the CPTP and became a WASP "to fly the big planes." As she put it, "We got to fly those wonderful airplanes AND they



Grace Clark Fender



Mary Alice Putnam



Florene Miller Watson



Madelyn Eggleston

paid us." Grace C. Fender from Amarillo received her pilot's license in 1939, an early graduate of the CPTP. She joined the WASP because "we were losing pilots so fast we were needed." "[Flying] is a good career for any woman," said Mrs. Fender. "We had a good time in bad circumstances.... It [the WASP] was a wonderful group to be with..."

Marion S. Hodgson from Wichita Falls took her pilot's training through the CPTP while a student at the University of Georgia at Athens. "We got five credits for taking the program," and she received her pilot's license in 1941, the year of the Pearl Harbor attack. Mrs. Hodgson became a WASP because, "Our country was at war and there was a shortage of pilots.... It is a wonderful feeling to serve your country. Don't be afraid to be patriotic."

Mary Alice Vandeventer from Lueders became interested in flying when her father took her up in an airplane. "When I was a freshman in college, a girl used to come into biology class and talk about the adventures of flying (in the civilian pilot training program)," she recalled. She joined the WASP program, serving at a gunnery school towing targets. "I did so little compared to what the fellas did," said Mrs. Vandeventer. "So many young people have done so much for this country, and we need to recognize them on this Memorial Day and be thankful for them."

Patriotism, a sense of adventure, a desire "to fly the big planes," --

the motivations to join the WASP and serve their country were as diverse as the women themselves. One thing they have in common, however, is love of country and a uniquely American spirit that anything is possible. As Florene Watson put it, "Many people turned their noses up to a girl flying, but it never occurred to me that I couldn't fly that airplane."

On this Memorial Day — in a very different time and place -- we again have Americans fighting and dying to protect our nation. We owe them and their families our deepest gratitude and respect.

And as Madelyn Eggleston, Grace Fender, Marion Hodgson, Mary Alice Vandeventer, and Florene Watson remind us, there are many ways to serve. As we honor those who have sacrificed their all, we should also take inspiration from the can-do spirit of these amazing ladies.



Marion S Hodgson

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Memorial Day: A History

Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, is a day to remember those who have died in our nation's service. After the

Civil war many people in the North and South decorated graves of fallen soldiers with flowers. In the Spring of 1866,

Henry C. Welles, a druggist in the village of Waterloo, N.Y., suggested that the patriots who had died in the Civil War should

be honored by decorating their graves. General John B. Murray, Seneca County Clerk, embraced the idea and a committee

was formed to plan a day devoted to honoring the dead. Townspeople made wreaths, crosses and bouquets for each veteran's grave. The village was decorated with flags at half mast. On May 5 of that year, a procession was held to the town's cemeteries, led by veterans. The town observed this day of remembrance on May 5 of the following year as well.

Decoration Day was officially proclaimed on May 5, 1868 by General John Logan in his General Order No. 11, and was first observed officially on May 30, 1868. The South did not observe Decoration Day, preferring to honor their dead on separate days until after World War I. In 1882, the name was changed to Memorial Day, and soldiers who had died in other wars were also honored.

In 1971, Memorial Day was declared a national holiday to be held on the

last Monday in May.

Today, Memorial Day marks the unofficial beginning of the summer season in the United States. Memorial Day Weekend is a three-day holiday that is typified by the first family picnics and barbecues of the year. The Indianapolis 500 Mile Race takes place on the Sunday before Memorial Day.

Memorial Day is still a time to remember those who have passed on, whether in war or otherwise. It also is a time for families to get together for ball games, swimming, and other early summer activities.

Thank a veteran today!



Terri Clifton, of Milford, Del., whose son, USMC Lance Cpl. Chad Clifton was killed in Iraq and is buried at Arlington National Cemetery, watches as U.S. Army soldiers place American flags on the graves of section 60 at Arlington National Cemetery for Memorial Day, in Arlington, Va. Thursday, May 21, 2009. "We come here every year on flags in," says Clifton, "to thank the soldier who places the flag on Chad's grave. Every year I'm blown away by how many more graves there are." (AP Photo/Jacquelyn Martin)

Remembering Memorial Day

"Let no neglect, no ravages of time, testify to the present or to the coming generations that we have forgotten as a people the cost of a free and undivided republic."

That sentence is from General Orders 11 of the Grand Army of the Republic, the document that authorized the first Decoration Day in 1868. This new holiday was created to give Americans a way to memorialize the soldiers, Union and Confederate, who died fighting the Civil War.

Decoration Day eventually evolved into Memorial Day. The original name stayed in common use right up until the last part of the last century.

Probably the most visible symbols of Memorial Day are the artificial poppies sold in communities all over the country by Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion groups. Poppies have been part of remembering the casualties of war for almost a century.

Beyond honoring those who have given their lives in this newest battle to defend America, Memorial Day is about honoring all of the Americans who died in all of our country's wars.

There are several ways to celebrate Memorial Day. When you pass by members of the area's veterans group selling poppies outside your town's post office, stop and buy one. If your town has a parade or some other formal community event, take your kids down. Tell them why Memorial Day is a national holiday. Visit one of our local cemeteries. Small American flags are attached to the graves in most of them by local volunteers and veterans groups.

All of those flags fluttering in a spring breeze can't help but remind you why they're there. And just taking a second to quietly remember why is probably the best way to honor and remember the people this holiday celebrates.

Bill Donovan writes regularly for *The Advocate*.

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Pampa— Parkinson's Disease is a chronic, progressive motor system disorder that affects one million people in the United States. One in 100 people over the age of 60 are diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease. Symptoms of Parkinson's Disease include rigidity, slowed movements, and tremor, along with postural instability and a variety of non-motor symptoms.

Recent research funded by the National Institutes of Health has shown another therapy, LSVT BIG®, that can improve function and slow the effects of Parkinson's Disease.

James Jordan understands the importance of the LSVT BIG® program and feels that he can walk and talk better since participating. James was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease 10 years ago and was experiencing arthritis in his knees, extreme shaking and stiffness. At the age of 64, James took action and two weeks into treatment with Accolade Home Care he stated, "My bones feel stronger. Now I can bend over to pick up the remote, before I had done the therapy with you, I would have fallen on my head!" James still has two weeks to go, but is now able to take big steps, walk up and down the stairs and get into bed without any problems. "Everything in my life is better!" Mr. Jordan stated.

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The LSVT BIG® program is carried out by Occupational and Physical Therapists certified in this method. Even though medications are very effective early on at alleviating most of the symptoms of Parkinson's Disease, scientific research suggests that patients should not wait until they begin to experience disability, impaired function or loss of balance to begin exercise.

Cristi Paulk, OTR certified in LSVT commented, "This approach of high frequency and high intensity of effort is able to re-train movement patterns that have become dormant. The problem with patients with Parkinson's Disease, isn't that they can't move, it's that their movement is too small to be effective.

Accolade Home Care provides nursing and/or therapy services for patients that are homebound and is very excited to have therapists certified to provide this specialized program to patients.

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Rotary team still has perfect record

The Rotary Club got its eighth victory of the season with a 13-5 victory over Duncan, Frazier and Bridges. Ethan Hunt got his seventh win of the season by going six innings for a complete game. He struck out 13, walked one and hit three batters.

Solon Wilson, Jacob Nelson and Jonathan Doyle all pitched two innings each for DFB in the loss.

Cade Engle got the Rotary offense going when he doubled to right center field on the first pitch of the game, he was able to take third base and home on a wild throw to give Rotary a 1-0 lead.

Blain Troxell then added a single and stole second, third and home on the next three pitches.

Those two runs would be all Rotary would get when they ended the inning on a fly out.

DFB took the lead in the bottom of the second inning when Braxton Maul drew a walk, Jacob Nelson was hit by a pitch and Doyle reached second base on an error. Wilson doubled, driving in one run, however an error on Rotary would allow two more to score and DFB to take the lead 3-2 before a couple of strikeouts ended the inning.

Rotary did not accomplish much in the second as Andreas Losoya was the only Rotary runner to reach base with a single to right field. The inning ended when Nelson made a great defensive play for DFB, stealing a base hit from Rotary's Cade Engle. DFB did not do any better in the second—they sent four batters to the plate with one getting hit, two striking out and the last one grounding out to first base.

Rotary began the third with a strike out, but then got things rolling when Hunt sent a solo shot over the left centerfield fence for his fifth dinger of the year.

A single and two stolen bases by Aaron

McKinney, another single by Louis Chavez and a stolen base put runners at second and third.

Alec Hendricks came up big for Rotary with a run scoring single to plate McKinney. The third

inning ended for Rotary with a strikeout that left the bases loaded but in charge with a 4-3 lead.

DFB did not go quietly in the third as Nelson reached first base for the second time this game after being hit by a pitch and then Jonathan Doyle sent his 1st pitch of the at bat over the centerfield fence for a two-run shot and his fourth dinger of the year. DFB then went down on strikes but took a 5-4 lead going into the top of the fourth inning.

Losoya and Engle both drew walks to begin the fourth. A few pitches later they had both worked their way around the bases and stole home on wild pitches.

Ethan Hunt added a one out double, however a double play by DFB would end the inning with Rotary taking a 6-5 lead. DFB did not help their cause much in the fourth as Hunt sent them to the bench in order.

Rotary added one run in the fifth inning when McKinney reached base on a walk and stole second and third. He later scored on a wild pitch to put Rotary up 7-5 before three strike-outs ended the inning for Rotary.

DFB did not get any runs in the fifth inning—Hunt struck out two and the third grounded out to first base, leaving Rotary up 7-5.

Rotary added six runs in the sixth inning that began with a walk to Julian Silva. Silva then stole second, third and advanced home on a passed ball.

A strike out and another walk to Engle, who stole second and third on the same wild pitch and later scored his third run on a

Blain Troxell single.

A couple of stolen bases and a pass ball scored Troxell. Hunt drew a walk, stole second and third then reached home on a big single to right centerfield by Rance Tipps. Tipps would go on to steal second and third before scoring on a pass ball.

Chavez struck out, but hustled down to first base on a dropped third strike and scored afterstealing second and third, then reaching home on an Alec

Hendricks single.

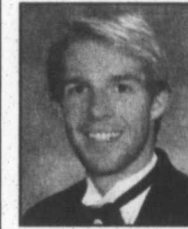
Rotary was able to score six runs in the top of the sixth inning to break the game open with a 13-5 lead.

Hunt sent the DFB hitters down in order once again in the bottom of the sixth to secure Rotary's perfect 8-0 record.

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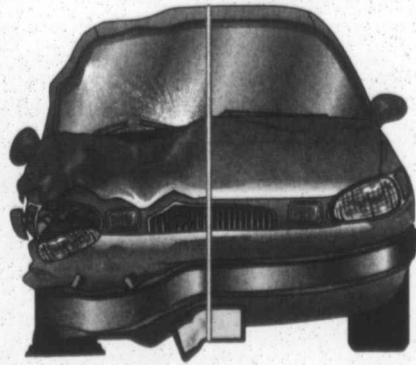


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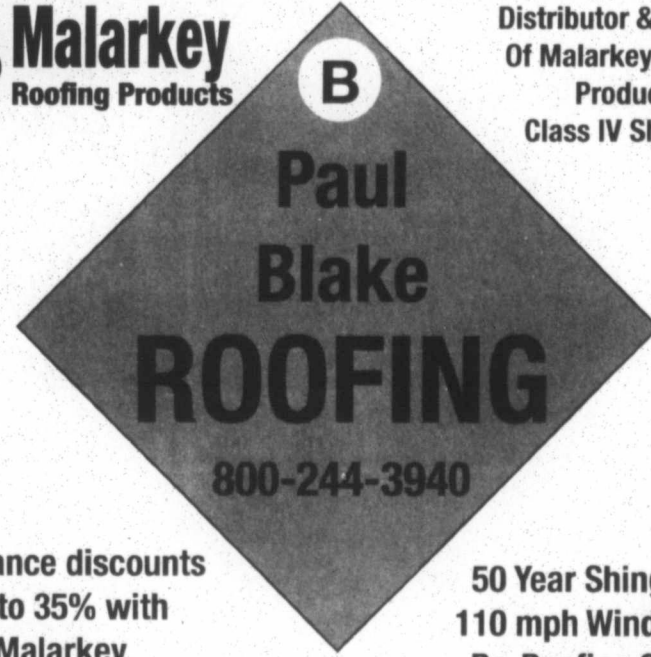


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EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

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• **The Wolf Creek Improvement Board** will be hosting a **Children's Fishing Tournament at Lake Fryer** on Saturday, June 6, 2009. Registration will begin at 8 a.m. at the gazebo on the north shore of the lake. There will be a \$1.00/contestant registration fee with all proceeds dedicated for improvements to the lake. The first 220 contestants will receive a free registration bag including a fishing pole and t-shirt. However, last year we had more contestants than fishing poles so anyone who has a fishing pole is encouraged to bring theirs as backup!! Saturday is a free fishing day for all ages so no permits will be needed. The tournament ends at 12:00 noon with prizes awarded at 1 p.m. Prizes will be awarded in three age groups: ages 1-5, ages 6-10, and ages 11-14. Additional "All Ages" prizes will be awarded for First Fish Caught, Largest Fish, Smallest Fish, First Turtle, Most Unusual Thing Found In The Park, and the Contestant Who Traveled The Furthest. A special category prize will be given for anyone 80 or over assisting a contestant. For further information please contact Kay Allison at Allegiance Communications 806-435-3231 during business hours or Jan Hickey at 806-435-3249.

• **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.

• **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.

• **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

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND EVENTS

Saturday, May 23, a memorial service will be held at 6:30 p.m. at Fairview Cemetery to honor veterans. The service will include a 21 gun salute and special performances.

Memorial Day tributes are scheduled for Saturday and Monday, including the dedication of an F-4 plane at the Freedom Museum. A dedication service will be held at The Freedom Museum at 2 p.m. to dedicate the F-4 Phantom Fighter plane at Freedom Museum to Lt. Col James H. Ayres, a fallen soldier who was missing in action for 36 years from Pampa.

Saturday, May 23, a memorial service will be held at 6:30 p.m. at Fairview Cemetery to honor veterans. The service will include a 21 gun salute and special performances.

Additional services will be held at 10 a.m. at Memory Gardens, and a candlelight service will be held at 8 p.m. on Monday at The Freedom Museum.

In case of inclement weather, the dedication ceremony and the candlelight service scheduled for Monday will be moved to the VFW #1657 hall, 105 N. Cuyler.

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• **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.

The Pampa News will not publish Monday, May 25, Memorial Day.

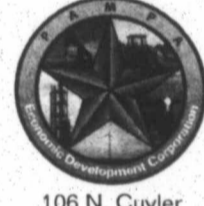


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ENGAGEMENT

Jackson, Reno to wed June 11



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The couple plans to wed June 11, 2009 at Sam Houston Park in Amarillo.

The bride-elect is a 2005 home school graduate. She has attended Frank Phillips College in Borger.

The prospective groom is a 2006 graduate of Lefors High School. He attended Missouri University of Science and Technology in Rolla, Missouri for two years.

He is a May 2009 graduate of the Amarillo College Fire Academy and is employed by Nistler's Lawn and Landscape in Amarillo.

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JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY



The National Junior Honor Society of Pampa Junior High collected and donated money to the Pampa Special Olympics. Many of the students also helped with the sports programs of the Special Olympics as their projects. Shannon Loter, left, and Janet Abbe, right, accepted the money from Rachel Andrews, President, and Alison Alexander, Vice-President.

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 Breakfast— Breakfast pizza

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Space shuttle landing held up by storms

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Thunderstorms raking NASA's spaceport kept space shuttle Atlantis in orbit an extra day Friday, giving the crew unwanted downtime as they aimed for a landing the next day.

After passing up two opportunities to land Friday at Kennedy Space Center, Mission Control

thanked the seven astronauts for their patience.

"We know you looked at it hard," replied commander Scott Altman. A little later, he informed flight controllers, "We're enjoying the view."

The astronauts — fresh off successful repairs of the Hubble Space Telescope's sophisticated instruments

— intended to spend part of their day off watching DVDs. But when they tried to play the movies, they found out that their laptops didn't have the proper software.

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The Citadelle Art Foundation Opens Doors to Public

CANADIAN, TX -- The Citadelle Art Foundation in Canadian, Texas is proud to present J.C. Leyendecker: America's "Other" Illustrator. Organized by The Haggin Museum, Stockton, California, the exhibit is scheduled to open May 31, 2009 and will run through September 6, 2009.

The Citadelle Art Foundation is located in the unassuming Texas Panhandle town of Canadian, a world-class art museum has been quietly growing since 1972. Under the steady guidance of local philanthropist couple, Therese and Malouf Abraham, only the rarest and most sought-after paintings, sculptures, and artifacts were purchased and privately amassed in the couple's 8,000 square foot mansion.

In 2008, the Abrahams announced a \$5 million project to transform this home into a public facility that will include an art gallery, education center, visitor center and feature breath-taking gardens with European-inspired foundations and terraces, and an eclectic blend of more than 135 pieces from famous American illustrators, 18th-century European painters and everything in between.

In celebration of The Citadelle's grand opening on May 31, 2009, the nationally touring collection of paintings, posters, and illustrations by J.C. Leyendecker will be displayed alongside three other Leyendecker works already in the permanent collection at The Citadelle. Admission to the museum will be \$10 for adults. Youth 18 and under are free.

J.C. Leyendecker

Joseph Christian Leyendecker (1874-1951) may not be as well known as his fellow American illustrator Norman Rockwell, but during his long career his work was some of the most popular of its day. Born at Montabour in Southwest Germany, Leyendecker came to America with his parents in 1882 and settled in Chicago. Recognizing their son's artistic abilities, his parents allowed him to apprentice at the Chicago engraving house of J. Manz and Company where he eventually advanced to a full-time position as staff artist. At night he would attend classes at the Chicago Art Institute under the direction of John H. Vanderpoel.

In September 1896 Leyendecker left Chicago to study in Paris for two years at the Academie Julian and Colorossi's, two of that city's most celebrated art schools. He was accompanied by his younger brother, Frank (1877-1924), who was sent along by their parents not only to study, but also to provide their elder son companionship. The Academie was then under the direction of the famous salon painter Adolphe William Bouguereau (1825-1905). He and two of the school's most important instructors, Benjamin Constant (1845-1902) and Jean-Paul Laurens (1838-1921), recognized Leyendecker's talent and gave him special attention. In April of 1897, he was given the opportunity to display a one-man exhibition of his works at the Salon Champs du Mars.

It was along the Parisian streets, ablaze with the vibrant poster art of Jules Cheret (1836-1933), Alphonse Mucha (1860-1939), and Henri de Toulouse Lautrec (1864-1901), that Leyendecker came to the realization that a talented artist could gain both critical acclaim and monetary rewards as a commercial illustrator. It was to that end that he now turned his attention. While still



J. C. LEYENDECKER: America's "Other" Illustrator, organized by The Haggin Museum, Stockton, California

in Paris he began illustrating covers for the Chicago-based magazine, The Inland Printer. Over the next half century he seldom deviated from his decision to pursue a career in commercial art.

The Leyendecker brothers returned to Chicago in the summer of 1897 where they opened a joint studio. The following year J. C. Leyendecker did his first cover artwork for Collier's magazine; over the next ten years he would produce forty seven more. Just before the turn-of-the-century, he received a commission to produce an image for the cover of The Saturday Evening Post. This rather undistinguished image that illustrated a story on the Spanish American War for the Post's May 20 issue was the first of 322 covers he would produce for the magazine between 1899 and 1943—more than any other artist, including Norman Rockwell.

Leyendecker's popularity at the Post was due to his ability to convey the

essence of everyday life in America through artwork that reflected his unique sense of drama, romanticism, and humor. Another key to his commercial success was his distinctive style, which combined bright colors with bold, heavy brushwork.

The Leyendecker brothers moved to New York in 1900 and five years later J. C. Leyendecker received what was arguably his most important commission. He was hired by Cluett, Peabody & Company to develop a series of images to help sell its Arrow Brand shirt collars. Leyendecker's "Arrow Collar Men," as well as the images he was also soon creating for Kuppenheimer Suits and Interwoven Socks, came to define the fashionable American male during the early decades of the 20th century. The "Arrow Collar Men" received more fan mail from women and young girls than most film and stage actors of the day.

Leyendecker's models for these images included the likes of Fredric March, Brian Donlevy and Jack Mulhall—all of whom would later gain fame as film stars. His favorite model, however, was Howard Beach, the man who became his life companion. Beach first posed for Leyendecker in 1901 and was the first of his "Arrow Collar Men." It is interesting to note that the masculine images that inspired such an outpouring of feminine admiration were in fact the product of a gay relationship that lasted 50 years.

Another important commission for Leyendecker was from Kellogg's, the breakfast food manufacturer. As part of a major advertising campaign, he created a series of 20 "Kellogg's Kids" to promote Kellogg's Corn Flakes. These images of babies, small children, and teenagers are as winsome and winning today as when they were created



over 90 years ago. During both world wars, Leyendecker lent his talents to this nation's war effort. From 1917-19 he created posters to support various war bond drives, promote fuel conservation, and encourage enlistment in the different branches of the armed services. After the United States entered World War II in 1941, he

created a series of war bond posters featuring American military leaders.

By the 1940s his popularity had begun to wane. There were the war posters, some calendar illustrations, and cover work for William Randolph Hearst's American Weekly maga-

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HONORING OUR VETERANS

An old soldier takes a trip to the past

By GEORGE STANTIS

I am 83 years old, and I've taken lots of trips. But this one would take me back nearly 65 years. Like a child, my emotions were already asking: "Are we there yet?"

I was on my way to Washington, D.C., to see the national memorial dedicated to those who served in World War II. Already, it was bringing back those days, and emotions I thought had been erased by the passage of time.

At last, on May 5, 1945, the guns were silent. It was time to come home. We'd done our job, and now it was time to get back to our lives. I'd been away for three years. You don't just come back. Everything's different. Especially you. Strange as it may sound, many of us were nervous in this new world. It was full of civilians. They even spoke differently. Four-letter words were not a part of their vocabulary. At first, just talking was difficult. But over time, a word here, a little adjusting now and then, and even we vets became civilians.

Fast-forward to the trip to the National World War II Memorial on the Mall in Washington, D.C. For me, it started with a phone call. I was told I had been selected to participate in a program called "Honor Flight," scheduled for a date in the next month. I was told to be at the airport in Huntsville by 5 a.m. That's about a two hours' drive from my home in Hoover.

But my son and his wife not only offered to drive me there, but to save getting up so early, they also reserved rooms in Huntsville for the night before.

The next morning, we all assembled in the boarding area of the airport. One hundred and twenty-five vets of every stripe and service. Most wearing a cap with their former military branch and unit proudly displayed. Some in wheelchairs. Some with canes. A few with walkers. Most

standing as tall as they could. They once stood at attention for hours; now, many sought the comfort of the airport seats. We were given name tags that included our seat number and bus in Washington. The tags were hung around our necks so we'd be less likely to get lost.

Honor Flight is meticulous in its attention to detail and fully respects the frailty of their charges. Not one among the group was younger than 80.

We landed in D.C., and my "guardian" (each of the vets is provided with a volunteer guardian whose job is to be sure we are safe and happy) came to my seat to tell me I would be getting a new guardian who would stay with me in D.C. From the plane, we boarded buses and started on our way to the first destination: the one we really came to see, the WWII Memorial.

The buses parked near the memorial. Only a short walk, and before us was the monument honoring those who served in WWII. It's spectacular. Its total design is a composite of grandeur and finicky detail, with towering shafts and bronze plaques. Each shaft represents a state. Some plaques come to life with a memory of a day long ago when I was young. The fountain sending streams of water against blue sky cast a spray of moisture on my face, nudging a dim memory of rain falling in my foxhole.

After much remembering, looking and picture taking, we boarded our buses and headed for our next stop, Arlington National Cemetery. Perhaps you've seen film of the rows of markers. But one has to be there to experience the disquieting thought that under each marker is a hero of history, someone who was loved, admired and missed. I remembered buddies, individuals who had given their full share, but this sight of marker upon marker was too gigantic

to absorb, too enormous to cram into my consciousness.

To make it real, I remembered Ned laughing at a joke or Eddy, bloodied from the mine, and Pat, who never cried. Then the squeak of bus brakes brought me back to now. The sight, though blurry and panoramic, held for me a new insight. Each marker was not something but someone.

Soon, we were in the buses again, on our way to the Korean Monument. This is not a single monument; it's 19 separate units, each representing a soldier slogging through a rice paddy on another patrol on another day in hell. This was another place and another time, but soldiers are a brotherhood. That war or my war or any war is hell, and though the details may change,

the emotions emerge at the same temperature. Cold is cold, wet is wet and fear is fear, no matter where the memory is made.

After lunch, we were off to the Iwo Jima Monument. That famous sculpture captures the spirit and determination of our beloved Marines.

One of the war's fiercest battles, with more than 6,000 Marines lost, was at Iwo Jima. Now, reading about this event, I feel a little twinge of guilt reflecting how lucky I was not to have been there.

Like all things in life, our visit to D.C. was coming to a close. Time to thank and say goodbye to our guardians and board the buses for our final trip to the airport. In a short while, we'd be back in Huntsville and the reception of a lifetime.

In Huntsville, we deplaned to the waiting

area for what seemed like an unusually long time. The reason for the long wait became clear when we reached the down escalator. Only one vet at a time could go down. At the bottom was a sight I will never forget.

First could be heard the din of voices calling out, thanks for your service . . . bless you for all you did . . . you're a hero . . . we love you . . . thanks.

And there was a feast for the eyes, too. People as far as we could see - kids, grandmas, teenagers, parents, even some soldiers home on leave. As we walked, it seemed to go on forever. Smiles, banners, handshakes and pats on the back.

Near the end, I could no longer hold it back. Small tears, blurring my view at first, then a flood. It was the end of a wonder-

ful day and a wonderful gift. The Honor Flight men and women had given me not only a great day, but a tour in their magic time machine and let me relive and revive nearly forgotten moments of my long-ago youth.

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WTAMU raises grad fees

CANYON, Texas—The Texas A&M University System Board of Regents approved increases for West Texas A&M University's graduate tuition and athletic fees but set a cap for increases for designated tuition and library and medical services fees at all universities in The Texas A&M University System during its regular meeting today (May 22) in College Station.

The Board of Regents considered and approved an increase of \$10 in WTAMU's graduate tuition. The current rate of \$70 per semester credit hour will increase to \$80 per semester credit hour for residents and from \$351 to \$361 for non-residents beginning with the fall 2009 semester. The increased revenue will be used to increase graduate stipends as well as for recruitment and retention of graduate students.

The Board of Regents also approved an increase in the University's athletic fee. The current \$10 fee will increase to \$15 beginning with the fall 2009 semester. The fee will provide funding for the enhancement and development of WTAMU's athletic and recreational sports facilities.

When considering designated tuition, library access fee and group hospital and medical service fees within The Texas A&M University System, the Board decided to set a cap of four percent, not to exceed \$150 per semester at each of the system universities.

Museum

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zine, but not much else. In 1951, at the age of 77, Leyendecker suffered a heart attack and died at his home/studio in New Rochelle, NY.

The paintings in this exhibition are part of The Haggin Museum's permanent holdings and represent one of the largest collections of original Leyendecker work in the country. The Leyendecker paintings were assembled in the 1950s by former museum director Earl Rowland following the artist's death. Miss Augusta Leyendecker (c.1885-1957), the artist's sister, donated some. Others were given by B. Kuppenheimer & Co., the Interwoven Sock Company, and Kellogg's. Still others were purchased from the Bordas Gallery in New Rochelle.

The Traveling Exhibit

This exhibition of paintings, sketches, studies, and associated ephemera provides new generations with the opportunity to experience the artwork that mainstream America took to its heart during the first half of the 20th century.

The showing here in Canadian, Texas is part of an ten city national tour over a two and a half year period containing approximately fifty paintings and sketches, original magazine covers and advertisements from the collection of the Haggin Museum. The tour was developed and managed by Smith Kramer Fine Art Services, an exhibition tour development company in Kansas City, Missouri.



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Silence in library not so common

HOUSTON (AP) — Step inside the children's section of the Clear Lake County Freeman Public Library, and you'll be greeted by toddlers babbling, librarians singing, mommies cooing. The tumult cascades into the building's hallways and stairwells, wafting up to the second floor adult section, where patrons click on computer keyboards, teenagers watch movies on a big-screen TV and book-shelf-browsers chat on cell phones.

But slip inside a cozy glass-enclosed room in the far corner, and this is what you'll find: silence. No talking. No laptop clatter. No one-sided cell phone dialogue. Here, in the library's officially designated Quiet Room, the rules harken back to the days when libraries were places of quiet contemplation.

The occasional voice is

softened to a whisper. The loudest sound is the faint rustling of turning pages. Even the thick padding on the upholstered armchairs encourages patrons to sink into stillness.

For those who haven't been to their local branch for a few years, the idea of a quiet room in a public library may sound redundant. But these days, it's not so easy to find hushed spaces amid the book stalls.

At the library in Clear Lake, a suburb south of Houston, wide-screen televisions are placed in the internet cafe just behind the DVD collection and inside the Teen Zone lounge, where clusters of young people plop in comfortable chairs tossed haphazardly around the room.

Yet, even as libraries have become more active and less sedate, library officials discovered that

many patrons still longed for a more traditional, less hectic atmosphere. As a result, more and more libraries are offering quiet rooms.

"People wanted a place for quiet study. It tumbled them out of the hustle and bustle in buildings that are very busy," said Rhoda Goldberg, director of the Harris County Public Library system, which includes the Clear Lake library among its 26 branches. "We're going to be putting in quiet rooms as much as possible."

A quiet room is also planned for a new Harris County branch under construction in Kingwood, another Houston suburb. The Plainfield, Ill., Public Library offers teen dances and online gaming clubs, but library officials concede that the quiet room is often the only quiet space. In the Seattle Public Library System, which has

16 "quiet study" rooms in its 26 branches, so many people were calling to inquire about the rooms, library officials had to put a special quiet room information section on its Web site.

"We didn't want to be the kind of library that shushes people," said Mary Worthington, assistant director for public services at the Westlake-Porter Public Library in Westlake, Ohio. The library, which features a gift shop and a lobby cafe, aspires to mimic the atmosphere of a busy retail bookstore, rather than a bookworm's muted lair, said Worthington.

It also has a quiet room where patrons talking too loudly are gently reminded to tone down.

"Today, we don't try to make everyone do the same thing," said Harris County's Goldberg, as she led a visitor through a tour

of the Clear Lake library. "We try to make it be what it needs to be for people using it at the moment."

As an example, Goldberg pushed open a door in the children's section. A cacophony of noise bolted out. The singsong of nursery rhymes. The clatter of rattles. A chaotic chorus of baby talk.

"In here, this is what a library sounds like now," said Goldberg, who then motioned toward the second floor quiet room. "And the silence up there, that's the other way the library sounds."

Retired engineer Ronnie Sams prefers the silence. The 62-year-old visits the library about five times a week and heads straight for the quiet room cocoon.

"A library is supposed to be a place where you study, but now people type on computers, watch TV, talk on the phone. There's no civility," said Sams, who fondly recalled the "absolute silence" in Houston's main library many years ago. "This is the quietest place in the library. That's why I come here to read."

Back downstairs, where toddler story time had just ended, a row of pint-sized readers stood on stools behind self-check-out kiosks, swiping books across magnetic strips.

Among them was 22-month-old Maggie Lin, who wore a lady-bug T-shirt and gleefully grabbed book after book from her pile of twelve.

"We love it here because you're allowed to be loud," said her mother, Lisa Lin, 40. "I want my children to have fun here and they can't if I'm telling them to be quiet all the time."

As Lin talked, Maggie showed off her last book. Its title? "Sshhhh!"



Jennifer Grundberg helping her sons David, 2, left, and Stevie, 4, make a bookmark at the Clear Lake library Clear Lake, Texas. (AP Photo/Pat Sullivan)

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University hopes to teach some iJournalism

ALAN SCHER ZAGIER
Associated Press
Writer

COLUMBIA, Missouri (AP) — Gadgets such as the Apple iPhone and the iPod Touch are mainstays on college campuses — largely for the devices' ability to help students escape the pressures of the classroom.

Now the oldest U.S. journalism school is asking students to buy those or similar devices to download classroom lectures or confirm facts on the Web while reporting from the scene of a plane crash or town council meeting.

The new rule for incoming freshmen at the University of Missouri School of Journalism appears to mark the first time an American university is requiring specific portable electronic devices. The policy has spurred a debate about the limits and possibilities of technology as well as corporate influence in academia.

Skeptics say the school is getting too cozy with Apple Inc., though administrators point out that they earn no financial benefit from the new policy. The university gets a 10 percent discount on Apple computers it buys, but other vendors such as Dell Inc. and Hewlett-Packard Co. offer the same deal.

"It's like asking an engineer to buy a calculator," said Brian Brooks, associate dean for undergraduate studies. "We are doing this requirement solely to benefit our students' learning."

A description about the



A customer holds an Apple iPod Touch at an Apple store in Palo Alto, Calif. The University of Missouri school of Journalism will require incoming freshmen to purchase an iPhone or an iPod Touch, marking the first time an American university is requiring specific portable electronic devices.

program on the school's Web site notes that "at least 50 colleges and universities nationwide make use of iPods in their programs." But it's not clear that any of those schools make it mandatory — and at student expense. Private colleges such as Duke and Abilene Christian have

given the devices out for free.

Brooks points out that an estimated 85 percent to 90 percent of the university's 30,200 undergraduates already own portable music players, with 85 percent of those devices being iPods.

Even so, graduating

senior Maureen Scarpelli — an admitted Apple disciple — questions the school's endorsement of a particular product.

After similar complaints, the school clarified that it is requiring any Web-enabled, audio-video player like the iPhone or the iPod Touch, which is like an iPhone without the phone. So portable devices such as a Microsoft Zune or smart phones such as BlackBerrys can be acceptable. Just not preferred.

"There are alternatives to the iPod Touch, but none that we consider equally capable," the online program description concludes.

Among the uses envisioned by Brooks and other professors: students listening to lectures while at the gym or walking to class; using wireless Internet access to verify information while reporting stories; and watching instructional videos that otherwise would take up valuable classroom time.

Clyde Bentley was one of nine journalism professors who voted against the new policy (with 40 in support) at a recent faculty meeting. His primary concern was saddling students with an additional expense. He also questioned whether students who rely on

portable devices to listen to music or watch TV shows will embrace the journalism school's intended uses.

"I had a student say that he used his iPod to get away from me," Bentley said, recalling previous attempts to offer podcasts of his lectures.

Brooks pointed out that by requiring portable electronics devices, the university can include those costs in financial aid packages. And the \$229 student price of an iPod Touch is comparable to two or three textbooks, he said.

Jeffrey Cole, director of the Center for the Digital Future at the University of Southern California, calls the new Missouri require-

ment "not only reasonable but admirable." He likened the debate to discussions several years ago over whether colleges should ask incoming students to buy PCs or laptop computers — by now a largely moot point.

"Schools are usually far behind their students in embracing new technology. And faculty are usually behind the schools," Cole said.

"It really shows how both journalism and education are changing in transformational ways," he added. "The biggest effect the Internet will have is not how we play or communicate, but how we learn."



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Dispensing advice on finding a job during a recession, the piece had a soundtrack, a troupe of improv actors from Chicago and about 4,000 fewer words than your average magazine feature. Instead of scrolling through a column of text, readers (if the term can be applied)

flipped through nine pages that told the story with a mix of text, photo-illustrations, interactive graphics and video clips.

No one is quite sure what journalism will look like when the Internet is done with it, but as Fortune executive editor Steve Koepp put it, "If you're wondering what does the future of Fortune.com look like, it may be something like this."

An online magazine operating a little more than a year, Flyp (pronounced

"Flip") has no foot in journalism past. Its reporters — mostly freelancers — conceive of their stories as Internet creatures beginning to end.

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Sculptor builds living on the beach

MARY ELLEN BOTTER
The Dallas Morning News

SOUTH PADRE ISLAND, Texas (AP) — Her professional name is Sandy Feet, and you aren't surprised when you find her on her knees on the beach of this skinny island off the South Texas coast.

She's elbow-deep in a hole she has dug in the sand. The Gulf of Mexico rolling onto the beach about 10 yards behind her is obligingly filling the pit with saltwater the more deeply she paws into the sand, the more quickly the water seeps in.

Sneak a look at her feet as she works. The soles are caked with Padre's light-brown grains, and grit clings to every toe. Lucinda Wierenga, an award-winning international competitor in sand sculpture and a teacher of the moist art, lives up to her nickname.

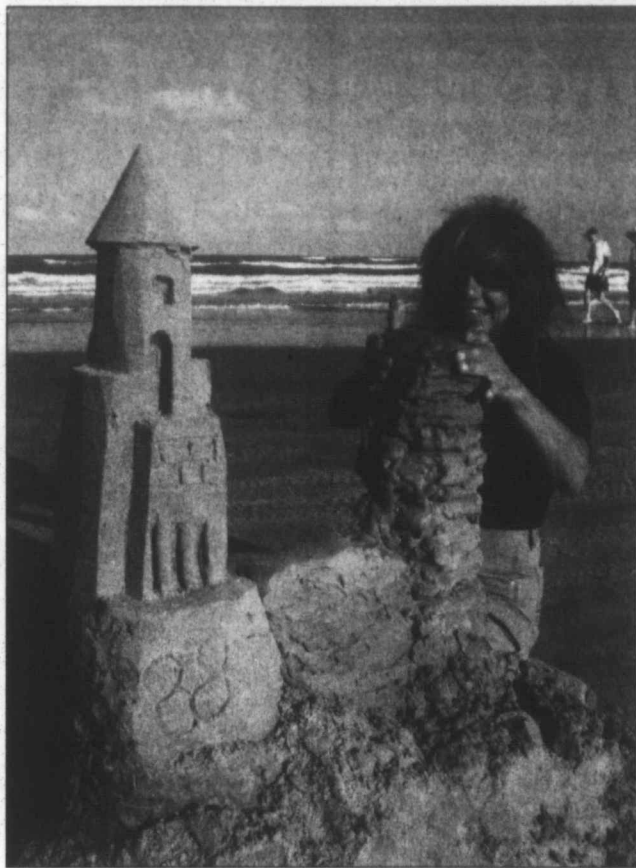
"I always leave a trail where I go," she says.

One of 100 or so professional sand sculptors in the U.S. and Canada, she began giving sand-castle classes 25 years ago.

On South Padre Island, she's a partner in Sons of the Beach, along with fellow sculptor-teacher "Amazin'" Walter McDonald.

"When I started doing lessons, I'd never heard of anyone doing it. I made it up," Sandy says.

She leans into her hole, her wrists cocked toward her like the bucket on a



Lucinda Wierenga, whose name as a professional sand sculptor is "Sandy Feet," adds another patty of sand to a tower she's building as she teaches sand castle building to a visitor, May 21, 2009. (AP Photo/Mary Ellen Botter, The Dallas Morning News)

backhoe, and pulls a brick-size handful of dripping wet sand toward her. Then, with a quick movement, she plops the blob onto a tower-in-progress. It forms a burger-size patty that she settles with one hand before running her fingers around the edges.

Her "flip, jiggle, tuck" technique is the secret to getting height, she says. To get the sand patties to stick, you have to perfect

that one-hand jiggle. "What I'm not doing," she says, "is pounding, packing, pressing, patting, pushing or pummeling — the naughty P words."

If she seems to have a gift for vocabulary, consider that she's a former high-school English teacher.

The Gulf breeze toys with her shoulder-length, salt-and-pepper hair as she declares the nascent tower tall enough. It's a ragged, upright column of sand crisscrossed with slender snakes of grit that ran from blobs and congealed.

It's not pretty, she admits. "That's where the carving comes in — what I call the fun part."

Her No. 1 tool is a pastry knife with the tip cut off. "I do probably 90 percent of my carving with this. The offset handle lets you get close to the sculpture without your hand getting in the way."

She and her partner, Walter, designed the half-dozen other tools she uses. At the end of pencil-like handles are 50-cent-size, stainless-steel shapes: big and skinny squares, an arrowhead, a tiny trowel, a loop and a hollow U.

She sells the utensils in sets (about \$40) but says tools don't have to be fancy. Any pliant metal bobby pins, paper clips, twist ties will do. A McDonald's plastic knife can sub for the pastry knife, she says. A paper straw can blow sand chaff from crevices.

She adds details from the top down, so grains cut

from above don't fall on carving below.

The flat end of the pastry knife shears the top into a cone-shape roof. With four shallow stabs and a bit of gentle scraping, the first window appears. Then a door, a balcony, stairs, columns, bricks and stones.

"I like to put a lot of detail in when I carve," she says.

"People ask me, 'Where do your ideas come from?' I don't know how to answer that because I don't know where ideas come from. I do know that when I'm in the shower, I get a lot of good ones. Hot water ... relaxing ... and all of a sudden, bang, I know what I'm going to do in the next contest."

Competitions and workshops on teaching sand sculpture have carried her worldwide, including to South Africa, Asia and Europe. Last summer in a contest in Italy, she took first place in the people's choice category. At a match in Spain, she ranked first in people's choice and third in the juried competition.

Her contest designs take shape in her head or in the sandbox in her backyard. Castles are only one

possibility. Characters and architecture also may emerge.

"I can work on a project there for weeks at a time," Sandy says, whereas beach art washes away with the SANDY cont. on page 10B

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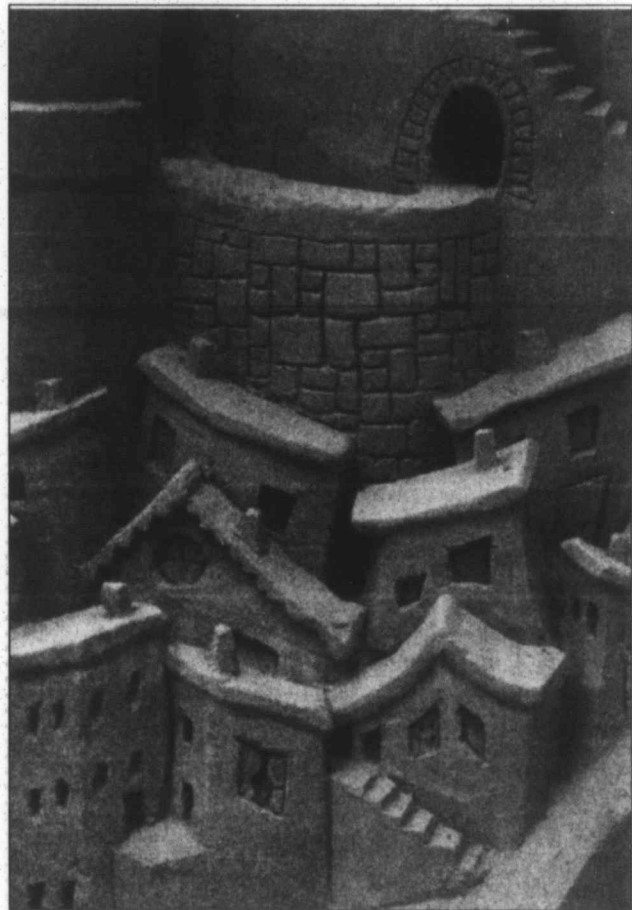
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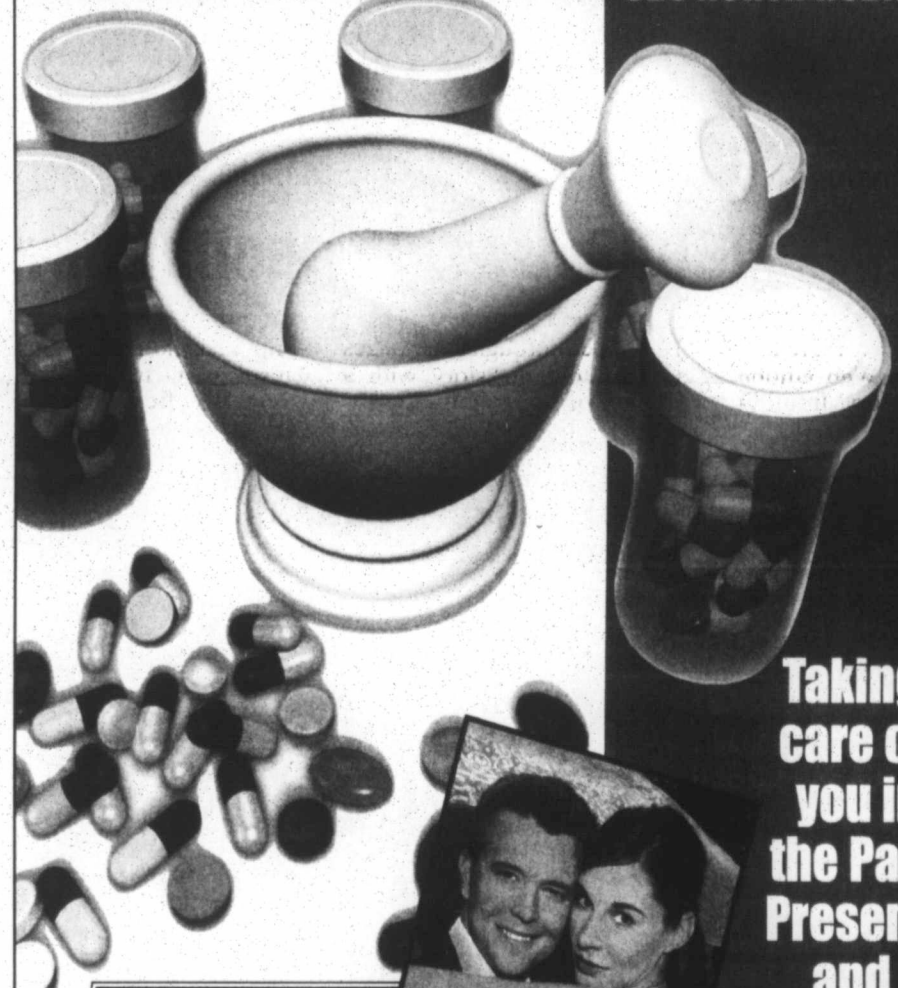
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Cottages sculpted at the base of a sand castle show detailed brickwork and curtains at the windows in South Padre Island, Texas, Thursday, May 21, 2009. (AP Photo/Mary Ellen Botter, The Dallas Morning News)

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 - 13 44th president
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 - 15 Shirt protector
 - 16 Binary base
 - 18 History bit
 - 19 Pay homage to
 - 21 Trick takers, often
 - 22 South-eastern natives
 - 24 Potpourri bit
 - 25 South-eastern natives
 - 29 General feeling
 - 30 Aviation
 - 32 Previously
 - 33 Curator's deg.
 - 34 Sea dog
 - 35 Small movie
 - 37 India's first prime minister
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 - 2 Leg bones
 - 3 Power-less
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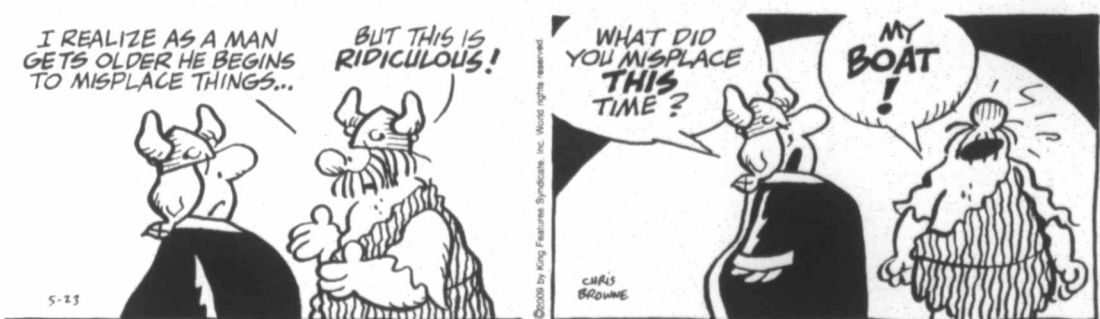
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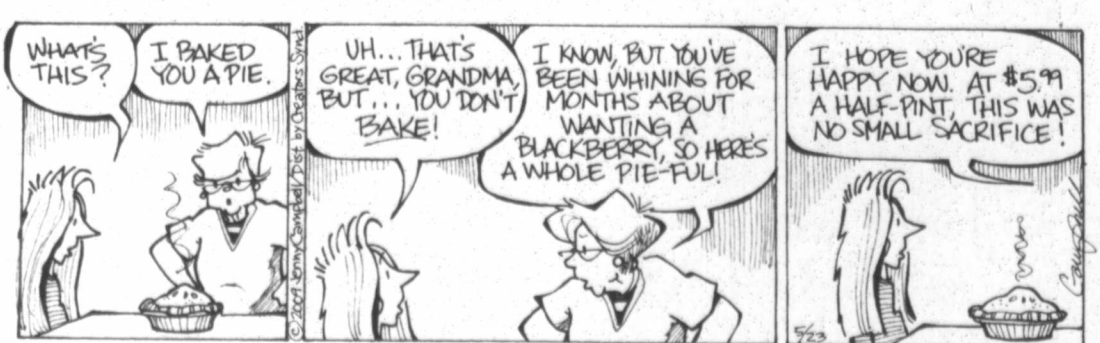
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President Obama promises not to send Amercian troops to war without cause

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (AP) — President Barack Obama promised graduating midshipmen at the U.S. Naval Academy on Friday that, as their commander in chief, he will only send them "into harm's way when it is absolutely necessary."

In his first address to military graduates, Obama also pledged to invest in the men and women who defend America's liberty, not just in the weapons they would take with them into battle against 21st century threats.

"I will only send you into harm's way when it is absolutely necessary, and with the strategy, the well-defined goals, the equipment and the support that you need to get the job done," the president told more than 1,000 graduates during a sun-splashed ceremony at Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium.

Obama said he has halted reductions in the Navy, is building up the Marine Corps and investing in the hardware — combat ships, submarines and fighter aircraft — they'll need to do their jobs. He promised higher pay, enhanced child

care and improved support and other benefits.

"In short, we will maintain America's military dominance and keep you the finest fighting force the world has ever seen," Obama said, as more than 30,000 watched from the stands.

The president also praised the role of Navy SEALs in freeing a U.S. sea captain by killing his Somali pirate captors last month.

"The extraordinary precision and professionalism displayed that day was made possible, in no small measure, by the training, the discipline and the leadership skills that so many of those officers learned at the United States Naval Academy," Obama said.

Among those receiving degrees was John S. McCain IV, the son of Obama's presidential rival, Sen. John McCain, who watched from a front-row seat on the grassy field with his wife, Cindy, his mother, Roberta, and several of his children. Had the Arizona Republican, who also graduated from the academy, defeated Obama, McCain could

have addressed the Class of 2009 himself.

Obama and "Jack" McCain, a fourth-generation academy graduate, shared a handshake, an embrace and a few words when the young man was called up to receive his diploma, following in the footsteps of his father, grandfather and great-grandfather.

Obama did not recognize Sen. McCain in his speech; the White House says it was out of respect for the family's wishes. But the president did say a few words about his rival for the presidency before he left the White House. He praised the senator as he signed legislation giving the Pentagon new power

to curtail wasteful defense spending. McCain was a sponsor of the bill.

"Senator McCain couldn't be here today because he's making sure he has a good seat to watch his son graduate from the Naval Academy in a few hours, and that's where I'm headed as soon as I catch my ride over here," Obama said at the bill signing in the Rose Garden.

Presidents typically deliver the commencement address at one of the service academies each year. Friday's speech was the third graduation address by Obama in the past nine days. He used the previous two to tackle issues that threatened to overshadow both events.

At the University of Notre Dame last Sunday, abortion opponents protested Obama's appearance because he supports abortion rights. Obama took on the debate, telling graduates of the Roman Catholic university that people on both sides of the issue must stop demonizing one another.

At Arizona State University, where Obama spoke on May 13, the issue was the school's decision not to award him an honorary degree on grounds that he hadn't accomplished enough. Obama said he agreed, saying no one's body of work is ever complete.

On Thursday, Obama delivered a different kind

of speech, one in which he sought to regain control of the emotional debate over closing the detention center for suspected terrorists in Cuba. He denounced "fear-mongering" by political opponents and insisted that maximum-security prisons on the U.S. mainland can safely house the dangerous detainees he wants transferred from Guantanamo Bay.

Former Vice President Dick Cheney countered the same day with a speech denouncing some of Obama's actions as "unwise in the extreme" and repeating his contention that the new president is endangering the country by turning aside Bush-era policies.

Texas unemployment unchanged at 6.7 percent

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas' unemployment rate remained steady at 6.7 percent in April, according to figures the state's workforce commission released Friday.

Although the Texas unemployment rate is lower than the rising 8.9 percent national figure, it still exceeds the state's 4.6 percent rate a year ago.

This April, Texas lost 39,500 seasonally adjusted nonagricultural jobs.

The largest monthly drop was experienced in professional and business services where 20,100 jobs were lost. Trade, transportation and utilities were a close second with a 15,400 drop in positions.

Manufacturing employment recorded a 13,300 monthly job-loss while mining and logging dropped by 5,500 jobs and construction was down by 3,200 jobs.

The largest industry gains in April were in leisure and hospitality which added 10,600 jobs. Education and health services also saw growth, with 4,500 new jobs.

The McAllen-Edinburg-Mission region remained the state's hardest hit with an 8.9 percent unemployment rate (not seasonally adjusted). The Amarillo area fared best with its low 4.1 percent unemployment rate, Texas Workforce Commission officials said.

Unemployment rates are adjusted for seasonal trends in hiring and firing, which most economists believe gives a better picture of the

job market.

Without the seasonal adjustment, the Texas unemployment rate dropped to 6.4 percent in April from 6.7 percent in March and 4.0 percent a year ago.

Following are the preliminary April jobless rates for local areas in Texas, with revised March numbers in parentheses. The local figures are not seasonally adjusted.

- Abilene 4.8 (5.1)
- Amarillo 4.1 (4.4)
- Austin-Round Rock 5.8 (6.2)
- Beaumont-Port Arthur 8.3 (8.7)
- Brownsville-Harlingen 8.3 (9.1)
- College Station-Bryan 4.5 (4.8)
- Corpus Christi 5.9 (6.2)
- Dallas-Plano-Irving 6.7 (7.1)
- El Paso 7.6 (8.2)
- Fort Worth-Arlington 6.6 (6.8)
- Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown 6.3 (6.6)
- Killeen-Temple-Fort Hood 5.6 (5.9)
- Laredo 7.2 (7.5)
- Longview 6.2 (6.2)
- Lubbock 4.2 (4.4)
- McAllen-Edinburg-Mission 8.9 (9.5)
- Midland 4.5 (4.3)
- Odessa 6.6 (6.2)
- San Angelo 5.5 (5.6)
- San Antonio 5.4 (5.9)
- Sherman-Denison 6.9 (7.7)
- Texarkana 5.2 (5.5)
- Tyler 6.4 (6.6)
- Victoria 6.1 (6.3)
- Waco 5.5 (5.9)
- Wichita Falls 6.2 (6.6)

Sandy

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tide. She's philosophical about her ephemeral art and about the occasional person who can't resist kicking over a castle she's left on a beach.

"It's like buying a rose. You don't expect it to last." The first tower has been joined by a second and connected by a viaduct with arches. The structure isn't child's play.

"Most people think that sand-castle building is for kids," Sandy says, "and a lot of people who take lessons from me feel sheepish about booking one unless they have some kids along, but I've discovered that most children, especially those under the age of 12 or 13, have about 20 minutes where you really get their attention ... and then they want to go to something else."

It takes an adult or older child to grasp the techniques, she says. When they do, "The light bulb pops on and suddenly, 'Oh, my God, I've got something I can do on the beach all day and not get bored.'" Plus, "It's therapeutic to have your hands in the sand and the smell of the ocean and the great scenery," she says.

"I can't even imagine a job better than the one I have." The castle complete, a lesson wraps up. Sandy bags her tools and stands, her knees crusted with grit. A last look at the hour's creation, and she steps away.

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