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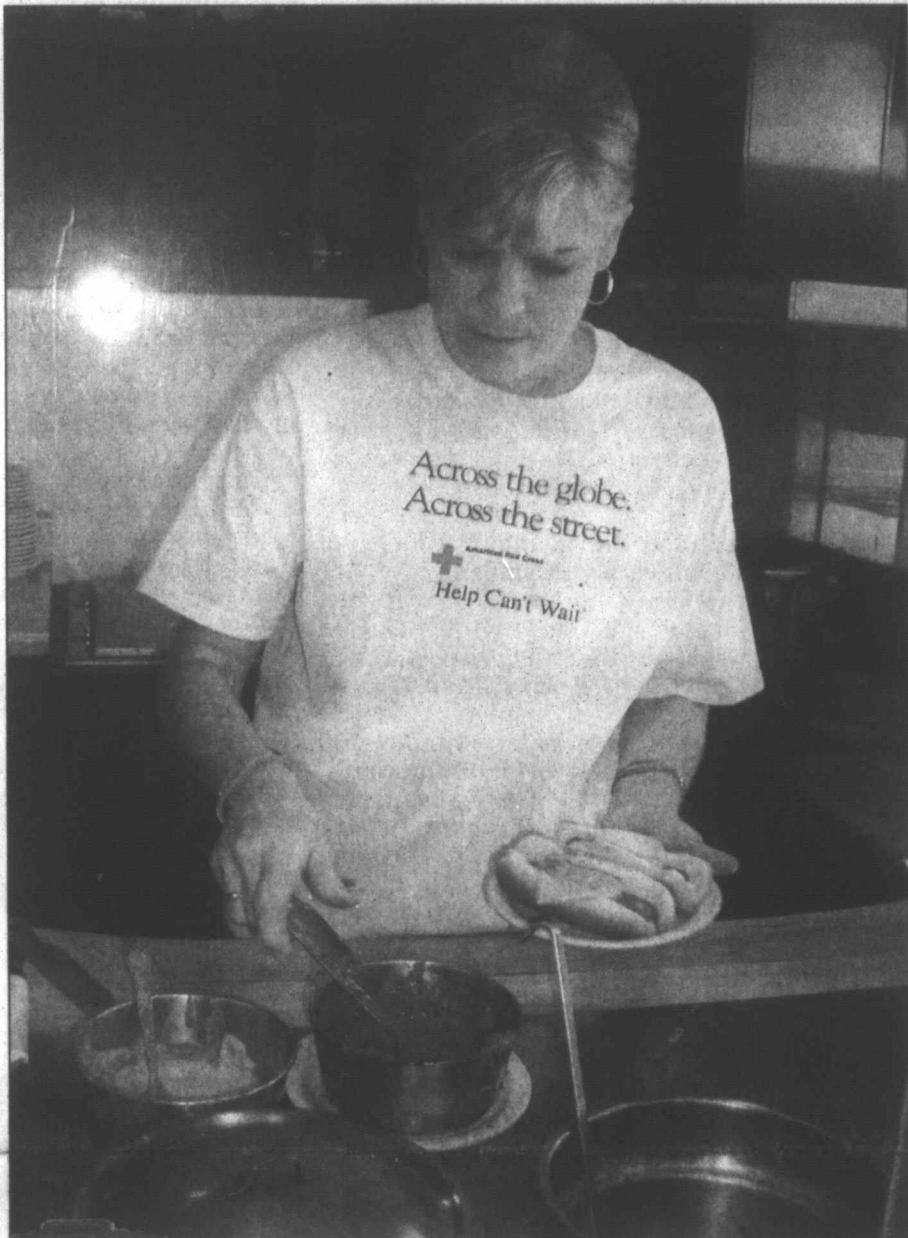
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CONEYS FOR A CAUSE



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Jana Gregory of the Eastern Panhandle Chapter of the American Red Cross prepares a pair of coneys Thursday during the Red Cross fundraiser at the Coney Island Cafe. The fundraiser runs through today at 7 p.m.; a percentage of both days' sales will go to the Red Cross.



staff photo by **David Bowser**
Roberts County Judge Vernon Cooks (left) confers with Amarillo Mayor Debra McCartt during a meeting of panhandle city and county officials Thursday in Amarillo.

Panhandle officials discuss legislation

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AMARILLO — Municipal and county government officials from across the Texas Panhandle gathered here this week to discuss local governmental concerns.
At the request of Roberts County Judge Vernon Cook, president of the Texas Association of Counties, and Amarillo Mayor Debra McCartt, president of the Texas Municipal League, the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission executive director of the PRPC.
City and county officials, including Pampa City Commissioners Neil Fultor and Robert Dixon, Pampa City Manager Richard Morris and Public Works Director Donny Hooper, heard from Frank Sturzl, executive director of the Texas Municipal League; Gene Terry, executive director of the Texas Association of Counties; and Amarillo Mayor Debra McCartt, president of the Texas Municipal League.
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staff photo by **David Bowser**
EMTs Jerry Coombes (left) and Shawn Ewing remove the body of Lefors High School student Wakely Pairsh from a mock car crash on Thursday.

Mock crash in Lefors

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Lefors emergency workers pulled Wakely Pairsh from the top of the hood of a crashed car at Main and Sixth in the quiet Gray County community shortly at 11 a.m. yesterday. It was a grisly scene, with medical technicians moving the unconscious young man onto a gurney and wheeling him into an ambulance, his head and arms stained red with blood.
A few hours later, everyone was talking and laughing about it.
The entire gory episode, it turned out, was staged by Lefors Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department this morning to remind Lefors High School students the dangers they face when they take to the road.
The scene at times bordered on the surreal, as Mike Ray, dressed as the Grim Reaper, stood atop of one of two wrecked cars. He looked silently down at high school student Trever Czubinski, who was lying on the pavement in the intersection.
Other students, wearing artificial strap-on wounds, were in the two wrecked cars as Lefors firefighters and emergency workers, Gray County deputies and Texas Department of Public Safety
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ON THE ROAD TO STATE DIAMOND DIVAS

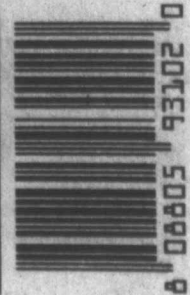
The Pampa Lady Harvesters softball team stops for a photo before heading to their second round series against El Paso Parkland. Travis Elementary, Lamar Elementary and numerous businesses throughout town stepped outside to wave and cheer the girls on. Their first game will be at 5 p.m. today, with the second following at 10 a.m. on Saturday.



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PAMPA FORECAST

Saturday	Sunday	Monday
High 58 Low 43	High 70 Low 59	High 83 Low 50

Saturday: Partly sunny, with a high near 58. Southeast wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Saturday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 43. South wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Sunday: A 20 percent chance of showers after 1pm. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 70. South wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Sunday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 59. Windy, with a south wind between 20 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

Monday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 83. Windy, with a south southwest wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Monday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 50. Windy, with a west southwest wind 20 to 25 mph decreasing to between 10 and 15 mph. Winds could gust as high as 35 mph.

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The Grim Reaper, played by Mike Ray, stands over the body of Lefors High School student Trever Czubinski.

Crash

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troopers and the LifeStar helicopter from Pampa raced to the scene of the mock crash.

Earlier in the day, Lefors students, their faces covered in white greasepaint roamed the school campus representing those who would lose their lives in automobile accidents this year.

Obituaries

There are no obituaries today.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

PAMPA PD

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

Officers reported seven traffic-related calls and six accidents.

Animal control officers reported 14 calls.

Pampa EMS reported five ambulance calls. The Pampa Fire Department reported two medical calls.

Thursday, May 6

A suspicious person was reported in the 2300 block of North Primrose.

A suspicious person was reported in the 800 block of East Browning.

A violation of a city ordinance was reported at the intersection of Henry and Campbell.

A suicide attempt was reported in the 600 block of North Summer.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 600 block of North Nelson.

Officers assisted another agency in the 1400 block of South Barnes.

An offense against family and children was reported in the 100 block of West 30th.

Narcotics violation was reported in the 400 block of North Wynne.

A theft was reported to police.

A suspicious person was reported in the 3000 block of North Perryton

Parkway.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 100 block of East Harvester.

A grass fire was reported in the 900 block of North Frost.

Officers served a warrant in Skellytown.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1100 block of South Neel.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1500 block of North Coffee.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1100 block of Sierra.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 1400 block of North Hobart.

An alarm was reported in the 100 block of South Hobart.

An assault was reported in the 900 block of East Campbell.

A theft was reported in the 100 block of South Purviance.

Friday, May 7

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 100 block of East Kingsmill.

A suspicious person was reported at the intersection of Huff and Varnon.

A theft was reported in the 300 block of North Hobart.

An alarm was reported in the 100 block of North Houston.

An alarm was reported in the 400 block of North Somerville.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests during the 48-hour period ending at 8 a.m. Today.

Wednesday, May 5

Daniel Craig Baker, 29, was arrested by police on charges of possession of dangerous drugs.

Jason Dewey Kysar, 35, of Clarendon, was arrested by deputies on bond surrender in connection with tampering with evidence and possession of controlled substance charges.

Chad Young, 31, was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety troopers on charges of possession of less than two ounces of marijuana.

Gary Martindale, 44, of McLean, was arrested by deputies on charges of theft of property, fraudulent use of identifying information and 13 capias pro fine warrants.

Arthur Ray Short, 49, of White Deer, was arrested on charges of driving while intoxicated - third offense or more, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, insufficient bond on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Kenvin Dewayne Nickelberry, 41, of Amarillo, was in Gray

County jail bond surrender in connection with driving while intoxicated and possession of marijuana, driving without a license.

Friday, May 7

Artora Tyrone Grant, 32, of Blytheville, Ark., was arrested by deputies on violation of parole in connection with possession of a controlled substance charges.

Richard Vance Santana, 31, of Borger, was arrested on two capias pro fine warrants.

Padriagh Hugh Dinnis, 22, of Pottsboro, was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety troopers on motions to revoke probation in connection with false identification, having a prohibited weapon and possession of marijuana charges.

Christopher William Perez, 38, was arrested by deputies on charges of failure to appear on a criminal trespass charge and failure to identify himself to law enforcement officers.

Robert Douglas McGinley, 42, was arrested by police on charges of driving while intoxicated, second offense.

Sudoku

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

8	4	6	5	2	3	7	9	1
7	9	2	8	4	1	3	5	6
3	5	1	6	7	9	8	4	2
6	8	5	4	9	7	2	1	3
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1	2	4	3	6	5	9	8	7
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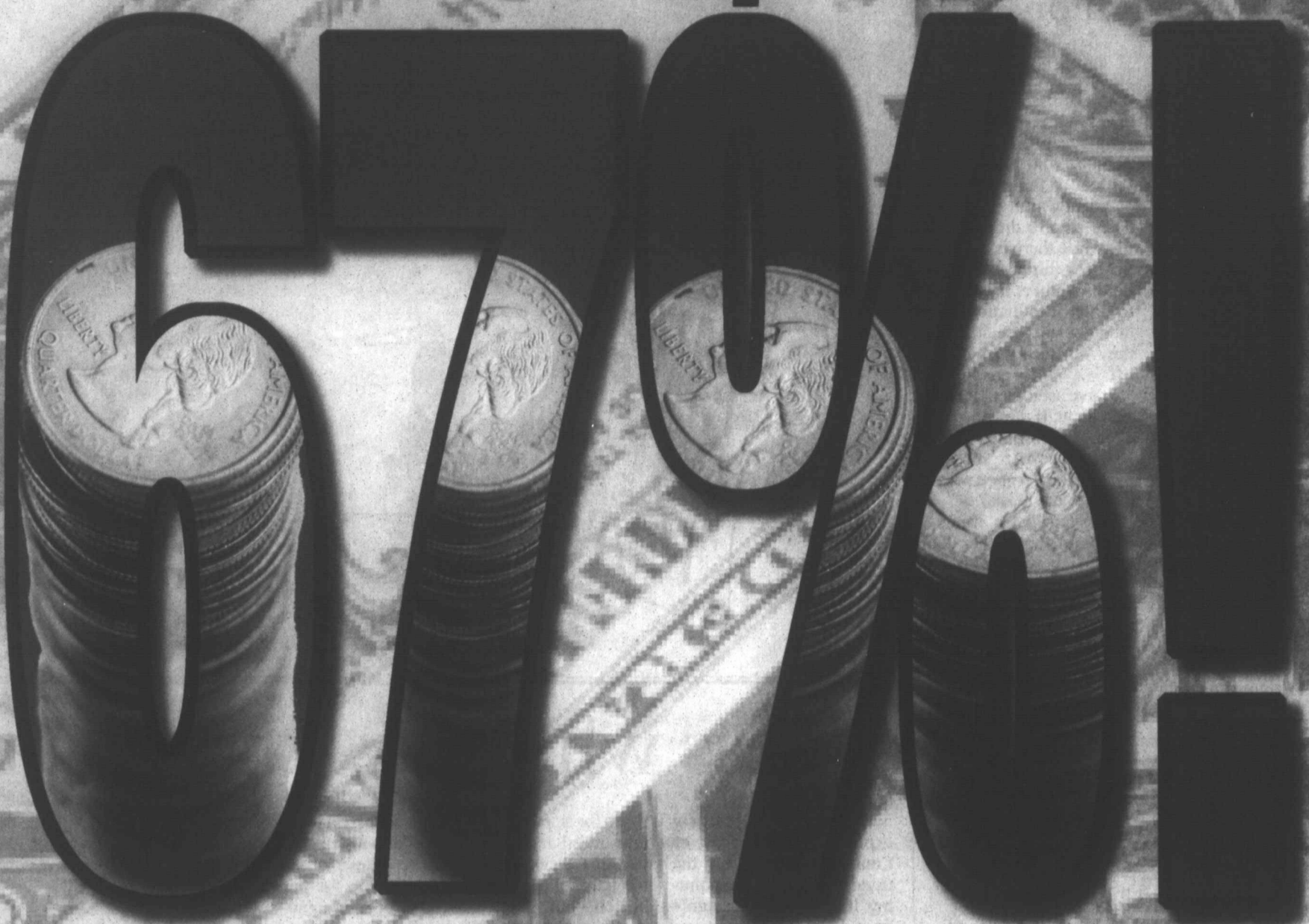
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Viewpoints

Letter to the Editor

To the Editor,

Almost every paper I have read has had people complaining about parking their vehicles in their front lawns. Yes, this is something to be addressed. But why complain when they own the property? Even if the city fines those people everyday, it's not going to stop.

It's the time of year when everyone cuts their grass. The city doesn't want us to put the grass clippings in the dumpster. They want us to put it in a plastic bag and leave it on the curb. They say they will come and pick it up and dispose of it. If they say that's what they're going to do, then why does it sit on the curb for weeks or even months? If they want to clean up the city, start with the little things and work their way up. Wouldn't that be easier?

Another thing, people

stopping in the middle of the street. Not only at the schools, but on almost every street in town. The problem is growing. The people who stop in the middle of the street are an accident waiting to happen. They stop to drop off people while there is "moving" traffic behind them. They hold up others trying to get to their destinations. If they do, they just blow it off.

I have seen them ignore it first hand. If they open their eyes, the problem might be resolved. Are those not problems everyone sees on a day to day basis?

Everyone who wants to complain about other doing what they want with their own property needs to take a closer look at problems that need to be addressed.

Trinnia L. Brown
Pampa



Today in History

Today is Friday, May 7, the 127th day of 2010. There are 238 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 7, 1945, Germany signed an unconditional surrender at Allied headquarters in Rheims (rams), France, ending its role in World War II.

On this date:

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

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

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

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

In 1960, Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev announced that the pilot of an American U-2 plane shot down over Sverdlovsk had been captured alive along with proof the aircraft had been on a spying mission. Leonid Brezhnev replaced Marshal Kliment Voroshilov as president of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet.

In 1963, the United States launched the Telstar 2 communications satellite.

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

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

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

Ten years ago: A second fire was set to contain an earlier blaze that was begun to clear brush on the Banderier National Monument in New Mexico; the second fire blew out of control, destroying more than 200 homes and damaging part of the Los Alamos National Laboratory before it was controlled. President Vladimir Putin took the oath of office in Russia's first democratic transfer of power. Actor-producer-author Douglas Fairbanks Jr. died in New York at age 90.

Five years ago: During a visit to Riga, Latvia, President George W. Bush said the United States had played a role in Europe's painful division after World War II - a decision that Bush said helped cause "one of the greatest wrongs of history" when the Soviet Union imposed its harsh rule across Central and Eastern Europe. Giacomo, a 50-1 long shot, won the Kentucky Derby. Former congressman Peter W. Rodino Jr., who'd led the House impeachment investigation of President Richard Nixon, died in West Orange, N.J. at age 95.

One year ago: A federal jury in Paducah, Ky. convicted a former soldier, Steven Dale Green, of raping and fatally shooting a 14-year-old girl after killing her parents and younger sister while he was serving in Iraq. (Green was sentenced to life in prison without possibility of parole.) Former Illinois police Sgt. Drew Peterson was indicted for murder in the death of his third wife, Kathleen Savio. Mickey Carroll, one of the last surviving Munchkins from the 1939 film "The Wizard of Oz," died in Crestwood, Mo. at age 89.

Today's Birthdays:

Former Sen. Pete Domenici (R-N.M.) is 78. Singer Jimmy Ruffin is 71. Actress Robin Strasser is 65. Singer-songwriter Bill Danoff is 64. Rhythm-and-blues singer Thelma Houston is 64. Rock musician Bill Kreutzmann (The Dead) is 64. Rock musician Prairie Prince is 60. Actor Robert Hegyes is 59. Movie writer-director Amy Heckerling is 56. Actor Michael E. Knight is 51. Rock musician Phil Campbell (Motorhead) is 49. Country musician Rick Schell is 47. Rock singer-musician Chris O'Connor (Primitive Radio Gods) is 45. Actress Traci Lords is 41. Singer Eagle-Eye Cherry is 39. Actor Breckin Meyer is 36. Rock musician Matt Helders (Arctic Monkeys) is 24. Actor Taylor Abrahamse is 19.

Thought for Today:

"When an old man dies, a library burns down." - African proverb.

Guess who plays the villain?

The massive oil-rig explosion off the coast of Louisiana has set off the usual round of finger-pointing. It's British Petroleum's fault, President Obama and members of his administration keep repeating, and the oil company will pay. But we need the federal government to help solve the problem, say the governors on the ground, and to make sure that BP delivers on the damages.

There's more than a little irony in the fact that the gulf-state governors — Republicans all — are calling on Washington for help. These are states currently suing the federal government over the healthcare law, claiming that it infringes on states' rights, but when they need the federal government to help pick up the tab for activating the national guard, their own state militias, that's another story.

Eager to show that the administration is doing everything it can in this part of the country that felt so abandoned by the Bush White House in the days after Hurricane Katrina, Secretary of Defense Robert Gates immediately agreed to write the check to the governors without even a snide remark regarding their complaints about Washington spreading its tentacles into their states. The Defense Department expects to send the bill on to BP, which is responsible for the cleanup.

But it's not clear whether BP will be forced to pay for much beyond the cleanup — whether the oil company will be held responsible for the loss of income to the fishing and tourism industries, for example, because of a federal law limiting the oil company's liability to \$75 million in damages, a number likely to be miniscule compared to the hardship suffered along the Gulf Coast. Members of Congress, who have already summoned oil-company execu-

tives for a public grilling, introduced legislation earlier this week to increase the liability amount to \$10 billion, but if it passes, it will come too late for the humans, the wildlife and the wetlands suffering from the gulf disaster.

When we start looking for the villain in this explosion that took the lives of 11 men, and in the one in the West Virginia coal mine that killed 29 more, we find the U.S. Congress firmly in our cross hairs. The laws have simply let the energy companies off the hook. The builder of the rig, for instance, failed to install a remote-control device that may have been able to stop the massive leak. Would BP have insisted on the \$500,000 switch if it knew its liability was unlimited? Instead the company, which has faced a series of other violations and paid minimal fines, has lobbied against stricter safety regulations.

That's hardly unusual; no business wants more rules hampering its operations. But the energy companies have been more successful than most at avoiding them. Look at what happened in West Virginia — the owner of the Upper Big Branch mine had been called to task 123 times so far this year by the Mine Safety and Health Administration. But those citations didn't cause the mine to shut down or cleanups to occur. The company can challenge them and keep operating. That's what Massey Energy did.

These companies give millions in campaign contributions and spend many millions more on lobbyists in Washington. But representatives from oil- and gas-producing states and coal-mining states don't even need to be lobbied in order to protect the energy companies. They are the engines that fuel the states' economies, paying taxes that help support public services and providing

well-paid jobs to thousands of people.

Those jobs matter a great deal to the people of West Virginia and Louisiana. But their lives matter more. And the preservation of the environment matters as well. These companies make billions of dollars. Right now, their profits are hitting record highs. They can more than afford to install whatever devices exist that could better protect the people who work for them, instead of spending their money lobbying against safety requirements. Shame on them for not putting their workers' well-being first.

But even more shame on Congress for allowing the energy companies to escape tougher laws. That's the first role of government — to protect the people. Soon we'll see the familiar spectacle of com-



Steve and Cokie Roberts

pany executives called to Capitol Hill, facing a series of lectures by lawmakers. And they deserve those lectures. But as the members of Congress look for someone to blame for the explosions that have had such devastating effects, the mirror would be a good place to start.

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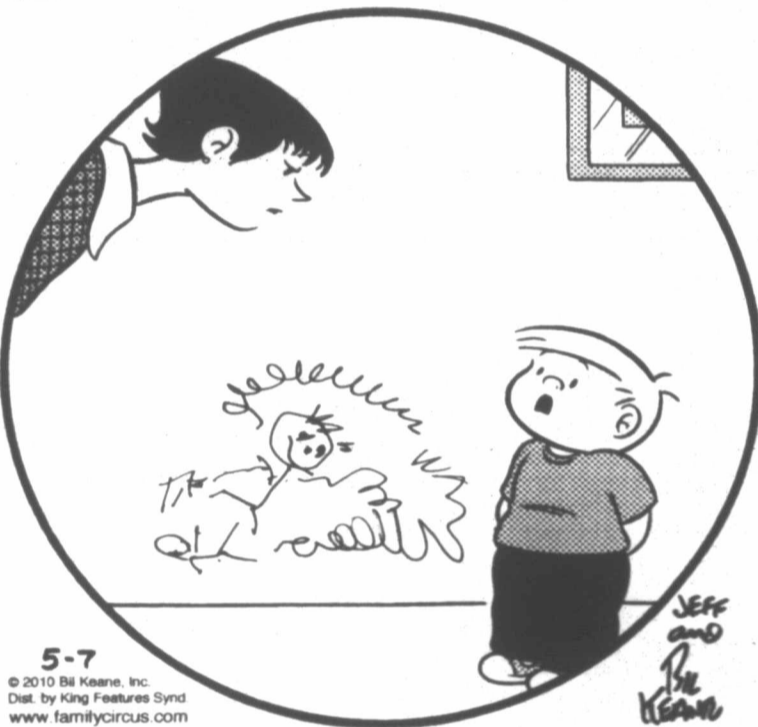


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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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 - 18 Freud topic
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- 1 Threaded fasteners
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 - 6 Put off
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 - 9 Slow passage
 - 10 Major crime
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Legislation

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Association of Counties and Paul J. Sugg, legislative liaison for the Texas Association of Counties.

The speakers from Austin laid out the state of local government in Texas and the issues for local government, particularly with regard to the next Texas Legislature due to start in January, 2011.

Sturzl said that despite the fact that next year's legislature will be dealing with redistricting and a sizable budget shortfall, he expects legislators to file thousands of bill before the session starts.

Of concern of Sturzl is the possibility that the state will push some of its problems down on municipalities in the form of unfunded mandates.

This in turn, he said, will bring up the question of local rule.

"Who gets to decide what your community looks like in the future?" Sturzl asked.

This may be of particular interest to small, rural communities.

Sugg said the state's deficit



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Pampa City Manager Richard Morris (left) and Public Works Director Donny Hooper talk during a break at a meeting of Panhandle city and county officials in Amarillo Thursday afternoon.

is projected to be about \$11 billion, but it could run as much as \$17 billion.

Judge Cook expressed concern over the direction of oil and gas valuation in next year's legislature.

Sugg also said indigent health care is expected to be

an issue along with questions of eminent domain.

Water and the Desired Future Condition of the state's aquifers, something of extreme importance in the panhandle, is also expected to be up for debate in next year's legislature.



Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My co-workers and I would like your opinion on the following question: Is it appropriate to ask about the salary during a job interview? Half of us say, "Yes. When better to ask what the pay will be?" Others say, "No, it's in poor taste." What do you think? — ALL BETS ARE IN

DEAR ALL: Of course the subject of salary should be discussed during a job interview. Usually, when an interview is nearing its end, the interviewer will ask, "Do you have any questions?" If the topics of salary and benefits haven't come up before then, it's perfectly acceptable to inquire about them.

DEAR ABBY: My husband of more than 20 years decided that the grass was greener on the other side, and now I find myself on the dating scene again. I had breast reduction surgery, thinking I would be with my husband for the rest of my life. Now I don't know how to bring up the subject if I find a man with whom I want to be intimate.

I know a man should love me for who I am on the inside, but I can't help but feel that the scars I carry on the outside will make him turn and walk away. Not a day goes by that I don't regret having had the surgery, but there is nothing I can do about that now.

When do I tell the guy about my scars? I don't want this to get in the way of sharing my life with someone. — SCARRED IN ARIZONA

DEAR SCARRED: Many women have had breast reductions — some for aesthetic reasons, but others because nature blessed them with such an overabundance of tissue that it was creat-

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Some days I am more down than others. Our home is on the market, but we won't be going far — just a bit closer to the town where Rick's family is. When I bring up the subject of missing my relatives, Rick gets angry so I don't say anything anymore. I long for my family — and for many other things as well. Could you share your feelings on this, please? — NOWHERE IN MONTANA

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Sports

Scratch of second place sends Pampa senior to state

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On Tuesday, senior Natalie Parker was just three hundredths of a second from qualifying for state in the 100-meter dash. Thursday, Parker is heading to state after a scratch of the second place finisher.

Pampa Athletic Director Stuart Smith said the UIL called them and said Daisha Lawson from Saginaw was scratched for disciplinary reasons.

"That's pretty much it,"

Smith said. "It showed a great deal of sportsmanship and it's a great deal for Natalie. As a senior she has the opportunity to compete at state and all she needed was a half step and she would have had it outright."

Smith said that it's a great accomplishment for Natalie and well-deserved.

"That's an example of what personal discipline, hard work and a great attitude can get for you," Smith said. "She gave it her best and was three hun-

dredths of a second off. Now she gets to go. It says a lot about the kids. It gives us awesome representation."

Head girls track coach Gene Valentine said he was surprised but happy to hear the news.

"I am very excited for Natalie to have the opportunity to run at the biggest meet of the year. She will have the chance to run against some of the best sprinters in the state."

Parker will run at 7:05 p.m. May 14.



staff photo by Andrew Glover
Natalie Parker sprints for the finish line in the 100-meter run in the district meet April 17 at Randy Matson track. Parker will be running in the same event at state May 14-15 in Austin.

Special Olympics four-person scramble April 24

Mickelson Flight

- 1st Place (63)

- P. Montoya
- C. Morgan
- R. Baker
- B. Kelley

- 2nd Place (63)

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- S. Fields

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- C. White
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- 1st Place (63)

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- M. Lang
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- 2nd Place (68)

- W. Howell
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- B. Plunk
- M. Lewis

- 3rd Place (71)

- K. Norris
- S. Randall
- R. Valingo
- R. Willis

Pampa and Lefors track seniors' final acts an example of leadership

Last Tuesday, two Pampa seniors and two Lefors seniors competed for their schools for the last time this year: Kara Stephens and Travis Hagerman for Pampa and Keenan Lott and Trevor Czubinski from Lefors.

The other Pampa senior, Natalie Parker, will get her final competition in Austin on the biggest track stage, as she competes in the 100-meter run. Parker had a great district meet as she personal best, twice in the 100-meter run and won first in the 200-meter run. In regionals, Parker competed hard qualifying for the finals in the 100 and 200. Parker finished just short in the 100-meter finals, as she was 300ths of a second from second place. An hour before this

column, the person who got second was scratched for disciplinary reasons sending Parker to state.

Parker was a silent leader for the Lady Harvesters in volleyball. The thing that stood out to me about Parker is her attitude. You almost never saw Parker not smiling, even when things were going rough for her team. It was always fun to see her celebrate when she made a key play.

Stephens ran in the 200-meter run and the 800-meter relay on Monday in San Angelo with a seventh place heat finish and a 12th place finish. This senior was a competitor on the athletic field, putting up a strong district performance. Stephens ran the last 200 of the 800-meter relay and was close



ANDREW GLOVER

to closing in on the first place runner. In the 200, Stephens finished second and was less than a second away from her teammate Natalie Parker.

Stephens was also a vocal leader on the volleyball court this season, as she was an integral part in the Lady Harvesters nearly making the play-

offs. Just about every game, Stephens would lead the team in kills, digs and blocks.

Hagerman had one of his strongest performances at district, when he finished third in the shot put with a distance of 44-4 1/4 feet. In regionals, Hagerman finished 10th in his flight with a distance of 43-11 1/4 feet.

On the football field, Hagerman was a strong leader for the defensive line and helped them improve throughout the season as the Harvesters reached bidistrict for the first time since 2005. Hagerman's skill and leadership on the field, earned him a scholarship to play for West Texas A&M next fall.

During basketball season, Hagerman was one of the senior leaders for

the Hustlin' Harvesters. Hagerman would be one of the top three scorers and rebounders night in and night out.

Keenan Lott and Trevor Czubinski possessed a lot of athletic talent for the Pirates of Lefors. Both of them were part of a three-man attack in six-man football, along with Wakely Pairsh helped the Pirates to back to back district titles. Lott and Czubinski saw postseason all four years on the football team.

Lott and Czubinski were leaders on the basketball court as well. Lott would lead the team in scoring just about every night, and was a solid ball handler. Czubinski was a threat from the three-point line. Them and other contributors helped Lefors make

back to back trips to the playoffs.

Czubinski won third in triple jump at regionals and Lott was tied for first and finished second in the high jump. At regionals, Czubinski finished 13th and Lott finished 14th. Even though they didn't finish as well as they wanted it's still an amazing accomplishment. Lott will continue his playing career with Northwest Oklahoma State on a football scholarship.

This year, seniors, you played well in the final times that you wore green and gold or orange and black. You have provided a great example for the classes under you to follow. Congratulations and best of luck in your futures.

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Championship Flight

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- Daniel Heuston and Rode McElreath 66-64=130
- Dr. Butch Buck and Kelly Everson 73-65=138
- Jon East and Dee Joiner 69-66=135
- Trey Adams and Dan Nicolet 69-71=140
- Jimbo McKissick and Bill Heuston 71-71=142
- Jack Curtis and Gail

- Curtis 74-69=143
- Randall Cross & Dennis Kuempel 78-75=153

Second Flight

- Cory Fowler and Lonny Fowler 68-66=134
- David McGill and Todd Little 69-73=142
- Greg Logan and Bruce Norris 72-73=145
- Richard Mackie and Bob Hogan 74-72=146
- Chris Jewett and Josh Larkin 77-66=143
- Gene James and Butch Thompson 78-67=145

Third Flight

- John Allen and Cullen Allen 72-72=144

- Collin Bentley and Shawn Davis 73-72=145
- Bob Cook and Chris Roden 74-69=143
- Tim Packard and Gary Tyrell 76-70=146
- Dennis Holman and Howard Reed 77-74=151.

Fourth Flight

- Michael Bentley and Richard Senter 76-75=151
- Marc Reed and Shelia McFtridge 79-73=152.
- Eddie Knight and Erica Sherwood 90-79=169.
- Jim McGuire and Peggy McGuire 96-89=185

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Snappy Service/J&J Karts	0-0	5-3
Top O Texas/AMA Techtel	0-0	5-3
Gayla Rigdon State Farm	0-0	4-4
OCB	0-0	4-4
B & G	0-0	2-6
Desperados	0-0	0-8

Hidden Hills Senior Scramble

April 28
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LeRoy Morris
Oscar Sargent
John McGuire
Second—66
Whitey White
Nathan Lancaster

Howard Musgrave
Third—67
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Ray Covalt
Carl Johnson
Fourth—67
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Bob Henderson

• Darrell Hinkle
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Ray Covalt
Buddy Briley
Second—63
Pat Montoya
Joe Mabry
Jerry Stephens
Jim Osborne
Third—64

Eldon Maywed
Carl Johnson
James Lee
Marvin Allison
Fourth—65
Harley Knutson
Travis Taylor
Charlie Pitthole
John McGuire
Fifth—65
Jerry Lorman

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Rotary awards scholarships - Three Pampa High School students were the recipients of scholarships awarded by the Pampa Chapter of Rotary International. The scholarships were awarded at a recent school assembly. From left are Janet Hancock, PHS assistant principal, PISD Superintendent Barry Haenisch, Robin Fernuik (\$1,000, scholarship) Kayla Ware (\$1500 scholarship), Rotary President Katrina Bigham, and Haley Smith (\$1500 scholarship).

Migrant border deaths rose to 417 in 2009

WASHINGTON (AP) — The number of people who died trying to illegally cross the U.S.-Mexico border last year rose to 417 — the first increase in four years — despite declines in apprehensions, according to an advocacy group.

The number of deaths hit a peak of 492 in 2005, but had fallen every year since then to a low of 390 in 2008, the National Foundation for American Policy said Thursday, citing U.S. Border Patrol statistics.

Meanwhile, apprehensions of illegal immigrants trying to cross the southern border fell to 538,000 last year, down from 705,022 the previous year. Apprehensions peaked at 1.17 million in 2005, according to the foundation, which supports increasing visas for people to legally come to the U.S.

A lack of U.S. jobs and tighter enforcement are thought to be reasons for the steady drops in apprehensions.

Last October, the Border Patrol had reported 378 deaths for 11 months of fiscal year 2009 and warned the final number for the full year was likely to be higher.

Fortification of the nearly 2,000-mile border has forced migrants to enter the U.S. at areas with more difficult terrain, making crossing the border illegally more deadly. Men, women and children are among the dead each year.

Stuart Anderson, the foundation's executive director, said the deaths reflect flawed enforcement policies that don't provide enough opportunity for migrants to enter the country legally.

Anderson was uncertain whether the increase is related to escalating drug-related vio-

lence in Mexico. The Border Patrol was analyzing its own data to determine whether drug violence had an effect on the numbers.

The Border Patrol regularly rescues migrants who are felled by searing heat; swept up in river waters that serve as the international border; perish in attacks by gangs or wildlife, or other scenarios.

The Border Patrol rescued 1,277 people near the Southwestern border last year, the foundation reported.



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Willie to be statuesque

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Country music great Willie Nelson is being honored in Austin with plans for a guitar-in-hand bronze statue and a street named in his honor.

The city council on May 27 is scheduled to vote on dubbing a stretch of 2nd Street "Willie Nelson Boulevard."

A smaller version of a unveiled Nelson statue was unveiled Thursday.

The larger version is scheduled to be placed next year near the entrance the new studio of the famed public broadcasting music program Austin City Limits. Nelson was featured in the 1974 pilot episode.

The nonprofit group Capital Area Statues Inc. commissioned the Nelson sculpture by Philadelphia artist Clete Shields, as part of a continuing salute to Texas history and culture.

The 77-year-old Nelson is from Abbott, located 25 miles north of Waco.

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