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**ALMOST SHOWTIME** 



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Kelsey Freelen (left), watches as Heather Parks marks her lighting cues during a dress rehearsal this morning for Steel Magnolias, the play Pampa High drama students are performing for the UIL contest at West Texas A&M University in Canyon. The students will also perform the play for the public in Pampa on Wednesday and Thursday.

PHS drama dept. prepares for 'Magnolias'

DAVID BOWSER

## PHS senior Gragg headed to BPA Finals

#### ARNIE AURELLANO editor@thepampanews.com

With America's job market growing more and more competitive each day, it's becoming increasingly important for kids to develop their business skills early.



Fortunately Pampa for School High Megan senior Gragg, she knows now that her skills are the best in Texas.

Gragg, 17, recently took first place in

Advanced Word Processing at the **Business Professionals of America** state competition in Fort Worth. She will be moving on to represent Pampa High School at the BPA National Leadership Conference to be held in Anaheim, Calif., in May, where she will also compete for a chance at national honors.

"I kind of couldn't believe it," said Gragg. "I thought I might be an alternate or something, but then they said my name and that I had won first place. It was kind of a wow' moment.'

The word processing competition involves exhibiting thorough proficiency in Microsoft Word, from more basic functionality to more complex processes such as generating tables and business reports. Gragg beat out 42 other students to claim first place, including students from much larger schools in Houston, Austin, Dallas and Fort Worth. Gragg, who also does clerical work for Hough Pediatric, said that, regardless of what happens at the national competition, the skills that she used to win the state contest will be very valuable as she grows up in a tough economic climate. "I'm in our (administrative procedures) business class at school, and everything we learn there is going to be helpful later on," said Gragg. "This is something that I know will be useful in the future. I'll know how to work in an office. If I ever have to fall back on anything, I'll have the knowledge to do it.'

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The girls are gathering at Truvy's beauty parlor again as the Pampa High School drama department prepares for a University Interscholastic League contest.

PHS drama teacher Mallory Stevens said today that the class will take their one-act play, "Steel Magnolias," to West Texas A&M University in Canyon Tuesday afternoon for the Class 3-AAAA contest.

They'll return to Pampa and perform the play at M.K. Brown Auditorium Wednesday and Thursday.

The play is scheduled for 5 p.m. Tuesday for Canyon and 7 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday at M.K. Brown Auditorium.

There will be a five dollar admission charge in Pampa with part of the money going to the American Diabetes Foundation. Stevens said the drama students

had earlier raised \$140 at Pampa High School to battle diabetes.

"We're hoping to add to that total," Stevens said.



staff photo by David Bowser

On stage at M.K. Brown Auditorium, Pampa High drama students Iris Wheat (from left), Sierra Taylor, Meghan Asencio and Curston Finney go through their lines during a dress rehearsal for their UIL contest play, "Steel Magnolias."

starring Julia Roberts and Sally Field in 1987, concerns women who regularly gather at Truvy's beauty parlor. The play opens

The play, made into a movie on the morning of a wedding and covers the next three years, including the bride's decision to have a baby despite having Type 1 diabetes.

Christy Mitchell, Gragg's mother, said that it fills her with confidence to know that her daughter is armed with practical workplace skills at a young age.

"I'm very proud of her," said Mitchell. "To know that she can GRAGG cont. on page 3

## Five in Gray County jail in connection with meth labs

#### MICHAEL GRACZYK Associated Press

Five men were in Gray County jail today after being arrested in connection with three unrelated methamphetamine lab raids.

Gray County deputies said today that two men were arrested late Thursday, two men were arrested Sunday morning and one man was arrested Sunday afternoon in connection with raids on three unrelated meth labs.

Deputy Joe B. Hoard said today that Johnny Lee Dorman, 41, of Lefors, and Ronald Wayne Brown, 49, were arrested about 9:45 p.m.

Thursday in the 100 block of West Fourth in Lefors.

Dorman was free today on bonds totaling \$7,500.

Brown remained in Gray County jail in lieu of bonds totaling \$17,500.

Gray County deputies had noticed a suspicious odor, Hoard said. When they went to investigate, they found what appeared to be an operating meth lab.

Sunday morning, deputies out of McLean reported a suspected methamphetamine lab in operation in Alanreed.

Hoard said the deputies had noticed a suspicious vehicle at

the rear of a shop in Alanreed and when they stopped to question two men, they discovered what appeared to be an operating meth lab.

Dennis Wane Neal 61, of Pampa, was arrested for possession of chemicals with intent to manufacture a controlled substance.

Manuel Rizo Alvarez, 42, of Alanreed, was arrested on charges of possession of chemicals with intent to manufacture a controlled substance, unlawful possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and fraudulent use of identifying information.

Neal remained in Gray County

jail today in lieu of \$25,000 bond. Alvarez was in Gray County jail in lieu of \$40,000 bond.

Hoard said deputies were called to a bridge on Gray County Road 10 about 1:45 p.m. Sunday east of Pampa concerning someone hiding beneath the bridge.

They found what they described as a meth lab beneath the bridge east of the City of Pampa's landfill.

With the help of Texas Department of Public Safety troopers and Texas Department of Criminal Justice officials with dogs from the Baten Unit, one man METH cont. on page 3



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# For the record

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
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High 85	High 88	High 79
Low 54	Low 52	Low 43

Tonight: Clear, with a low around 43. South southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 85. Windy, with a west southwest wind 10 to 15 mph increasing to between 20 and 25 mph. Winds could gust as high as 35 mph.

Tuesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 54. South southwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 88. Windy, with a southwest wind between 20 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

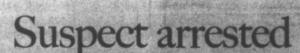
Wednesday Night: Clear, with a low around 52. Windy, with a south southwest wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 79. Windy, with a southwest wind 15 to 20 mph increasing to between 25 and 30 mph. Winds could gust as high as 45 mph.

Thursday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 43. Windy, with a west southwest wind 20 to 25 mph becoming northwest 10 to 15 mph. Winds could gust as high as 30 mph.

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## Obituaries

# Jeremiah Lynn Wood, 4

Wood passed away March 25, 2010 in Pampa.

Jeremiah was born August 17, 2005 in Pampa. He was a loving, cheerful little boy with bright anticipation. He loved riding his bike and loved the outdoors.

Survivors include his

Wood of Altus, Okla.; grandparents Elizabeth Wood of Pampa, and William Wood of Altus, Okla.; uncles Daniel Wood and wife Lezlea and Chris Wood all of Pampa, Michael Wood of Lefors and Charles Wood of Norton, Kan.; numerous

Pampa - Jeremiah Lynn mother, Kristina Diane cousins, including special cousins Tom, Michelle, Ashleigh and Britney.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

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# Marvin Eugene Ray, 85

Marvin Eugene Ray, 85, previously of Rismiller Road near North Star, passed away on Saturday, March 27, 2010 at 5:22 a.m. at the Briarwood Village in Coldwater, Ohio. He had resided in recent years at the Versailles Health Care Center and Briarwood Village in Coldwater due to declining health.

Marvin was born on April 28, 1924, in Dayton, Ohio. He was one of five children, the third son of Grover Thurman Ray and Melvina Mariah Dulaney Ray. Marvin was preceded in death by his wife, Loretta; his parents and two brothers, infant Thurman Leslie Ray and Earl Arthur Ray. Siblings that survive include one brother, Garvin Duane Ray of Spokane Valley, Washington and one sister. Bonnie Marie Ray of Belleview, Florida.

During his early teen years, the family moved from Dayton to a farm near Hollansburg, Ohio. Marvin helped his family on their farm near Hollansburg and graduated with the Class of 1942 from Hollansburg-Westmont High School. After graduation from high school, he enlisted serve his country, studying as an aviation student from 1944-1945. While an aviation student at the Pampa, Texas air base, he began corresponding with a young woman from North Star. Upon his discharge from the Air Force, he married Loretta Grewe of North Star on June 12, 1946 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church. The young couple took up residence on the farm on Rismiller Road in Wabash Township, reared four children, all of whom survive.

During his adult life, Marvin worked the farm, in addition to other fulltime jobs and community activities. He retired from active farming in 1976, but continued to live on the farm where he and Loretta made their home. Marvin retired in 1986 from Fram Corp in Greenville after 20 years of service. During his more active retirement years he enjoyed tending his yard, fruit trees and small garden; restoring classic cars; and traveling with Loretta to visit family and friends. For more than 18 years during his retirement, he and Loretta enjoyed numerous trips to Pampa to work towards

Freedom Museum USA and to participate in the annual gathering of the Pampa Army-Air Field Reunion Association.

Marvin was a baptized member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, North Star; a member of the American Legion Buckeye Post 174, North Star; and a member of the Pampa Army-Air Field Reunion Association.

He is survived by son daughter-in-law, and Mahlon and Monica Ray of Columbus, Ohio; daughter and son-in-law Maretta and Michael Kalinich of Corning, NY; daughter Rachael Henderson of Celina, Ohio and daughter and son-in-law Jana and Doug Reed of Jackson, Ohio. His legacy includes fourteen grandchildren, ranging in age from 11 years to 39 years, four great grandchildren, sister in law, Phyllis Grewe of Versailles, Ohio, and numerous nieces and nephews.

There will be a service held on Wednesday, March 31, 2010 at 10:30 a.m. at St Paul Lutheran Church, 13495 Greenville-St. Mary's Road, Versailles, Ohio, with Pastor Laura Shreffler officiating. Burial



#### Marvin Eugene Ray

will follow in the St. Paul's Cemetery, Versailles. Ohio. Family will receive friends on Tuesday, March 30, 2010 from 6-8 PM at the Church. Arrangements are under the direction of Bailey Zechar Funeral Home, Versailles, Ohio. There will be a Graveside Military service conducted by the North Star Honor Guard.

Memorial contributions may be made to: Building Fund of St. Paul Lutheran Church, North Star; State of the Heart Hospice, or Freedom Museum USA 600 N. Hobart St. Pampa, TX 79065. Condolences for the family may be sent to www.zecharbailey.com.

in Juarez killings

CIUDAD JUAREZ, Mexico (AP) -Chihuahua state police say soldiers have arrested a suspect in the killings of three people linked to the U.S. consulate in Ciudad Juarez.

Police spokesman Enrique Torres says the Mexican army arrested the suspect on Friday.

Consulate employee Lesley A. Enriquez and her husband, Arthur H. Redelfs, were killed March 13 when gunmen attacked their car after they left a birthday party. The husband of a Mexican employee of the consulate was killed in a separate attack.

Torres said Monday the suspect is a leader of the Barrio Azteca gang but he gave no other details.

U.S. and Mexican authorities say the Barrio Azteca gang works for the Juarez drug cartel.

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## Gladys Hollowell, 95

Pampa—Gladys Hollowell died March 26, 2010 at Perryton.

Mrs. Hollowell was born November 14, 1914 in Mobeetie. She married Robert Hollowell on August 4, 1934 in Cordell, Okla. He preceded her in death in 1988. She had been a resident of Pampa since 1944. She was a member of Highland Pentecostal Holiness Church. Gladys was a homemaker and an avid gardener. She enjoyed spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren, greatgrandchildren and greatgreat-grandchildren. She loved her church and worshipping the Lord.

Survivors include two daughters, Rosalie Spies of Amarillo, and Kathy Irvin of Pampa; daughter-in-law, Shirley Hollowell; four granddaughters, Karen Clark and Cindy Cotton, both of Monte Vista, Colo., Kristi Pickett and Lisa Jones, both of Perryton: four. grandsons, Johnny Hollowell of Buena Vista, Bill Hollowell of Booker, Robert Jones and Liberty Bloxom, both of Pampa; 28 great-grandchildren, four great-great-grandchil-

dren. She was preceded in death by her parents, a son, Bob Hollowell, in 2007, a son-in-law, Randy Spies, and nine sisters and brothers.

Services will be at 10:00 Tuesday, March a.m. 30, 2010, at Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel, with Dr. Ed Barker, pastor of Lighthouse Covenant Fellowship, officiating.

Burial will be at Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Memorials may be made to Senior Village Nursing



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(Continued from the Weekend Edition March 27 and 28.)

Pampa Police The Department responded to the following calls during the period between 7 a.m. Thursday, March 25 to 7 a.m. Friday, March 26.

Civil matter was reported in the 200 block of W.

Kingsmill Avenue. Officers responded to a medical call in the 1800 block of N. Nelson Street.

A 911 hangup was reported in the 1700 block of W. Gwendolyn Avenue.

A traffic complaint was taken in the 400 block of N. Zimmers Street.

Theft was reported in the 200 block of W. Kingsmill Avenue

An alarm was reported in the 900 block of E. Frederic Avenue.

A stray animal was reported in the 400 block of N. Starkweather Street.

A civil matter was reported in the 400 block of N. Sumner Street.

A suspicious person was reported in the 400 block of N. Faulkner Street.

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An animal complaint was taken in the 400 block of W. Elm Avenue.

An open door was reported in the 800 block of W. Brown Street.

A suspicious person was reported in the Brown/ Hobart intersection. A suspicious person was

reported in the 900 block of W. Wilks Street.

A prowler was reported in the 700 block of E. Francis Avenue.

A suspicious person was reported in the Albert and Somerville intersection.

A suspicious person was reported in the Worrell and Hobart intersection.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 400 block of S. Cuyler Street.

#### SHERIFF

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests over the weekend.

Juana Sofia Robloes, 23, was arrested by deputies on warrants charging her with driving without a license, failure to appear

Friday, March 26.

and having a child in the car that wasn't wearing a seatbelt. Ahsley Fisher Gipson,

22, was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety troopers on charges of theft of services and criminal mischief.

Johnny Michael Donminguez, 24, was arrested by police on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and dis-orderly conduct - fighting. Jeremy Logan Wilson,

22, of Skellytown, was arrested by police on charges of disorderly conduct - fighting.

52, was arrested by police on charges of aggravated assault causing serious bodily injury.

Lindsey Tatum Smith, 23, was arrested by deputies on charges of theft of property.

Michael Ray Waldrip, 20, was arrested by police on charges of burglary of a habitation.

Zachary Wade Skinner, 24, was arrested by deputies on charges of aggravated kidnapping.

Kirk Robert Vonglahn, 31, Palm Desert, Calif., was arrested by deputies on charges of criminal mischief over \$1,500 but less than \$20,000.

Jonathan Dale Lukes, 18, of Woodward, Okla., was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety troopers on charges of unlawfully carrying a

Jeffery Lynn Sawyer, 38, of Woodward, Okla., was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety troopers on charges of possession of marijuana.

Sunday, March 28. Dennis Wane Neal, 61, was arrested by deputies on charges of possession and transportation of chemicals with the intent to make a controlled substance.

Manuel Rizo Alvarez, 42, of Alanreed, was

arrested by deputies on charges of possession and transportation of chemicals with the intent to manufacture a controlled substance, unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon, fraudulent use of identifying information.

Bryce Daniel Henricks, 17, was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety troopers on charges of marijuana less than two ounces and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Leonard Jay Kane, 40, was arrested by deputies on charges of transportation of chemicals with intent to manufacture a controlled substance.

Adrain Oswaldo Garcia, 18, was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety troopers on charges of possession of marijuana less than two ounces and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Monday, March 29. Kevin Earl Ray Feltner.

24, of Lefors, was arrested by deputies on charges of public intoxication.

Saturday, March 27. Marvin Charles Turner,

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# **Execution Tuesday** for robbery-slaving

LIVINGSTON (AP) - Franklin Dewayne Alix admits the fatal shooting for which he was convicted but disputes evidence prosecutors used to tie him to a 6-month-long binge of murder, rape and robbery and convince a Houston jury to send him to death row.

"Image is perception," Alix, 34, said recently during an interview with The Associated Press in a tiny visiting cage outside Texas death row. "They had me looking like a drug-crazed addict. If I didn't know me and saw that, I'd have hated me.

"I never claimed to be totally innocent, but they took it and ran with it."

Alix faced lethal injection Tuesday evening in Huntsville for fatally shooting a 23-year-old Houston man, Eric Bridgeford, while robbing Bridgeford's sister's home 12 years ago. Before the robbery, Alix abducted and raped Bridgeford's sister.

He'd be the fifth inmate executed this year in the nation's most active death penalty state. At least eight other Texas inmates have execution dates in the coming months.

Alix's lawyer, Robert Rosenberg, said appeals had been exhausted.

"There's nothing that's going to be taking place," he said of any last-minute court action.

Earlier appeals unsuccessfully argued an unqualified medical examiner testified against him, that Harris County prosecutors knew the testimony was improper, DNA evidence excluding him from the slaying was improperly withheld and that his trial lawyers were deficient.

"I see Franklin's trial as a petri dish of the most toxic materials around the courthouse," Rosenberg said.

According to trial testimony, Alix abducted Bridgeford's sister Jan. 3, 1998, forced her into the trunk of a car, raped her and drove her home. As he was ransacking her apartment, Bridgeford came home, saw Alix with a gun and ran off but was shot in the back. Alix drove away and was arrested a few days later.

"I killed the dude," Alix said. "I wasn't trying to, but I did. When the dude charged at me, the gun went off.

"I was looking to rob, not kill. But once you put yourself in that situation, something's going to happen. You play with a gun, somebody's going to get killed.'

That was his defense at his 1998 trial, where his lawyers tried to persuade a Harris County jury he didn't intend to kill Bridgeford. Jurors deliberated five hours before convicting him.

At his punishment trial, prosecutors said he was responsible for at least three other murders, two rapes and dozens of robberies from August 1997 through January 1998. He was charged with one other slaying but not tried.

"I'm not saying nothing happened to those people,"

Alix said, taking responsibility for "some of the robber-, ies" but "no other murders" and no rapes. In a confession to police, he claimed the sex with Bridgeford's sister was consensual.

Harris County assistant district attorney Vanessa Velasquez, who is now a judge, called Alix "the poster boy for the death penalty." Jurors in his sentencing trial deliberated about three hours before agreeing with her.

"We had boxes full of offenses he was alleged to have committed," recalled Luci Davidson, a former assistant prosecutor who also worked on his case. "Girls would be pulling into apartment complexes, and he'd approach. He as known for putting victims in the trunks of cars and



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Ken Rheams of Rheams Diamond Shop recently donated a 1.5 carat designer cocktail diamond valued at \$5,000 to be sold at the American Heart Association's Heart Gala live auction at 7 p.m. May 1 at the AmericInn. Pictured are (from left) AHA board member Tisha Homan, co-chair Keely Downs and Stephane and Ken Rheams. Tickets to the Gala are \$35 per person and includes dinner, live and silent auction and dancing; for more information or tickets, call Downs at 806-640-8192.

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Alix said a debt of "a couple of thousand" dollars to a friend got out of control and forced him to turn to robbery to get money. While he described it as not much money, he also said, "When you don't have it, it's a lot. I just got myself caught up in a web.

"I was raised up in a strict household. I wanted to do the right things in life but got caught up with the wrong folks."

## Meth

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was arrested in the creek bed east of the bridge.

Leonard Jay Kane, 40, was arrested on charges of posses-

sion of chemicals with intent to manufacture a controlled

substance.

Kane was in jail today in lieu of \$25,000 bond.

### Gragg

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do this at her age, it makes me feel really good for her future."

Gragg's business skills certainly will help her going forward, but earning a trip to Anaheim means that her word processing acumen has won her a little fun in the sun in the not too distant future, too.

"I'm going to Disneyland," laughed Gragg. "I'm really excited about that."



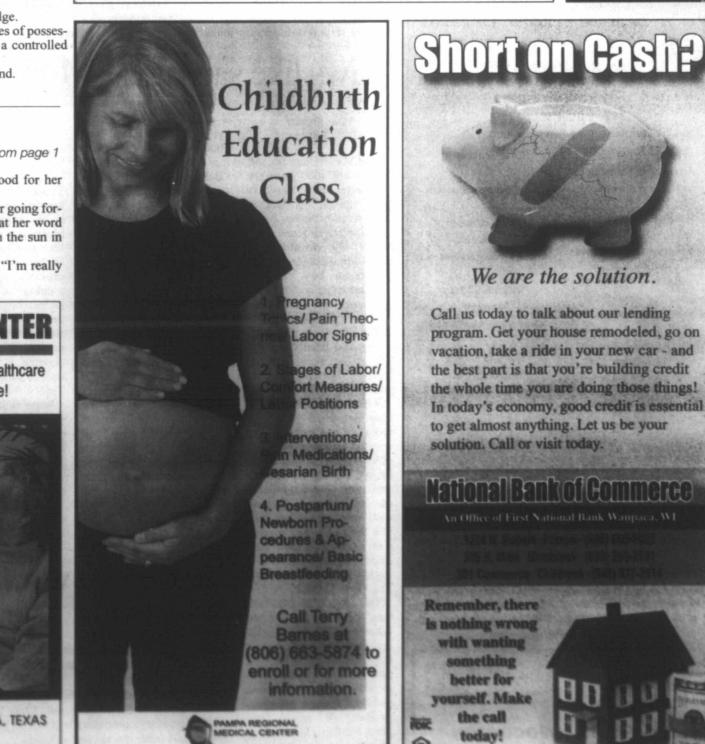
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Ryan Stoffle (left) and Olin Boyd of Boy Scout Troop 413 collect canned food for their troop's food drive this past Sunday.



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# Viewpoints

# **Today in History**

Today is Monday, March 29, the 88th day of 2010. There are 277 days left in the year. The Jewish holiday Passover begins at sunset.

**Today's Highlight in History:** 

On March 29, 1973, the last United States combat troops left South Vietnam, ending America's direct military involvement in the Vietnam War.

On this date:

In 1638, Swedish colonists settled in present-day Delaware.

In 1790, the tenth president of the United States, John Tyler, was born in Charles City County, Va.

In 1867, Britain's Parliament passed the British North America Act to create the Dominion of Canada. In 1882, the Knights of Columbus was chartered in Connecticut.

In 1943, World War II rationing of meat, fats and cheese began.

In 1951, Julius and Ethel Rosenberg were convicted of conspiracy to commit espionage. (They were executed in June 1953.)

In 1962, Jack Paar hosted NBC's "Tonight" show for the final time.

In 1971, Army Lt. William L. Calley, Jr. was convicted of murdering 22 Vietnamese civilians in the My Lai massacre. (Calley ended up serving three years under house arrest.)

Ten years ago: President Bill Clinton told a news conference he was appalled when he first learned his campaign had taken illegal foreign donations in 1996 contributions he called both wrong and unneeded.

Five years ago: As Terri Schiavo entered her 12th full day without food or water, the Rev. Jesse Jackson prayed with her parents and joined conservatives in calling for Florida lawmakers to order her feeding tube reinserted. Attorney Johnnie L. Cochran Jr. died in Los Angeles at age 67

One year ago: General Motors CEO Rick Wagoner resigned under White House pressure. A gunman killed seven residents of the Pinelake Health and Rehabilitation Center in Carthage, N.C. along with a nurse. (Suspect Robert Kenneth Stewart is awaiting trial.)

Today's Birthdays: Political commentator John McLaughlin is 83. Former British Prime Minister Sir John Major is 67. Comedian Eric Idle is 67. Composer Vangelis is 67. Basketball Hall of Famer Walt Frazier is 65. Actor Brendan Gleeson is 55. Actor Christopher Lawford is 55. Pro and College Football Hall of Famer Earl Campbell is 55. Former world champion gymnast Kurt Thomas is 54. Actor Christopher Lambert is 53. Rock singer Perry Farrell (Porno for Pyros, Jane's Addiction) is 51. Comedianactress Amy Sedaris is 49. Model Elle Macpherson is 47. Rock singer-musician John Popper (Blues Traveler) is 43. Actress Lucy Lawless is 42. White House Press Secretary Robert Gibbs is 39. Tennis player Jennifer Capriati is 34. Pop singer Kelly Sweet is 22.



# Attorney General offers tax season tips

#### **GREG ABBOTT** Texas Attorney General

With the April 15 federal income tax filing deadline fast approaching, many Texans will undoubtedly encounter billboards, e-mails and direct mail that advertises tax returnrelated services. As with any contractual agreement, Texans should carefully read the fine print before entering into a financial transaction involving their income tax returns. Taxpayers who understand the nature of these agreements are more likely to make informed decisions that just might save some of their hard-earned money.

For example, Texans should always avoid tax preparation services that "guarantee" the largest possible tax return. Under federal law, any deductions tax preparers make for their clients must be accurate and legally permissible. Tax preparers that submit false information in order to obtain larger refunds for a client (and higher fees for the preparer), put their clients in legal jeopardy. Competent, legitimate tax preparers will not hesitate to sign their clients' tax return, so Texans should always avoid preparation services that refuse to sign their clients' tax returns. Taxpayers who believe a tax preparer is not complying with the law should file a complaint with the Office of the Attorney General. Many businesses market "instant cash" to taxpayers seeking quick access to their income tax refunds. Tax preparation services, automobile dealerships, furniture outlets and other vendors typically market tax refund anticipation loans as

an "instant cash advance" against a borrower's expected tax refund. Frequently, the "instant cash" is actually a loan that the taxpayer must repay. Refund anticipation loans often carry processing fees and high interest rates, so the amount of advance cash the taxpayer receives is typically less than the refund they are owed by the federal government.

Under Texas law, refund anticipation loans are perfectly legal as long as lenders fully and clearly disclose certain details to borrowers. Refund anticipation lenders must provide the estimated fees charged for the loan, the annual interest rate and the loan fee schedule in writing. Lenders who advertise in Spanish must provide the same required disclosures in Spanish.

Refund anticipation lenders must also inform borrowers about the average time it takes to receive a refund directly from the IRS, which now offers electronic tax filing and direct deposit refunds. Both significantly speed up the process. According to the IRS Web site, electronic refunds can be processed and deposited into taxpayers' bank accounts within 10 days. With that in mind, taxpayers should carefully consider which option is in their best interest: instant cash refunds reduced by interest and lender fees or a full refund from the IRS at a later date. Although many Texans would prefer not to pay their taxes, it is well settled law that federal income taxes are NOT voluntary. Any tax professional claiming to uniformly exempt taxpayers from their federal income tax liability should be handled with caution. U.S. courts have repeatedly

rejected the argument that taxes are voluntary or optional.

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Finally, taxpayers should beware of unsolicited telephone calls and e-mails from individuals claiming to be IRS agents. During the sham telephone calls, the fake agents may claim tax refunds are available via direct deposit in order to obtain the taxpayers' Social Security numbers and bank account information.

Texans who receive such calls or e-mails must recognize that these are bogus attempts to steal taxpayers' identities. The IRS does not unexpectedly call taxpayers to demand their personal information. Taxpayers solicited in this manner should just hang up or delete the e-mails. **Tax Season Tips** 

• Read tax returns carefully before signing them. Never sign a form with spaces left blank. Taxpayers are responsible even if their returns are prepared by someone else.

· Consider carefully whether a high-interest refund anticipation loan is more favorable than waiting for a larger check directly from the IRS.

· Hang up on scammers who call

#### **Thought for Today:**

"The fate of love is that it always seems too little or too much." - Amelia Edith Barr, American author and journalist (1831-1919).



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unexpectedly and pose as IRS agents. Contact your local tax-assessor collector to file a homestead exemption free of charge.

Additional information on taxrelated scams and questions is available directly from the IRS at www. irs.gov or by calling (800) 829-1040.

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### Laws like sausages? More like bad hot dogs

#### WILL DURST CaglePost.com

Otto von Bismarck said, "Laws are like sausages, it is better not to see them being made." Sausages? We would have loved to have seen some sausages. We would have killed for sausages. As any Wisconsin boy can tell you, sausages cooked indirectly over mesquite coals until crispy blistered, then slathered with Stadium Sauce and nestled in butter- grilled buns under a layer of fried onions can taste pretty darn yummy.

What we got was cut-rate, irate hot dogs. The ugly spectacle of Congressional wieners pummeling each other over health care was as appetizing as mixing snail guts and lizard tripe and cephalopod eyeballs with sour cream and yellow food dye then serving it on a fungus-covered bark chip. And no, I'm not talking about the spinach dip at The Olive Garden.

This isn't a "pox on both their houses" deal either. Like psychic vultures sensing imminent putrefaction, Republicans amplified their pontificating protestations to a high- pitched squeal; piercing enough to annoy canines all across this great Northern Hemisphere of ours. In the throes of

a pseudo-religious ecstasy, one Texas Republican chummed the waters by calling a Michigan Democrat "Baby Killer" on the floor of the House, frenzying his posse of nitwit accomplices into hurling the N-word, the F-word, half a dozen bricks, a handful of death threats, several mouths full of red hot spittle, gum wrappers, a jewel encrusted black ceramic bird (the stuff that dreams are made of, two faxed nooses and possibly a bullet.

The conservative party-line claimed their Neanderthals were simply playing catch-up to the health care proponents' lead-mitten handling of the issue, and they suggested Democrats kill the bill to quell the rising tempers. That's right. Fan the flames of stupidity then blame the other side for the scorching climate (differ-

ent from global warming). If Republican gall were congealable, we could dam the Caribbean.

And it's STILL not over. To say the GOP is not taking this defeat lying down is like saying freeze-dried mustard clumps make for substandard Q-Tips. Within 10 minutes of the president signing the bill, a deluge of 14 state legislatures began to challenge the bill's constitutionality. And you wonder why getting anything done in this country is like trying to shovel sand with a pitchfork.

Republicans vowed to go down swinging, and they're probably not talking about hiking the Appalachian Trail with each other's wives. Let's be frank: not a single member of the minority voted for the health care bill. Not one. That's not a political party, that's the

#### Borg. "RESISTANCE IS FUTILE." The reanimated Halloween pumpkin that is Sen. Mitch McConnell remains determined to continue the construction of his cement wall of obstructionism turning "The Party of No" into "The Party of Hell No," veering dangerously close to "The Party of Screw You!"

for his Messianic glaze, but you got to relish this resurrection of health care which makes Lazarus risen look like a third-grade magician's trick. Focus a telescope and you can make out the scuff marks on the bill's knees from where it climbed out of the morgue drawer. Maybe now we should try handing the president seven loaves and seven fishes and see what he does with that. Or better yet, seven loaves and seven sausages.

People may mock Obama

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## Perry, White differ on education views

AUSTIN (AP) - The top two gubernatorial candidates in Texas gave different portrayals of education in the state Saturday at separate events in Austin. Republican Gov. Rick Perry touted the state's edu-

cation progwhile ress, **Democrat Bill** White said too many children are not graduating from high school and that state leaders have been downplaying problem.

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The Austin American-Statesman reported that Perry told a roomful of middle school students they were proof that the state is moving in the right direction. The students were competing to represent the state in a national math competition.

"We are bound and determined to prepare you for a very bright future," Perry said. "Our public education is continually improving. It is getting better as each day and year goes by in Texas, as a result of increased accountability."

Meanwhile, White called for a dose of "realism and honesty" about the state's education system when addressing the Association of Texas Professional Educators.

The solution to the dropout rate is not to lie about it," said White, a former mayor of Houston. "We need to be realistic. We don't have room for lost kids in our system."

Perry disputed White's reading of the graduation numbers and said White was the one who was not being honest.

There is no single accepted method for counting high school dropouts — and each method produces different results.

A study released last year from the Texas A&M Bush School of Government and Public Service projected the dropout rate for the class of 2012 to be 12.2 percent to 22.2 percent - or 40,519 to 73,692 students using the various measures.

Perry said Texas voters have sent a clear message to candidates in the past that "if your political tack is to tear down Texas, we don't want you."

White said acknowledging that Texas has problems is not tearing down Texas, but "means that we care."

# Texas schools increasingly going green

HOUSTON (AP) - Texas colleges and universities are increasingly building environmental practices into curriculums, a move officials say is a combination of "good business" and idealism.

Sustainability, a wide-ranging field of study to prepare students for a more environmentally conscious world, is showing up in various forms in academia, the Houston Chronicle reported Sunday.

The University of Houston has a class about carbon trading, a commodities market designed to protect the environment, while Rice University offers minors in energy and water sustainability.

Community colleges, boosted by stimulus funding and federal grants, push green technology work force training, from installing solar panels to building wind turbines. Architectural degrees have for some time focused on sustainable designs.

Sunshine Mathon said his 2007 master's degree in architecture from the University of Texas in Austin is essential in his job with a nonprofit housing group based in Austin.

"It's not that hard, at least in Austin, to find a general contractor or architect who is aware that's the coming trend and they need to get on the bandwagon to be competitive," he said.

Pedro Alvarez, chairman of the civil and environmental engineering department at Rice, says green is "good business," while a UT-Austin official says students are interested in environmental issues.

"It's not only a prerequisite to get a job but also something that genuinely appeals to this generation, how they could contribute to a better world," said Barbara Brown Wilson, UT's assistant director of the Center for Sustainable Development.

Rice began its program last year, based on the premise that business and technology leaders need more than technical training to achieve what Alvarez calls "a triple bottom line — to make sure that whatever they design is economically feasible, socially desirable and environmentally viable.

Paul Rowland, executive director of the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education, said it's not yet clear how the programs will shape graduates' careers.

"They take positions that in some cases may not look all that different than if they didn't have a degree with the sustainability stamp on it," he said. "But what they're bringing into those positions is a more systematic way of thinking about what they're doing.'

## Barbara Bush undergoes hospital tests

HOUSTON (AP) - Former first lady Barbara Bush is still in a Houston hospital after a series of routine tests over the weekend.

Family spokeswoman Jean Becker said Monday that the Bushes are hoping she can come home later in the day, but no timetable has been set.

Becker said the 84-year-old Bush has not been diagnosed with anything and doctors aren't looking for anything specific.

Former President George H.W. Bush drove his wife to Methodist Hospital on Saturday morning. Becker said earlier that the former first lady hadn't been feeling well for about a week.

Mrs. Bush had heart surgery in March 2009 for a severe narrowing of the main heart valve. She also was hospitalized in November 2008, when she underwent surgery for a perforated ulcer

## Trinity students want 'Our Lord' off diplomas

SAN ANTONIO (AP) - Some Trinity University students are asking school trustees to drop the words "Our Lord" from their diplomas, arguing that the reference doesn't respect the diversity of religions on campus.

Sidra Qureshi, a Muslim student and president of Trinity Diversity Connection, is leading the charge to tweak the wording. The effort has won the support of student government, and trustees are expected to consider the request in May

"A diploma is a very personal item, and people want to proudly display it in their offices and homes," Qureshi told the San Antonio Express-News in Monday's editions. "By having the phrase In the Year of Our Lord,' it is directly referencing Jesus Christ, and not everyone believes in Jesus Christ."

The school's president and other students defend the wording, saying the school's Presbyterian roots are appropriate and unobtrusive. Founded in 1869, Trinity has been governed by an independent board of trustees since 1969 but maintains a "covenant relationship" with the church.

President Dennis Ahlburg said Trinity should continue tc foster a diverse environment but should not ignore its cultural and religious roots.

'The fundamental issue is not so much what is on the diploma," he said. "The fundamental question is, 'Is Trinity a place that is accepting and supportive of all faiths?' '

The debate started last year when Isaac Medina, a Muslim convert from Mexico, noticed the wording on pre-made diploma frames.

## Fear grips Mexicans who flee drug war

FORT HANCOCK (AP) — When black SUVs trail school buses around here, no one dismisses it as routine traffic. And when three tough-looking Mexican men pace around the high school gym during a basketball game, no one assumes they're just fans.

Fear has settled over this border town of 1,700, about 50 miles southeast of Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, epicenter of that country's bloody drug war. Mexican families fleeing the violence have moved here or just sent their children, and authorities and residents say gangsters have followed them across the Rio Grande to apply terrifying, though so far subtle, intimidation. The message: We know where you are.

Morales, Israel's mother. "Some of the killings that happen, it's not because of the people that were killed, it's because they're trying to reach someone. If they can't find that someone, they're going to get their brothers, their sisters, their nephews, their fathers — whoever they can to try and bring that person out."

Ten miles down the road in Fabens, fliers in the teacher's lounges ask faculty to watch for a gunman wanted for four killings in Ciudad Juarez. He's the father of two boys at the middle school. Paul Vranish, superintendent of the Tornillo school district outside El Paso, estimates that about 10 percent of his 300 students have lost a close family member in Mexico's drug war. One Tornillo High School student was gunned down in Mexico at the start of the school year while racing back to the border, Vranish said.



ABBY: For DEAR the past several years, my husband's sister-in-law, "Janine," has used my photographs (with my permison) in calendars she has

asked him if he sees me in his future, and he said, "Yes. Just bear with me and give me some time."

I need advice, Abby. I m so confused. I love him dearly. -- TORN APART IN TOMBALL, TEXAS DEAR TORN APART: When a man tells you things have moved too quickly and he needs time and space, that is what you have to give him. He may care for you, but unless you give him the chance to miss the comforts you provide him, what you want won't happen. And the harder you try to cling, the more it will drive him away.

At schools in Fort Hancock and nearby Texas towns, new security measures and counseling for young children of murdered parents have become a troubling part of the day.

"I have friends with fathers who've been annihilated," said Israel Morales, a junior at Fort Hancock High School. "They just hug you and start crying. It just traumatizes you.'

He said school doesn't always feel safe.

"I try to be stoic," Morales said. "But it still worries the heck out of me.'

Mexican drug gangs have not fired a single shot in Fort Hancock, and no one has disappeared. But as drug violence continues unabated in and around Ciudad Juarez, residents of Texas border towns fear it will spread their way.

'There's been incidents of school buses followed, and threats to some of the students and threats to some of the staff," Hudspeth County Sheriff's Lt. Robert Wilson said. "It's caused us to really go on high alert."

Three mysterious men walked into the Fort Hancock High School gymnasium last month during a basketball game, setting off worries that they were drug cartel members sent to deliver a message. Parent Maria Aguilar said "a panic" swept through the gym and only subsided when they left.

"They walked in and they were laughing," Aguilar said. "They were probably like, 'We'll just scare everybody."

Wilson said a suspicious car was noticed following a packed school bus earlier this year. Rumors that the car belonged to cartel members were never validated, but after other suspicious cars were spotted, the department began following buses as a precaution.

'We don't know if it was to find out where a student of a certain person he was looking for gets off, or to find out where he was living," Wilson said. "We're not sure what the motivation was. But the rumor and concern was great enough."

Schools have installed security cameras and hired an armed off-duty sheriff's deputy to patrol its three campuses for the first time.

Fort Hancock is an impoverished town of rundown homes and a single diner. Fathers of many students work as farmhands in the surrounding alfalfa and cotton fields, but most are jobless.

Aguilar said her fourth-grade daughter shares playground stories of "how so-and-so got killed in Mexico this weekend," and once asked whether a classmate's mother would be next.

One Fort Hancock High student picked up for truancy told a judge he was too scared to go to class after witnessing a murder in Mexico. Police say his mother and grandfather were tortured with ice picks last week in El Pornevir, Mexico, just across the Rio Grande from Fort Hancock. They were in critical condition in an El Paso, Texas, hospital.

The student has resumed attending classes. School administrators say dozens of fellow students also have relatives who were killed or tortured in drug violence.

"A lot of time your family is involved," said Modesta

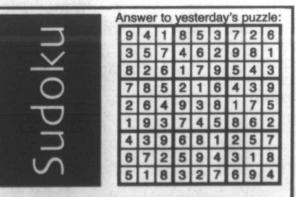
Tragedy becomes so routine that students shrug off counseling.

"This is like Iraq. This is part of the landscape," Vranish said. "I'm not in any way trying to put our kids down. It's not like they don't have feelings. But like a soldier, you have to develop a certain amount of callous to continue to function."

U.S. authorities say they have seen a recent uptick in asylum claims at the port of entry in Fort Hancock, and schools here are enrolling more students. At least seven new students enrolled in Fort Hancock schools in one week in March, an increase that would normally take a year or two. Texas public schools educate children regardless of immigration status.

They told us themselves, there's more coming," said Hudspeth County Constable J.R. Sierra, who now doubles as Fort Hancock's school officer. "They're being threatened to either leave now or suffer the consequences."

Drug-related violence in Mexico has claimed 17,900 lives since President Felipe Calderon declared war on the drug gangs in December 2006. In Ciudad Juarez, more than 2,300 were killed last year alone. Powerful drug cartels have been battling not only authorities but each other for turf and drug routes.



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made as gifts to different family members. One year, I asked her if she would have one made for me since most of the photos in it were mine. Her answer: "No, make your own."

Last year, at a cousin's wedding, Janine came up to me and told me to be sure to take some "good pictures" for HER calendar. I just about lost it! And for the current year's calendar, she had her husband ask for 12 more photos.

I feel Janine has been using me to give gifts with her name on them to other family members. I get none of the credit for having taken the pictures. It seems to me that she is stealing. What do you think? -- "DEVELOPING" A GRUDGE IN KANSAS

D R E Α "DEVELOPING": I disagree that what your sisterin-law is doing is stealing, because by giving her the pictures with no conditional stipulation -- in this case, being given the credit for having taken them -- you are enabling her. And I "think" the time has come for you to insist that your name be on the pictures, or that she take her own photos for "her" calendar. Don't you?

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend is 43 and I am 48. I admit he moved in very fast - a few weeks after he lost his job.

After three months his mood began to change. He tells me he loves me and I'm the greatest thing that ever happened to him, but I noticed he was becoming quiet and withdrawn. I texted him at work to ask if something was wrong, and he said "things" were on his mind. I asked was it me? He said no.

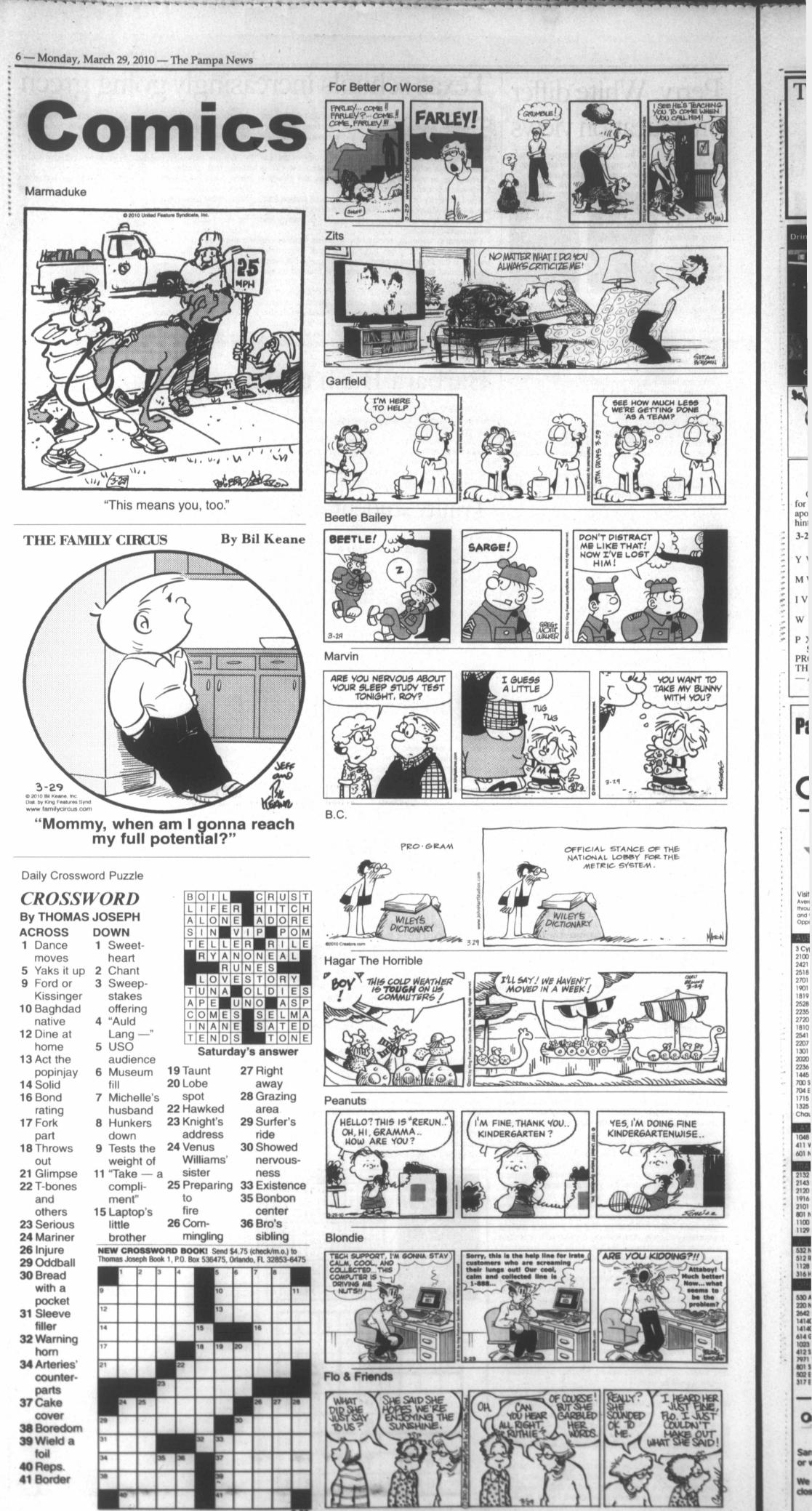
When he came home 1 asked what was wrong, and he said things were happening too fast, that he wanted his own place and to move around as he wants to. I

DEAR ABBY: My stepdaughter is being married for the first time to the father of her two children. She is planning a large traditional wedding in which her father will give her away. She wants to include their children in the ceremony, too

Under the circumstances, wouldn't a small wedding (without the long white dress and associated traditions) be more appropriate? My opinion has not been requested, nor would I ever provide it, but I am curious because I believe some of the older relatives in the family may be shocked. --SOMEWHAT SHOCKED MYSELF IN SOUTH CAROLINA

DEAR SOMEWHAT: Unless the older relatives in the family have been living in seclusion, with no magazines, tabloids, television and the Internet, I'm sure they realize that in the last 40 years some of the old rules have been retired. Among them: restrictions against large church weddings for longtime cohabitating couples and white dresses for non-virgin brides. Should any of the old folks show signs of shock, offer a shoulder for them to lean on. But don't be surprised if none of them is surprised at all.

TO MY JEWISH **READERS:** Sundown marks the first night of Passover. Happy Passover, everyone!



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Lighten up CANCER (June 21-July 22)

\*\*\* You cannot help that you are a homebody, but you are. Even at work, sometimes you are more focused on personal matters. Funnel your imagination into creating a more suitable, "homey" work situation. Brainstorm with an innovative person. Tonight: Order in. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

\*\*\*\* Keep conversations moving. Avoid locking in on a problem. Given space and time, solutions will appear. You could be surprised by what someone offers. Financial options might appear to be a little too good to be true. Incorporate a walk or some other stress-buster. Tonight: Hang out with friends. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

\*\*\* Your more possessive side emerges when dealing with others. You could be overwhelmed by all the offers that come up. People seek you out and want to pitch in. Don't get territorial or touchy. If you are overwhelmed, don't close down. Just ask for help. Tonight: Treat yourself on the way home. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

\*\*\* Your smile draws many different people, evoking different reactions. Others seem only too willing to cooper ate. You wonder how and why, but don't think too long. Get a project off the ground. Others have different ideas; allow give-and-take. Tonight: As you like.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ## Take your time shoring up an idea. You might be overwhelmed by the many ifferent ways you could proceed. Sh the different possible courses, and then make a decision. You could be worrying way too much. Consider taking up yoga or some other stress-buster. Tonight: Do your thing.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) \*\*\*\* Others want to pitch in and help. If you can mobilize others' energy, you could be on cruise control. You get a lot of feedback. Play with different ideas before making any decisions. Focus on an immediate issue, and you will hit a home run. Tonight: Where the action is. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

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\*\*\*\* Accept a challenge head-on. You are able to help guide others as you take the lead. Your words might convey enthusiasm, if not the precise idea Juggle different concerns. A family member has a lot to share if you are willing to listen. Make time for this person. Tonight: Up late.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) \*\*\*\* Keep reaching out for ideas and answers. You see situations differently from many. Help open others' unds through a discussion. You will note that there is more rigidity in many people's thinking than you thought. Use care with spending. You easily might go. overboard. Tonight: Follow the music. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

\*\*\*\* Relate directly to one individual at a time. You will accomplish far more if you do. Each person also will have a sense of your caring and concern. Ideas about money and spending could be very different. Coming to an agreement could be close to impossible, so don't try! Tonight: Share over dinner.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

\*\*\* You might feel a bit awkward with an associate. You might know certain information about this person that is not commonly known. Emotions play into a conversation, perhaps causing a misunderstanding. Tonight: Catch up on someone's news.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

\*\*\* Pace yourself, especially after being unusually energized from a meeting or key conversation. Don't overthink a situation or conversation. You could be making yourself more nervous or uptight than need be. Take a walk to clear your mind. Tonight: Choose a

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) \*\*\* \* \* Others hit brick walls. You are able to bypass a lot of the problems by lifting rigid thinking. Tap into your inge-nuity and ability to detach. Never lose sight of what you want. Friends play a big role in your decisions. Tonight:

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# Sports

# JV baseball dooms Demons as ten-run rule is invoked

#### ANDREW GLOVER

aglover@thepampanews.com The Pampa Harvesters funior varsity baseball team won their third straight game and their district opener, 15-5 over the Dumas Demons Friday at Harvester Field.

Coach Dustin Miller said this was the best offensive performance he's seen from his team.

"Every kid that came to the plate came to battle the pitcher and there were very few easy outs for them," Miller said. "Even if we struck out I felt like we really made the pitcher work for that out."

The Demons took an early lead in the first scoring two runs on one hit, but the lead would be short lived. The Harvesters scored nine runs on seven hits. Reid Miller, Jordan Lemons, Devin Coleman, Zach Graves and Tyler Powell hit singles. Chris Howard hit a double to left with the bases loaded and Reid Miller tripled to cen-

ter. In the second inning, neither team scored. Dumas cut Pampa's lead to six in the top of the third, with a run on three hits. Lemons doubled and Powell singled, which led to another run scored for the Harvesters and a 10-3 lead after three.

Dumas scored another run in the top of the fourth on one hit, one hit batter and a walk. Pampa responded and scored five runs on five hits. James Thompson tripled and Lemons and Coleman doubled. The Demons would get one more run in the top of the fifth but that would be it, as the ten-run rule was invoked.

Lemons was the starting pitcher and earned the win in four innings pitched. Pampa's starter gave up four runs on five hits. Thompson pitched the final inning and scored two runs in the game. Reid Miller was two-for-three with a single, triple and sacrifice fly, two RBIs and scored once. Lemons was two-forthree with two doubles, one RBI, and scored four runs. Coleman was two-for-four, with a single, a double and two RBIs and scored two runs. Powell was three-forfour with three singles and two runs.

The Harvesters (3-3, 1-0) host Caprock 5 p.m. today and host Hereford 4 p.m. Friday.



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Jordan Lemons makes the final out of the second inning against Clarendon Tuesday in Pampa. The Harvesters beat Dumas 15-5 Friday at Harvester Field.

# McLean girls basketball senior honored in Amarillo

#### MIKE HAYNES

McLean senior Sheri Haynes was honored by the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce March 25 as one of 19 outstanding area athletes or teams.

<sup>c</sup> Haynes was recognized for her contributions to the McLean Lady Tigers basketball team, which finished second in the state at the end of the 2009-2010 season. The 5-9 guard averaged almost 19 points a game for the season and scored 34 points in two games at the state tournament in Austin.

The Amarillo Chamber sports committee chose Haynes for its monthly award. She and athletes from 10 other schools attended a luncheon at the Kids Inc. building in Amarillo, where certifishe is named, summarized her accomplishments to an audience of about 100 before the younger Haynes accepted her honor. She recalled feeling good about scoring 43 points against Samnorwood.

"Then I remembered that my aunt averaged 42 points," she said with a laugh. "And I asked my dad what her high game was, and it was 70 points." Her aunt played for McLean, Delta State and Wayland Baptist in the 1970s and is a member of the Panhandle Sports Hall of Fame. The younger Haynes

The younger Haynes will play in the Golden Spread All-Star basketball tournament in April. She also plays catcher on the McLean softball team and will compete along with Also honored March 25 in various sports were:

Wrestling: Victor Dotson of Randall; Nick Hermann of Tascosa; Shelby Morrison of Bushland; Miriam Moreno of Hereford; Hilary Cordero of Caprock; and the state champion Caprock girls' wrestling team.

Basketball: Tyson Turnbow of Muleshoe; Joseph Scott of Randall; Jasmine Patterson of Palo Duro; Megan McClain of West Texas A&M; Nick Burns of West Texas A&M; and the TAPPS state champion San Jacinto Christian girls' basketball team.

Track and field: David Mogi of Palo Duro; McKensie Rogers of Perryton; and Talore Kelley of Tascosa.



cates were given to their coaches or representatives.

In the absence of a McLean coach to introduce her, Haynes's aunt Sheri Haynes, for whom McLean's Nancy Castillo in regional tennis April 22. She is the daughter of David and Ginger Havnes

David and Ginger Haynes and the granddaughter of Johnny and Joyce Haynes, all of McLean.

Soccer: Ricardo Tavarez of Palo Duro; and Andrea Carpenter of Randall. Softball: Sarah Blair of West Texas A&M.

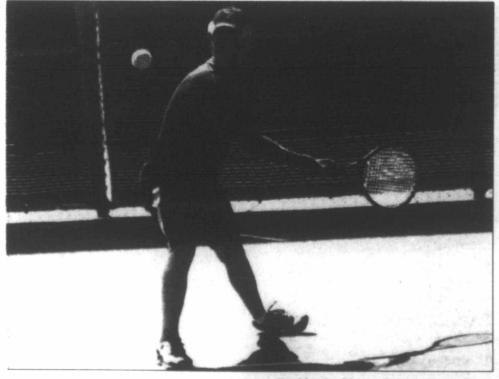


photo by *Jim Merriot Moore County News-Press* Nick Nelson returns a ball in the Dumas Invitational Friday and Saturday.

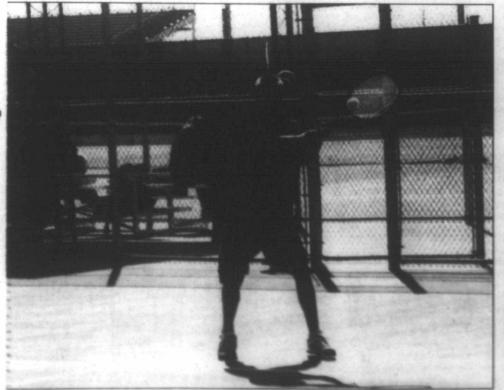


photo by Jim Merriet Moore County News-Press Logan Karbo returns a ball in his doubles match with Nick Nelson in Dumas.

photo by Mike Haynes

McLean's Sheri Haynes, right, thanks the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce for her recognition as an outstanding basketball player on March 25.

# Girls golf finishes fifth, boys tenth in Amarillo

#### ANDREW GLOVER aglover@thepampanews.com

The Pampa High School boys and girls golf teams battle the wind last weekend in Amarillo and finish in the top three of their district.

Head Coach Alan Segura said he was pleased with his team efforts in spite of the weather.

"We finished in the top three in our district, so we are competing well," Segura said. "The girls begin district play this Thursday and the boys begin next Tuesday." The boys competed at

the Amarillo Country Club and the Tascosa Country Club Friday and Saturday. Pampa finished 11th out of 18 teams with a score of 707 in 36 holes. The Harvesters had 15 more strokes than 10th place Guymon. The only district teams that finished ahead of Pampa was Randall with a score 641 and Canyon with 662. Randall and Canyon finished second and third overall respectively.

Cole Buck and Logan Reagan had the best individual score for the Harvesters with 171. Buck scored an 88 on Friday and an 83 on Saturday. Reagan scored an 82 on Friday and an 89 on Saturday. Joseph Mechelay scored a 176 and scored an 88 on both days. Jonathan Polasek scored a 189, with 93 on Friday and 96 on Saturday. Brenden Burrell scored a 195, with 93 on Friday and 102 on Saturday.

The girls golf team played 27 holes and competed at the Ross Rogers Old Course. Pampa finished fifth in Division II with a score of 669. The Lady Harvesters had 43 strokes more than the Amarillo White team. Pampa finished ahead of Caprock's white team.

Liz Hoelting had the sixth best score in Division II with a 143. Alison Alexander scored a 173, Lindsey Brown scored a 174, Cori Cook scored a 179 and Taylor Morgan scored a 187.

The boys golf team competed in San Angelo March 12-13. Pampa finished 14th out of 19 teams and was seven strokes away from 13th. Buck had the best score with a 166. Reagan scored a 171, Mechelay had a 173, Polasek had a 175 and Burrell had a 176.

The boys next meet is April 3 at Perryton and the girls play April 1 at Arrowhead.

### Duke edges Baylor for first Final Four since '04 HOUSTON (AP) - to a topsy-tury NCAA "I'm really happy for this

HOUSTON (AP) — Mike Krzyzewski insisted all along the drought didn't bother him.

Sure, he hadn't been to a Final Four since 2004. But there was no need to put extra pressure on this Duke team just because the last five fell short.

Hey, Coach K, look who's chasing another national championship.

Duke restored some order

to a topsy-turvy NCAA tournament on Sunday, getting a career-high 29 points from Nolan Smith in a 78-71 victory over Baylor that put Krzyzewski and the Blue Devils back in college basketball's biggest event.

"It's not about the moments that I've been in, it's the moments that your players put you in right now," Krzyzewski said. "I'm really happy for this group. ... It's as close a team as I've had. You want great things to happen for people who are great with us."

Jon Scheyer added five 3-pointers and scored 20 for Duke, ending Baylor's run to redemption in the South Regional final. The Blue Devils became the only No. 1 seed to advance to Indianapolis.