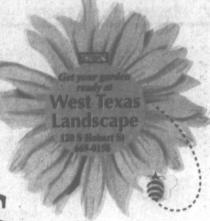




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EARTH DAY PARTY



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Deztiney Hemphill, a second grader at Wilson Elementary, colors in a poster she drew to commemorate Earth Day.

Area children celebrate, think green

ARNIE AURELLANO editor@thepampanews.com

Stefanie Ramos sat in front of her second grade class at Wilson Elementary and looked out at all the raised hands in the room.

The kids were just asked about the importance of today Earth Day - and almost

the entire class had something added Ismael Martinez.

"To teach us to help our Earth be a better place to live," said Jamie Applegate.

"It's the only place we can chimed Deztiney live in," Hemphill. "If we don't take care of it, there's no place else we can go."

"We can't live on the moon,"

Ramos' class was one of a few classes around Pampa that were commemorating Earth Day with special classroom activities. All morning long, the kids had been writing Earth Day assignments and drawing posters illustrating the importance of preserving our planet. Later in the day, KIDS cont. on page 3

PRPC does, too

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Pampa hosted a panhandle group solid waste group today with tours of the landfill and lunch at M.K. Brown Auditorium as part of Earth Day activities.

Donny Hooper, Pampa's public works director, said about 30 people from area communities gathered today in Pampa for a meeting of the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission's Solid Waste Advisory Committee.

Hooper said they started this morning by giving tours of Pampa's regional landfill and waste water recycling plant. He said city officials showed their guests some of the programs that Pampa has instituted at the city landfill, including how wood chips are used to stabilize highly erodeable areas.

Two nabbed Wednesday for laundering

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Two people from Arizona were in Gray County jail today after being arrested on charges of money laundering.

Allen Aron Wolle, 21, of Sun City, Ariz., and Gloria Angelica Lucio, 19, of Phoenix, Ariz., were in jail today in lieu of bond after being arrested Wednesday night on charges of money laundering.

Gray County Deputy Lynn Hudson stopped the couple for speeding about 11:15 p.m., Wednesday, five miles west of McLean on Interstate 40, Chief Deputy Cary Rushing said today.

Since the two appeared nervous, Hudson asked for permission to search the sport utility vehicle. The Gray County deputy found over \$8,000 in cash.

Rushing said that the answers to further questioning were confusing and conflicting. He said the stories given by the two did not match, so they were arrested and brought to Gray County jail.

The money, after being counted at the jail, totalled \$8,401, Rushing

Gray County Justice of the Peace Joe Martinez set bond for each of the accused at \$20,000 on money laundering charges.

Phone book recycling ends on Saturday

THE PAMPA NEWS

Saturday marks the last day that Pampa residents will be able to recycle their old phone books as part of the Clean Pampa Campaign.

Drop off points for the phone book recycling effort are at Lovett Memorial Library, 111 North Houston; the north parking lot of M.K. Brown Auditorium, 1000 North Sumner, and Fiesta Foods, 300 East Brown. They will remain at those locations until Saturday afternoon.

AT&T provided the boxes for the old phone books. The collected books will be taken to the Amarillo Recycling Center.

Pampa's Carmichael named Funeral Director of the Year

Donny Hooper, Pampa's public works director,

shows Hoyt Manning, Canadian's director of public

RANDY PRIBBLE rpribble@thepampanews.com

Doug Carmichael has been named the "Funeral Director of the Year " by the Panhandle Funeral

works, around the city landfill.

Directors Association. Carmichael, of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Home of Pampa, received the award at a banquet during the association's spring meeting held Thursday, April 15 in Lubbock.

"It was a total surprise," said Carmichael. "I left here for the meeting with Scott Rankin, who is also on the (association's) board.

staff photo by David Bowser

"They don't say the name at first, but they start off reading a biography."

After his name was announced, he was again surprised when his daughter Lee from Denver, CO and his daughter Ann from Washington, DC walked into the room, as well as his parents, Bob and Virginia Carmichael and associates Janetta Frazier and Rusty

Tapp.
"It was an honor because dad also received it 25 years ago and Herman Whatley received it some years ago," Carmichael said.

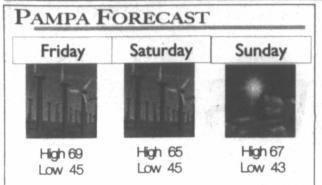


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Doug Carmichael of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Home shows off his "Funeral Director of the Year" plaque. To his left is a picture of his grandfather, Paul Carmichael, who was also in the funeral home business.



For the record



Tonight: Scattered showers and thunderstorms. Some of the storms could be severe. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 46. South southeast wind 10 to 20 mph becoming west. Winds could gust as high as 25 mph. Chance of precipitation is 50%.

Friday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 69. Windy, with a south southwest wind 10 to 15 mph increasing to between 20 and 25 mph. Winds could gust as high as 35 mph.

Friday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 45. Windy, with a southwest wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high

Saturday: Partly sunny, with a high near 65. Windy, with a northwest wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 45. Windy, with a north northwest wind 20 to 25 mph decreasing to between 10 and 15 mph. Winds could gust as high as 35 mph.

Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 67. North northwest wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 43. North northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

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Second cartel kidnapper gets 20 years

McALLEN (AP) — A federal judge sentenced a second member of a kidnapping ring tied to a Mexican drug cartel to 20 years in prison Wednesday and allowed a co-defendant to withdraw his guilty plea in the face of more serious charges.

U.S. District Judge Randy Crane sentenced Daniel Cavazos Reyes, 34, to 20 years for his role in the August 2008 kidnapping of Daniel Ramirez Jr.

Later, Crane rejected prosecutors' suggestion that he drop all but one kidnapping count against Jose Alfredo Rodriguez, 40, of Mission, saying it appeared Rodriguez had been involved in another kidnapping that led to the torture and death of the victim.

Both men were indicted in December 2008 for their involvement in kidnappings in south Texas on behalf of the Zetas, a former enforcement arm of the Gulf cartel that became an independent drug trafficking entity. Prosecutors say the Zetas were trying to expand their influence over those involved in the drug trade on the U.S. side of the border.

A third member of the kidnapping ring, Luis Avila Hernandez, was sentenced to life in prison Tuesday for his role in Ramirez's death.

Prosecutors said Cavazos was only involved in the Ramirez kidnapping and not four other kidnappings. Ramirez was smuggled across the Rio Grande to Reynosa, Mexico, and never heard from again. His father paid a \$40,000 ransom that was never recovered.

Cavazos' attorney, Marcus Barrera, suggested a 10-year sentence would be fair, considering his client's limited role and cooperation with authorities. Cavazos, a mechanic, testified against his friend Avila at trial. Barrera said Cavazos planned to work on an engine with Avila and didn't know there would be a kidnapping when he accompanied him to the convenience store where Ramirez worked.

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"He was not part of a Zeta group," Barrera said. "He was not part of this kidnapping ring.

Crane characterized Cavazos' role as "midlevel" but was skeptical of the claim that he had simply been in 'the wrong place at the wrong time."

Cavazos was armed and helped keep Ramirez from escaping, Crane noted. He had accidentally shot another kidnapper, who witnesses testified was later treated by a cartel doctor and nurse.

The judge said Cavazos would be deported to Mexico when released from prison, but it was not immediately clear if he was a legal resident or in the country illegally.

Rodriguez's situation was more complicated. He had pleaded guilty to the September 2008 kidnapping of Sergio Cepeda, who was beaten with a hammer and a rifle, but released after a \$40,000 ransom was paid.

His plea deal called for other charges to be dismissed, but Crane refused after a later investigation showed Rodriguez also was involved in the kidnapping of Sergio Arturo Zepeda in October 2008. Zepeda was allegedly tortured with electricity until he foamed at the mouth and then killed and burned.

Instead of dropping the other charges, Crane said he would allow Rodriguez to withdraw his guilty plea and prepare for a June trial.

Since Zepeda is believed to have died as a result of the kidnapping, Rodriguez would likely face a life sentence if convicted, compared to one that would have been in the 25-year range for the other kidnapping,

Air search resumes for missing in oil rig blast

PORT FOURCHON, La. (AP) A Coast Guard helicopter and rescue plane resumed the search Thursday for 11 workers missing after a massive explosion aboard an oil platform off the Louisiana coast.

The rig continued to burn as supply vessels shot water into it try to control the flames enough to keep it from sinking.

Rescue crews have covered the 1,940-square-mile search area by air 12 times and by boat five times, Petty Officer Casey Baker said. The boats searched all night, hoping the missing workers might have been able to get to a covered lifeboat with supplies.

Relatives waited anxiously for hourly updates. Family members of one missing worker, Shane Roshto of Amite, Miss., filed a lawsuit in New Orleans on Thursday accusing the rig's owner of negligence. The suit said he was thrown overboard by the explosion and is feared dead, though it did not indicate how family members knew that was what happened to him.

The suit names Transocean Ltd., which owns the rig, and oil giant BP, which contracted it. A Transocean spokesman did not immediately respond to a request for comment and BP wouldn't discuss the suit.

The rig was doing exploratory drilling about 50 miles off the coast of Louisiana.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

PAMPA PD

The Pampa Police of East Frederic. Department reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 8 a.m. today.

Officers reported seven traffic related calls and one accident.

Animal control officers reported 11 animal-related calls.

Pampa EMS officials reported four ambulance calls. Lefors Volunteer EMS reported one medical-related call.

Wednesday, April 21 A sexual assault was reported to police.

Officers had escort duty in the 600 block of North Ward.

Officers reported a narcotics violation in the 100 block of East Harvester.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 2400 block of North Charles.

Officers assisted another agency in the 1500 block of Coulter.

Harassment was reported in the 1500 block of West Kentucky.

A theft was reported in the 800 block of West

Wilks. Officers assisted another agency in the 900 block of

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reported in the 100 block of East Harvester. An abandoned vehicle was reported in the 1000 block of South Wells.

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A burglary was reported 100 block of North Naida. A 911-hangup call was reported in the 1600 block of North Christy.

Officers performed a welfare check in the 900 block of East Browning.

Officers assisted another agency at Kentucky and Lefors.

Officers had escort duty in the 9300 block of South Georgia.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 400 block of North Wells.

A suspicious person was reported in the 500 block East Francis.

Thursday, April 22

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 500 block of South Finley.

A suspicious person was reported in the 2200 block of North Russell.

A suspicious person was reported in the 300 block of South Cuyler.

SHERIFF

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests during the 24-hour period ending at 8 a.m. today.

Wednesday, April 21 Paul Arthur Ruiz, 64, of Amarillo, was arrested by deputies on charges of failure to appear and assault causing bodily injury and family violence.

Zachary Joe Baker, 19,

Michael Van

Officers assisted a was arrested by deputies on motorist in the 400 block charges of driving without a valid license.

Miguel Alberto Barraza, of Caldwell, Idano, was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety troopers on charges of possession of a controlled substance.

Ashley Dawn Heiskell, 23, was arrested by deputies on charges of possession of a controlled substance.

Angel Garcia Lopez, 24, of Coachella, Calif., was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety troopers on charges of possession of a controlled substance.

Jake Adam Berry, 27, of Amarillo, was arrested by deputies for violation of probation in connection with evading arrest and driving while intoxicated, third offense or more.

Thursday, April 22 Allen Aron Wolle, 21, Sun City, Ariz., and Gloria Angelica Lucio, 19, of Phoenix, Ariz., were arrested by deputies on charges of money laundering.

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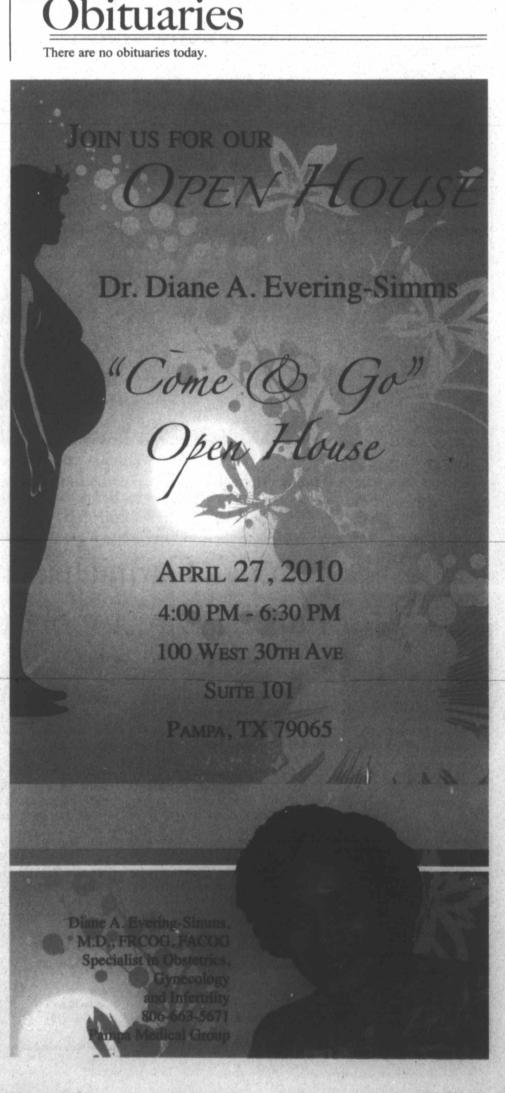
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Lovett Library to organize | Ex-Texas juvenile inmate September paperback sale

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Now that the Friends of the Pampa Library book sale is over, the organization is turning its energies to a paperback book sale.

Roy Morriss, head of the Lovett Memorial Library support group, said the paperback book sale is scheduled for the first weekend in September.

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Despite the rainy weather, Morriss reported that the Friends of the Pampa Library had a successful book sale earlier this month.

Pat Kindle won the drawing for the Royal Nutcracker figures, Morriss said. Linda Harvey was top bidder for the handdecorated lady's denim jacket in the silent

The money raised by the Friends of the Pampa Library is used for projects, events and maintenance of equipment not covered by the library's budget from the city,



staff photo by Arnie Aurellano

Second grader Trae Long shows off his pencil case made of recycled plastic

Kids

cont. from page 1

according to Ramos, the class was scheduled to spend some time picking up litter outside the school to do their part to make Earth Day a success.

In preparation for the big day, Mrs. Ramos' class had been learning about ways to help the environment, be more eco-friendly and "think green." When asked about the ways to be more mindful of our planet, the kids were again full of ideas.

"You can recycle your water bottles instead of just throwing them away," said Avery Sprinkle, who added that paper can also be recycled and that the class recycles

paper in a big box in the back of the room. We can ride our bikes instead of driving our cars," said Nate Morales.

'And we can pick up the trash that people are throwing on the ground," said Devin Hieronymus. "We should keep the Earth clean."

Ramos expressed pride in her class for embracing the Earth Day spirit and really taking to heart the principles around which the day was created.

"These are our future adults that are going to save our planet," said Ramos, motioning to her room of kids. "We need to teach them now so that it sticks with them and they remember when they grow up. They're the ones that are going to help us. They are the ones that are going to make a difference in the future.

Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR "Milwaukee Grandma" (Feb. 16) was "appalled to see the number of adults who forced their children to eat" in restaurants. "Grandma" is absolutely right. Children will eat when hungry and stop when they have had enough. The old saying "Clean your plate" is contributing to the obesity epidemic. Children are born with the ability to self-regulate their food intake. Notice how many babies move their heads away from the bottle or breast

when they are full. Eating out is expensive, and restaurants tend to serve portions that are larger than necessary for a child's small stomach. Instead of forcing the child to finish, parents should take half the dinner

home for a later time. The obesity epidemic is based on many factors, including excessive meal portions, decreased physical activity, abundance of junk food, and lack of available and affordable healthy foods in some areas of the country - to name a few.

Parents can make a difference by involving their children in the shopping for and preparation of meals, eating as a family with the TV shut off and making activity fun and a part of the everyday routine. - DIETITIAN IN GARDNER, MASS.

DIETITIAN: DEAR Thank you for enlightening me regarding the obesity epidemic. A number of other readers weighed in on the topic with interesting insights. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I was raised by parents who forced me to "clean my plate or else." They were the ones who fixed my plate or decided what to order us kids in restaurants. Eating became a negative experience as I was growing

It wasn't until I got counseling prior to my gastric bypass surgery that I learned

to stop eating when I was full instead of feeling guilty unless I cleaned my plate. In counseling, I was told it was OK to leave food on my plate - but by then I weighed 400 pounds. **IDAHO**

It's better to teach children to eat at mealtime, be responsible when it comes to snacking and "listen to your body" when it says, "I'm full." — HAPPY WITH MY WEIGHT NOW

DEAR ABBY: As a family and consumer sciences educator, one of the courses I teach in child development is "division of responsibility." This means it's the parents' responsibility to offer nutritious food choices to their children, and the children's responsibility to decide how much to eat.

By forcing children to "clean their plate," we are overriding the natural programming they are born with that tells them when they are

full and to stop eating. When we teach children to eat past natural satiation, obesity is the natural consequence. -LAURA IN MOSCOW,

DEAR ABBY: We have one child with severe food allergies and two others who have ADD and emotional issues. Their medications decrease their appetites, which makes it difficult for them to gain weight and grow. We may be the parents "Milwaukee Grandma" is referring to as we urge our children to eat more.

There are many children out there with medical challenges that make getting enough nutrients difficult. Other illnesses require some kids to consume a certain number of calories. For some, being in the "Clean Plate Club" is critical to their health and well-being. - MOM TO **4 SKINNY KIDS**



describes details of abuse

ODESSA (AP) — A former Texas Youth Commission inmate testified Wednesday that an administrator who helped run the lockup where he was held repeatedly sexually abused him late at night in his office.

The former inmate, who The Associated Press is not identifying because he's the alleged victim of sexual abuse, told an Ector County jury that Ray Brookins performed oral sex and other sexual acts on him while displaying pornography in his office.

"Usually, right on the way out, he'd hug me and tell me he loved me like a son," the inmate said in emotional testimony, according to The Odessa American newspaper. "I thought that this was messed up, this relationship."

Brookins, a former assistant superintendent at the West Texas State School in Pyote, has pleaded not guilty to two counts each of having an improper sexual activity with a person in custody and having an improper relationship between an educator and student.

Earlier Wednesday, a former corrections officer at the facility testified that he became concerned about how much time Brookins was spending with the young inmate.

Anthony W. Halterman testified that Brookins made it very clear that "he was just like, he could do whatever he wanted.'

If convicted of all charges, Brookins could face up to 20 years in prison.



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Viewpoints

Today in History

Today is Thursday, April 22, the 112th day of 2010. There are 253 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On April 22, 1970, millions of Americans concerned about the environment observed the first

"Earth Day." On this date:

In 1864, Congress authorized the use of the phrase "In God We Trust" on U.S. coins.

In 1889, the Oklahoma Land Rush began at noon as thousands of homesteaders staked claims.

In 1898, with the United States and Spain on the verge of formally declaring war, the U.S. Navy began blockading Cuban ports. Congress authorized creation of the 1st U.S. Volunteer Cavalry, also known as the "Rough Riders."

In 1930, the United States, Britain and Japan signed the London Naval Treaty, which regulated submarine warfare and limited shipbuilding. In 1944, during World War II, U.S. forces began

invading Japanese-held New Guinea with amphibious landings at Hollandia and Aitape. In 1954, the publicly televised sessions of the

Senate Army-McCarthy hearings began. In 1964, President Lyndon B. Johnson opened the

New York World's Fair. In 1990, pro-Iranian kidnappers in Lebanon freed American hostage Robert Polhill after nearly 39

months of captivity. In 1994, Richard M. Nixon, the 37th president of the United States, died at a New York hospital four

days after suffering a stroke; he was 81. Ten years ago: In a dramatic pre-dawn raid, armed immigration agents seized Elian Gonzalez from his relatives' home in Miami; Elian was reunited with his father at Andrews Air Force Base near Washington.

Five years ago: Zacarias Moussaoui pleaded guilty in a federal courtroom outside Washington. D.C. to conspiring with the September 11th hijackers to kill Americans.

One year ago: President Barack Obama marked Earth Day with a pitch for his energy plan, calling for a "new era of energy exploration in America" during a visit to Newton, Iowa. The FDA said 17-year-old girls could get "morning after" birth control without a prescription. Derrick Rose of the Chicago Bulls won the NBA's rookie of the year award.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Charlotte Rae is 84. Actress Estelle Harris is 78. Singer Glen Campbell is 74. Actor Jack Nicholson is 73. Author Janet Evanovich is 67. Movie director John Waters is 64. Singer Peter Frampton is 60. Actor Ryan Stiles is 51. Baseball manager Terry Francona is 51. Actor Jeffrey Dean Morgan is 44. Actress Sheryl Lee is 43. Actress-talk show host Sherri Shepherd is 43. Actor Ingo Rademacher is 39. Rock singermusician Daniel Johns (Silverchair) is 31. Actress Michelle Ryan is 26. Actress Amber Heard is 24.

Thought for Today: "Life is one long process of getting tired." - Samuel Butler, British author (1835-1902).



"THEY DO THAT SOMETIMES. BUT AS A SOPHISTICATED BUYER YOU SHOULD HAVE KNOWN THAT ALREADY SO THIS REALLY ISN'T MY PROBLEM, IS IT?

Church holds faith amidst scandal

I was shocked by a recent Associated Press headline that read: "U.S. Catholic church moving faster on abuse cases." Not because it was news to me, but because it was making news. At a time of great sadness, anger and confusion, a media outlet appeared to be honestly trying to understand and report what is actually happening now in the Roman Catholic Church in America. After an Easter-time frenzy of calls for the pope's resignation, this wire story was an acknowledgement of reform and leadership.

Read between the lines, and you see a story of penance and perseverance, about an institution that despite all its flaws - challenges us to live differently than the gods of popular culture would

of abuse by a priest back in the 1970s, the archdiocese of Denver took "swift and public" action against him. (The priest, the Rev. Melvin Thompson, now 74 years old, claims he is innocent.) Denver Archbishop Charles J. Chaput suspended the accused from all church and priestly activities - despite the fact that the accused has, in Chaput's words, "been a popular and effective priest, respected by his brother priests and well-loved by many parishioners" and that there had been "no previous allegation of any sexual misconduct with a minor" in the priest's long career. But, as Chaput explained in his letter to the faithful in parishes where Thompson has served, the



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ful for an innocent priest to be accused. But the Church is doing its due diligence, necessarily and vigilantly. The Denver police won't be investigating because the case falls outside the statute of limitations, but the archdiocese has no such luxury, and Thompson has no such protection. The archdiocese, following The article told how, after norms now in place throughout the receiving an allegation this month United States that were established by the national bishops' conference after the wave of scandals in Boston, is working to guarantee the protection of children, the beneficiaries of so many of the services of the Church.

The story of Thompson's accusation provides a snapshot of the way the Church currently operates. As New York's archbishop, Timothy Dolan, has put it, "just as the Catholic Church may have been a bleak example of how not to respond to this tragedy in the past, the Church is now a model of what to do."

The Church has had a grueling awakening, as everyone knows. And officials acted - from Washington, D.C. to Rome. And

while bishops in Europe clearly painful move still have lessons to learn, Pope is "a necessary course to protect Benedict XVI has been a hero in people's trust in this story. Knowing the mission and heart of the Church, knowtheir parish and ing the need to protect the most in the archdioinnocent among us, knowing what It's horrenis right from wrong, he has led dously painful reform efforts. What was once tolfor victims to erated is no longer.

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Every Catholic and admirer of the Catholic Church will be deeply disappointed, even scandalized, by the failings of Church officials. This is not, however, a reason to lose faith. Sin is a constant, but we must go on living, working and believing.

The Church, as Pope John Paul II explained in 1980, endures "not by the work of human beings, but through the power of Christ's gift. To believe in the power of the Church does not mean believing in the power of the people who compose her, but believing in Christ's gift: in that power that, as St. Paul says, 'is made perfect in weakness' (2 Cor 12:9)."

The Catholic Church is undergoing a painful but necessary renewal. If you know your history, you know the Church is not - as some have hoped - going away. She has stood athwart the culture of the times, and will continue to do so, with her bedrock fundamentals

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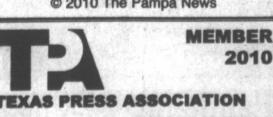
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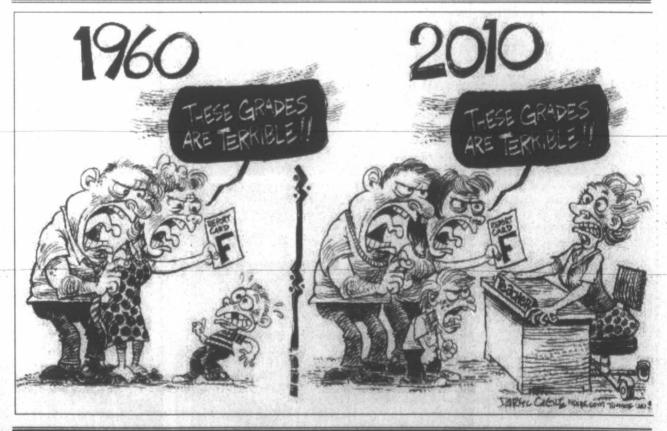
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J.S. home sales rise as unemplo

Home sales rose sharply last month and claims for jobless benefits fell last week. The two reports Thursday sketched a picture of a modestly improving economy.

Sales of previously occupied homes increased more than expected in March after three straight months of declines, the National Association of Realtors said. The housing market benefited from government incentives that drew in buy-

Purchases jumped 6.8 percent to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 5.35 million last month, the highest level since December. The median sales price was \$170,700, nearly unchanged from a year earlier.

Some economists expect healthy sales to continue, but caution that a clearer picture of the housing market will emerge after federal tax credits expire at the end of this month.

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seen in years," said Stuart Hoffman, chief economist at PNC Financial Services Group.

In a separate report Thursday, initial claims for unemployment benefits fell by 24,000 to a seasonally adjusted 456,000, the Labor Department said. That nearly matched analysts' estimates, according to Thomson Reuters.

The drop comes after claims rose sharply in the previous two weeks. A Labor Department analyst attributed those increases to seasonal adjustment difficulties around the Easter holiday, which falls on different weeks each year.

Still, many economists have been disappointed claims haven't fallen faster, which would signal more hiring. Initial claims are at about the same level they were at the beginning of the year, after rising sharply in February due to snowstorms on the East Coast.

Claims have slowly trended down over the past

Employers in March added 162,000 jobs, the most in three years. But the pace of the economic recovery and job creation hasn't been robust enough to quickly drive down the unemployment rate. It's been stuck at 9.7 percent for three months, close to its highest levels since the

The tally of people continuing to claim benefits, meanwhile, dropped by 40,000 to 4.65 million, the department said.

That figure lags the initial claims by one week. It doesn't include millions of people who have used up the regular 26 weeks of benefits typically provided by states, and are receiving extended benefits for up to 73 additional weeks, paid for by the federal govern-

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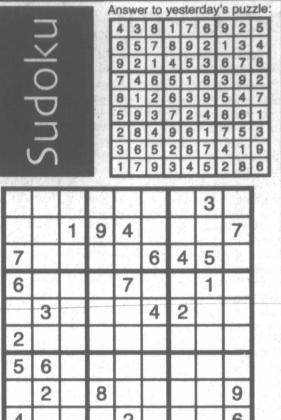
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were receiving extended benefits in the week ended April 3, the latest data about 500,000 from the previous week's total.





Sports

Seven-run eighth powers Dumas past Harvesters

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The Pampa Harvesters fought hard but allowed seven runs in the eighth in a 15-8 extra inning loss to the Dumas Demons Wednesday at Harvester Field.

Head coach Kaleb Snelgrooes said he was proud of his team effort but they didn't make key outs.

"We're again sitting here talking about how great we played and we came up short," Snelgrooes said. "We battled the entire game. I commend the kids on their effort. Those few outs that we got to get to finish a team we didn't quite get tonight.'

The Demons struck first in the game. Aaron Mendoza led off with a walk. Jose Martinez followed with a single and on a fielder's choice Mendoza advanced to third. A wild pitch scored Mendoza. Garrett Grice drove in a run with a single

to put Dumas ahead 2-0.

The Harvesters evened things up in the bottom of the second. Braden Hunt led off with a walk and advanced to second on Tyler Malone's single. Zach Murray hit a two-out single to score Hunt. Malone tied the game scoring on a balk.

Dumas regained the lead in the next half inning. After the first two batters grounded out, Derrick Valenzuela doubled. Keagan Harman followed with a double to score Valenzuela and put the Demons up 3-2. Pampa's starter Garrett Ericson ended the inning with a strikeout.

Pampa gained their first lead of the game in the bottom of the third. Cole Engle led off with a single and Mitchell Killgo followed with a one-out single. Malone drove both of them in with a bases loaded single. The Harvesters led 4-3 after three.

Just as quickly as Pampa

back. Sixto Almanza led off with a double and advanced to third on a single. Collin Pope reached on an error by the shortstop, which scored Almanza to tie the game at four. Martinez singled and scored Clayton Baker to give the Demons a 5-4 lead.

Pampa again responded and evened the score. With two outs in the bottom of the fourth, Reid Miller doubled and Killgo followed with a double to score Miller and tie the game at five. The inning ended when Hunt popped out to second.

In the fifth inning, the Harvesters kept Dumas off the scoreboard, for the first time since the second inning. Pampa took advantage and regained the lead again. After Anthony Allen grounded out, and Malone struck out, Ericson singled. Murray followed with a single and with a throwing error, Ericson scored to give Pampa a 6-5 lead.

got the lead, Dumas took it Doug Smith singled and Tyler Malone," Snelgrooes scored Murray to increase

the lead to 7-5. Both teams were held scoreless in the sixth. The Demons again would retake the lead. Valenzuela led off the ninth by striking out, but Allen couldn't hang on to the ball allowing Valenzuela to reach base. A ground out to second would eventually score Valenzuela to cut Pampa's lead to one. Almanza reached when Smith couldn't hang on to a fly ball that would have ended the game. Baker made Smith pay, smashing a ball over the right field wall to put Dumas back on top 8-7.

Malone on the first pitch of the inning sent a ball over the left field wall and tied the game at eight.

Snelgrooes was pleased with Malone and Murray for coming up with clutch hits.

"Had some clutch hits from Zach Murray and

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Mitchell Killgo slides into home in the bottom of the third Wednesday against Dumas. The run gave Pampa a 4-3 lead but Pampa lost 15-8 in eight innings.

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said. "I had some kids step up spots we really needed. Build some character on."

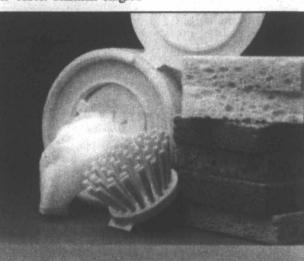
After Ericson struck out, Murray reached with a single and Smith followed with a walk. Engle flied out to center and Miller fouled out to the first baseman.

The Demons would take complete control in the eighth inning. Mendoza led off with a double and advanced to third on a passed ball. After the double, Ericson was pulled as he already threw over 115 pitches. Hunt took over the pitching and struggled, walking the first batter he faced on four pitches. The next batter walked to load the bases. Harman singled

and put Dumas ahead for good scoring Mendoza. Hunt got the next two batters out on a strike out and ground-out. Baker and Jonathan Paredes increased the Demons advantage with a double and a single that scored two runs each. Dumas scored two more runs causing Hunt to be pulled for Malone.

The Harvesters were unable to rally in their half of the eight. Killgo flied out, Hunt singled but would be thrown out by the center fielder on a fly out to end the game.

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Pampa High School senior Alex Clendening was named to the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches' Academic All-State Team.

Clendening is one of 21 players selected for this honor and said he felt good about the honor.

"It's pretty nice to get it," Clendening said. "I'm only one in 21 in the state to get it. It's a real accomplishment."

Clendening said he works hard to keep his grades up and play basketball. The senior also played football last fall and said it's a bal-

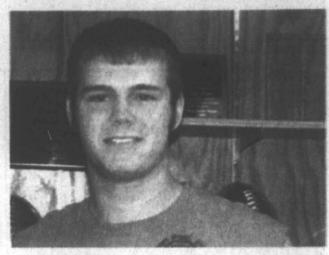
ancing act with sports and school work.

"I was able to do it over the years," Clendening said. "It turned out all right."

Clendening will be graduating this May as the valdictorian. Head basketball coach Dustin Miller said this honor speaks volumes

for Alex and his family.

"As impressive as his athletic career has been, his academic career might be more impressive," Miller said. "He has set the standard extremely high for a student and athlete in our program. I am very excited to see what the future holds for Alex.



Alex Clendening was named to the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches' Academic All-State Team.

Tennis coach pleased with regional pair

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aglover@thepampanews.com Myles Foreman and Sammi Finney lost to Abilene Cooper in the first round of the regional tournament Monday in San Angelo, and head tennis coach their performance.

great but had a tough draw in that we drew Abilene Cooper 1st round," Corse said. "They played a great match in that

Sarah Corse is pleased with they gave their all, but just fell short losing 7-6,3-6,3-6. "Myles and Sammi played I couldn't ask more in the way they played and was very proud in the way that they represented Pampa High School." Corse said she will miss

Foreman and Finney next year along with the rest of the seniors.

"I'm going to miss having their leadership that they had for the team this year," Corse

CHED R PEPPERS

Quick Summary Dumas 15, Pampa 8 (8 innings)

Winning and losing pitchers: WP-Aaron Mendoza LP-Garrett Ericson (3-4)

It was over when: Jonathan Paredes and Aaron Mendoza hit RBI singles that scored a total of three runs and provided Dumas a 15-8 advantage in the eighth.

Game ball go to: Clayton Baker of Dumas. Baker had four RBIs in the final two innings with a home run and a double. Baker was three-for-five and scored three runs.

MVP for Pampa: Tyler Malone hit the game-tying home run in the bottom of the seventh and drove in three runs on three hits. Malone scored two runs.

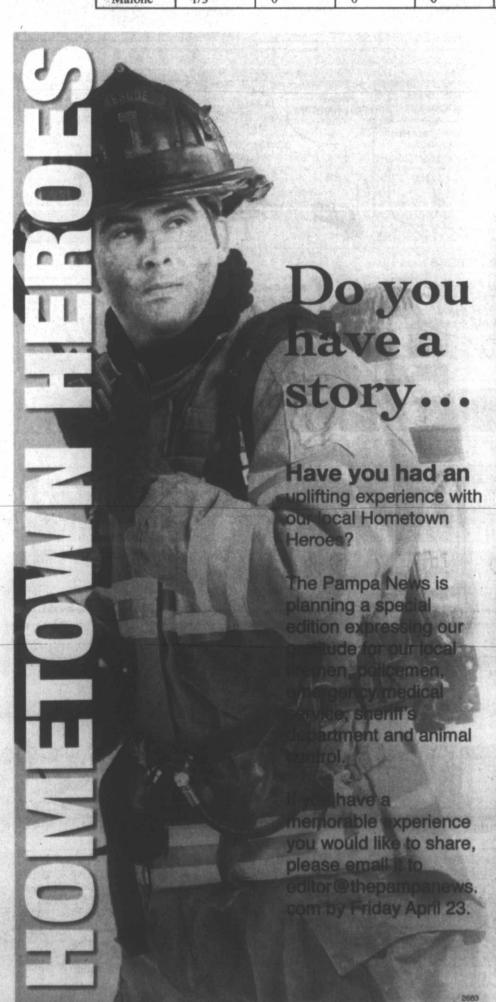
Stat of the game: 15 of 23 runs scored by Pampa and Dumas were with two outs.

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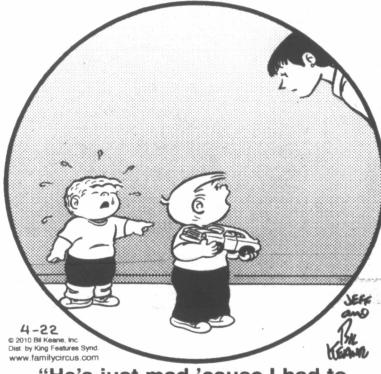
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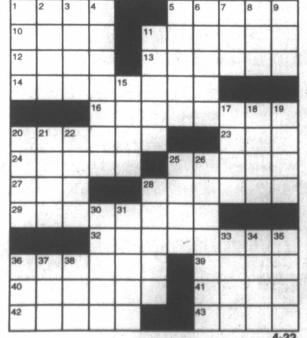
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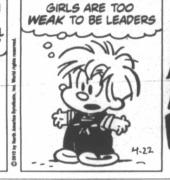






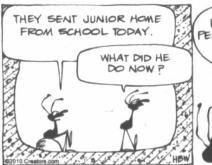
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reveals a different side. The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive;

ARIES (March 21-April 19) *** Focus on coming up with viable answers during a brainstorming session.

3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

blue. In the p.m., think "Friday." Someone could keep calling or dropping in, interfering with your thought process. Tonight: Wander home, maybe visit with a friend. TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ** Pressure builds on the home front. Not until you say "enough" — at least to

yourself - will you complete your work.

A friend could be quirky and change

You gain insight into a friend out of the

plans back and forth. A boss appreciates your efforts. Tonight: Playtime! GEMINI (May 21-June 20) *** In the morning, ask for what you want clearly and directly. Hedging simply isn't going to cut it. In the afternoon, even if it is Friday, you want to pull back and do some thinking. If you're at work,

TexSCAN Week of

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

** Curb overindulgence. Take a deep breath and identify what you want. Communication will excel if you are able to identify with others. Allow someone who needs control to have it, for everyone's sake. Tonight: Hang with friends. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

into work. Tonight: Your treat. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) *** Though you might be out of kil-

on the same page. Tonight: Do what you think is best to start the weekend. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) *** Dedicate the morning to a key issue. Your ability to zero in on what you want allows for more success. In the afternoon, you need some quiet time to

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) *** Accept your role in a project, as you cannot change it. Understand that others push you into the role of being the front person. A meeting could be more important than you realize; whether it's in your personal or professional life is yet to be determined. Tonight: Where

that sword for them, like it or not. You might be surprised by what happens in that case. Tonight: A must appearance. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) *** A partner lets you know exactly

What is clear is that you will be carrying

what he or she thinks. Finances could be involved in a semi-reluctance to follow through. Distance yourself from this matter, for today. In time, you will find a suitable arrangement. Tonight: Turn into a party animal AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★ Others might not be respon quickly as you would like. The real bottom line is that they have many other matters on their mind. A conversation

ing from. Tonight: Why not add some romance to your life? PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) *** Get an early start on paperwork or any matters that demand your complete attention. Others will meander in this afternoon, wanting your time and attention. You will want to network. Free

later in the day reminds someone exactly

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up as much time as possible. Tonight: In

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same way as you do. Could this difference be a problem? In the afternoon, dig

ter with the world in the a.m., by the afternoon, you feel empowered. Don't allow an associate or co-worker to distort your idea. You might need to simplify

center and make decisions. Tonight: Let

*** You are on cruise control. Someone isn't seeing a situation the

your language. Confirm that everyone is

your mind wander, even if you don't feel like following!

wrestler John Cena (1977), comedian

your friends are. © 2010 by King Features Syndicate Inc. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) *** Gain understanding as to why

you might be grasping the enormity of a a boss or older relative feels so strongly.

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