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AMARILLO -- The Panhandle Producers and Royalty Owners Association convention kicks off this afternoon with four workshops on the legal aspects of oil production and royalty owners concerns.

Wednesday will begin at 8 a.m. with Deryck Spooner with the American Petroleum Institute and Ben Shepperd, executive vice president of the Permian Basin Petroleum Association, speaking on New Mexico oil and gas legislation.

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H. Wayne Hughs, executive vice president of the Panhandle Producers and Royalty Owners Association, will round out the morning with a review of the Texas Railroad Commission and their activities in the 82nd Legislative Session.

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of the House Committee on Environmental Regulation, will historically been distributed. PPROA cont. on page 7

**XCel Energy** files for base rate increase

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Southwestern Public Service Company, the Texas subsidiary of Minneapolis-based Xcel Energy, filed a rate increase request on Monday, effectively raising a residential customer's bill by 10.7 percent per month.

According to a release from Xcel Energy, the company is seeking a residential base rate increase of 21 percent. However, because a customer's monthly bill is comprised of both base rate charges and fuel charges, the net effect will be the aforementioned 10.7 percent increase, or about \$8.89 for a customer using 1,000 kilowatts a month.

"What's happening is that your monthly bill is divided roughly between the base rate and our fuel costs," explained Wes Reeves, spokesman for Xcel Energy. "The fuel that we purchase, that dollar amount is passed through to the customer

dollar for dollar. "We don't make any money

off of it, so that part of the customer's bill stays the same. Because you have this other half of the bill that's not changing, that base rate increase will not affect the customer bill as much."

Reeves added that the 21 percent base rate increase is inflated because the company is moving some line items, such as transmission costs, into the base rate. Those costs, Reeves said, are not new costs and do not represent added hikes passed down to the customer.

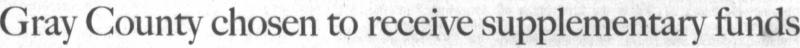
"They were already part of the bill before," said Reeves. "We're just moving them into the base rate, so it doesn't actually change anything that residential customers are charged."

According to Xcel's statement, the company's residential customers in Texas would be paying 9.2 cents per kilowatt-hour, still below the state's average residential bill of 11.6 per kw/h.

Xcel's nonresidential customer would also be affected by the increase. Texas commercial customer bills would rise by 1.9 percent, industrial customer bills by 4.8 percent and municipal customer bills by 11.6 percent.

Reeves explained that the dis-Pampa's State Representative parities between the customer Warren Chisum, vice chairman class increases are due to the way the infrastructure costs have

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Gray County has been chosen to receive \$5,000 to supplement emergency food and shelter programs in the county.

The selection was made by a national Board that is chaired by the U. S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Management Emergency Agency and consists of representatives from American Red Cross; Catholic Charities, USA; National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA; The Jewish Federations of North America; The Salvation

Army; and United Way Worldwide.

The Local Board was charged to distribute funds appropriated by Congress to help expand the capacity of food and shelter programs in high-need areas around the country.

A Local Board made up of Pampa United Way, Gray County Judge, Ministerial Associations, City of Pampa Representative, The Salvation Army, Pampa Meals on Wheels, Good Samaritan Christian Services, Southside Senior Citizens Center and the Harvest House will determine how the

funds awarded to Gray County are to be distributed among the emergency food and shelter programs run by local service agencies in the area.

The Local Board is responsible for recommending agencies to receive these funds and any additional funds available under this phase of the program.

Under the terms of the grant from the National Board, local agencies chosen to receive funds

· be private voluntary nonprofits or unites of govern-

· be eligible to receive federal

funds,

· have an accounting system, practice nondiscrimination,

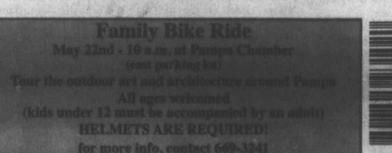
· have demonstrated the capability to deliver emergency food and/or shelter program, and

· if they are a private voluntary organization, they must have a voluntary board.

Qualifying agencies are urged

Gray County has distributed Emergency Food and Shelter funds previously with The Salvation Army, Southside Senior Citizens Center, Good FUNDS cont. on page 7





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#### PAMPA FORECAST

Thursday Wednesday

> High 78 Low 51

High 77 Low 52



High 86 Low 64

Tonight: Showers and thunderstorms likely, mainly before 1am. Some of the storms could be severe. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 58. South southeast wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph. Chance of precipitation is 60 percent.

Wednesday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 78. South southwest wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

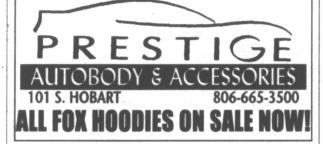
Wednesday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 51. North northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph. Thursday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 77.

North northwest wind around 10 mph. Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 52. North northwest wind between 5

and 10 mph. Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 86. East wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south between 15 and 20 mph. Winds could gust as high as 25

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 64. South wind around 20 mph, with gusts as

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## **Obituaries**

## Larry Middleton, 58

Pampa — Larry Middleton, 58, died May 17, 2010 in Amarillo.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Middleton was born May 23, 1951 in San Diego, Calif. He was reared in Pampa where he attended Pampa schools, and graduated from Pampa High School. He married Debbie Walling on November 14, 1976 in Pampa. Larry was employed by Pampa Concrete Company, retir-

of service. He was a member of the Pampa Masonic Lodge #966 AF&AM. He enjoyed flying RC helicopters and was an avid mechanic, and he loved riding his Harley-Davidson. Most of all, Larry loved spending time with his family.

Survivors include his wife, Debbie Middleton of the home; two sons, Will Hacker and wife Kala of Friendswood, and Donovan Middleton of

ing in 2008 after 32 years Las Vegas, Nev.; special nephew, Kris Middleton of Pampa; brother, Montey Middleton of Houston; and grandson, Drew Hacker of Friendswood. Larry was preceded in death by his parents, Bob and Joyce Middleton; and a brother, James Middleton. Memorials may be

made to CASA of the High Plains, 315 N. Ballard, Pampa, TX 79065. Sign the online register

at www.carmichael-whatley.com.



Middleton

### Janet Hill Bridwell Preston, 48 daughter and friend.

Pampa—Janet Hill Bridwell Preston, 48 died May 16, 2010 in Pampa. Services will be at 10

a.m. Wednesday, May 19, 2010, at Briarwood Church, with Rev. Lynn Hancock, pastor, officiating.

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

Mrs. Preston was born January 18, 1962 in Long Beach, Calif. She had been a resident of Pampa since 1966, graduating from Pampa

High School in 1980. She attended West Texas A&M University. After college, she worked for Dr. Soriano and Dr. Shaffer as well as the Family Medicine Center, and later worked for Gray County Appraisal She mar-District. ried Ronnie Preston in 2008 in Pampa. Janet was a Methodist and was currently attending Briarwood Church. In her spare time, she enjoyed reading and being socially active with her friends and community. She will be remembered as a loving wife,

Survivors include her husband, Ronnie Preston of the home; two stepdaughters, Aleisha Williams of Owasso, Okla., and Amber Preston of the home; father, DeWayne Hill of Pampa; brother, Travis Hill and wife Shonda of League City; a step-granddaughter, Savannah Williams of Owasso, Okla.; niece, Tasha Hill of League City. Janet was preceded in death by her mother, Patricia Hill in 2004.

Memorials may be to American made Cancer Society, c/o Gerry



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Caylor, 2130 Charles, Pampa, TX 79065.

Sign the online register at www-carmichaelwhatley.com.

## EMERGENCY SERVICES

#### PAMPA PD

high as 25 mph.

The Pampa Police Department reported the following calls over the weekend.

Officers reported 27 traffic-related calls and one accident.

Animal control officers reported 19 animal-related calls.

Pampa EMS reported 11 medical calls. Pampa police reported two medical calls.

Friday, May 14

Officers served warrants in the 400 block of North Starkweather and in the 1100 block of North Duncan.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 400 block of North Lefors.

A 911 hangup call was reported in the 400 block of North Lefors.

Officers had escort duty in the 100 block of East Harvester.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 700 block of East Malone. Hazardous material was

reported in the 1000 block of South Wells.

Officers attempted to served legal papers in the 1100 block of South Wilco.

A runaway was reported in the 400 block of North West.

Found property was reported in the 300 block of North Hobart.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1600 block

of West Somerville. A sewer choke was

reported in the 600 block of North Frost.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 700 block

of North Magnolia. A sewer choke was

reported in the 2500 block of North Mary Ellen. A power line was

reported down in the 300

block of North Wells. An alarm was reported

in the 3000 block of North Rosewood. Officers checked build-

ings in the 100 block of East Craven and 100 block of West Foster. Saturday, May 15

Officers assisted another agency in the 1500 block of North Hamilton and the 11000 block of U.S. Highway 60.

Officers checked a building in the 600 block of West Foster.

A suspicious person was reported at the intersection of 19th and Russell. Water was shut off in

the 2100 block of North Hamilton. A suspicious person

was reported in the 1100 block of North Garland. A suspicious vehicle

was reported at Francis and Ballard. Officers had escort duty

in the 9100 block of South Georgia. A suspicious person

was reported at 20th and Russell.

An alarm was reported in the 1300 block of North Christine.

A narcotics violation was reported in the 1600 block of North Coffee.

A prowler was reported in the 700 block of East

Sloan. Water was shut off in the 1000 block of East

Foster. Officers assisted another agency at Kentucky and

Sloan. A burglary was reported

in the 500 block of Perry. Officers had escort duty in the 800 block of West 23rd.

A burglary was reported in the 1100 block of Gwendolyn.

A suspicious person was reported in the 1700

block of Grade. Criminal mischief was

reported in the 1700 block of Evergreen. Disorderly conduct was

reported in the 400 block of South Pitts.

reported to police.

Found property was A sewer choke was

reported in the 600 block of North Frost.

A theft was reported to police.

A sewer choke was reported in the 1700 block

of North Fir. Officers performed a

welfare check in the 600 block of East Frederic. Officers investigated

an open door in the 2300 block of North Primrose. Disorderly conduct was reported in the 300 block

of South Jean. Criminal mischief was reported in the 1100 block of North Perry.

Officers performed a welfare check in the 800 block of North Sumner. Officers assisted anoth-

er agency in the 1000 block of Wilks. Officers performed a welfare check in the 600

block of North Magnolia. Officers attempted to

serve legal papers in the 300 block of East Miami. An assault was reported in the 900 block of East

Campbell. Disorderly conduct was reported in the 700 block

of North Magnolia. A threat was reported in the 900 block of South

Banks. A domestic disturbance was reported in the 900 block of South Wells.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1000 block of North Hobart.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1600 block of U.S. Highway 60.

A suspicious person was reported in the 2000

block of West Atchison. Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1100 block

of South Neel. Officers assisted another agency at the intersection of Faulkner and

Alcock Disorder conduct was reported at Doyle and Browning, in the 300 block of South Jean, in the 500 block of South Ballard and in the 900

block of Murphy. Sunday, May 16 Officers checked buildings in the 100 block of

West Foster and in the 400 block of West Foster. Officers made a welfare

check in the 1000 block of North Sumner. Disorderly conduct was

reported in the 300 block of South Jean. Disorderly conduct was

reported at Buckler and Christy. A suspicious person

was reported in the 1200 block of West Buckler. A domestic disturbance was reported in the 100

block of South Purviance. A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 1600 block of East U.S. Highway 60.

A suspicious person was reported in the 500 block of North Christy. A runaway was reported in the 1000 block of South Varnon. A sewer choke was

reported in the 700 block of East Albert. Officers performed a

welfare check in the 1400 block of North Russell. A suspicious person

was reported in the 400 block of East Crawford. A suicide attempt was ported in the 400 block

of North Dwight. Disorderly conduct was reported in the 500 block

Water was shut off at Browning and Frost. Disorderly conduct was

reported in the 1100 block of South Dwight. A runaway was reported in the 1800 block of

North Hamilton. Fire officials launched an investigation in the 200

block of South Tignor. An assault was reported in the 2100 block of North

Wells. A domestic disturbance was reported in the 500 block of North Magnolia.

reported in the 300 block of South Jean. An alarm was reported

Disorderly conduct was

in the 2800 block of West Kentucky. Harassment was report-

ed at Starkweather and Browning. A domestic disturbance

was reported at Campbell and Henry A suspicious person

was reported in the 1200 Bond. Disorderly conduct was

reported in the 800 block of East Murphy.

Officers checked an open door in the 1800 block of North Hobart. Monday, May 17

A suspicious person was reported in the 1000 block of South Starkweather. A suspicious person

was reported in the 500

block of East Brown. A prowler was reported in the 2300 block of Chestnut.

A suspicious vehicle was reported at Foster and Starkweather. A suspicious person

was reported at Foster and Marie. An alarm was reported in the 1000 block of North

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 1400 block of North Banks.

Pampa Police

Hobart.

Department reported the following incidents during the 24-hour period ending at 8 a.m. today. Officers reported 19

traffic-related calls and two accidents. Animal control officers reported 10 animal-related

Pampa EMT reported two ambulance calls. The Pampa Fire Department reported one medical call.

Monday, May 17 An alarm was reported in the 900 block of West

Harvester. Criminal mischief was reported in the 1600 block of East U.S. Highway 60.

One person was accused of failing to register as a sex offender.

An alarm was reported in the 500 block of West Foster.

An alarm was reported in the 300 block of South

Cuyler. A theft was reported to police.

in the 300 block of West Kingsmill. Criminal mischief was

An alarm was reported

reported to police. A theft was reported in the 700 block of East Murphy.

Officers performed a welfare check in the 1700 block of North Fir.

A burglary was reported to police. A fraud was reported to

police.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 900 block of South Cuyler. Disorderly conduct was

reported in the 1300 block of North Starkweather. Officers were placed

on special assignment in the 2800 block of North Charles. A theft was reported in

Charles. A suspicious person was reported in the 2700 block of North Perryton Parkway.

the 2800 block of North

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 900 block of South Banks. A suspicious person was reported in the 500

block of East Tyng. Officers assisted another agency in the 12000 block of East Frederic.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 600 block of North Davis. A 911 hangup call was reported in the 400 block

of North Roberta.

Carbon monoxide was reported in the 1200 block of South Faulkner.

An assault was reported in the 1000 block of North Somerville.

Tuesday, May 18 An alarm was reported in the 2200 block of North Aspen.

A runaway was reported in the 1000 block of Fast Jordan A suspicious person

was reported in the 1200 block of North Hobart. A suspicious person was reported in the 200

block of North Russell. Officers checked building 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.

Monday, May 17 Jason Deion Ellis, 27, was arrested by deputies on warrants charging him with burglary of a habita1 tion in intent to commit another felony.

Jon Len Bowers, 36;

was arrested by police on

charges of driving while

intoxicated, third or more offense. Jason Lee Davis, 36; was arrested by the Lefors marshal on a capias pro fine warrant charging him

with seatbelt violation. Terry Michael Gonzales, 18, was arrested by police on charges of theft of property greater than \$50 but less than \$500. Jason David Sprowls,

23, was arrested by police on charges of theft of property greater than \$50 but less than \$500. Phillip Daniel Littrell, 40 was arrested by depu-

ties on charges of public

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MIAMI — Contestants will be calling cows and steak will be on the menu here come

Miami's annual Cow Calling celebration will include a steak cookoff for the second year in a row. Ribeyes will be served at noon after the judging in the Miami city park on U.S. Highway 60,

First place in the steak cook off is \$1,000, second place will be worth \$500 and third place will garner \$250.

Roberts County Judge Vernon Cook said that they had for years had a barbeque lunch, but last year went to a steak cookoff. He said it proved popular, so their having it again this year.

The cow calling contest will begin at 1 p.m. in the park.

A Texas Hold 'Em Tournament is scheduled for 3 p.m. at the Roberts County Project Center benefiting the Roberts County volunteer Fire Dept. There is a \$50 entry fee. Cook said Miami will also have a car show and 5K run.

The day will end with a dance.

## Interior Secretary says gov't failed to hold oil accountable

WASHINGTON (AP) — Interior Secretary Ken Salazar conceded Tuesday that the government failed to hold the oil industry accountable and ensure safety in offshore oil drilling.

Salazar, in his first appearance before Congress since the April 20 Gulf accident, promised an overhaul of the agency that regulates offshore oil drilling to give it "more tools, more resources, more independence and greater authority."

Sen. Jeff Bingaman, D-N.M., in opening a hearing into the spill, said Congress will examine "the role of regulatory failure" in the accident at the BP PLC oil rig that unleashed millions of gallons of oil into Gulf waters.

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While the cause of the accident and spill has yet to be pinpointed, information uncovered so far raises the question of where the Minerals Management Service was in regulating the drilling process, said Bingaman.

Bingaman said he hopes to determine "the cascade of failures that caused the catastrophic blowout."

Salazar, for his part, promised an overhaul of federal regulations despite industry reluctance to accept some of the changes.

"We have not and we will not back down on our reform agenda," he told the Energy and Natural Resources

Salazar said the administration "will not rest until we get this situation under control.

He and other federal officials were expected to come under questioning for what the government did — or did not do — to prevent the oil spill, and how they have responded since oil started streaming into the Gulf last month.

Salazar, who oversees the federal agency that monitors offshore drilling, was testifying before two Senate committees. Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Lisa Jackson and Coast Guard Commandant Thad Allen will testify at separate hearings, and oil company executives are back for a second round of questions.

The hearings come amid the first high-level resignation related to the oil spill and a decision by President Barack Obama to name a presidential commission to investigate the cause of the rig explosion that unleashed millions of gallons of oil into the Gulf of Mexico, where engineers are struggling after three weeks to stop the flow.

The presidential panel will be similar to ones that examined the Challenger space shuttle disaster and the Three Mile Island nuclear power plant accident, said a White House official, speaking on condition of anonymity because the decision had not been formally announced.

The commission would be one of nearly a dozen investigations and reviews launched since the April 20 explosion, although it probably would be the most comprehensive.

With BP PLC, the company that owns the well, finally gaining some control over the amount of oil spewing into the gulf, scientists are increasingly worried that huge plumes of crude already spilled could get caught in a current that would carry the mess all the way to the Florida Keys and beyond, damaging coral reefs and killing wildlife.

Researchers at the University of South Florida said Tuesday that oil from the spill has entered or is near the so-called loop current, and could reach Key West by Sunday.

The U.S. Coast Guard reported that 20 tar balls were found off Key West on Monday, but said a lab analysis would have to determine their origin. The Florida Park Service during a shoreline survey found balls that were about 3 to 8 inches in diameter.

Last week, Obama decried what he called a badly failed offshore drilling system and said failures extended to the federal government and its "cozy" relationship with oil companies. The Minerals Management Service, the federal agency that oversees offshore drilling, has long been criticized for being too close to industry.

On Monday, White House press secretary Robert Gibbs said government failures "certainly" include the Obama administration, which took office in January 2009.

"But my guess is you guys did some stories in the previous decade on what was going on at MMS, which is what caused Secretary Salazar, when he came in, to begin reforming that," Gibbs told reporters.

Salazar, anticipating tough questioning on Capitol Hill, announced Monday he is tightening requirements for onshore oil and gas drilling. The new measures would not apply to oil rigs at sea, and Salazar had outlined the broad outlines of the reforms in

January. Even so, he tried to portray them as more evidence of the Obama administration's aggressive response to the Gulf spill.

"The BP oil spill is a stark reminder of how we must continue to push ahead with the reforms we have been working on and which we know are needed," Salazar said in a statement.

Chris Oynes, associate administrator of the minerals agency, became the first administration official to resign in the wake of the oil spill. Oynes, who was regional director in charge of Gulf offshore oil programs for 13 years before being promoted in 2007 to head all offshore drilling programs, informed colleagues he will retire at the end of the month, according to an e-mail obtained by The Associated Press.

Oynes, like other MMS officials, has come under criticism for being too close to the industry.

A 35-year government employee, Oynes had earlier indicated his plans to retire but decided to accelerate his departure, said an administration official who spoke on condition of anonymity because the issue involved a personnel matter. It was unclear what pressure, if any, was put on him.

Members of Congress, meanwhile, were continuing to focus attention on the Gulf spill.

Sen. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif., and seven other senators asked the Justice Department to determine whether BP made false and misleading claims to the government about its ability to prevent a serious oil spill when it applied for permission last year to drill the Deepwater Horizon well that has unleashed environmental havoc along the Gulf coast.

# Cow Calling celebration | Appraisal District to meet returns to Miami in June | Thursday to review budget

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The Gray County Appraisal District board of directors will meet Thursday morning to review budgets and expenditures.

The board is slated to meet at 8:30 a.m., Thursday, in the appraisal district's conference room, 815 North Sumner to review expenditures from December, 2009 to April,

They will also hear an audit report for 2009 and consider retaining part of hte the unexpended portion of the 2009 budget.

They will hear their annual investment report and a summary of the reappraisal

The board will also consider the chief appraiser's reports.

## Sen. Cornyn, Supreme Court nominee Kagan have meeting

WASHINGTON (AP) A leading Senate Republican said Supreme Court nominee Elena Kagan told him Tuesday that thousands of pages of unreleased documents from her time serving in the Clinton administration would shed light on what kind of justice she would

Sen. John Cornyn of Texas said the Judiciary Committee shouldn't hold hearings on Kagan's confirmation until senators have a chance to read all the papers, currently held at the Clinton presidential library in Little Rock.

GOP senators have few clues about what Kagan's judicial style would be because she has never been a judge and has little courtroom experience. The former Harvard Law School dean, 50, stepped aside Monday from her job as solicitor general.

"What she told me is that 160,000 pages that we're going to see will reveal a lot of information ... about her views. about her attitudes, and her activities while serving at the White House" in the 1990s, Cornyn said after a closed-door meeting with

Kagan, President Barack Obama's choice to succeed retiring Justice John Paul Stevens, returned to Capitol Hill Tuesday for courtesy calls with senators. She was also slated to meet with several supportive Democrats and Republican Sen. Lindsey Graham, a potential ally despite past differences with Kagan over the treatment of terrorism detain-

The South Carolinian was the architect in 2005 of a measure that strictly limited the rights of Guantanamo prisoners to challenge their detentions. Kagan, then at Harvard, signed a strongly worded letter with other academics criticizing the legislation, which was struck down by the Supreme Court.

Graham voted "pass" last year when the Judiciary Committee approved Kagan's nomination to be solicitor general, then missed her final confirmation vote. But he hinted last week that he might be persuaded to vote "yes" on making her a justice.

"I have been generally pleased with her job performance as solicitor general, particularly regarding legal issues related to the

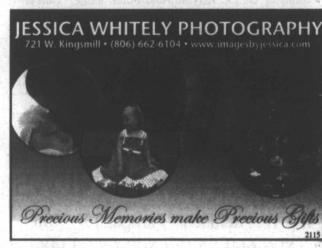
said in a statement, adding he would be "fair and

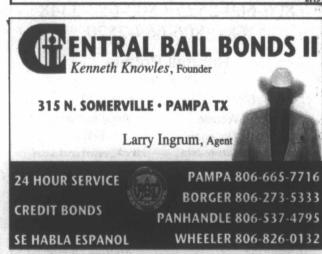
firm" in questioning her. Graham has shown a willingness to buck his party on big issues. He broke with most Republicans last year to back Obama's first Supreme Court pick, Justice Sonia Sotomayor.

Kagan has already met with nearly a fifth of the Senate — most of them members of the Judiciary panel — since Obama tapped her.

Democrats have more than enough votes to confirm her, and Republicans, seven of whom voted to make her solicitor general, say for now they're not inclined to try to block a











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## Today in History

Today is Tuesday, May 18, the 138th day of 2010. There are 227 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History:

On May 18, 1980, the Mount St. Helens volcano in Washington state exploded, leaving 57 people dead or missing.

On this date:

In 1860, the Republican Party convention in Chicago nominated Abraham Lincoln for presi-

In 1896, the Supreme Court, in Plessy v. Ferguson, endorsed "separate but equal" racial segregation, a concept that was renounced 58 years later with the Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka decision.

In 1910, Halley's Comet passed by earth, brushing it with its tail.

In 1920, Pope John Paul II was born Karol Wojtyla in Wadowice, Poland.

In 1933, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed a measure creating the Tennessee Valley Authority. In 1944, during World War II, Allied forces finally occupied Monte Cassino in Italy after a four-month struggle that claimed some 20,000 lives

In 1969, astronauts Eugene A. Cernan, Thomas P. Stafford and John W. Young blasted off aboard Apollo 10 on a mission to orbit the moon.

Ten years ago: Sante Kimes and Kenneth Kimes, mother-and-son grifters, were convicted in New York of murdering Irene Silverman in a plot to steal her elegant townhouse mansion. (The body of the 82-year-old millionaire widow has never been found. Sante Kimes was sentenced to 120 years in prison without parole and her son received a 125-year sentence.)

Five years ago: President George W. Bush offered his unqualified support for Egypt's political reform process as he received Prime Minister Ahmed Nazief at the White House.

One year ago: President Barack Obama told Israeli leader Benjamin Netanyahu during a White House meeting he needed to stop Jewish settlements and should grasp a "historic opportunity" to make peace with the Palestinians. Spacewalking astronauts completed repairs to the Hubble Space Telescope.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Bill Macy is 88. Hall-of-Fame sportscaster Jack Whitaker is 86. Actor Robert Morse is 79. Actor and television executive Dwayne Hickman is 76. Baseball Hallof-Famer Brooks Robinson is 73. Baseball Hallof-Famer Reggie Jackson is 64. Rock musician Rick Wakeman (Yes) is 61. Country singer George Strait is 58. Actor Chow Yun-Fat is 55. Rock singer-musician Page Hamilton is 50. Singeractress Martika is 41. Comedian-writer Tina Fey is 40. Rapper Special Ed is 36. Rock singer Jack Johnson is 35. Rhythm-and-blues singer Darryl Allen (Mista) is 30. Actor Matt Long is 30. Actor

Spencer Breslin is 18. Thought for Today:

"People find life entirely too time-consuming." - Stanislaw J. Lec, Polish writer (1909-1966).



## A life lost because so many looked away

Like everybody who's followed the story, I've found myself contemplating the tragedy of University of Virginia student athlete Yeardley Love.

Found beaten to death at her off campus apartment, Love appears to have been universally beloved. At her funeral in Baltimore, Va., lacrosse coach Julie Myers eulogized her as "truly remarkable . .

not because she tried to be, but because she just was. It came easy for her to be great, to be kindhearted, welcoming, encouraging and engaging to all who knew her. She was legitimately awesome."

In photos, Love's radiant smile contrasts painfully with the sullen mug shot of her ex-boyfriend, Virginia senior and fellow lacrosse player George Huguely, who has been charged with first-degree murder in her death on May 3. According to police, Huguely has admitted kicking in her bedroom door and shaking her, banging her head repeatedly against the wall. His lawyer has characterized her death as a tragic accident.

Should it matter that Love was a beautiful, talented graduate of an upscale Catholic girl's school? That she volunteered at soup kitchens and tutored poor kids in math? That Huguely, too, emerged from a privileged background, a lacrosse All-American and honor student at the exclusive Landon School in Bethesda, Md.?

Is this death more shocking because it took place at the University of Virginia, whose beautiful designed by Thomas Jefferson, is an architectural monument to its founder's ideals of order and rea-

How is the crime with which Huguely is charged different from crimes of jealous rage enacted in suburban tract homes, trailer parks and tenements virtually every daymen beating women to death with their fists because they fear they can't control them?

The answer: It is and it isn't. Press, police are investigating

Maybe

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shouldn't any more horrified by Love's death than by any woman's, but many of us are. I know my feelings are related to meeting my wife and spending four happy years at the University

of Virginia. Although there's no resemblance, I can't look at Love's shining face without seeing my wife's at the same age.

My God, what a tragedy. Huguely's mug shot could be that of any of my rugby teammates, or, for that matter, my own. No family fortune here, but that's trivial. I knew many young men like him back then.

"This death," University of Virginia President John Casteen said, "moves us to deep anguish for the loss of a student of uncommon talent and promise. . . . We mourn her death and feel anger on reading that the investigators believe that another student caused

At a candlelight vigil, Casteen urged persons in the university community not to stand by passively but to report suspected domestic violence.

"Tuck away in your soul the knowledge that neither Yeardley Love nor any woman attacked ever deserved it," he said.

Amen to that. Casteen was my classmate and friend. Although we've lost touch, I know two things about him: He's a native Virginian who loves his state and he loves the university deeply. This tragedy must be causing him terrible anguish.

Shouldn't somebody have done something? Yes, but who? And what? There's much we don't

According to The Associated

whether there had been previous altercations between the two, including one report that they argued at a bar the day before Love was found dead.

Writing in The Washington Post, columnist Sally Jenkins asks if there's "something in our sports culture that condones these assaults? It's a difficult, even upsetting question, because it risks demonizing scores of decent, guiltless men. . . . But I do mean to ask those who knew of Huguely's [alleged] behavior an important question. Why did they not treat Yeardley Love as their teammate, too? Where were her brothers?"

On anonymous comment lines posted on the Post website, many derided the "coddling" of "spoiled, self-entitled punks." Others blamed athletes generally. One fellow urged the death penalty for the alleged perpetrator, "a white, privileged fellow from a deeply Republican family"-to me, an excellent argument against the death penalty.

The jock culture I grew up in saw bullying women as cowardly and shameful. I doubt that Virginia players felt otherwise. I'd be astonished if anybody there thought winning lacrosse matches trumped Love's safety.

This is not Huguely's first brush with the law. In Lexington, Va., in 2008, according to public records, he cursed andattacked a woman police officer, who tasered and arrested him. His punishment? A 60-day suspended sentence, six months of probation, a \$100 fine, 50 hours of community service and substance abuse counseling.

Six months of probation. Six months of lock-down rehab and psychiatric evaluation would have been more like it. Now her life is... gone and his destroyed, because so, many looked away.

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## Serve beef and hold the propaganda, please

Whether it's brisket or ribs, smoked or grilled, Texas has a longstanding love affair with beef. Activists behind the socalled "Meatout" movement may take exception, but enjoying beef is a personal choice enjoyed by many Texans. The Meatout campaign wants people to believe eating meat is unhealthy, bad for the environment and even morally wrong. Clearly these folks adhere more to political science than sound science.

Let's start with the Meatout assertion that beef is unhealthy. Beef is part of a healthy diet, and like all food sources, should be consumed in appropriate portions. Lean cuts of beef are very low in saturated fat and cholesterol, and they are excellent sources of nutrients, including zinc, iron, protein and magnesium. Even the American Council on Science and Health says



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red meat is part of an overall heart-healthy diet, as

enjoyare whole grains, fruit and vegetables. Balance is the key. Then there's the argu-

ment that eating beef is bad for the environment due to methane gas produced by livestock. According to the EPA, methane produced by all domestic livestock accounted for only 2.9 percent of total U.S. greenhouse gas emissions in 2008. Considering this is a naturally occurring part of our environ-

ment's ecology, I don't see the problem. By comparison, the EPA says total fossil fuel combustion, which includes residential, heating, cooking and lawn care, is responsible for 80 percent of greenhouse gas emissions.

I believe in personal choice, and if you prefer to not eat meat, that is your. right. Just don't preach propaganda to the rest of us who choose to enjoy... the goodness of meat.

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## TOT-ALLY AWESOME





Sydney Larkin (left), 5, of St. Matthews Day School, and McKenzie Woods, 3, of First Baptist Child Development Center, show off their ribbon skills at last week's TOT "Shine Time", the end-of-year program that lets TOT member children from the various Pampa schools show off their skills.

# Mexico rattled by ex-candidate's disappearance

MEXICO CITY (AP) - The mysterious disappearance of a former presidential candidate is stoking fear in Mexico that nobody may be safe from relentless kidnapping and rampant drug violence.

Diego Fernandez de Cevallos was reported missing over the weekend and his car was found in the central state of Queretaro with some evidence of violence, but authorities said Sunday that they don't know if he was kidnapped or if drug gangs were involved.

Many feared one of Mexico's most successful attorneys and enduring politicians was targeted by kidnappers, and any involvement by drug trafficking gangs would signal an escalation in the government's bloody standoff with organized crime.

"If it's a cartel action, it is definitely another escalation in the attacks of drug traffickers against the government," said George Grayson, a professor at the College of William & Mary in Virginia. "It shows that no one is immune from their reach, not even a multimillionaire super-lawyer."

There was still no evidence that the 69-year-old attorney and power broker had been kidnapped, said Ricardo Najera, spokesman for the federal Attorney General's Office, on Sunday

Fernandez de Cevallos' disappearance comes amid a wave of drug violence that has killed more than 22,700 people since Calderon launched a crackdown against organized crime in December 2006. Drug traffickers are increasingly attacking political and government leaders in

Last week, gunmen burst into the farm supplies business of mayoral candidate Jose Guajardo Varela and killed him and his son, after he ignored warnings to drop out of the race in Valle Hermoso, 30 miles (50 kilometers) south of Brownsville, Texas

Federal prosecutors and police are aiding Queretaro state investigation in the probe that had lines of officers combing the fields of rural central Mexico for signs of the 69-yearold power broker.

Fernandez de Cevallos, was the 1994 presidential candidate of President Felipe Calderon's National Action Party, and he has continued to be an influential figure. He finished second to Ernesto Zedillo that year, but his party finally won the presidency six years later when Vicente Fox was

Mexican authorities say there's no evidence any armed group is behind his disappearance, and Mexico' most active guerrilla group said it does not know what happened to him.

Authorities say no one has contacted them or the politician's family. Suspicion has focused on the possibility it was a kidnapping for ransom, an attack by drug cartels or an assault by political or personal rivals.

In a statement posted Monday on a website that has historically carried its communiques, the leftist People's Revolutionary Army, or EPR, said it shared the pain of Fernandez de Cevallos' family because its own activists have been kidnapped.



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By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I'm a divorced, middle-aged professional woman with a Ph.D. who has been keeping company with a man my age for seven years. "Burt" treats me well. He takes me out, has helped with some major home renovation projects, sends me flowers and I enjoy his company. I'm perfectly happy in his world, and I

like most of his friends. On the flip side, Burt is overweight, has a drinking problem and never finished college. My problem is, I can't bring myself to introduce him to those in my "professional circle." I'm afraid he will say something boorish, show up drunk or otherwise embarrass me.

Is there something intrinsically wrong with me that I'm ashamed to have the man I love meet people with whom I work and socialize? Is there something wrong with the relationship? -IT'S COMPLICATED IN

WISCONSIN IT'S DEAR COMPLICATED: There doesn't appear to be anything wrong with the relationship. It has worked for seven years. What's "wrong" may be that you're afraid you have 'settled" for someone who isn't up to the standards of those in your professional circle. If you are happy, why do you feel you must live up to someone else's standards?

Of course, this doesn't have to be a deal breaker. If you and Burt are a happy couple, keep your personal and professional lives separate. Many couples do.

DEAR ABBY: I am a young, single mother of two girls. I work full time and I'm involved in my daughters' lives. I go to all their school functions,

coach their soccer team, serve as the Cookie Mom for Girl Scouts and volunteer for anything else I can manage to squeeze into my schedule, but I have a hard time making friends with any other moms.

None of the other mothers wants to get to know me. I wait at the bus stop with my girls and the moms talk to each other, but not to me. I get a weird "vibe" from them, as if they think I'm too young to know anything. I try to join in, but it seems they really don't care for me.

I have friends my age, but they don't have children. I want friends who have families because they face the same kind of issues I do. What can I do to make these moms like me? -FRIEND-CHALLENGED

IN CYPRESS, TEXAS FRIEND-DEAR CHALLENGED: There is no way to "make" someone like you, and if a clique has already been established, it can be difficult to break in. It is possible that because of your youth and single status you are perceived as a threat to them - but I do have a suggestion, and your youth can be an advantage. Start asking them for advice, and it's possible they may take you under their collective wing.

DEAR ABBY: What is the proper way to kiss after the wedding officiant says, "You may now kiss the bride"? Should the couple share a simple kiss, or can it be a little more intense? — DANIELLE IN

**TAMPA** DEAR DANIELLE: The wedding is a time to demonstrate eternal commitment, not unbridled passion. The kiss can be as intense as you like, as long as it doesn't last more than six seconds, and doesn't remove the bride's lipstick.

# Dear Abby... Nicaragua: La Familia moving south

MANAGUA, Nicaragua (AP) — The head of Nicaragua's navy says Mexico's La Familia cartel is would take tough measures to prevent the trade. moving heavily into Central America and dominates much of the drug trade through the region.

Capt. Roger Gonzalez Diaz says Mexican cartels, "mainly La Familia," are transporting, storing and distributing drugs from the time they leave Colombia to the time they reach the U.S. market.

Gonzalez Diaz said Monday that Nicaraguan officials

Mexican officials have previously noted that the Zetas drug gang has a strong presence in Central America.

But the rival La Familia and Sinaloa cartels are also believed to have a significant presence in the region.

La Familia is based in the western Mexico state of

## Drug lieutenant caught in Chihuahua

MEXICO CITY (AP) — The Mexican army says it has detained an alleged lieutenant of the Ciudad Juarez-based Carrillo Fuentes cartel who escaped from a U.S. prison two decades ago.

The Defense Department says Crispin Borunda was arrested after crashing his bullet-resistant vehicle into a light pole while trying to escape.

A statement issued Monday says Borunda tried to flee on foot and fired at soldiers before being

caught last week in the capital of the border state of Chihuahua. Soldiers seized another suspect and five weapons.

The department says Borunda escaped from prison in New Mexico in 1990 while serving a sentence of over five years for drug trafficking.

He was arrested in Mexico in 2004, but escaped last year while being treated in a hospital.



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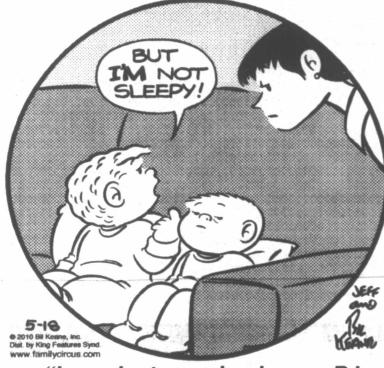
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By Bil Keane



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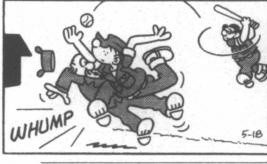
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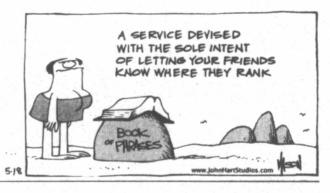






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## PPROA

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join Rep. Jim Keffer, chairman of the House Energy Committee, at noon in talks about legislative issues in the state

The Panhandle Producers and Royalty Owners Association is a trade association for independent oil and gas producers, service companies and mineral royalty owners in the Texas Panhandle, Western Oklahoma and Southwest Kansas since 1929.

The convention will be at in the Heritage Room of the Amarillo Civic Center. The headquarters hotel for the convention is the Ashmore Inn and Suites, 2301 Interstate 40 East, Amarillo.

## Rates

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"Traditionally, some of the customer classes have, for lack of a better term, subsidized the rates of the other classes," he said. "The costs related to the maintenance of the infrastructure — wires and those kinds of things — have been disproportionately assigned to those other nonresidential classes. We've tried to even that out a little bit every time there's a base rate change."

Riley Hill, president and CEO of Southwestern Public Service Company, said that the rate increase is necessary due to the greater need for investment of the region's power grid.

Current base rates, Hill said, are based on 2007 costs. Since then, Xcel Energy has taken on higher maintenance costs for its transmission and distribution system.

"In order to prepare for and sustain growth in our communities, and integrate more renewable energy, we must be able to recover the costs of these investments," Hill said. "But even with the increase, we will remain among the lowest cost providers in Texas - a critical economic drawing card for businesses seeking to expand in this region.'

The rate increase proposal, which was filed with the Public Utility Commission of Texas as well as with the 80 Texas municipalities serviced by Xcel Energy, will now be considered by each of those municipalities' local governments.

In all likelihood, Reeves said, the issue will be appealed to the PUCT, as with past base rate changes. Reeves added that the process usually takes six to nine months and that Monday's filing is just the first

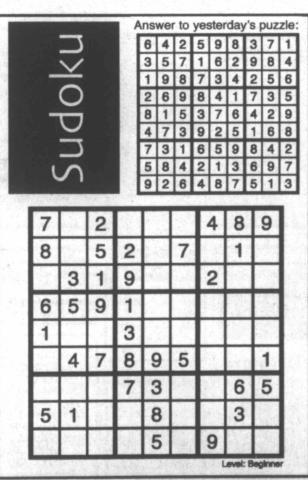
"This is basically the first reading of this," Reeves said. "This is what we've determined to be best, and now the cities will all have a chance to weigh in."

## Funds

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Samaritan Christian Services, Harvest House, Tralee Crisis Center, and Pampa Meals On Wheels participating. These agencies were responsible for providing 3457 meals and 230 nights of lodging.

Public or private voluntary agencies interested in applying for Emergency Food and Shelter Program funds must contact Katrina Bigham at Pampa United Way office at 200 N. Ballard, Suite 105, or call the office at 806-669-1001 for an application.





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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, May 19, 2010:

This year, home and family increase in importance. You could be surprised by an event or happening that heads in from out of left field. Actually, though at first you might be dismayed by the change, it turns out to be most beneficial. If you are single, others find you to be extremely appealing. As a result, you will draw your share of suitors. If you are attached, the two of you reconnect on a deeper level. Caring flows, especially if you honor the friendship that exists between you. LEO is strong-willed, if nothing

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

#### ARIES (March 21-April 19)

\*\*\* How you present a situation could be a lot different from how you heard the facts. Ask yourself what the purpose of this approach is. You can only protect others so much. Someone might challenge you. Tonight: Open up to other possibilities.

#### TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

\*\*\* Return messages and get through calls. A slew of e-mail also might await you. A sense that you might need to change plans emerges. If you simply focus on one task at a time, you will get a lot more done. Try it. Tonight: Your

#### home is your castle. GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

\*\* Be aware of the damages of a decision or heading in a certain direction. Though it might be OK today, it might not feel right later. In the afternoon, clear the air with a discussion. You are more

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OK than you thought. Tonight: Hang out

with friends. CANCER (June 21-July 22)

\*\*\* You have a winning style and manner. You might want to do something differently. Surprising information comes in your direction, presenting a new avenue. Before saying "yes," recognize the costs of a plan. Tonight: Treat yourself and a loved one.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) \*\*\* You are all smiles — finally, you feel revived. Don't take another person's comments personally. You might be misunderstanding the context. Work with an unpredictable loved one. Tonight: Whatever makes the Lion roar.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) \*\* The less said the better. It might be appropriate to stay mum considering another person's surprising decision. There will be more forthcoming, so to stay within is important. What you say right now could change radically. Tonight: A friend demonstrates his or her

#### caring LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

\*\*\* A meeting points you in the right direction. Understand that you are transforming within. As a result, you could be off about what you think you want. Even if someone is forcing your hand, hold back until you are sure of yourself. Tonight: A boss or someone who counts pays you a compliment.

#### SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

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\*\*\* No one is a better manager than you. Circumstances are such that you do want to step up to the plate. An unexpected risk might make you uncomfortable. Be willing to say "no," even if it disappoints someone. Tonight: A must appearance.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) \*\*\* Once more, find your favorite chair, sit down and do some intense reflecting. A situation could be provocative if not handled appropriately. Also, if your attitude were different, the situation might roll off you like water. Tonight: Try a new mind-set. What do you have to

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

\*\* Sometimes it is easier to let a partner do what he or she wants. This person is unusually dramatic and headstrong. You can forewarn him or her, but nothing replaces experience as a teacher. Flex with changing plans. Tonight: Just go along for the ride.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

\*\*\* Others want what they want. You cannot stop them, so step out of the way. Only through the experience can they see what you were referring to. Meanwhile, use some extra time to reorganize a project. Tonight: Squeeze in a

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

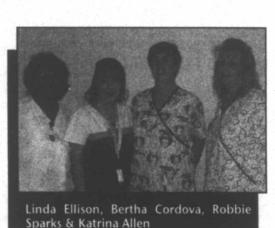
\*\*\* You discover the power of accomplishment. You feel great when you achieve a goal or complete a project. A debate as to how to proceed is important. You want to hear different views. Tonight: Rethink what is said in a meet-

**BORN TODAY** 

Militant black leader Malcolm X (1925), actor James Fox (1939), musician Kyle Eastwood (1968)

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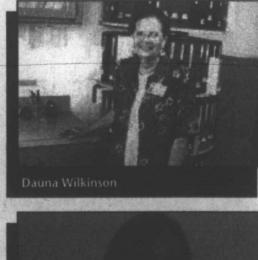
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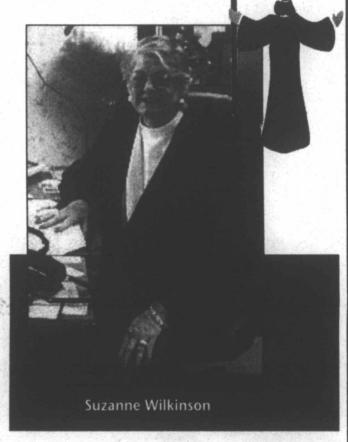












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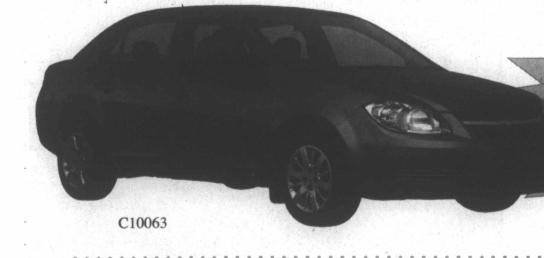


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# Sports

# Seniors leave mark on Lady Harvester softball program

On Saturday, the Lady Harvesters season ended with a 1-0 loss. For a lot of us it ended all too soon. Nonetheless, it was a great season for the Lady Harvesters.

When it's all said and done only one team will finish the season celebrating. Though 16 teams advanced further than Pampa, the Lady Harvesters finished better than a lot of teams. 15 other teams lost in the regional quarterfinals with Pampa. 32 teams lost in the area round, 64 teams lost in the bi-district round. 111 teams season was over after their final district game. Overall, Pampa finished better than or the same as 223 teams which puts them in the top ten percent of high school teams.

This team's success first comes from their coach Bobbi Gill. In the last six seasons, the Lady Harvesters have advanced to at least the regional quarterfinals with two appearances in the regional semifinal. That is a special accomplishment to continually make it that far, and shows the mark of a solid program. Every year a team will lose a group of seniors and to not lose a step, shows this program reloads not rebuild. Which brings me to my next point: the seniors.

Before the season started, the seniors said they wanted to leave their mark on the program. They had two goals before the season,

win district and make it to the fifth round of the playoffs. Though this year's seniors finished a couple rounds short, they still left their mark on the program.

Carlyn Teichmann was a strong pitcher and hitter this season. On the mound, Teichmann was 14-6-1 including a 6-1 record in district play. In most games, Teichmann would finish with 10 or more strikeouts. In district play, Teichmann only surrendered six runs in district and eight runs in three postseason games. Against El Paso Parkland May 7, Teichmann recorded her 500th career strikeout.

With her bat, Teichmann drove in 50 runs. In district play, Teichmann homered against Dumas Hereford in her final two home games. Against Randall on April 6, Teichmann scored the winning run in the bottom of the seventh, which led to Pampa finishing as co-district champions. Teichmann is continuing her playing career at Howard Junior College in Big Spring.

Shelbie Watson was a great defensive player at shortstop and a good power hitter. Against Palo Duro March 18, Watson scored three runs and drove in one. Against Canyon on April 2, Watson was threefor-four with a double, a home run and three RBIs. Against Dumas April 13, Watson was three-for-four



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with a double and one run. Watson was two-for-three against Hereford with a stolen base. In Game One against Abilene Cooper, Watson drove in the tying run. In the second game of that series, Watson drove in a run with a sacrifice fly. In the second game against El Paso Parkland, Watson had a RBI single in the fifth inning. In the first game against Frenship. Watson tripled. Watson finished her career with a single in the seventh inning of Game 2.

On defense, Watson was a forced to be reckoned with, as she fielded just about every ball that came to her. Watson will continue her playing career at Clarendon College.

Like Teichmann, Ashley Facio was a strong pitcher and hitter. Facio went 11-5 and 5-0 in district play. To start her district season, Facio threw a six inning no-hitter against the Palo Duro Lady Dons March 18. In eight appearances in district Facio only gave up nine runs. Facio was 2-1 in the playoffs, only giving

Offensively, Facio drove in two runs against Palo Duro. On April 2, Facio was two-for-four, with one run and drove in one run. Facio scored Pampa's third run of the game against Abilene Cooper May 1. In the first game against El Paso Parkland, Facio drove in a run with a single. In Game Two, Facio hit two doubles against El Paso Parkland, scored one run and drove in run. Facio will continue her playing career at Oklahoma Panhandle State.

Mikaela Flores was a solid pinch runner for the Lady Harvesters, usually courtesy running for Samantha Pearson. Flores accomplishments include one run scored and a stolen base against Canyon April 2. two runs against Randall April 6 and one run against El Paso Parkland May 7.

Brooklyn Barker was a solid designated hitter for Pampa, coming up clutch a couple of times in district. Against Caprock March 26, Barker singled and would eventually score the only run of the game sliding into home above the tag. Against Randall on April 6, Barker hit a two-RBI double that tied the game and a two-out single to win the game. In Game One against Abilene Cooper April 30, Barker hit a line drive that would fall out of the center fielder's glove to extend the inning. Emilie Troxell was a

solid center fielder for the Lady Harvesters. In game two against El Paso Parkland, Troxell made a diving catch in the top of the third and fielded two other outs. Throughout the season, just about every ball that came to Troxell would be caught. Troxell is continuing her education at Oklahoma State University.

In front of every great pitcher is a strong catcher. For Teichmann and Facio, that would be Samantha Pearson. The senior knew how to call a good game behind the plate and did a great job of keeping runners from stealing.

Offensively, Pearson had some pop in her bat. March 18 against Palo Duro, Pearson hit an RBI triple. Pearson hit a sacrifice fly against Canyon April 2, to give Pampa a 3-0 lead in the first inning. The senior catcher was twofor-four against Randall April 6 with one RBI. Pearson hit an RBI double against Dumas April 13. In Game Two against Abilene Cooper, Pearson hit a sacrifice fly to give Pampa a 3-1 lead in the third. Pearson ended the game against El Paso Parkland in Game Two with a single in the sixth, to score Teichmann.

All seven seniors, had similar highlights in the games where I wasn't present. All in all their leadership was big reason for the success this season.

The future for the Lady Harvesters is exciting as well. They've had younger players have an impact on the team. Freshman Bailey Beck was a starter at second base for most of the season. Freshman Claire Hopkins was called up from the junior varsity when district started and started every game from that point. Just about any ball she put in play would be a base hit because of her amazing speed. Sophomore Alanna Stephens spent time at catcher and in the outfield during the season. Stephens had a couple of instances where she came through at the plate. Sophomore McKinlee Stokes was a great utility player and a threat on the base paths. Just about every time she got on base she would steal or advance two bases on a base hit.

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The junior varsity had a strong year winning over 24 games this season. Several of those players should have an impact on varsity in the 2011 season.

The juniors, including Madi Shults, Jordan Mayhew and Shanna Keown, will be the senior leaders next season and will get their opportunity to continue the Lady Harvester winning tradition or better yet raise the bar for the program.

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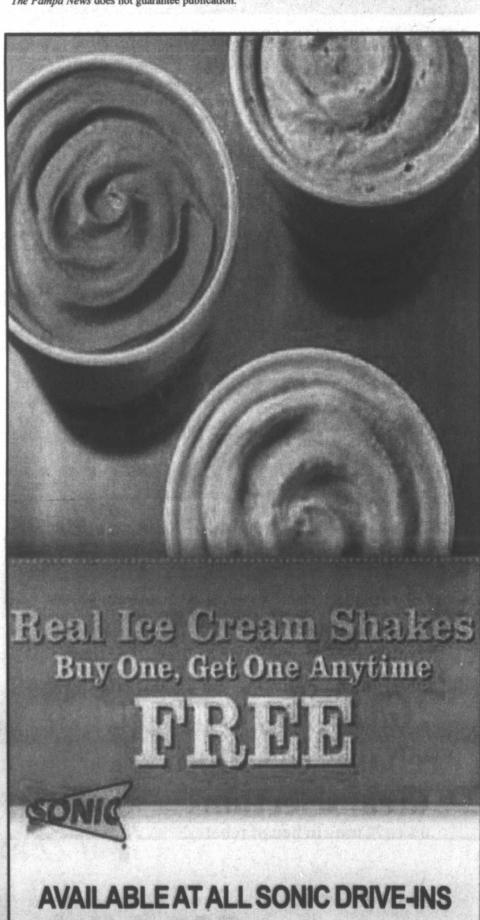
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