



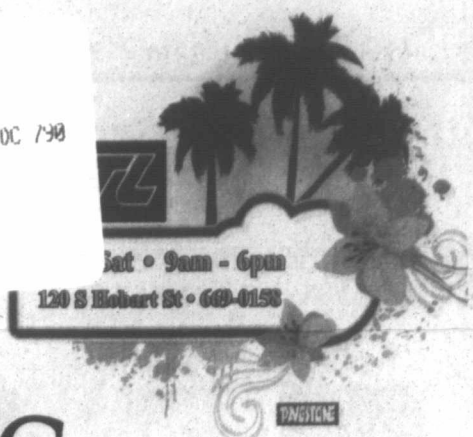
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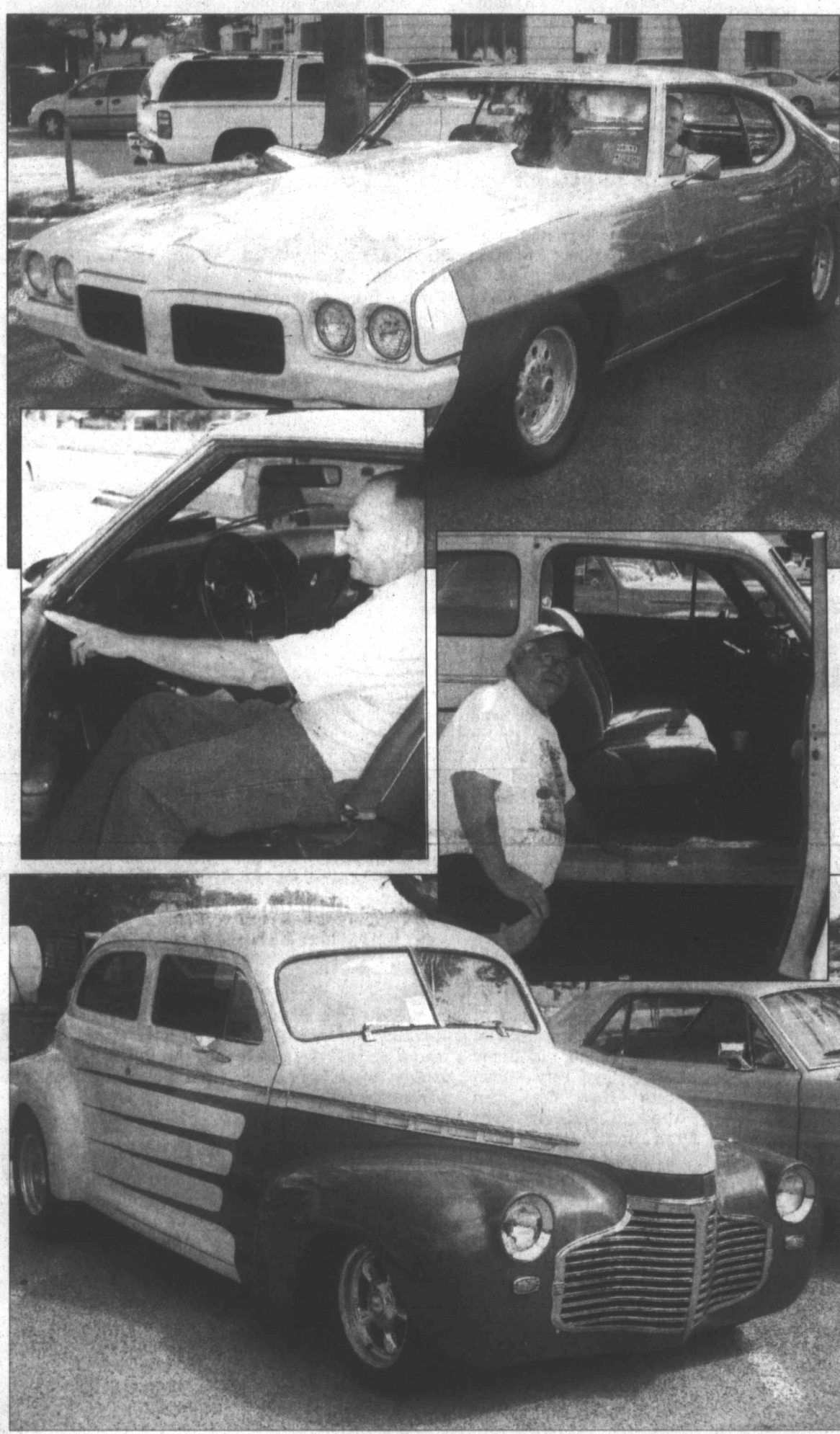
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AUTO-BIOGRAPHIES



staff photos by **Arnie Aurellano**

TOP: Ken Strickland shows off the interior work on his 1970 Pontiac at today's Classic Car Show at First Bank Southwest. The paint job and detail work, freshly done by Uriel Pena, are based on an old race car nicknamed the "Tin Indian." **BOTTOM:** Larry Rose restored this 1941 Chevy from scratch. The car's upholstery and side rails are emblazoned with roses, representing Rose's family-name.

More **CAR SHOW PHOTOS** on page 8

PD bringing 'Code Adam' into Pampa

ARNIE AURELLANO
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Stormy McCullar, the Pampa Police Department's crime prevention officer, is looking to implement the popular "Code Adam" program in local businesses.

"Code Adam," originally created by Wal-Mart in 1994, is a missing child safety program currently in effect in many civic and commercial buildings in the United States and Canada. Named after the 6-year-old son of "America's Most Wanted" host John Walsh who was abducted from a Sears department store in 1981, "Code Adam" trains a company's employees to go through a six-step process to help locate a missing child.

"Code Adam" has been so successful since its inception that a 2003 legislation mandated all federal buildings employ the program. Now, McCullar is looking to bring "Code Adam" to Pampa in the hopes of preventing a possible

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Reminder: Family Bike Ride Saturday

THE PAMPA NEWS

The Family Bike Ride sponsored by the Pampa Chamber of Commerce will begin tomorrow at 10 a.m.

The tour will highlight the outdoor art and architecture in town, according to Chamber director Joe Weaver.

Cyclists should gather at 10 a.m. in the parking lot behind the Pampa Chamber of Commerce building, 200 North Ballard. From there, the ride will proceed to Lovett Memorial Library, past the U.S. Post Office, the White Deer Land Museum and down Million Dollar Row in downtown Pampa. Then the cyclists will pedal up Cuyler across Red Deer Creek and into the Mary Ellen residential area past homes that were built in the 1920s and 1930s.

Pampa High School, Fairview Cemetery, Central Park and Clarendon College-Pampa Center are also stops on the tour.

The entire route is about 10 miles long, and Weaver said that

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STACKING UP

RIGHT: Former Travis Elementary Tigers Ryne Malone (left) and Glen Fernuik (right) help with the speed stacking station during the Travis Field Day.

BOTTOM: Jad McGuire, another former Tiger, assists at the speed stacking station.



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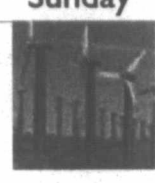
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For the record

PAMPA FORECAST

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		
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High 86 Low 64	High 90 Low 66	High 87 Low 66

Tonight: Isolated showers and thunderstorms before 1am. Some of the storms could be severe. Partly cloudy, with a low around 64. Windy, with a south wind between 20 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20%.

Saturday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 4pm. Partly cloudy, with a high near 90. Windy, with a south wind 15 to 20 mph increasing to between 25 and 30 mph. Winds could gust as high as 40 mph.

Saturday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before 1am. Partly cloudy, with a low around 66. Windy, with a south wind 25 to 30 mph decreasing to between 15 and 20 mph. Winds could gust as high as 40 mph.

Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 87. Windy, with a south wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Sunday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 66. Windy, with a south wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

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DRAG RACES, Sat. May 22, set up 5pm., race at 7pm. Pampa Slot Car, Coronado Center.

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SHERIFF

According to Gray County officials, the following arrests were reported for Wednesday, May 19.

Mark Channing Melton, 45, of Pampa was arrested by the Pampa Police Department for theft of property.

Cliffton Robert Keener, 22, of Lefors was arrested for burglary of habitat at intend other and felony kidnapping.

Jennifer Nichole Jones, 19, of Lefors was arrested for Capias Pro fines, no driver's license, burglary of a habitat at intend other, and felony kidnapping.

Ronald Wayne Brown, 49, of Lefors was arrested for theft of property.

David Wayne Dull, 54, of White Deer was arrested for public intoxication.

PAMPA PD

The Pampa Police Department reported the following calls on Wednesday, May 19.

Pampa officers performed a follow up investigation on the 1100 block of Sumner.

Pampa officers per-

formed a follow up investigation on the 1400 block of Dwight.

Pampa officers performed a follow up investigation on the 300 block of Roberta.

An animal complaint was reported on the 300 block of Craven.

A stray animal was reported on the 1400 block of Francis.

Pampa officers performed a follow up investigation on the 700 block of Malone.

Pampa officers gave an escort to the 1800 block of Harvester.

An alarm was reported in the 1200 block of Williston.

Pampa officers performed a follow up investigation on the 2200 block of Perryton Parkway.

Pampa officers performed a follow up investigation on the 1300 block of Coffee.

A theft was reported on the 200 block of Kingsmill.

Pampa officers performed a follow up investigation at Culberson Stowers.

A civil matter was reported on the 1000 block of Sierra.

A harassing phone call was reported on the 1100

Obituaries

Ray W. Stewart, 84

Ray W. Stewart, 84, passed away on Wednesday, May 19, 2010, in Graham. A graveside service will be held on Friday, May 21, 2010, at 4:00 p.m. in Long Branch Cemetery in Nocona. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, May 22, 2010, at 11:00 a.m. in the First United Methodist Church in Graham. Arrangements are under the direction of Morrison Funeral Home.

Ray was born on June 5, 1925, in Montague County to the late Leonard Athol

"Bug" and Lota Fanny (Pemberton) Stewart. He married Alice Louise Boling on January 1, 1949, in Albany. She preceded him in death on September 8, 2006. Ray was a former resident of Pampa before moving to Graham in 2003. He was an honorary member of the Graham Evening Lions Club.

Survivors include: daughters, Kathy Guinn and husband, Neal of Graham and Carolyn Stroud and husband, Hugh of Graham; brothers, J.P. Stewart and wife, Corky

of Ponca City, Oklahoma, and Burr Zachary of Santa Monica, CA; grandchildren, Rhendy Mullins, Amy Stone, Nathaniel Guinn, Allison Guinn, Paul and Ben Stroud, Zack Steele, and Sara Hill; great-grandchildren, Brianna and Jonathan Mullins and Jackson Stone.

He was preceded in death by brothers, W. E. "Red" Stewart, Alton Stewart, Roy Stewart, Jim Stewart, and F.M. "Smokey" Zachary.



Ray W. Stewart

Dean Conner, 65

Pampa — Dean Conner, 65, passed away on May 20, 2010 in Amarillo, Texas.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Conner was born July 17, 1944 in Pampa. She married Joe Conner on March 28, 1964. She lived in Arlington, San Juan, Puerto Rico, Anchorage, Alaska, Allen and Waco, but always considered Pampa

her home. She retired in 2001 as a supervisor with Raytheon Corporation in Waco. She attended Central Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband: Joe Conner of the home; a son: Barry Conner of Amarillo; grandson: Garrett Conner of Irving; daughter-in-law: Tena Conner of Amarillo; niece: Sandra Hartley of Pampa; and father-in-law: Frank Conner of Pampa; and

numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins. Dean was preceded in death by her parents: Dub and Mildred Morris; 2 sisters: Fern Rains and Mary Watson; and 1 brother: William Morris.



Dean Conner

Dicie Snitker, 99

Dicie Snitker, 99, passed away Tuesday, May 18, 2010. Services will be held at 2:00 PM, Friday, May 21, at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel in Muleshoe with Rev. Sam White, pastor of North Plains Christian Church of Dumas officiating. Burial will be in Enochs Cemetery by Ellis Funeral Home. Local arrangements are by Morrison Funeral Directors.

Dicie Snitker was born April 5, 1911 in Grayson County. On December 11,

1927 she married C.C. "Clifford" Snitker. He preceded her in death in October 1992. She was a devoted homemaker, wife, mother and grandmother. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends. She was a member of First Baptist Church of Enochs and worked in the church nursery for many years.

She was also preceded in death by two sons, J.C. and Stanley Snitker.

Survivors include; her son, Curtis Snitker of Hart;

a brother, Ray Shults of Pampa; 11 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, and 10 great-great-grandchildren.

The family wishes to express their thanks and gratitude to all of the staff at Memorial Hospice and Memorial Nursing and Rehab for their care and concern for Dicie during her illness.

The family suggests memorials be to Memorial Hospice, 224 E. 2nd, Dumas, TX 79029 or to



Dicie Snitker

Memorial Nursing and Rehabilitation, 302 E. 2nd, Dumas, TX 79029.

Cops' Corner

I was made aware of a scam from a citizen of Pampa called the Sonic Cash Pay Day Loan Scam. How the scam works is someone calls you up and tells you that you have a loan out with Sonic Payday and that you are default on the loan. They then go on to tell you that you have a warrant and if you do not show up for court the next day, you will be arrested. The scammer's claim the Sheriff's department; Police Department; FBI or the Secret Service will pick you up at home

or place of employment and take you to jail. The scammers will then try to get you to take care of the warrant by making a payment over the phone with a credit card or other form of immediate payment.

If you have fallen victim to this scam by giving money to these scammers please call the Secret Service immediately at 1-989-497-0580 and mention the Sonic Cash Pay Day Loan Scam. Please call only if you have given money to these scammers. If someone calls you in reference to this scam,

we ask you to tell them you have already spoken to the Police Department and you know this is a scam.

If you have any questions regarding Cop's Corner please contact Officer McCullar at the Pampa Police Department.

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Stormy McCullar

block of Perryton Parkway.

Pampa officers performed a follow up investigation on the 1000 block of Dwight.

A traffic complaint was taken on the 1200 block of Price Road.

A burglary was reported on the 400 block of Brown.

An alarm was reported in the 2200 block of Perryton Parkway.

A civil matter was reported on the 1000 block of Sierra.

Pampa officers performed a follow up investigation on the 100 block of Faulkner.

Pampa officers performed a follow up investigation on the 2100 block of Sumner.

Pampa officers performed a follow up investigation on the 1100 block of Christy.

Pampa officers performed a follow up investigation on the 400 block of Oklahoma st.

Pampa officers performed a follow up investigation on the 1700 block of Hamilton.

An accident was reported on the 2100 block of Hobart.

An accident was reported on the 100 block of 30th Ave.

Criminal mischief was reported on the 200 block of Kingsmill.

A warrant was served in the 200 block of Kingsmill.

Carbon Monoxide was reported on the 1400 block of Russell.

A sex offender registered at the Pampa Police Department.

A sex offender registered at the Pampa Police Department.

An escort was given to Price Road and Alcock.

Lost property was reported in the 200 block of Kingsmill.

A theft was reported on the 200 block of Kingsmill.

A civil matter was reported on the 200 block of Kingsmill.

An accident was reported on the 600 block of West st.

Disorderly conduct was reported on the 1600 block of Somerville.

An accident was reported on Browning and Magnolia.

Disorderly conduct was reported on the 100 block of Harvester.

A domestic disturbance was reported on the 2800 block of Charles.

Disorderly conduct was reported on the 700 block of Magnolia.

A domestic disturbance was reported on the 1300 block of Coffee.

Pampa officers performed a follow up investigation on the 200 block of Kingsmill.

An accident was reported on the 100 block of Coronado Dr.

A theft was reported on the 1100 block of Sirroco.

A domestic disturbance was reported on the 1600 block of Christine.

A traffic complaint was taken on the 1300 block of Hobart.

A suspicious vehicle was reported on Hobart and Foster.

An alarm was reported on the 1100 block of Starkweather.

An alarm was reported on the 1500 block of Hobart.

Pampa officers performed a traffic stop on Alcock and Dwight.

A threat was reported in the 800 block of Nelson.

Disorderly conduct was reported on the 400 block of Somerville.

A suspicious vehicle was reported on Barnes and Crawford.

A theft was reported on the 100 block of Starkweather.

An open door was

reported on the 1300 block of Hobart.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported on the 1900 block of Nelson.

An accident was reported on the 200 block of Miami.

The Pampa Police Department recieved fifteen animal related calls, 5 information calls, 6 medical calls and 2 agency assist calls.

FIRE

The Pampa Fire Department performed a fire investigation in the 2100 block of Mary Ellen.



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No drought yet, but parts of Texas seeing dry conditions

ROBERT BURNS
Special to the Pampa News

COLLEGE STATION — No one is calling it drought yet, but some parts of the state were getting extremely dry, according to Texas AgriLife Extension Service personnel.

Of course, as Texas is a big state, it all depends upon where you are. Lack of rain and windy conditions continued to dry out topsoils and stress dryland crops in some areas, but thanks to earlier rains, soil moisture reserves ranged from adequate to high. In other regions, such as the Rolling Plains, things were just fine, with plenty of rain and sunshine, according to reports from AgriLife Extension agents.

Another example was the Coastal Bend area, which got enough rain to flood some fields. In the North, after a winter and spring that made it too wet to get into fields, it was too dry in some counties to make hay, too wet in others.

However, most of East Texas remained dry, with many counties behind by 6 inches or more in long-term averages for the year. Chad Gulley, AgriLife Extension agent for Nacogdoches County, said his area is about 8 inches to 9 inches behind normal for the year.

"We keep having these little showers push through, but they break up and dissipate before they get to us," Gulley said. "It's pretty tough, I've talked to some farmers and ranchers who have been baling some ryegrass hay, and once that is baled, they're not going to be getting a second cutting unless it rains."

Gulley said some ranchers, who came into the year with short hay stocks, were forced to feed hay.

"That's pretty early for us," Gulley said. In the Tyler area, Bryan Triplett, AgriLife Extension agent for Smith County Smith County, said it's pretty much the same story. Long-term average rainfall for the year should be more than 17 inches.

"But we've gotten less than 13 (inches)," Triplett said. "The forage grasses are not growing, and we've got producers looking for hay to feed."

Forages were late coming out of dormancy because of cooler-than-normal weather, he said.

"And when they did come out of dormancy, there was no moisture for them to grow."

In Houston County, east of Lufkin, Jennifer Allen, AgriLife Extension agent, said things were getting severely dry, and producers were getting extremely concerned, not having been able to take a first cutting of warm-season grass hay yet. Then the county got a good two- to three-hour drenching.

"We got just a ton of rain yesterday (May 17)," she said. "I haven't had a chance to see exactly how much we got, but it's going to make a big difference."

The following summaries were compiled by AgriLife Extension district reporters:

CENTRAL: Some parts of the region received rain while others remained in dire need of moisture. Corn and sorghum crops in particular needed a good rain. Some pastures showed signs of drought stress as the recent high winds depleted most topsoil moisture. Cattle were looking better but some still needed to gain more weight to make up for lost pounds during the winter months.

COASTAL BEND: Rain provided much needed moisture, but caused minor flooding in some fields and pastures. High winds laid over some corn and sorghum. The wheat harvest was under way. Sweet corn was tasseled; field corn was close to the tasseled-out stage. Cotton was growing well with some fields being treated for flea hoppers. Rice fields had been flushed about three times by most producers. Hay meadows were too dry to get first

cuttings, but many producers baled winter grasses. The rains should boost forage production and allow warm-season grasses to resume growth so pastures can recover, according to AgriLife Extension agent reports. The pecan crop looked fair. Most producers had already sprayed for pecan-nut casebearer.

EAST: Most of the area received only from 0.2 of an inch to 0.6 of an inch of rain, and many pastures and crops showed signs of drought stress. Producers continued to cut ryegrass where possible. With hot daytime temperatures and high winds, topsoil moisture continued to evaporate. Livestock were in good condition. Feral hogs continued to be active.

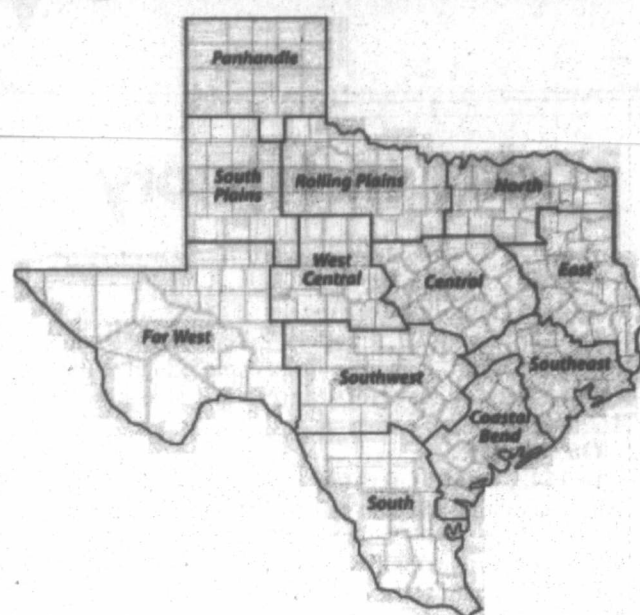
FAR WEST: The weather was windy with no precipitation. Rangeland continued to deteriorate. Plant wilting was evident. Red flag warnings for wildfire remained in place. Fall-planted onions were bulbing. Pecans were pollinating. Producers took the first cutting of alfalfa and were planting cotton and sunflowers.

NORTH: There was a wide range of moisture levels throughout the area. Soil moisture levels ranged from short to adequate as strong winds dried topsoil. The warmer weather helped pastures, but in some parts of the region, corn and other row crops needed rain. In other parts, wheat and other small grains were almost completely headed out and doing very well, and corn, soybeans, and sorghum were all in fair to good condition. Some producers were cutting early season hay, but there were no yield reports yet. Cutting of ryegrass pastures for hay was in full swing. Nighttime temperatures remained too cool for Bermuda grass growth. Cotton was 90 percent to 100 percent planted, and oats were harvested. Livestock condition improved. Feral hogs continued to be a major problem, and the fly population was increasing.

PANHANDLE: The weather was warm and dry early in the reporting period, then a cold front brought cooler temperatures and rain. The rain helped to replenish soil moisture that was lost earlier due to high winds. Most wheat was heading out and was good condition. Dryland wheat showed moisture stress. Producers continued to cut wheat for hay on the fields where the yield potential was not as high as originally hoped. Strong winds burned newly emerged corn, and some fields might have to be replanted. Growers were prepping fields for planting other spring crops. Rangeland was in good to excellent condition, and cattle gains were good.

ROLLING PLAINS: Soil moisture levels remained high, rains plentiful, and days were sunny and moderately warm. Pastures were in good to excellent shape due to the past rains. Early cooler weather caused cotton producers to plant five to seven days later than normal. The wheat crop began to mature, but widespread rust damage was reported. Livestock were in good to excellent condition thanks to an abundance of new-growth forage. The pecan crop appeared to be from fair to good. The peach crop looked good to excellent.

SOUTH: Soil moisture ranged from 50 to 100 percent adequate throughout most of the region, but 45 to 100 percent short in the Maverick and Zavala counties. Persistent dry and windy conditions combined with hot temperatures and steady winds were the rule. Good-quality oats were being baled for hay. In the northern part of the region, cotton and sorghum continued to develop, corn was at the silk stage, and peanut producers prepared equipment for planting. In the eastern part of the region, small grains and cotton made excellent progress. In the western part of the region, corn, sorghum and cotton did well following irrigation applications. Also in the east, dryland sorghum showed slight signs of moisture stress. Growers were harvesting cabbage, wheat and some onions. In the southern part of the region, spring crops



were progressing well. Also in that area, producers were harvesting onions and hay. Daytime temperatures of 90 to 100 degrees, hot evenings and high evaporation rates rapidly decreased stock-water tank levels, but beef cattle remained in fair to good condition due to good grazing.

SOUTH PLAINS: The weather was sporadic, with temperatures 90 degrees one day and 57 degrees the next. Winds were high much of the reporting period, but the region did receive from 0.25 to 1.5 inches of rain. Soil moisture was adequate. Winter wheat was in the flowering to grain development stages, and in fair to good condition. However, many wheat fields were cut and baled for hay. Corn planting neared completion. Planting of peanuts, sunflowers, sorghum and cotton continued as weather permitted. Pastures and rangeland were in fair to good condition. Cattle continued to be in good condition.

SOUTHWEST: The region received from 1 inch to 6 inches of rain, which provided a big boost to spring crops. The south central portion of the region, from Medina through Bandera and Gillespie counties, received the heaviest rain concentrations of more than 6 inches, which caused some flooding. Overall, the rain was a welcomed relief as rainfall since mid-March had been about 40 percent of the long-term average. Crops under dryland conditions perked up, and farmers turned off their irrigation systems, which had been running at full capacity. Wheat continued to dry down. The rain interrupted the wheat harvest that had just begun. Forage availability remained above average for this time of the year. The rain interrupted the spring onion, cabbage and broccoli harvests, but AgriLife Extension agents expected operations would resume soon as fields dried down. Corn, cotton, sorghum, peanuts, watermelons, cantaloupes and potatoes made excellent progress.

WEST CENTRAL: The region saw warmer temperatures with high winds with a few areas receiving scattered showers. Some producers began to plant cotton. Previous rains in many areas so saturated soil that cotton planting will be delayed until fields dry out. Wheat was nearly ready for harvest in many areas. Rangeland and pasture conditions remained very good. Livestock were in good to excellent condition. Growers were spraying for pecan-nut casebearer as winds died down.

Ride

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he expects the tour to last about two hours.

Helmets will be required of all cyclists. Those on the tour should bring water and snacks, Weaver said, and Dolly's Restaurant will offer free drinks and bread pudding with the purchase of a meal to all riders.

Adam

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missing child issue before it happens.

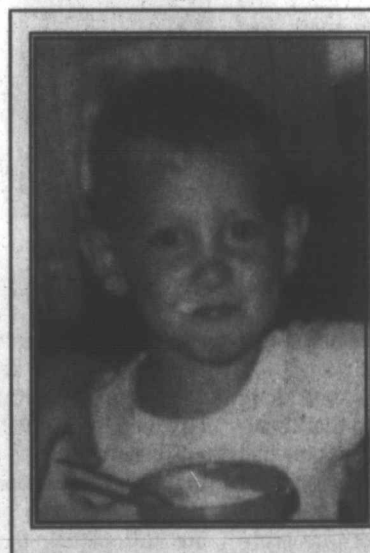
"The deal is that people need to have a plan when a kid goes missing," McCullar said. "Typically, it's just that they've been separated from the parent for a little while, but just in case we do run into a situation with a missing child, I feel like we need to be prepared."

McCullar said that the police department is offering the program free of charge as a service to local businesses.

"Code Adam" is a very good program and I think that businesses in Pampa really need it," she said. "That's why we're offering the program, and we really hope that people use it. It's free and it's easy. We just want to help businesses here in Pampa just in case it does come up."



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Today in History

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Today's Highlight in History:

On May 21, 1927, Charles A. Lindbergh landed his Spirit of St. Louis near Paris, completing the first solo airplane flight across the Atlantic Ocean in 33 1/2 hours.

On this date:

In 1542, Spanish explorer Hernando de Soto died while searching for gold along the Mississippi River.

In 1832, the first Democratic National Convention got under way, in Baltimore.

In 1881, Clara Barton founded the American Red Cross.

In 1910, a year-old Jewish settlement near the port city of Jaffa adopted the name Tel Aviv (Hebrew for "Hill of Spring").

In 1932, Amelia Earhart became the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean as she landed in Northern Ireland, about 15 hours after leaving Newfoundland.

In 1956, the United States detonated the first airborne hydrogen bomb over Bikini Atoll in the Pacific.

In 1979, former San Francisco City Supervisor Dan White was convicted of voluntary manslaughter in the slayings of Mayor George Moscone and openly gay Supervisor Harvey Milk; outrage over the verdict sparked rioting. (White was sentenced to seven years and eight months in prison; he ended up serving five years and committed suicide in 1985.)

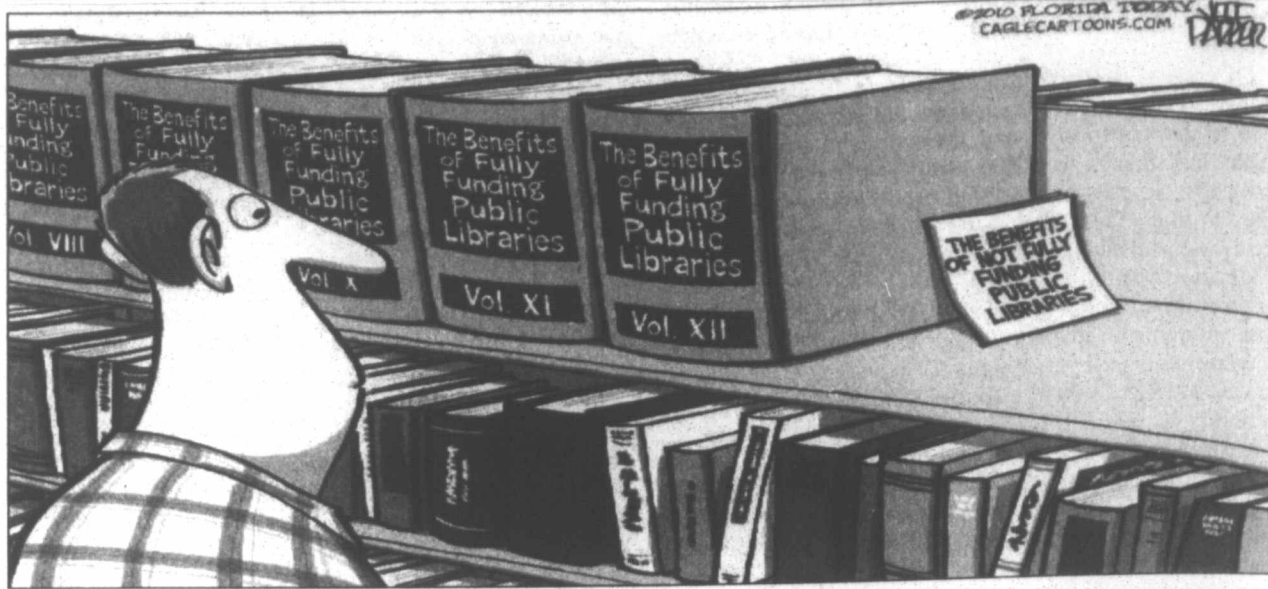
Ten years ago: Nineteen people were killed when a charter plane crashed in the Pocono Mountains in Pennsylvania.

Five years ago: Afleet Alex regained his footing and his drive after being cut off by Scrapy T in a frightening collision and breezed home to win the Preakness Stakes; Kentucky Derby winner Giacomo finished third.

One year ago: President Barack Obama made his case for closing the Guantanamo prison camp, denouncing what he called "fear-mongering" by political opponents. Former Pfc. Steven Dale Green, convicted of raping a 14-year-old Iraqi girl and killing her and her family, was spared the death penalty after jurors in Paducah, Ky. couldn't agree unanimously on a punishment.

Today's Birthdays: Rhythm-and-blues singer Ron Isley (The Isley Brothers) is 69. Rock musician Hilton Valentine (The Animals) is 67. Actor Richard Hatch is 65. Singer Leo Sayer is 62. Actress Carol Potter is 62. Sen. Al Franken (D-Minn.) is 59. Actor Mr. T is 58. Actor Judge Reinhold is 53. Actor-director Nick Cassavetes is 51. Actor Brent Briscoe is 49. Actress Lisa Edelstein is 42. Actress Fairuza Balk is 36. Rapper Havoc (Mobb Deep) is 36. Actress Ashlie Brillault is 23. Actor Scott Leavenworth is 20. Actress Sarah Ramos is 19.

Thought for Today: "Ideals are like stars; you will not succeed in touching them with your hands. But like the seafaring man on the desert of waters, you choose them as your guides, and following them you will reach your destiny." — Carl Schurz, American politician (1829-1906).



How do you know when to upgrade?

When a new operating system is released, we often receive hundreds of calls asking for more information and whether they should upgrade.

The answer varies depending on the user and the funds available. Typical questions that are asked include: "Do I have to upgrade?" "What is it like?" "Is it right for me?" "What are the benefits?" and "How much does it cost?"

Are you thinking about upgrading your system? Have you found yourself asking those questions lately?

Well, we're here to help, so let's get started.

When a computer is purchased, it will have the current operating system pre-installed. It is common for the same model/brand of computer to have one operating system pre-installed one month and the following month to come with a newer operating system installed. Microsoft releases minor updates periodically and major releases every 3-5 years. Each major release requires a new license and typically requires a new purchase. The new releases have new features and support newer devices and hardware. New releases also typically require more hardware resources and more processing power. Microsoft has a support policy that eventually stops development and updates for the older operating systems, so that may be a reason to upgrade as well.

Before upgrading, there are some questions that need to be answered.

• Is all the software/hardware you want to use compatible with your current operating system? If



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the answer is no, an upgrade may be necessary. Be careful to make sure that the new operating system will support your older software/hardware. You may have to purchase newer software/hardware if you upgrade.

• Do you have newer hardware? If you don't have hardware that is less than a year old, the new operating system may not support it. Manufacturers typically write drivers for current operating systems and are sometimes slow to support legacy or older equipment. So in this case, an operating system upgrade will be a hardware upgrade as well.

• Do I need/want features that are available in the new operating system? If you need the new features and have considered the previous two questions, then an upgrade is recommended.

• Am I happy with my current computer/operating system? If you are happy with the features and everything works OK, there is nothing that requires you to upgrade.

Speaking specifically about the transition from XP/Vista to Windows

7, each release of Microsoft Windows is more secure than the previous version and is more stable as well.

Windows 7 has numerous features that may be enough to entice you to upgrade. For one, Windows 7 is the most stable operating system that Microsoft has to date. Multitasking is greatly improved so you can work on many things at a time without worrying if the system is going to crash.

If multimedia is important to you, Windows 7 has an abundance of technologies that allow you to play music, photos, and video. Windows 7 also incorporates many Internet technologies, allowing you to communicate through e-mail, instant messaging, and video easily.

The biggest thing that Microsoft has improved in its newest operating system is compatibility. Windows 7 has a Windows XP virtual mode that has near 100% compatibility with older software written for DOS and Windows XP.

As you can see, the answer depends on your needs and also your budget. In our office, we have a mixture of all three operating systems. I have two laptops, one has Windows 7 and one has Windows Vista. The one I use primarily for business has Windows Vista and I don't have a reason to upgrade it at this time.

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Recession gives us chance to evaluate choices

As a child in the 1960's it was always fun to hear the adults talk about the Great Depression in hushed tones and watch them squirrel money away, just in case. The boom years of that decade made their behavior seem quaint. Even the short-lived recessions of the 1970's and '80's weren't enough to change that perspective.

Americans saved less and less and bought more and more on credit. Whatever lessons were learned by our parents were apparently hopelessly lost on us. We marched in the streets for equal rights and somehow worked that into a grand sense of entitlement.

Then, September of 2008 came along and took a very sharp pin to that financial bubble. The Great Recession had already officially begun nine months earlier and the roots of it were at least a few years old. But its real origins probably dated back to when McMansions became acceptable in small lots in the late '70's and people paid more for tire rims than they put into their child's orthodontics. Ridiculousness was in vogue.

The eventual financial folderol that went on with people buying big houses without a job and poor credit and then the loans being bundled and sold over and over again, passing through a lot of formerly staid financial houses ended up costing a lot of people their jobs, their homes and their 401k's.

Unlike the previous recessions everyone was affected, some more than others and there were a lot of people who were financially hammered who had done everything by the book. Seniors



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who had saved up for retirement and invested in what looked like reasonable securities watched everything evaporate. Parents planning for college who had put money away in state run funds watched some of those funds turn up empty. Employees who had shown up early and stayed late for years on end found out that loyalty wasn't going to buy them much and were laid off.

So, here we are at the exit door to the Great Recession as things start to slowly ease. The big financial houses are still paying themselves ridiculous bonuses and the hearings, lawsuits and criminal trials are all just getting started. Those will play out for at least another decade.

But what about the average taxpayer who got a real eyeful of how much they're valued by big business, big government or even their own community? Some of it was good news but a lot of it was the cold shoulder along with the bill.

There are a few good questions we need to ask ourselves and this time have a lot more discipline about the answers and the necessary actions than we've managed to show in the past. Let's start with a long look at the idea of bailouts and who should qualify. It was easier for a few years there to get a billion

dollar interest free loan for companies that had poor credit than it was for a small business in good standing to get a relatively small line of credit. The smaller business would have also owed more in interest.

There have been a lot of cries of 'socialism' about the bailouts but if there was any aspect it was that the companies were willing to accept them without having to pay their due.

On the personal level, we can all stand a good long look at how much we had invested in ourselves every month whether it was in the form of real dollars or even education to stay current. There was a general lack of honesty when it came to applying for credit cards about how much we could afford. That was possible because of how few of us even made up a household budget that showed exactly how much money comes in the door and how much goes out and to where. We largely ignored it all and hoped for the best.

Now, we are thankfully getting a second chance. There's a possibility that because of all the euro nonsense going on with Greece that this is only a breather. Either way, here's our opportunity to try out some new behaviors that will lessen our personal drama should we lose another job or watch our investments seep away.

Then, the next time we can also make better choices about what we do with the large insolvent corporations that have their hands out because we won't be as interdependent on the outcome.

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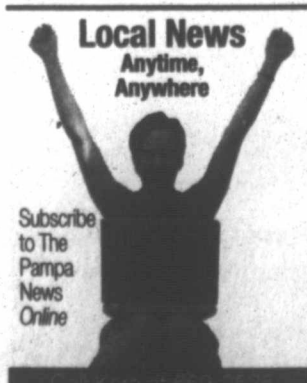
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Outrage growing over oil spill

GRAND ISLE, La. (AP) — Thick, sticky oil crept deeper into delicate marshes of the Mississippi Delta, an arrival dreaded for a month since the crude started spewing into the Gulf, as anger and frustration mounted over efforts to plug the gusher from a blown-out well and contain the spill.

Up to now, only tar balls and a sheen of oil had come ashore. But brown and vivid orange globs and sheets of foul-smelling oil the consistency of latex paint have begun coating the reeds and grasses of Louisiana's wetlands, home to rare birds, mammals and a rich variety of marine life.

A deep, stagnant ooze sat in the middle of a particularly devastated marsh off the Louisiana coast where Emily Guidry Schatzel of the National Wildlife Federation was examining stained reeds.

"This is just heartbreaking," she said with a sigh. "I can't believe it."

On Friday, officials in the island resort community of Grand Isle, south of New Orleans, announced they were closing the public beach because thick globs of oil that looked like melted chocolate were washing up.

Ralph Morgenweck of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service said countless animals could be feeling the effects of the spill, though workers have found only a handful hurt or injured.

BP PLC was leasing the Deepwater Horizon rig when it exploded April 20, killing 11 workers and triggering the massive spill. The company conceded Thursday what some scientists have been saying for weeks: More oil is flowing from the leak than BP and the Coast Guard had previously estimated.

"It's anger at the people who are supposed to be driving the ship don't have any idea what's going on," said E.J. Boles, 55, a musician from Big Pine Key, Fla. "Why wouldn't they have any contingency plan? I'm not a genius and even I would have thought of that."

The BP executive in charge of fighting the spill, Chief Operating Officer Doug Suttles, said he understands the public frustration. He told the CBS "Early Show" on Friday that in the worst case scenario, the gusher could continue until early August, when a new well being drilled to cap the flow permanently could be finished.

But Suttles said he believes the rich Gulf environment will recover, in part because it is a large body of water and has withstood other oil spills.

"I'm optimistic, I'm very optimistic that the Gulf will fully recover," Suttles said on CBS.

A live video feed of the underwater gusher, posted online after lawmakers exerted pressure on BP, is sure to fuel the anger.

It shows what appears to be a large plume of oil and gas still spewing into the water next to the stopper-and-tube combination that BP inserted to carry some of the crude to the surface. The House committee website where the video was posted promptly crashed because so many people were trying to view it.

"BP has lost all credibility ... It's clear that they have been hiding the actual consequences of this spill," said U.S. Rep. Edward J. Markey, D-Mass.

At least 6 million gallons have gushed into the Gulf since the explosion, more than half of what the Exxon Valdez tanker spilled in Alaska in 1989. A growing number of scientists believe it's more.

BP spokesman Mark Proegler told The Associated Press that the mile-long tube inserted into a leaking pipe over the weekend is capturing 210,000 gallons of oil a day — the total amount the company and the Coast Guard have estimated is gushing into the sea — but some is still escaping. He would not say how much.

Washington, meanwhile, has turned up the pressure on BP.

The Obama administration asked the company to be more open with the public by sharing such information as measurements of the leak and the trajectory of the spill. BP has been accused of covering up the magnitude of the disaster.

Also, the Environmental Protection Agency directed BP to employ a less toxic form of the chemical dispersants it has been using to break up the oil and keep it from reaching the surface.

BP is marshaling equipment for an attempt as early as Sunday at a "top kill," which involves pumping heavy mud into the top of the blown-out well to try to plug the gusher.

If it doesn't work, the backup plans include a "junk shot" — shooting golf balls, shredded tires, knotted rope and other material into the well to clog it up.

"We're now looking at a scenario where response plans include lighting the ocean on fire, pouring potent chemicals into the water, and using trash and human hair to stop the flow of oil," said Michael Brune, executive director of the Sierra Club, in a letter to President Barack Obama calling for a formal moratorium on new offshore drilling permits. "If this is the backup plan, we need to rethink taking the risk in the first place."

Jobless rates drop in 34 states and DC

WASHINGTON (AP) — Unemployment rates fell in a majority of states last month as improved economic conditions spurred hiring.

The Labor Department said Friday that 34 states and the District of Columbia reported lower jobless rates in April. Six states reported higher rates, while 10 saw unemployment hold steady.

That marked an improvement from March when 16 states and D.C. reported declines in unemployment, 22 states saw increases, and 12 had no change, according to revised figures.

South Carolina's rate fell to 11.6 percent in April, from 12.1 percent in March. That marked the largest monthly drop of any state.

After cutting their work forces to the bone during the recession, companies are starting to boost hiring as their sales and profits improve.

Nationwide, employers added a net 290,000 job in April, the most in four years, the department reported earlier this month. The U.S. unemployment rate, though, rose to 9.9 percent as hundreds of thousands of job hunters — feeling more confident about their prospects — resumed or started searches.

Even as the employment picture is less bleak in many states and the nation as a whole, many economists predict it will take years for the job market to get back to normal.

A normal nationwide unemployment rate typically hovers around 5.5 to 6 percent. It's going to be a long slog because economic growth isn't robust enough for companies to ramp up hiring and quickly drive down the jobless rate.

Michigan, whose manufacturing base was clobbered by the recession, once again recorded the highest unemployment rate of any state — 14 percent. The rate dipped from 14.1 percent in March.

Nevada was close behind. Its rate rose to 13.7 percent last month, the highest on records dating back to 1976.

California rounded out the top three with a rate of 12.6 percent, unchanged from March. Nevada and California — state at the heart of the housing boom — have been slammed by the market's bust and have been swamped by a wave of foreclosures.

North Dakota again had the lowest jobless rate — 3.8 percent. That's down from 4 percent in March.

It was followed by South Dakota, whose rate dipped to 4.1 percent in April, from 4.8 percent in March, and Nebraska at 4.2 percent, unchanged from the previous month.

Friday's report also said that a majority of states saw employers boost jobs in April. The top three gainers: Ohio, with 37,300 new jobs; Pennsylvania, with 34,000 net new jobs; and New York with 32,700.

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Republic of Texas men facing charges

KERRVILLE (AP) — A local father and son facing criminal charges related to their status as Republic of Texas officials contend they're being illegally persecuted for their politics.

Prosecutors say they're merely upholding the laws of the state of Texas.

Charles Tiller IV, 41, is accused of falsely identifying himself as a peace officer for having an emblem on his vehicle that featured a star and the words "Bexar County Sheriff's Department" and "Republic of Texas."

Tiller said there's nothing illegal about the emblem or his role as deputy with the group that asserts Texas is an independent nation whose government was reactivated in 2005 after 163 years of dormancy.

"If it said 'Sheriff's Department of Never Never Land' would they have arrested me?" he asked. "Probably not."

His father, Charles Tiller III, faces a felony charge of impersonating a public servant for identifying himself as a constable when trying to order a badge last September from a firm that supplies peace officers, according to the Feb. 12 indictment.

A motion filed by defense attorney Jerry Phillips says the elder Tiller, 65, "believes this is a political persecution rather than a legitimate prosecution," and that his rights of free speech and assembly are being abridged.

A trial setting this week was canceled after both sides agreed to seek a ruling by state District Judge Keith Williams on whether the allegation, if true, meets the statutory requirement that the alleged impersonator tried "to induce another to submit to his pretended official authority."

"There's not any law against purchasing a badge," Phillips said. "They may not like his politics, but they can't just bend the law to slap him."

District Attorney Bruce Curry said the charge would be dropped if Williams, at a hearing set for June 17, concludes Tiller didn't try to induce the badge-vendor to submit to his pretended authority.

The cases are being followed by fellow "Texians," said Ed Brannum, who calls himself a senator for the Republic of Texas.

"They really don't have a case (against the Tillers) unless they recognize the Republic of Texas," he said Thursday. "I'd love to see them do that."

The group lacks formal membership, and Brannum couldn't estimate the number of its "citizens."

"We're trying to have a free country," he said. "We're against property taxes, toll roads, putting meters on farmers' and ranchers' wells, and tagging everybody's animals."

The younger Tiller's trial, set for Sept. 15, may include as a witness state District Judge Rex Emerson.

Emerson this week confirmed he alerted authorities Dec. 18 about the odd emblem he spotted on a car parked at a local shop.

There's no allegation that Tiller, who identified himself to officers as a deputy for the republic, tried to take any actions such as issuing tickets.

Tiller says his right to free speech has been violated because of society's view of the once-radical political group that he now likens to a club.

"I don't even have a gun, but because the name 'Republic of Texas' is there, everyone gets upset," he said.

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Texas unemployment falls, jobs rise

AUSTIN (AP) — The unemployment rate in Texas rose slightly to 8.3 percent in April, although the number of jobs grew for the fourth consecutive month, a state agency said Friday.

The jobless rate increased after holding steady at 8.2 percent the first three months of 2010, while Texas added 32,500 nonagricultural jobs in April for a total increase of 79,000 jobs so far this year, according to the Texas Workforce Commission.

The commission said the work force in Texas grew by 51,000 in April, outpacing the increase in jobs.

"The Texas labor force is expanding at a record pace, and there is stiff competition for all these new jobs," said Ronny Congleton, the commissioner representing labor.

The Texas unemployment rate remained below the national figure of 9.9 percent.

Workforce Commission Chairman Tom Pauken says the April employment results were "mixed."

"We did experience job growth in a number of industries," Pauken said.

Education and health services had the biggest increase in April at 14,800 jobs, while construction added 10,600. Professional and business services was up by 7,900 jobs.

Unemployment rates are adjusted for seasonal trends in hiring and firing, which most economists believe gives a better picture of the job market.

Without the seasonal adjustment, the Texas jobless rate fell to 8.1 percent in April from 8.2 percent in March.

Amarillo and Midland held the state's lowest local rate, which is not seasonally adjusted. The following are the preliminary April jobless rates for specific areas of Texas, with revised March numbers in parentheses.

- Abilene 6.3 (6.3)
- Amarillo 5.6 (5.6)
- Austin-Round Rock-San Marcos 7.0 (7.1)
- Beaumont-Port Arthur 10.6 (10.8)
- Brownsville-Harlingen 10.8 (11.0)
- College Station-Bryan 5.9 (5.9)
- Corpus Christi 7.9 (7.9)
- Dallas-Plano-Irving 8.2 (8.3)
- El Paso 9.4 (9.4)
- Fort Worth-Arlington 8.2 (8.3)
- Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown 8.4 (8.5)
- Killeen-Temple-Fort Hood 7.3 (7.3)
- Laredo 8.8 (9.1)
- Longview 7.5 (7.6)
- Lubbock 5.9 (5.9)
- McAllen-Edinburg-Mission 11.1 (11.6)
- Midland 5.6 (5.7)
- Odessa 8.4 (8.4)
- San Angelo 6.5 (6.4)
- San Antonio-New Braunfels 7.3 (7.3)
- Sherman-Denison 8.4 (8.5)
- Texarkana 7.4 (7.6)
- Tyler 7.6 (7.8)
- Victoria 7.7 (8.0)
- Waco 7.0 (7.1)
- Wichita Falls 7.8 (7.9)

Texas man falsified way into army

FORT WORTH (AP) — A Texas man with no military experience tricked the Army into letting him enter a reserve unit as a noncommissioned officer earlier this year, a deception that placed an untrained soldier in a leadership position in a time of war, an Associated Press investigation has found.

The revelation comes just months after the Army drew criticism for failing to flag the suspicious activities of the Army psychiatrist now charged with killing 13 and wounding dozens of others at Fort Hood.

The case, detailed in court records and other documents examined by the AP, raises more questions about the Army's ability to vet soldiers' backgrounds as it faces continued pressure from Congress over its screening and records system. While the soldier never deployed overseas, some say the case demonstrates how easily someone could pose as a member of the U.S. military.

Jesse Bernard Johnston III, 26, joined the Army Reserve in February as a sergeant and was assigned to the Corps Support Airplane Company based at the Fort Worth Naval Air Station. But he wasn't qualified to hold that rank, according to military records obtained by the AP. The records show that Johnston's only military experience was attending part of a 12-week Marine officer candidate course for college students in 2004.

Maj. Shawn Haney, spokeswoman for Marine Manpower and Reserve Affairs, said Johnston didn't complete the course's final six weeks. "He was never considered a Marine," she said.

The matter, currently under investigation by the Army, means a soldier received a security clearance and was in position to lead troops in combat even though he hadn't gone through basic training or spent any time in the service. The Corps Support Airplane Company has been deployed in Iraq, providing pilots as well as intelligence and support personnel for an aviation battalion set up to destroy improvised explosive devices.

If it's proven that Johnston gained his Army rank based on a phony Marine record, it would be the first documented case of so-called "stolen valor" in which the military was duped during the enlistment process, according to watchdogs of such fraud. Most cases involve attempts to get veterans' benefits or other forms of financial gain. Congress attempted to crack down on military impostors in 2005 by passing a law that makes it a crime to claim false decorations or medals.

"This just raises some incredibly significant issues at a time when this country is involved in a global war on terror," said Rep. Mike Coffman, a Colorado Republican who served with the Marines in Iraq and the first Gulf War. "If this person was able to penetrate the military fraudulently, you have

to ask the question: Couldn't somebody who was out to do harm to our country do the same thing?"

Coffman is pushing for the creation of a single database for all military records as a step toward eliminating fraud.

Army officials, citing an ongoing investigation, declined to provide details of Johnston's enlistment or say whether he's suspected of providing false documents or using some other means to make himself out to be an ex-Marine.

Questions about Johnston were raised by an officer who grew concerned when Johnston couldn't satisfactorily explain how he got certain Marine medals and ribbons that he displayed. The officer, speaking on condition of anonymity because of the ongoing investigation, said he contacted Marine and Army legal authorities and learned from the Marines that Johnston never served.

Lt. Col. Maria Quon, spokeswoman for the Army's Human Resources Command, said her database contains an entry showing Johnston joined the military in 2002, but there are no documents to support the 2002 date. She described the lack of documentation as unusual and said it likely means the date was entered this year. The National Personnel Records Center, which collects information on all who have been discharged from the military, informed the AP that it could find no evidence that Johnston ever served.

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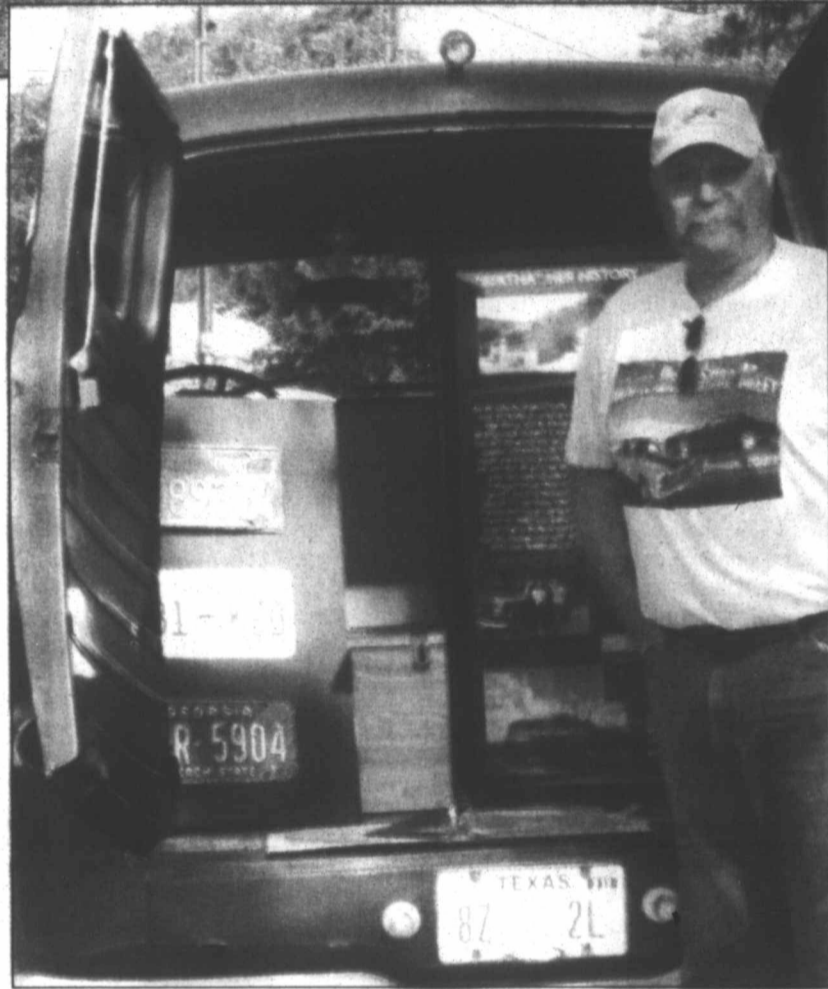
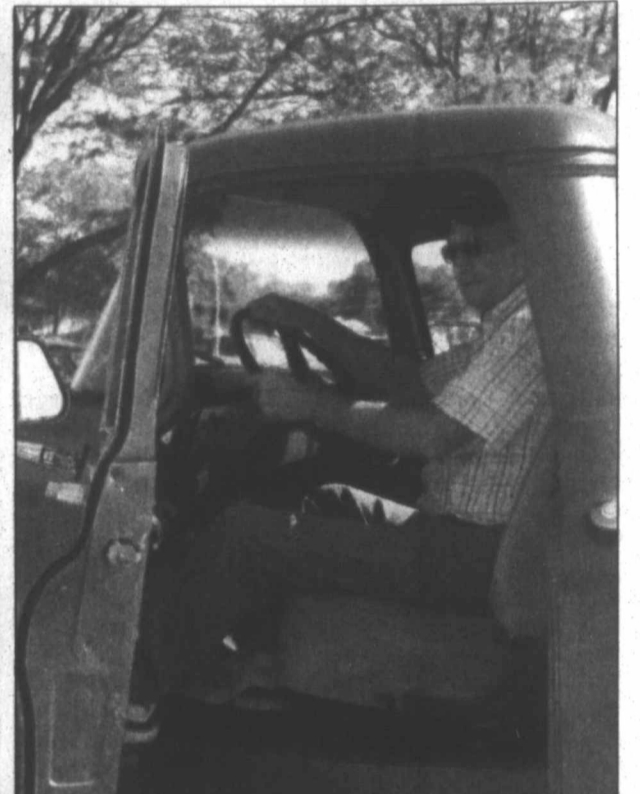
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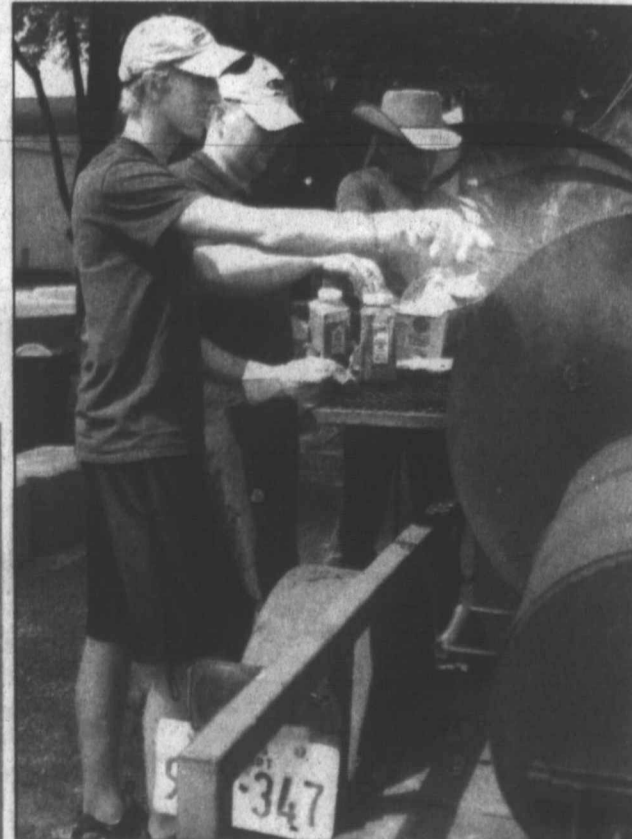
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RIGHT: Winfred Simmons sits behind the wheel of his 1955 Chevy Truck.



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TOP: This 1971 Plymouth Barracuda shows its teeth. **ABOVE RIGHT: Visitors to the car show** were treated to quite the spread. **BELOW RIGHT: Garrett Coutts** (from left), Alan Parker and Noah Cotton man the grill, representing the local FFA.



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Sports

McLean hands out hardware during sports banquet

MIKE HAYNES
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Tiger and Lady Tiger athletes in all sports were honored at the McLean Athletic Banquet May 13 in the school Activity Center.

Sheri Lee Haynes, president of the McLean Athletic Boosters and also president of the McLean Lions Club, presented the Fighting Tiger awards to Clay Crockett, who played football and ran track, and to Sheri Ann Haynes, who played basketball, tennis and softball. The Lions Club has given the Fighting Tiger Award since 1972 to students who excel in more than one sport.

Coach Blaze Herring presented the following football awards:

Most Improved: Tyler Lamb; **Fighting Heart Award:** Zach Sargent; **Outstanding Defense Award:** Zach Seymour; **Outstanding Offense Award and Most Valuable Player:** Clay Crockett.

Herring also presented these track and field awards:

Most Improved: Isaac Martin; **Most Valuable:** Mark Jeffries.

Coach Benji Hausen presented the following girls basketball awards:

Fighting Heart Award: MarLee Sargent; **Offensive Most Valuable Player:** Alexis Menefield; **Defensive Most Valuable Player:** Nancy Castillo; **Outstanding Defense Award:** Nicole McClendon; **Most Valuable Player:** Sheri Haynes.

Hausen also presented these cross country awards:

Girls Most Valuable: Nancy Castillo; **Boys Most Valuable:** Isaac Martin.

Coach Brandon Word presented the following boys basketball awards:

Offensive Most Valuable Player: Jordan Herring; **Defensive Most Valuable Player:** Isaac Martin; **Most Valuable Player:** Jordan Herring; **Fighting Heart Award:** Hogan Ketcherside; **Most Improved:** Christian Mendoza.

Word also presented these softball awards:

Offensive Most Valuable Player: Sheri Haynes; **Defensive Most Valuable Player:** Erin Vassey; **Most Improved:** Tori Bybee; **Most Valuable Player:** Jasie Sargent.

Coach Andy Glass presented the following golf awards:

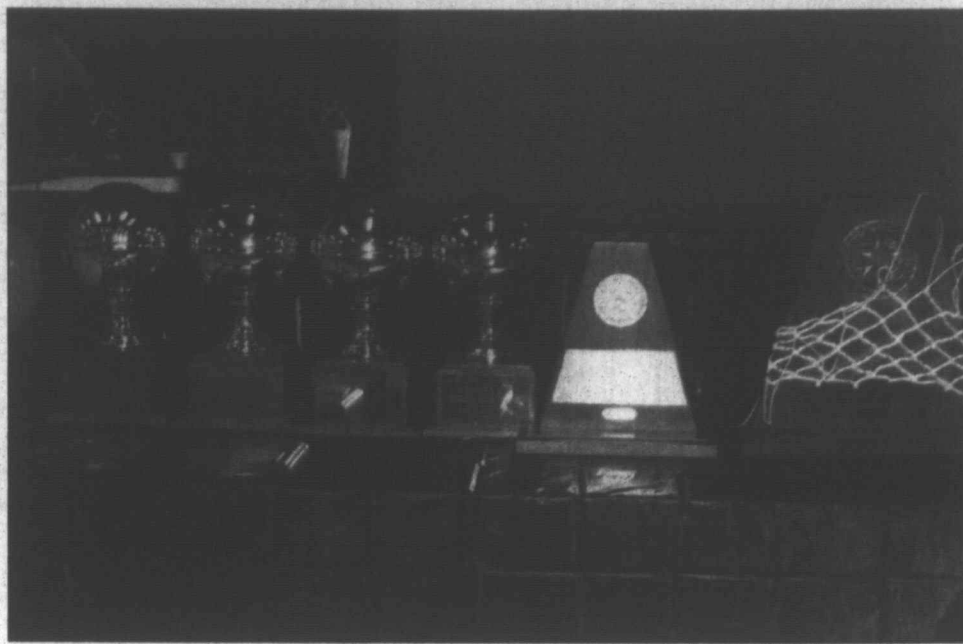
Girls Most Improved: Kendra Richardson; **Girls Most Valuable Player:** Ashley Medlock; **Boys Most Improved:** Jordan Herring; **Boys Most Valuable Player:** Hogan Ketcherside.

Coach David Jurado presented tennis awards to Nancy Castillo and Sheri Haynes, who won bronze medals in girls doubles at the state tennis tournament.

Valerie Word gave gifts to the high school cheerleaders: Lynda Fortune, Sami Staton, Sheri Haynes, Haley Macina, Miranda McMordie and Whitney Hawkins.

Those attending the banquet watched video highlights of the Lady Tigers' state basketball semifinal victory over Leggett. Cheers went up when Saber Bohlar's three-point shot that won the game was shown.

The banquet wound up with a slide show of sports action photos, set to music, created by Ginger Haynes. The banquet was sponsored by the McLean Athletic Boosters and catered by the Red River Steakhouse.



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The trophies the McLean girls basketball team won in the 2009-2010 season. The Lady Tigers finished as state runner-ups. McLean held their banquet May 13.

Former Harvester LB Thomas retires from NFL

MIAMI (AP) — Zach Thomas got the idea Wednesday, thinking maybe he could sign a one-day contract with the Miami Dolphins and retire as part of the franchise.

His agent asked the Dolphins. Thomas got his answer within minutes.

So on Thursday, Thomas signed a one-day contract, officially worth \$1 — but in actuality, worth so much more to Thomas, who long lamented not getting the chance to say a proper farewell when the Dolphins released him two years ago. He was joined at the ceremony by several friends and family, along with agents Drew and Jason Rosenhaus, his wife Maritza and their 4-month-old son.

"I'm a little bit nervous right now," Thomas said at the team's training facility in Davie, Fla. "More nervous than any game I ever played."

Thomas' illustrious football career started in White Deer, where he played for two years before transfer-

ring to Pampa High School as a junior. Thomas then continued playing football for Pampa, where he was named First Team All-State as a senior in 1992.

Only a fifth-round draft pick out of Texas Tech in 1996, Thomas became a star during 12 seasons with the Dolphins. He was one of the faces of the franchise along with the likes of Dan Marino and Jason Taylor, who became Thomas' brother-in-law.

"I am both sad and happy that after 28 years of football, I am finally calling it quits," Thomas said. "The game has been good to me. I am happy for the Miami Dolphins organization and this regime right now ... they have a lot of more things on their plate that is bigger than the retirement of Zach Thomas. For them to go out of their way and have this day for me, I am very grateful."

Thomas had 1,038 tackles, 19 sacks and 17 interceptions in 168 games for the Dolphins, and he was chosen for seven Pro

Bowls.

"As the team's owner, I want to welcome him back to the Dolphins and I certainly hope he continues to make his presence felt," Stephen Ross said. "He's a great role model for our players and we're proud of everything he has done throughout his career to represent this franchise. He gave his heart and soul to this team, and we all were better for it."

He spent the 2008 season with the Dallas Cowboys, then was in camp last year with Kansas City, which released Thomas before the season after unspecified injury issues. He didn't play again.

"Two years ago when this regime came in, we had to make a difficult decision to move on from probably one of the best linebackers in his era in the National Football League," Dolphins general manager Jeff Ireland said. "I am glad that this regime has the opportunity to bring Zach back."

FIELD DAY 2010



staff photo by Andrew Glover
Austin Elementary students engage in the tug-of-war Friday during the school's field day.



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Esteban Torres tosses a hula hoop hoping to have it land on a cone during Lamar Elementary's field day Friday.

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Zach Thomas career stats

Miami Dolphins 1996-2007
Dallas Cowboys 2008

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184	182	20.5	17	170	4	16	8	29	1106

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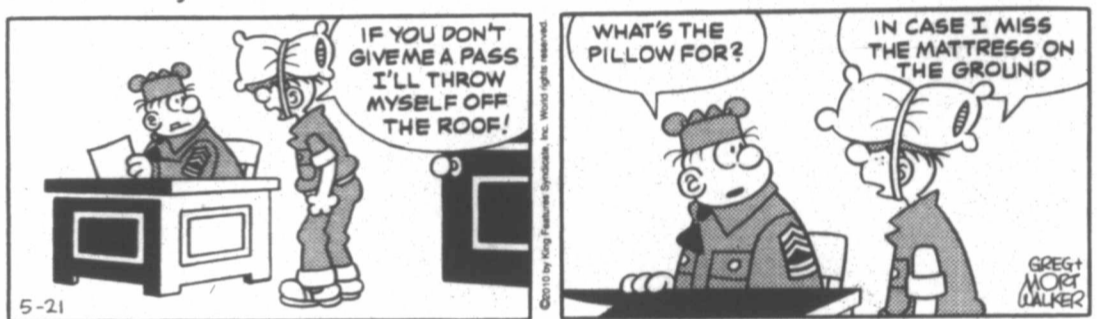
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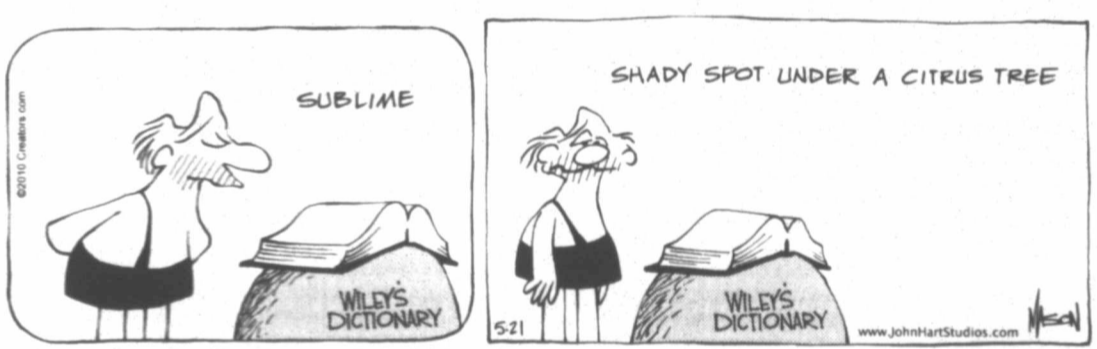
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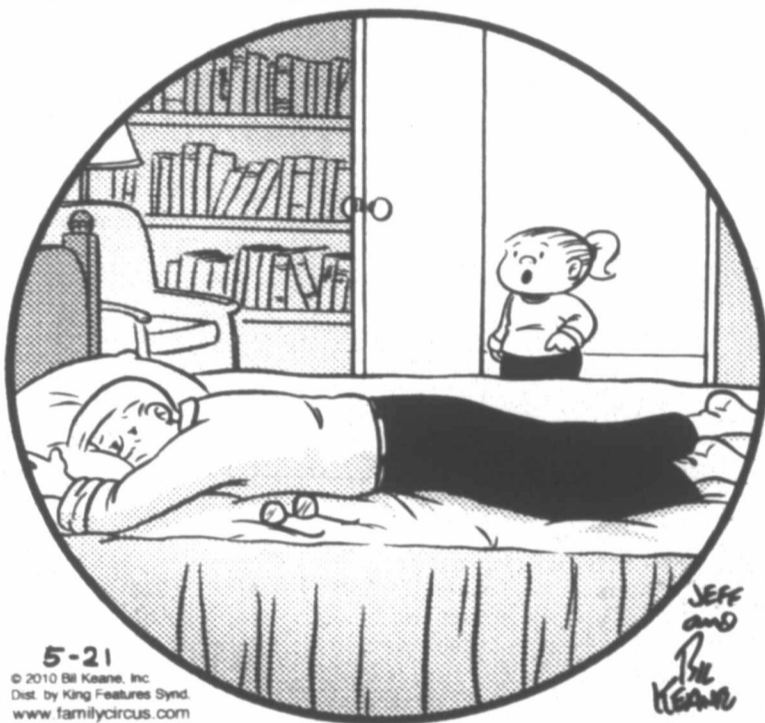


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LEAD roustabout hand with 5 years experience. Bring resume to 725 S. Price Rd., Pampa.

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CONTRACT Labor needed for Disposal Well Site. Send contact info. to Po Box 897, Canaidan, TX. 79014

DRIVERS WANTED! Immediate openings for Petroleum Bulk Drivers in Pampa, Tx. Class A CDL w/ Hazmat & Tanker Endorsement a MUST. 800-443-8580 ext. 137

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FRI. May 21st, 8am-5pm. 127 E. 26th. Furniture, small children items, lots of misc.

1818 Williston, Fri. & Sat. 8am-? Collectible Barbies, Avon bottles & steins, xlr tall & big man's clothes, 40-32 pants, lots of misc.

YARD Sale, 1821 N. Christy, 8:00-Noon Sat. Women's clothes, misc.

MULTI Family Sale. Many items for sale. Fri. 8am-?, Sat. 8am-noon. 2200 N. Dwight

1121 Seneca 9 am - 2 pm. Sat. only. 3 Family Garage Sale. Tools, toys, fishing stuff, plus size clothes, bicycles, auto garage doors, lots of misc. No early birds!

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GARAGE Sale: Misc. 1611 Charles, Sat. 8:30am-2pm.

GARAGE Sale: Sat. Only. 8-11. 1539 N. Summer. Drum set, toys, clothes, lots of misc., skate ramps & rail.

GARAGE Sale 2208 N. Wells Sat. 8-?

2526 Fir. Concrete power trowel, 0-6 mo. girl clothes & shoes, adult clothes & shoes, home decor, kitchen supplies. Sat. 8am-?

GARAGE Sale. 1148 Terrace. Sat. 9-? Kitchen table with 4 Chairs.

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GARAGE Sale Fri. & Sat. 8-2 1309 Williston

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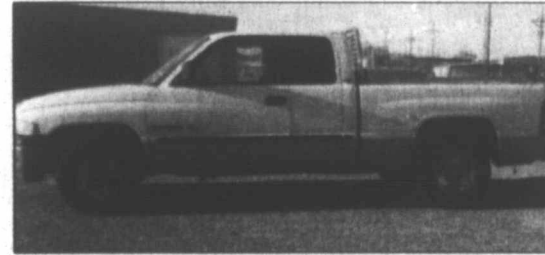
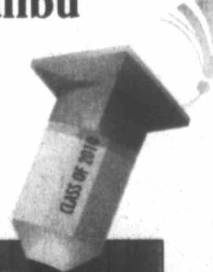
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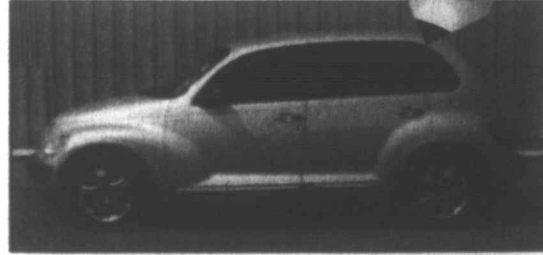
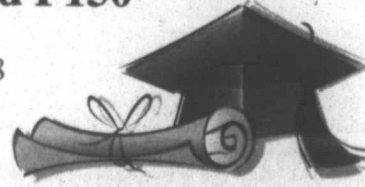
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