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Registered nurse T.V. Cuellar of Pampa's Accolade Home Care (left) performs a medical checkup on a young boy in Haiti during a recent medical mission trip.

Accolade staffers do Haiti mission work

ARNIE AURELLANO
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A group of local healthcare workers were recently part of an overseas relief effort that showed once again that no distance is too far to go to lend a helping hand.

During the last week of April, a team from Twenty-Six: Twelve, a non-profit service organization associated with Accolade Home Care, traveled to Haiti to offer medical relief to the disaster-wracked nation. The trip was organized through a partnership with Mission Discovery, a Christian, non-profit organization that helps coordinate short-term mission trips to needy areas.

The team, made up of nine men and women, were in Haiti from April 27 through May 3. They worked in the neighborhoods surrounding Port-au-



Prince as well as lent hands in the hospitals and aide tents where needed.

"The conditions and poverty in Haiti are unpleasant," said Beckie Hinze, executive director of Twenty Six: Twelve. "In a span of three days, our team saw 675 people. Other days we spent passing out tents and care kits, which included band aids, soaps, wash cloths and other personal care items."

Anita Smith, Lisa Espe and T.V. Cuellar, members of the

"I am in awe of the strength of the Haitian people... I saw incredible faith of the people there that God will provide."
 — Lisa Espe, therapist, Accolade Home Care

Pampa Accolade staff, were three of the men and women who went on this trip.

"We had an amazing group and I truly believe God touched each of our lives as we served in Haiti," said Espe. "I am in awe of the strength of the Haitian people. They have a peace and joy about them in the midst of all the destruction and poverty. I saw incredible faith of the people there that God will provide."

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Tomorrow's prom to be at M.K. Brown

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When Pampa High School students attend the prom tomorrow night, their destination will be to a location that hasn't been used for a long time — the high school.

"The prom has been held at the MK Brown building for years and years, I don't know how long," said Student Council Advisor Lisa Gibson. "This year it is being held in the new addition, the commons area, at the high school."

Gibson said the information about the prom had not been changed on the school Web site and there was some concern that parents would not know the right location.

"People are probably just assuming that it will be at the usual location," she said.

The prom's theme this year is "Venetian Masquerade" and music will be provided by DJ Archie.

The "public viewing time" will be from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. and the city will close Randy Matson Drive at noon.

Parents or students who have questions about prom may call the school at 669-4800.

Educator arrested for public intox

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An Amarillo man who was to assume the duties of interim principal at Lefors High School has been arrested and is waiting to appear in court on public intoxication charges.

Matthew Dale Branstine, 43, of Amarillo, was arrested on charges of public intoxication on Saturday, May 8, according to Gray County jail records.

A Gray County deputy reportedly found Branstine lying in a ditch near his car. The deputy stopped to see if Branstine needed

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Kids to show off 'kreativity' at weekend art show

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Some talented local young people will have their artwork on display this weekend. Kay Crouch's "Kreative Kids" will be displaying their paintings, pottery and other artwork from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday at the Lovett Memorial Library in Pampa.

The public is invited and there is no charge for admission. Refreshments will be served at the show.

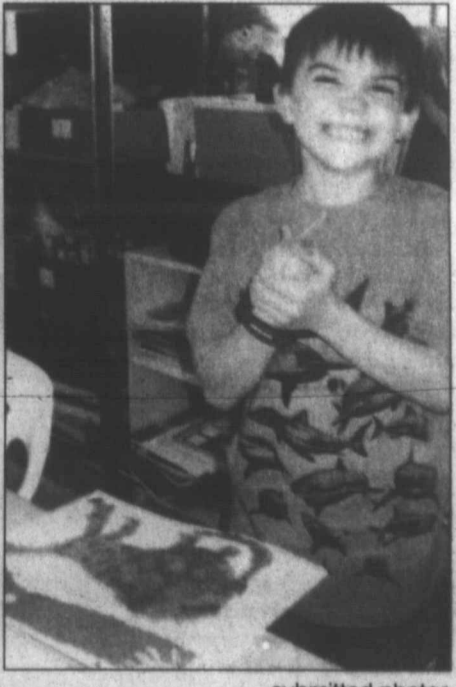
Some 33 students, ages ranging from 6th grade through college level, will be displaying their work in water color and oil painting, pastels, pen & ink drawings, acrylics and pottery.

It is an annual show for the youth, who are students of retired school teacher Kay Crouch. Crouch teaches the kids in after school sessions in her home.

"Each student will bring at least two of their works," Crouch said.

She added that two of the local kids participating in the Lovett Library show are also taking part in an art show in Amarillo this weekend.

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Kay Crouch's 'Kreative Kids' art classes will be displaying their artwork from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday at Lovett Memorial Library. Clockwise from top left: Brett Troxell, Brett Woelfle and Ashley Stucker.

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Saturday: Showers and thunderstorms likely. Cloudy, with a high near 71. South southeast wind between 5 and 15 mph. Chance of precipitation is 60%.

Saturday Night: A 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 54. East southeast wind between 5 and 15 mph.

Sunday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 73. North northeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 56. Northeast wind 5 to 15 mph becoming southeast. Winds could gust as high as 20 mph.

Monday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 77. South wind between 5 and 15 mph.

Monday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 57. South southeast wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

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Obituaries

Ines P. Mendoza, 88

Pampa—Ines P. Mendoza, 88, died May 13, 2010 in Pampa.

Vigil services will be at 8 p.m. Friday, May 14, 2010, and funeral mass will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 15, 2010, at St. Vincent dePaul Catholic Church, with Rev. Francisco Perez, pastor, officiating.

Burial will be at Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Mendoza was born April 17, 1922 in Castolon. He married Petra Alonso on August 3, 1942 in Castolon. He had been a resident of Pampa since 1970. Ines was a pipeline superintendent, retiring in

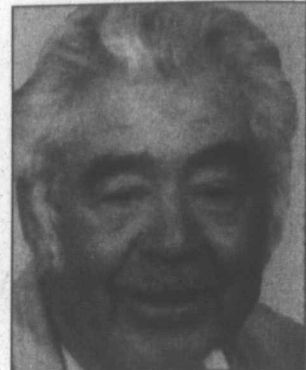
1980. He was a member of St. Vincent dePaul Catholic Church where he served as an usher and a crusillista.

Survivors include his wife, Petra Mendoza of the home; five sons, Miguel Mendoza, Jessy Mendoza and Markos Mendoza, all of Pampa, Juan Mendoza of Odessa, and Jose R. Mendoza of Gatesville; eight daughters, Susana Flores, Celia Mendoza, Maria Martinez, and Sandra Torres, all of Oklahoma City, Elydia Olivas of Odessa, Apolonia Mendoza of Rio Rancho, N.M., Ynes Alderson of Midland; and Rita Mendoza of Pampa; four brothers, Candido

Mendoza, Jesus Mendoza and Asencio Mendoza, all of Odessa, and Victor Mendoza of Nueva Rosita, Mexico; special friends, Salvador and Licha Valenzuela of Pampa; 35 grandchildren, 53 great-grandchildren and one great-great-granddaughter. Ines was preceded in death by a daughter, Maria E. Mendoza on June 19, 2005, and four brothers.

Memorials may be made to St. Vincent dePaul Catholic Church, 810 W. 23rd, Pampa, TX 79065.

The body will be available for viewing at the funeral home on Friday, May 14, 2010 from 8 a.m.-5 p.m., and will be available for viewing at St.



Mendoza

Vincent dePaul Catholic Church from 6 p.m. Friday until 9 a.m. Saturday, May 15.

Sign the online register at www.carmichael-whitley.com.

C. D. "Jack" Inmon, 77

Pampa—C. D. "Jack" Inmon, 77, May 13, 2010 in Pampa, Texas

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Inmon was born April 29, 1933 in Vernon. He had been a resident of Pampa since 1953. He mar-

ried Margaret Simpson on March 28, 1959 in Pampa. Jack retired from Copan Oil as a pumper in 1986. He was a member of Fellowship Baptist Church and a veteran of the U. S. Army, serving during peace time.

Survivors include his wife, Margaret Inmon

of the home; three sons, Randy Dewayne Inmon of Sampson, Ala., Rodney Mike Inmon of Anderson, and Ronnie Gene Inmon of Amarillo; a daughter, Rhonda Louise Schultz of Milton, Fla.; nine grandchildren, two great-grandchildren. Jack was preceded

in death by his parents, a brother and three sisters.

Memorials may be made to CrossPointe Church Building Fund, 711 E. Harvester, Pampa, TX 79065.

Sign the online register at www.carmichael-whitley.com.

Billy Dale Bush, 54

Pampa—Billy Dale Bush, 54, died May 13, 2010 in Pampa. Graveside services will be at 9 a.m. Saturday, May 15, 2010, at Fairview Cemetery, under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Bush was born November 7, 1955 in Pampa, where he attended Pampa schools. He married Tammy Bush in Bridgeport. He worked for the pipeline industry and also worked as a mechanic.

Survivors include his wife, Tammy Bush of Bridgeport; a daughter, Beverly Ann Bush of Fla.; a son, Justin Levi

Bush of Bridgeport; two sisters, Brenda O'Dell of Pampa and Judy Ann Martin of Canyon; a brother, Larry Yearwood of Greenville; numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Memorials may be made to Alcoholics Anonymous Open Door Group, 910 W. Kentucky, Pampa, TX 79065.

Sign the online register at www.carmichael-whitley.com.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

PAMPA PD

The Pampa Police Department responded to the following calls during the period between 7 a.m. Thursday, May 13 to 7 a.m. Friday, May 14.

Thursday
Animal Control Officers responded to 14 calls or stops.

Pampa Police Officers made 3 traffic stops, had 3 ongoing investigations, and responded to 2 requests for information.

An alarm was reported in the 1200 block of N. Hobart Street.

A suspicious person was reported in the 1300 block of S. Hobart Street.

Theft was reported in the 1900 block of N. Duncan Street.

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

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

An alarm was reported in the 2500 block of N. Duncan Street.

A narcotics violation was reported in the intersection of Harvester and Duncan.

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

A narcotics violation was reported in the 100 block of E. Harvester Avenue.

An accident was reported in the Randy Matson and Hobart intersection.

A welfare check was made in the 1200 block of N. Wells Street.

Domestic disturbance was reported in the 400 block of Hill Avenue.

A traffic complaint was taken in the 1200 block of S. Wilcox Street.

Public intoxication was reported in the intersection of Gordon and Reid.

A traffic complaint was taken in the 1100 block of Terrace Street.

Harassment was reported in the 800 block of East Locust Street.

A traffic complaint was taken in the 700 block of Reid Street.

An alarm was reported in the 600 block of North Hobart Street.

Harassment was reported in the 2800 block of N. Charles Street.

Domestic disturbance was reported in the Henry and Campbell intersection.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1000 block of S. Huff Road.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 1100 block of S. Huff Road.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the intersection of 29th and Beech.

A traffic complaint was taken in the 1000 block of North Duncan Street.

A suspicious person was reported in the 600 block of West Foster Avenue.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 600 block of Hazel Street.

A suspicious person was reported in the intersection of Francis and Gray.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1600 block of N. Coffee Street.

A suspicious person was reported in the 2800 block of N. Charles Street.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the Crocker and

Faulkner intersection.

A fire alarm was reported in the 400 block of N. Ward Street

SHERIFF

According to Gray County Sheriff Officials, the following people were booked into Gray County Jail during the period between 7 a.m. Thursday, May 13 and 7 a.m. Friday, May 14.

Harvey Ray Chester, 49 of Pampa was arrested by Pampa Police officers Thursday on charges of bond surrender assault causing bodily injury, family violence.

Ryan Scott, 24, of Los Angeles was arrested by Gray County Sheriff officers Thursday on a charge of theft of property over \$20,000 and under \$100,000.

Jennifer Nichelle Fagan, 20 of Sacramento, was arrested by Gray County Sheriff officers on Thursday on a charge of theft of property over \$20,000 and under \$100,000.

Kevin Earl Ray Feltner, 24 of Lefors, was arrested by Pampa Police Officers Thursday on charges of possession of marijuana and public intoxication.

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City to begin applying Bio-Mist spray for mosquitoes Monday

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The City of Pampa will begin to apply Bio-Mist to spot spray for mosquitoes throughout the city starting May 17th 2010 (weather permitting).

The spraying is part of the City of Pampa's larvicide program to Red Deer Creek. If you should have any questions or wish to be added to the "don't spray" list you can leave a message at 669-5760 ext. 3.

Citizens should be encouraged to keep their grass cut and empty any containers of water around their property. Stagnant water &

high grass areas are where mosquitoes breed. Certain species of mosquitoes can travel up to 10 miles. People with areas of standing water are encouraged to begin a larvicide program.

Larvicide should be available at the local hardware stores and some lumber yards. People are encouraged to wear a repellent while outdoors when mosquitoes are active. Mosquitoes will breed in stagnant water contained in old tires, cans, and other such areas.

Also, the chemical glyphosate, a herbicide, is being applied to grass and weeds on the street and around certain obstacles in the parks.

BP attempts to siphon oil from Gulf leak with tube

GULF OF MEXICO (AP) — Undersea robots tried to thread a small tube into the jagged pipe that is pouring oil into the Gulf of Mexico on Friday in BP's latest attempt to cut down on the spill from a blown-out well that has pumped out more than 4 million gallons of crude.

Company engineers were trying to move the 6-inch tube into the leaking 21-inch pipe, known as the riser. The smaller tube will be surrounded by a stopper to keep oil from leaking into the sea. BP said it hopes to know by Friday evening if the tube succeeds in siphoning the oil to a tanker at the surface.

Five thousand feet under the sea, the effort to thread the smaller tube into the larger pipe began overnight. But the crushing depth requires engineers to work slowly and carefully, BP spokesman John Crabtree said Friday.

Crews overseeing the effort hope to have a better grasp Friday evening on whether this latest method is going to work, Crabtree said.



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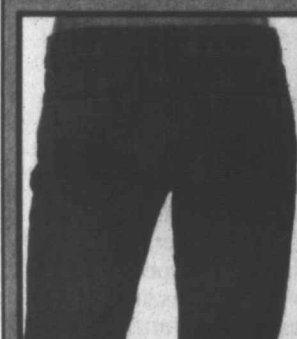
Anita Smith (center), a licensed vocational nurse with Accolade Home Care, sees to the medical needs of locals in a neighborhood outside the Haitian capital of Port-au-Prince.



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Accolade

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"It was wonderful and miserable all at the same time," added Cuellar. "It was wonderful because not everyone gets the chance to go on an international mission trip and help out where it's needed.

"But you just look around down there and it's miserable conditions all around. There's poverty, devastation, rubble. There's no infrastructure down there whatsoever. You just see what kind of conditions that your fellow man has to deal with there and it really hits you.

Cuellar said that, while many have described mission trips to such places as life-changing

experiences, the statement is far from cliched.

"It really does change you," he said. "When you go down there and experience the lack of everyday conveniences that we just take for granted here, it makes you look at things different.

"I'll give you an example. We waste more water here everyday waiting for our showers to turn warm than I used when I was there for the entire week. We had to bring buckets of water over just to flush our toilets. The creature comforts we have here, they're just not there. It makes you realize how how blessed we truly are, and how important it is to help the less fortunate."

The mission of Twenty-six: Twelve is to provide opportunities for service to the employees of Foundation Management Services, Inc., Accolade Home Care and Accolade Hospice. It takes its name from Isaiah 26:12 — "Lord, you establish peace; all that we have accomplished you have done for us."

In August, Twenty Six: Twelve will be sending out a team of 20 individuals to Bulembu, a community that cares for orphans in Swaziland and in October they will be serving in Jamaica.

For more information about Twenty-Six: Twelve, see its Facebook page. Accolade is based

in Denton and provides home health services to 25 communities in Texas and Oklahoma, including Pampa.

Branstine

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assistance.

Gray County Justice of the Peace Joe Martinez released Branstine on Monday, May 10, and ordered him to appear before Gray County Justice of the Peace Curt Curfman within 10 days.

Lefors Superintendent of Schools

William Montgomery, contacted by telephone yesterday, said Branstine has resigned. The superintendent had no other comment.

Lefors Independent School District has one school, kindergarten through high school. It has 16 teachers and 158 students.

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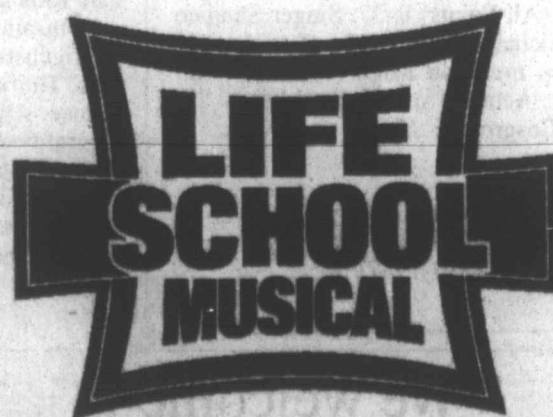
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Where's the oil? Model suggests much may be gone

GAIN BURDEAU
Associated Press Writer

NEW ORLEANS (AP) - For a spill now nearly half the size of Exxon Valdez, the oil from the Deepwater Horizon disaster is pretty hard to pin down.

Satellite images show most of an estimated 4.6 million gallons of oil has pooled in a floating, shape-shifting blob off the Louisiana coast. Some has reached shore as a thin sheen, and gooey bits have washed up as far away as Alabama. But the spill is 23 days old since the Deepwater Horizon exploded April 20 and killed 11 workers, and the thickest stuff hasn't shown up on the coast.

So, where's the oil? Where's it going to end up?

Government scientists and others tracking the spill say much of the oil is lurking just below the sur-

face. But there seems to be no consensus on whether it will arrive in black waves, mostly dissipate into the massive Gulf or gradually settle to the ocean floor, where it could seep into the ecosystem for years.

When it comes to deep-water spills, even top experts rely on some guesswork.

One of their tools, a program the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration uses to predict how oil spills on the surface of water may behave, suggests that more than a third of the oil may already be out of the water.

About 35 percent of a spill the size of the one in the Gulf, consisting of the same light Louisiana crude, released in weather conditions and water temperatures similar to those found in the Gulf now would simply evaporate, according to data that The

Associated Press entered into the program.

The model also suggests that virtually all of the benzene - a highly toxic flammable organic chemical compound and one of the chief ingredients in oil - would be stripped off and quickly vaporize.

The model was not designed for deepwater spills like the one at the Macondo well in the Mississippi Canyon now threatening the Gulf Coast. But experts said the analysis might give a close approximation of what is most likely happening where the oil plume is hitting the surface nearly 50 miles south of Louisiana.

The size and nature of the spill also has been altered by response efforts. So far, about 436,000 gallons of chemicals have been sprayed on the oil to break it up into smaller droplets and about 4 million gallons of oily water have been recovered.

Of that recovered mixture, at least 10 percent is oil, BP and NOAA said. Smaller amounts of oil also have been collected after

washing ashore, and crews have burned a negligible quantity off the surface.

That would leave as much as 2.7 million gallons at sea as of Friday, with about 210,000 gallons coming up from the well every day.

The 210,000 gallons figure - specifically, about 5,000 barrels - comes from NOAA and has frequently been cited by BP PLC and the Coast Guard. Some scientists have said based on an analysis of BP's video of the leak that the flow rate is much higher, while others have concluded the video is too grainy to draw any such conclusions.

Even with computer models and history as guides, uncertainty reigns.

Doug Helton, the operations coordinator for NOAA's Office of Response and Restoration, said the agency was uncertain how much oil would sink to the bottom. For now, most of it is near the surface.

"This oil is coming from the sea floor and coming up to the surface in droplets and then once it comes

to the surface it re-coalesces as a slick," he said.

Ed Overton, a Louisiana State University chemist who's analyzed the spill for NOAA, said he thinks most of the oil is within a foot of the surface.

"Ultimately, you could have a lot of oil on the shoreline. It won't be a black tide coming in, it will be globs coming ashore," he said.

"It's going to be a long, slow summer."

Wilma Subra, a chemist and MacArthur Fellow affiliated with the Louisiana Environmental Action Network, said there was a risk that the effort to break up the oil with dispersants would simply sweep it to the ocean bottom and contaminate the food chain, a possibility that has shrimpers on edge.

Merv Fingas, who has studied oil spills for 35 years and has worked for Environment Canada, that nation's environmental agency, predicted a bit of both: some would wash up, and some would stick to sediment and mud and sink slowly to the bottom, much

of it likely settling near the spewing well.

"That's the fate of a lot of oil spills: sedimentation on the bottom," Fingas said.

Overton disagreed, saying the oil from the Deepwater Horizon spill is too light to sink all the way.

A common refrain among experts and officials is that every oil spill is unique.

Larry McKinney, director of the Harte Research Institute for Gulf of Mexico Studies at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, said the Deepwater Horizon spill reminds him of the last catastrophic oil flood in the Gulf.

In 1979, Mexico's Ixtoc I in the western Gulf blew out and spewed about 420,000 gallons of oil a day for nine months. Large quantities of oil did not reach Texas beaches.

"This was a problem we ran into with Ixtoc, we never found the oil," McKinney said. "But I think even today if you dig down in some sandy beaches you can find a layer of Ixtoc oil."

Today in History

Today is Friday, May 14, the 134th day of 2010. There are 231 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 14, 1610, King Henry IV of France was stabbed to death while riding in his carriage in Paris by a religious fanatic, Francois Ravallac, who was executed less than two weeks later.

On this date:

In 1643, Louis XIV became King of France at age four upon the death of his father, Louis XIII (the successor to Henry IV).

In 1796, English physician Edward Jenner succeeded in inoculating 8-year-old James Phipps against smallpox by using cowpox matter.

In 1804, the Lewis and Clark expedition to explore the Louisiana Territory as well as the Pacific Northwest left camp near present-day Hartford, Ill.

In 1860, the first Japanese diplomatic mission to the United States arrived in Washington.

In 1900, the Olympic games opened in Paris, held as part of the 1900 World's Fair.

In 1940, the Netherlands surrendered to invading German forces during World War II.

In 1942, Congress voted to establish the Women's Auxiliary Army Corps. Aaron Copland's "Lincoln Portrait" was first performed, by the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra.

In 1948, according to the current-era calendar, the independent state of Israel was proclaimed in Tel Aviv.

In 1973, the United States launched Skylab 1, its first manned space station.

In 1998, singer-actor Frank Sinatra died at a Los Angeles hospital at age 82. The hit sitcom "Seinfeld" aired its final episode after nine years on NBC.

Ten years ago: Tens of thousands of mothers rallied in Washington to demand strict control of handguns. Former Japanese Prime Minister Keizo Obuchi (kay-zoh oh-boo-chee) died in Tokyo at age 62.

Five years ago: The U.S. military in Iraq wrapped up Operation Matador, a major offensive in a remote desert region near the Syrian border.

One year ago: House Speaker Nancy Pelosi bluntly accused the CIA of misleading her and other lawmakers about waterboarding during the Bush administration, disputing Republican charges that she was complicit in its use. Chrysler announced plans to eliminate 789 dealerships as part of its restructuring. A pair of spacewalking astronauts installed a new piano-sized camera in the Hubble Space Telescope.

Today's Birthdays: Opera singer Patrice Munsel is 85. Sen. Byron Dorgan (D-N.D.) is 68. Rock singer-musician Jack Bruce (Cream) is 67. Movie producer George Lucas is 66. Actress Meg Foster is 62. Rock singer David Byrne is 58. Movie director Robert Zemeckis is 58. Actor Tim Roth is 49. Rock singer Ian Astbury (The Cult) is 48. Rock musician C.C. (aka Cecil) DeVille is 48. Actor Danny Huston is 48. Rock musician Mike Inez (Alice In Chains) is 44. Fabrice Morvan (ex-Milli Vanilli) is 44. Rhythm-and-blues singer Raphael Saadiq is 44. Actress Cate Blanchett is 41. Singer Danny Wood (New Kids on the Block) is 41. Movie writer-director Sofia Coppola (KOH'-pah-lah) is 39. Singer Natalie Appleton (All Saints) is 37. Singer Shanice is 37. Rock musician Henry Garza (Los Lonely Boys) is 32. Rock musician Mike Retondo (Plain White T's) is 29. Actress Amber Tamblyn is 27. Actress Miranda Cosgrove is 17.

Thought for Today:

"The cure for boredom is curiosity. There is no cure for curiosity." - Dorothy Parker, American author, humorist, poet (1893-1967).

We welcome your letters

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Students from the Automotive Technology classes at Pampa High School participated in the "Hot Rodders of Tomorrow Engine Challenge," sponsored by Painless, on May 8 in Ft Worth. This was the first time these students had ever participated in an automotive competition. The team placed 3rd and each student received a \$2,000 scholarship from School of Automotive Machinists (S.A.M.) in Houston, Tx. Front row, from left are students Brennan Dickinson, Joe Norris, Seth Starbuck, John Vargas and Justin Carlton. Middle row, from left are students Zach Robles and Justin Kenney. Back row from left are representatives from Painless, S.A.M., and "Hot Rodders of Tomorrow", along with Donald Archer, the Automotive Technologies teacher.

DFPS to try to promote Texas foster care program

AUSTIN (AP) — The Department of Family and Protective Services will try to persuade more relatives of abused and neglected children in Texas to take in the youngsters as the foster care rolls grow.

Commissioner Anne Heiligenstein, who testified Thursday before the House Human Services Committee, also says about 500 Texas children have been in foster care for at least a decade. Each, on average, has been in nine homes or treatment centers.

"If you think of that disruption to the child, it's pretty horrific," she said.

Child Protective Services spokesman Patrick Crimmins says Texas in January paid for foster care for 15,696 children. The state had budgeted for 14,586 youths, according to Crimmins. CPS is overseen by the department.

Child welfare authorities partly attribute the increase to families strained by the recession.

A new federally backed program, starting Sept. 1, will pay relatives who agree to be licensed as foster parents more money to care for the youths, according to Heiligenstein.

Under the permanency care assistance program, Texas will make monthly payments of \$400 per child, or \$545 if the child has serious problems, to relatives after they have been the youngsters' foster parents for six months, the commissioner said.

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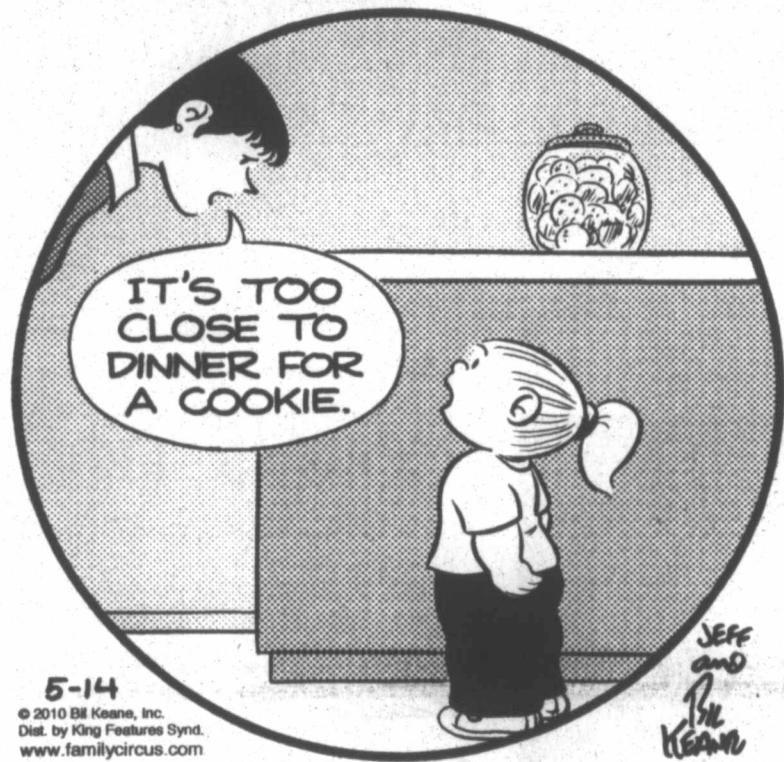
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"How come the only thing we're seeing on this vacation is a bunch of city parks?"

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



"Can't dinner be later?"

Daily Crossword Puzzle

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
- 43 Scent
 - 1 Dance of Brazil
 - 6 Authority
 - 11 Top players
 - 12 Skirt
 - 13 Pester
 - 14 "— I lie to you?"
 - 15 1982 Tony-winning musical
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 - 18 Shore eroder
 - 20 Singer Jackson
 - 22 Radius setting
 - 23 Waffle-making need
 - 26 Kingly
 - 28 Might
 - 29 Puzzle-book section
 - 31 That woman
 - 32 Listen to
 - 33 Bowl-shaped pans
 - 34 Vast expenses
 - 36 Kingly address
 - 38 Extra hand of cards
 - 40 Mouth setting
- DOWN**
- 44 Newark's county
 - 45 Less hackneyed
 - 46 Sword material
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 - 2 Finished off
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 - 4 Musical Count
 - 5 Prayer ender
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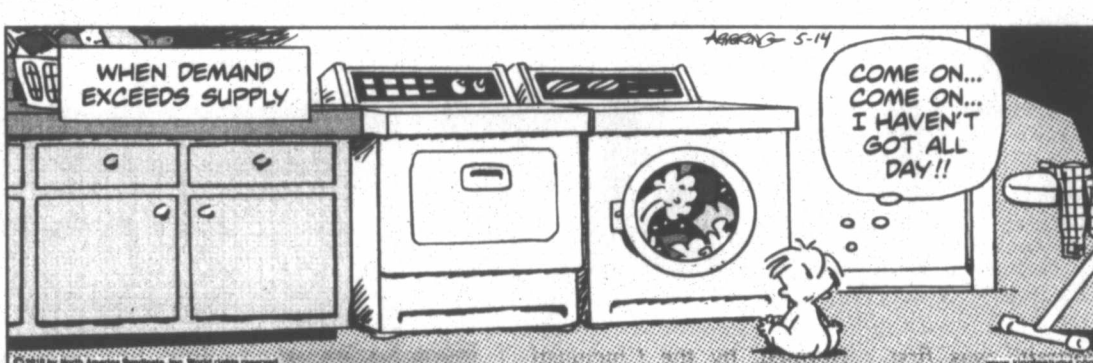
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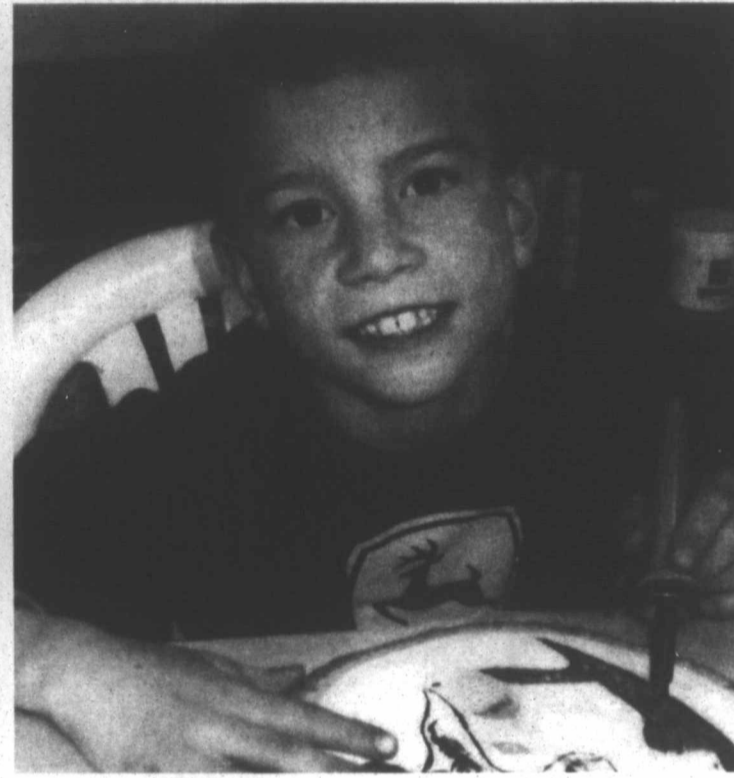
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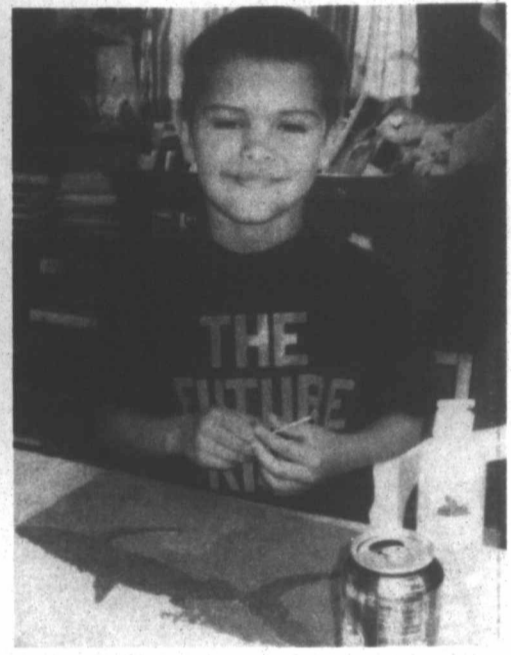
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Emily Terry and Natalie Bagley

CORRECTION

The homemade ice cream sundae fundraiser being held by the Pampa Police Department is scheduled for Friday, May 21, not Friday, May 14. *The Pampa News* apologizes for the error.

It's coming soon...



Don't miss it!

HOT DOG!



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Kayla Soto (from left), Amber Garcia and Cathy Galvan lunch on hot dogs served at the Clarendon College Top of Texas Tech Prep Day at the Pampa campus last week. Seniors from Pampa High spent the day touring the campus, learning about the college's programs in wind energy, cosmetology and welding and, of course, eating hamburgers and hot dogs. Clarendon's Christy Brooks said that the event would not have been a success without the many local sponsors who helped make it possible: Clark's Propane, Culligan, Fiesta Foods, Frank's True Value Hardware, United Supermarket and Gebo's. Also, TDCJ Jordan Unit Training Officers Randy Hendrick and Yvette Quintana "were gracious enough to do all of the cooking," Brooks said. Brooks also gave thanks to Donna Crow and the Pampa High School staff for all of their hard work getting the students to the college, and to Director Ray Steele, Sara Wheeley and Pampa Learning Center staff for allowing their students the opportunity to participate in the Showcase of Technology Event. Finally, Brooks thanked the Clarendon College staff and instructors for their part in making the event happen. "The event would not have been possible without everyone's hard work," she said.

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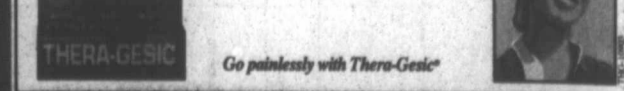
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Sports

McLean tennis duo finishes third at state tourney

MIKE HAYNES

Special to The Pampa News

Seniors Nancy Castillo and Sheri Haynes advanced to the Class 1A state tennis semifinals Monday in Austin before falling to the eventual state champion team from Mason.

Making their second consecutive trip to the state meet, the McLean girls doubles duo made it one round further than they did in 2009 and took home bronze medals from the competition at the World of Tennis at Lakeway, a tennis center

near Lake Travis.

In the quarterfinal match on a windy Monday afternoon, Haynes and Castillo swept past Lexi Romine and Mercedes Solis of Wink, 6-2, 6-2.

In the semifinals that ended Monday night on the same court, the McLean team faced Ellie Blair and Margaret Lemke of Mason. The Lady Tigers had lost to another Mason team at state last year.

Blair and Lemke took the first set, 6-2, before building a 5-1 lead in the second set. Castillo and Haynes

rallied to win three straight games, cutting the margin to 5-4 before the Mason pair closed out the second set 6-4 to win the match.

Blair and Lemke defeated Shayla Estes and Morgan Pilcher, also from Mason, 6-1, 6-3, to take the state title.

Mason players won four of the five Class 1A championships. In addition to girls doubles, Mason won girls singles, boys singles and boys doubles. Paint Rock took the mixed doubles title.



Sheri Haynes hits a shot Monday during the state tennis tournament in Austin. submitted photo



Nancy Castillo serves Monday during the state tennis tournament in Austin. Castillo and her partner Sheri Haynes finished third losing in the semifinals. submitted photo



Nancy Castillo and Sheri Haynes talk about their strategy Monday during the state tennis tournament in Austin. submitted photo

Rotary Club improves to 6-1 in Optimist league-play

CHRIS ENGLE

Special to The Pampa News

Rotary improved its record in the eleven / twelve year old Optimist Cal Ripken League to six and one after winning a pitchers dual in a weather shortened game over Cabot by four to two. Cade Engle got the start for Rotary and notched his fifth victory on six tries. Engle only gave up one hit, he did not issue any free passes and struck out ten.

Nathan Furgason started on the mound for Cabot and kept his team close the whole way going four and one third innings before the

game was called due to lightning. Furgason gave up four hits, he walked three and struck out five.

Aaron McKinney led the way on the offensive end for Rotary with two singles and two RBI's. The defensive player of the game for Rotary was catcher Carson Eubanks who only allowed two pass balls

keeping any scoring threats at bay. Nathan Furgason had Cabots only hit with a double down the third base line in the fourth inning and Chase Brown made some outstanding plays at first base on the defensive end for Cabot. The Pampa Optimist Club is a United Way Organization.

Sudoku

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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Level: Intermediate

Coming in weekend edition

A full recap of the Lady Harvesters first regional quarterfinal game against the Frenship Lady Tigers.

Find out how Natalie Parker did in the 100-meter dash at the state meet.

Check out Andrew Glover's column on his evening in Plainview.

Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips



DEAR ABBY: I overheard my boss talking about something that sounded like a cover-up for an "accident" involving some people he doesn't like. I would like to report him to the police, but he knows I heard him and I'm afraid if the police question him, my little girl or I could wind up having an "accident," too.

What should I do? Several people are already in the hospital. — WORRIED SICK

DEAR WORRIED: Because you are afraid you or your child could be in danger, find another job and put as much distance between you and your sociopathic boss as possible. And, as "insurance," discuss not only what you heard -- but also your concerns -- with your religious adviser before contacting the authorities "confidentially." All it takes for evil to flourish is for men (and women) of good conscience to remain silent.

DEAR ABBY: I am a hospitalist, a physician who cares for hospitalized patients. When I enter a patient's room, I invariably find the television blaring. Usually the patient or family members will make no effort to mute the TV, and I must turn it off myself. Because they are paying me to communicate, I

would assume they would want to hear what I have to say.

Occasionally patients have expressed irritation at having their TV turned off (they can turn it back on using the bedside control). It seems to me that good manners require one to turn off the television or radio or hang up the phone when the physician makes rounds. Am I wrong? — HOSPITALIST IN THE NORTHEAST

DEAR ABBY: You have my sympathy. Dr. Oz, Ellen and "The View" are stiff competition. No, you are not wrong. Not only is it good manners, it makes good sense to give full attention to everything the doctor has to say, as well as be able to answer any questions free of distraction. However, because your patients may not be thinking clearly -- if they were they would use better manners -- you are absolutely right to turn off the set after a brief explanation why.

DEAR ABBY: I have been married to my wife, "Leigh," for seven years. We have two sons, ages 4 and 2. I love Leigh and our sons very much. Over the years I became increasingly dependent on drinking (beer). I have never been abusive, but Leigh

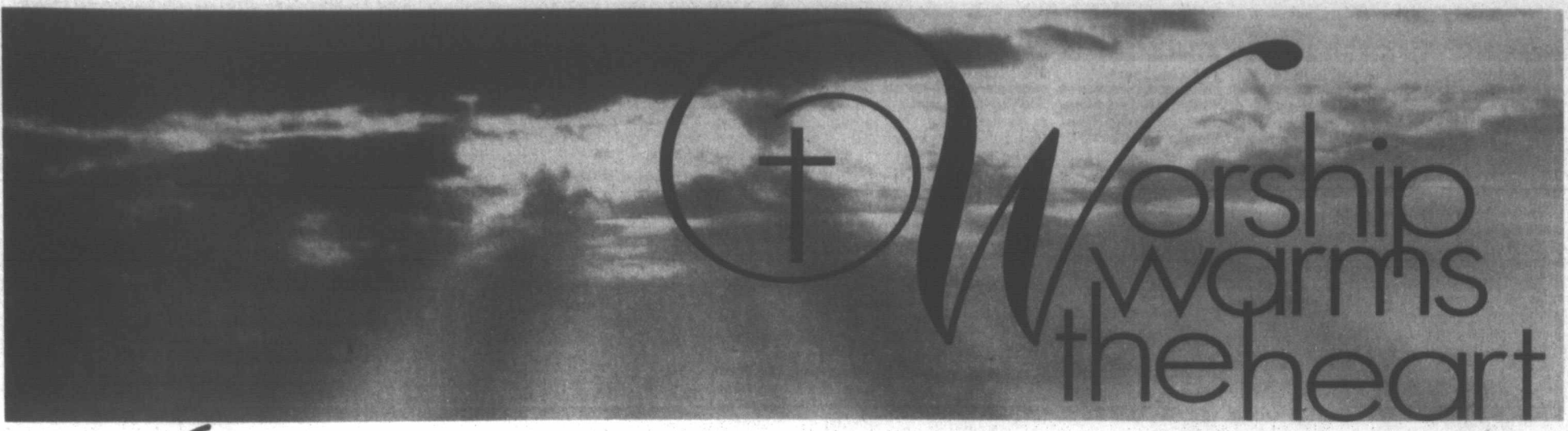
expressed concern about it. I didn't think the problem was anything we couldn't deal with.

A little over a year ago, Leigh's mother died of cancer. It has been an extremely emotional time for her, and she has now decided she can no longer tolerate my behavior. She's not even sure she's in love with me anymore. Hearing her say it made me realize how big a deal my drinking is, and I am committed to changing. But after a month of trying, Leigh still says she would be better off alone. She is starting counseling soon. I told her I'd go with her.

This is a painful period for us, and I can't imagine my life without her and the kids. Is it too late? — SCARED SOBER IN AUSTIN

DEAR SCARED: That remains to be seen. One month of sobriety isn't enough to make up for years of being emotionally absent because you had a "buzz" going. Counseling may help you both, but you need more than that. If you are sincere about kicking the habit, you will join an alcohol rehab program. A listing for Alcoholics Anonymous is as near as your telephone directory -- and so is Al-Anon, which could help your wife, who may still be grieving the loss of her mother.

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