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**Father's Day poignant for McComas**

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As Bill McComas' son and daughter, Mike McComas and Mary Jane Taintor, join their Dad for a Father's Day cookout this weekend, they will form a warm family portrait.

For McComas, it is especially poignant because he can remember times when he feared there might not be a family.

An Army veteran who landed on Omaha Beach in Normandy and fought at the Battle of the Bulge, McComas, like many in his generation, has memories of both the worst and the best of times.

He remembers the horrors of war and raising his children in post-war Pampa.

Born in 1920 and reared in Wichita, Kan., McComas married his high school sweetheart, Martha Lee, a few days after the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor. They were husband and wife for 61 years. She died in 2002.

It wasn't long after their marriage that the young couple, like many others at that time, found themselves separated by war.

Once in the Army, McComas was sent to the Mojave Desert where he trained for combat in North Africa, but he wasn't sent to North Africa. Instead, he was sent to England and from there shuttled across the channel in June, 1944, where he would race across Europe battling the Nazi war machine.

"I went in on Omaha Beach," McComas said. "I went clear through France, Belgium, Holland and Germany."

He was a sergeant in the 531st Anti-Aircraft Unit with a 12-man crew for a 40mm anti-aircraft gun.

When McComas' unit first hit Omaha Beach, they had a truck pulling the anti-aircraft gun and another truck pulling the fire director system for the gun.

"The first place we went in off Omaha Beach, we dropped that director," McComas said. "We didn't use it anymore. We just used the open sites."



staff photo by David Bowser

**Bill McComas** (center) is flanked by his children, Mike McComas and Mary Jane Taintor, at the McComas home on Dogwood.

Pulling a black and white photo of a downed German fighter plane from his stack of memories, he showed that they were effective with their targeting.

McComas said that a lot of the rush across Europe was a blur, but he remembers the German snipers in the church steeples in the French towns they went through.

"We were attached to the 30th Infantry," McComas said. "They called us the workhorse of the Western Front because we were on the front end of every major deal that was over there almost."

Sitting in the living room of **MCCOMAS** cont. on page 3



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**Sgt. Bill McComas** at the end of World War II.

**Two sent to PRMC after three-car crash**

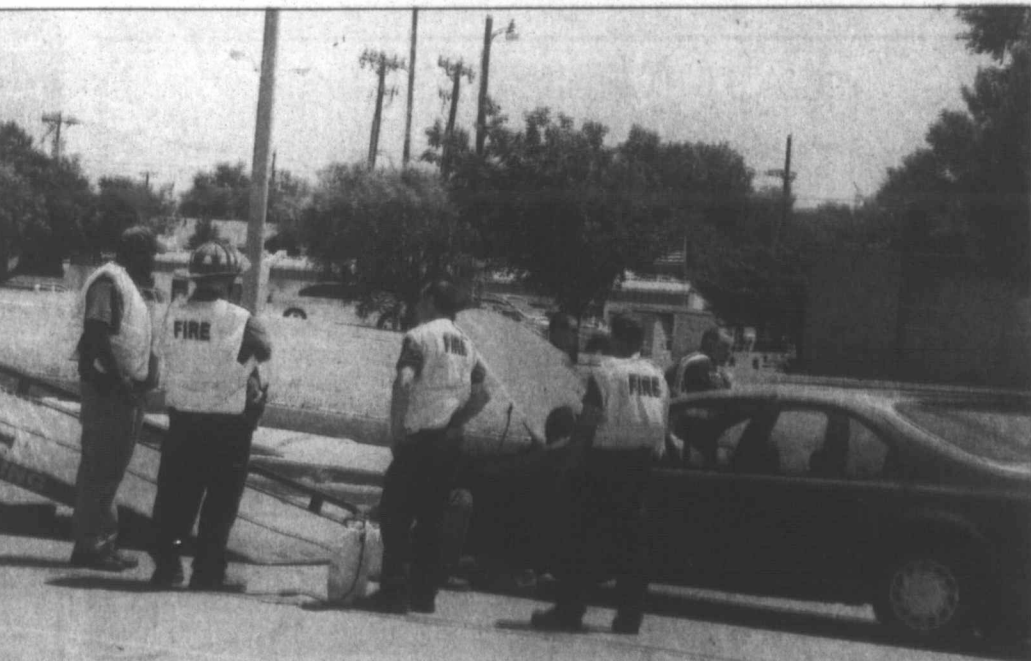
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Midday traffic on the 1200 block of N. Hobart Street was briefly hobbled Friday afternoon as Pampa police, fire and emergency crews tended to a three-vehicle accident.

Law enforcement crews were alerted of the wreck at around 12:10 p.m., after a Plymouth Breeze crashed into a white Toyota truck in the northbound lane. The truck was propelled forward by the impact, rear ending the Chevy Tahoe in front of it.

The driver and passenger of the Plymouth were taken to Pampa Regional Medical Center with undisclosed injuries. The occupants of the other vehicles were uninjured; the names of the drivers were unavailable as of press time.

The Pampa News editor Arnie Aurellano contributed to this report.



staff photo by Andrew Glover

**Pampa Fire Department** crews work to clear a Plymouth Breeze off North Hobart Street after a three-car wreck Friday afternoon.

**Registration for July Block Party ongoing**

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Registration is open for local businesses and organizations seeking to participate in the July 10 inaugural Boomtown Block Party and Business Expo, according to Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Joe Weaver.

"We'll be accepting (registration) through Tuesday, July 6," said Weaver, who added that the Chamber is excited to usher in what they hope to be a new Pampa tradition.

"We felt like it was a good idea **REGISTRATION** cont. on page 3

**Construction for water park soon to begin**

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Local kids are one step closer to having another aquatic entertainment option in town, as full scale construction for Pampa's new water park is slated to begin before the end of the month.

"(Contractor Fain Group) moves in a work trailer there, and we expect they'll be working by (June) 28th," said City Manager Richard Morris.

Fain Group, whose base bid of base bid of \$3,730,157 for the park's construction was accepted by the City Commission in May, is a Fort Worth based company experience in building water park facilities, including one currently in progress in Brownwood.

Morris is projecting the contractors to take around 350 days until the park's completion, placing the new park's opening date around Labor Day of next year.

Assistant City Manager Shane Stokes said that the city is foregoing a formal groundbreaking ceremony, instead focusing on a celebration when the park opens to the public.




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## PAMPA FORECAST

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
		
High 96 Low 70	High 96 Low 71	High 96 Low 62

**Saturday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 70. South wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

**Sunday:** Sunny, with a high near 96. South southwest wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

**Sunday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 71. South wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

**Monday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 96. South wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

**Monday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 71. South wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

**Tuesday:** Sunny, with a high near 96. South wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

**Tuesday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 69.

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## Obituaries

### Charlie "Mo" Lang, 41

PAMPA—Charlie "Mo" Lang, 41, died June 17, 2010 in Amarillo after battling congestive heart failure.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, June 21, 2010, at Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel, with Rev. Lynn Hancock, pastor of Briarwood Church, and Rev. Fred Palmer, pastor of Carpenter's Church, officiating. Cremation will follow under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Lang was born August 17, 1968 in Shamrock to

Charlie and Eulen Lang. He was a lifelong resident of Pampa, graduating from Pampa High School in 1986. Charlie worked for UPS and was a member of Briarwood Church. He was considered to be crafty and enjoyed spending time with family and friends. He was very kind and tenderhearted.

Survivors include a son, Jase Lang of Boise, Idaho; a daughter, Amber Lynn and husband Kenneth of Amarillo; his parents, Charlie and Eulen Lang of Pampa; a sister, Cindy Lang and companion Kenny

Smith of Pampa; two half-sisters, Cheryl Dilday of Clearwater, Fla., and Mary Blackwell and husband Steve of Medford, Ore.; an aunt, Laurann Gilbert and husband Johnny of Pampa; three uncles, Roy Clymer and wife Ruth of Erick, Okla., George Clymer and wife Karen of Fletcher, Okla., and Frank Clymer and wife Nancy of Wheeler; nephew, Doug Smith of Pampa; several cousins; and special friends, Bo, Katrina, Renee and Shasta.

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## EMERGENCY SERVICES

### PAMPA PD

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

Officers reported 16 traffic-related calls and one accident.

Animal control officers reported 11 animal-related calls.

Pampa EMT reported five ambulance calls.

**Thursday, June 16**  
 Criminal mischief was reported to police.

A suspicious person was reported at 19th and Christy.

Identity theft was reported to police.

A theft was reported in the 200 block of North Sumner.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1000 block of Neel.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1000 block of South Christy.

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

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 600 block of East Craven.

An alarm was reported in the 1000 block of West Wilks.

A suspicious person was

reported in the 100 block of North Frost.

**Friday, June 18**  
 A suspicious person was reported in the 200 block of South Starkweather.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 2200 block of West Alcock.

A suspicious person was reported in the 1400 block of North Russell.

A suspicious person was reported in the 1400 block of North Hobart.

A prowler was reported in the 100 block of South Starkweather.

Officers reported an open door in the 1100 block of South Dwight.

A prowler was reported in the 200 block of North Faulkner.

A vehicle was reported burglarized in the 1900 block of North Nelson.

### SHERIFF

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

**Thursday, June 17**  
 Michael Wayne Burks, 47, of Trinity, was arrested on a driving while intoxicated charge out of Chambers County.



staff photo by Andrew Glover

Juan Rene of Harley Knutson Masonry works on placing the bricks for Harvester Field's new backstop. The bricks will be laser-etched with names and messages from the people and businesses who helped raise funds for the backstop.

## New backstop for Harvester Field

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Last September, the Pampa Harvesters baseball team started a fundraiser for a brick backstop at Harvester Field. On Thursday, the first bricks were laid.

Head coach Kaleb Snelgrooves said he was excited to see their new backstop built up, and it's exactly how he envisioned it.

"One of the reasons we decided to do this is to dress the place up," Snelgrooves said. "We got nice facilities around here. This is going to add to our facility to make it a top-notch place."

The team sold 12-by-12 bricks for \$1,000 and 4-by-8 bricks for \$50. The

bricks will be laser-etched with the names and messages from the people and businesses who made the purchase.

Snelgrooves said that, so far, they have made \$30,000 from the sales. He said they are going to continue to sell.

"I think when people see the bricks, it's going to really take off," Snelgrooves said. "I'm still selling bricks and have people calling from Midland and everywhere else still wanting to be a part of this."

Along with the brick backstop, the team is installing sprinklers in the field and a net, which will feature the Pampa 'P'. Snelgrooves said the total of the project is around \$30,000 and the fundraiser will cover the

cost plus give them extra. "All the brick that we sold and the kids sold will take care of all the expenses of putting the backstop up, the net and the brick up," Snelgrooves said. "All of that will be taken care of through the fundraiser alone."

Snelgrooves said he is grateful for how the community has backed the project.

"It has taken off," Snelgrooves said. "The community has backed us and without the community we couldn't do it."

If you are interested in purchasing a brick, you can call Kaleb Snelgrooves at 806-688-9601. Checks are made payable to the Pampa High School Baseball Booster club.

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Sincerely,  
 Larman Bhatia, MD

# AFTERNOONRUSH Registration

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## Lackland Afghans AWOL

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — U.S. military investigators have issued a nationwide bulletin asking law enforcement to be on the lookout for 17 Afghans military members who went AWOL while training at a Texas base.

A bulletin was issued Wednesday, but the Afghans disappeared from Lackland Air Force Base one-by-one over the last 18 months. All had been studying English as a precursor to training sponsored by the U.S. and Afghan militaries.

Air Force spokesman Gary Emery says the disappearances were reported to immigration and federal law enforcement when they occurred. He says the men were vetted by the military and aren't believe to be connected to one another or to any terrorist group.

It was not immediately clear what prompted officials to issue the alert. A call to the investigators who issued it was not immediately returned.

## Anadarko points finger at BP

HOUSTON (AP) — Anadarko Petroleum, which owns a quarter of the Deepwater Horizon oil well in the Gulf of Mexico, late Friday blasted BP PLC's "reckless decisions and actions" that led to the well's explosion.

Anadarko Chairman and CEO Jim Hackett's statement came after some elected officials said Anadarko should help pay for the massive cleanup and spill-related claims. "The mounting evidence clearly demonstrates that this tragedy was preventable and the direct result of BP's reckless decisions and actions," said Hackett. "BP's behavior and actions likely represent gross negligence or willful misconduct."

Anadarko said any actions it takes "to protect its rights relative to BP's performance" will not shift the financial burden to taxpayers.

## A&M administrator resigns

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — A high-ranking Texas A&M University administrator has resigned amid questions about claims on a resume that stated he was a Navy SEAL with a doctorate from Tufts University.

Records obtained by the Bryan-College Station Eagle indicate Alexander Kemos was never part of the elite fighting force. An official with Tufts said Kemos did not even finish his master's program, a requirement for the \$300,000-a-year job in which he served as the top adviser to A&M president.

Kemos resigned Friday as senior vice president for administration, effective immediately, A&M spokesman Jason Cook told the Eagle. Cook said Kemos cited a desire to spend more time with his family.

Kemos did not immediately return a voice mail message from The Associated Press

## White promises open responses

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Texas Democrat Bill White said Friday that if he's elected governor, media inquiries will be met with open responses and that a free press should be viewed as an ally to good government.

"I will be holding myself accountable by making myself available," White told a gathering of the Texas Press Association. "We won't meet inquiries by the press with stonewalling or hostility."

White accused incumbent Republican Gov. Rick Perry of only allowing "photos ops and controlled press conferences." He also chided Perry for failing to give straight answers to reporters' questions, citing Perry's response of "bring it on" when asked by an Associated Press reporter about criticism of expenses at his temporary mansion.

Perry spokesman Mark Miner called White's criticism "hypocritical," noting that the former Houston mayor has not released all his tax returns from his time in public service.

Perry "is one of the most transparent governors in Texas history," Miner said.

White said that a free investigative press should be seen as an ally to root out problems and get to the truth. He also renewed his call for Perry to agree to televised debates — something Miner says Perry will do once White discloses all his tax returns.

## Town mourns loss of five

GRANBURY (AP) — A small Texas town was mourning the loss of five members of two Texas families who died in a New Mexico plane crash.

Family friends say they were traveling Thursday so they could spread the remains of the mother of one of the crash victims.

Killed were Rodney and Delaine Duree and their 11-year-old son, Lake. Duree was chairman of Granbury's Airport Advisory Board.

Also killed were Karl "Lowell" Richey, a middle school coach, and his wife Kerri Richey, an elementary school teacher.

Their two sons remained hospitalized in El Paso. They are 16-year-old Alexander Richey and 12-year-old Kristopher Richey.

Witnesses told investigators the aircraft plunged while attempting to land Thursday at Sierra Blanca Regional Airport near Ruidoso, N.M.

## Texas judges awaits ruling

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas' top criminal judge has put her career in the hands of a board deciding whether to remove her from the bench for closing her court before a death row inmate's attorneys filed a last-minute appeal.

Judge Sharon Keller appeared Friday before the State Commission on Judicial Conduct on charges she denied the inmate the chance appeal hours before his 2007 execution.

The commission adjourned a five-hour hearing without a ruling and announced no timetable for a decision.

Keller is the presiding judge of the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals. A prosecutors says she needs to accept accountability as the "public face" of justice in Texas.

Keller has asked the panel to side with a report last year that said "the public humiliation she has surely suffered" is sanction enough.

to host basically a big party for the community every summer," Weaver said. "That's something that could be a lot of fun and it's something that Pampa could really enjoy."

At the same time, Weaver continued, the block party is a good opportunity for area entrepreneurs and agencies to get involved with the community.

"This is an opportunity for a lot of businesses to get out and promote their prod-

uct, their service," he said. "We're inviting everyone in the city to come out and join us, so it's a good place to meet people."

Weaver added that the event could be especially beneficial for nonprofit organization looking to increase their Pampa base.

The Chamber is looking to get the entire community excited and involved in the block party from the beginning, according to Weaver.

Even the event's distinctive "Boomtown" moniker came to the Chamber through a contest won by Pampa's Herman Vinson.

Weaver said that a few local businesses have already registered to attend, including State Farm, Accolade Home Care, Culligan Water, Guess Insurance Agency, Pampa Nursing Center, Anytime Fitness, Rasco Construction, Just Jewelry, Scentsy, ERS Wireless, AmTech Security

and That Special Touch. Weaver is inviting even more businesses to join to make the Chamber's first ever Boomtown Block Party as big as possible.

"The more, the merrier," Weaver said.

Chamber members and nonprofit organizations will receive a 25 percent discount upon registration. For more information or to register a booth, contact the Chamber at 806-669-3241.

## McComas

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his Pampa home, McComas remembered one night during the war his unit bedded down, only to wake up the next morning and find that German soldiers had been sleeping on the other side of the hedge from them.

"They were camped right next door to us," he said.

He was in the Battle of Bulge during Christmas of 1944, as the Germans launched a last ditch counter attack in the frigid snow.

McComas' unit was also one of the ones that took the Siegfried Line, the German's defensive line on their home turf.

"We went into one tunnel and the Germans were still on their phones," he said.

His unit also followed troops into several of the Nazi death camps that the Allies liberated toward the end of the war, including Buchenwald.

But the thing he remembered most about the war was not knowing from day to day what was going to happen, he said. He said there was a lampshade in one of the Nazi offices made from human skin.

"The conditions there were horrible," McComas said.

As the end of the war neared, McComas was with Allied forces when they met the Russian forces at the Elbe River.

After the war, McComas' unit was assigned to the castle where the German rocket scientist Werner von Braun was being held. McComas helped pack von Braun, his family and about six of his assistants for the move to the United States after the war. Von Braun went on the help develop the U.S. space program.

It was while he was in Germany after the Germans surrendered that he bought a Kathe Kruse doll from the company factory. He would later give it to his daughter.

"It really is quite a doll," Mary Jane said.

McComas returned to the U.S. in late 1945, ready like most GIs to get on with his life.

He had been working for J.C. Penney when the war broke out and that was where he picked up his life after the war.

But a friend with Montgomery Ward offered him a job.

"I quit Penney's and went with Ward's as the department manager of the boy's department in October," McComas said. "In January, I was sent to Marysville, Kan., as assistant manager."

In the 1950s, he moved to Pampa with his wife and two young children.

"It was a nice community in which to raise children," Mary Jane said.

"I used to be the Montgomery Ward store manager here," McComas said. "I came first in 1953."

He was at the store in Pampa until 1965.

"I opened a new store and ran it three years," McComas said, "and then I was transferred out."

But he returned to Pampa in 1979 after he retired from Montgomery Ward. His son Mike, a Pampa businessman, lived here. He married a Pampa girl, Jean Franklin.

Mary Jane had married a Pampa boy, Jerry Taintor, with whom she'd gone to

Pampa High.

Her husband went to dental school and the couple moved to Alaska for a while, then to Iowa, Nebraska and California, ending up Germantown, Tenn., just outside of Memphis.

"We've been in Tennessee for 23 years," she said. "He's been in private practice."

Her husband recently retired.

When McComas retired from Montgomery Ward in 1979, he and his wife bought a house on Dogwood, but he was not content to fully retire. McComas, who already had rental property in Boulder, Colo., began buying and fixing homes to rent in Pampa.

"I started buying real estate in 1972," McComas said. "From then until I retired in 1979, I'd bought, sold and remodeled 32 houses. I love to do that."

He still has a shop at his house.

"I had 12 houses here up until about five years ago," he said.

He's sold half of them. That's his idea of slowing down, he said with a smile.

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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Pampa ISD will hold a public meeting at 6:00 PM, June 30, 2010 in Carver Center Board Room, 321 W. Albert, Pampa, Texas. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$1.040000/\$1.00 (proposed rate for maintenance and operations)				
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Approved by Local Voters					
<b>Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget</b>					
The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:					
Maintenance and operations	(3.31%) decrease				
Debt service	8.07% increase				
Total expenditures	(2.04%) decrease				
<b>Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value</b> (as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)					
	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year			
Total appraised value* of all property	\$1,305,331,577	\$1,282,539,054			
Total appraised value** of new property**	\$13,497,410	\$10,550,550			
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$1,091,331,248	\$1,047,910,344			
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$13,497,410	\$10,550,550			
* Appraised value is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.					
** New property is defined by Section 26.91(2)(17), Tax Code.					
*** Taxable value is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.					
<b>Bonded Indebtedness</b>					
Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$51,885,000					
* Outstanding principal.					
<b>Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates</b>					
	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$1.040000	\$0.328800	\$1.368800	\$4,449	\$4,026
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$1.117670	\$0.339080	\$1.456750	\$4,620	\$3,849
Proposed Rate	\$1.040000	\$0.328800	\$1.368800	\$4,446	\$4,043
* The interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.					
<b>Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence</b>					
	Last Year		This Year		
Average Market Value of Residences	\$46,552		\$48,901		
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$31,552		\$33,901		
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$1.368800		\$1.368800		
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$431.88		\$464.04		
Income (Decrease) in Taxes	\$32.16		\$32.16		
Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 35 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.					
Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.04. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.04.					
<b>Fund Balances</b>					
The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:					
	Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$4,000,000			
	Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$0			
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# Viewpoints

## Today in History

Today is Saturday, June 19, the 170th day of 2010. There are 195 days left in the year.

**Today's Highlight in History:**  
On June 19, 1910, the first-ever Father's Day was celebrated in Spokane, Wash. (The idea for the observance is credited to Sonora Louise Smart Dodd.)

**On this date:**  
In 1862, slavery was outlawed in U.S. territories.  
In 1865, Union troops commanded by Maj. Gen. Gordon Granger arrived in Galveston, Texas, with news that the Civil War was over, and that all remaining slaves in Texas were free.

In 1917, during World War I, King George V ordered the British royal family to dispense with German titles and surnames; the family took the name "Windsor."

In 1934, the Federal Communications Commission was created; it replaced the Federal Radio Commission.

In 1938, four dozen people were killed when a railroad bridge in Montana collapsed, sending a train known as the Olympian hurtling into Custer Creek.

In 1953, Julius Rosenberg, 35, and his wife, Ethel, 37, convicted of conspiring to pass U.S. atomic secrets to the Soviet Union, were executed at Sing Sing Prison in Ossining, N.Y.

In 1964, the Civil Rights Act of 1964 was approved by the Senate, 73-27, after surviving a lengthy filibuster.

In 1977, Pope Paul VI proclaimed a 19th-century Philadelphia bishop, John Neumann, the first male U.S. saint.

In 1986, University of Maryland basketball star Len Bias, the first draft pick of the Boston Celtics, suffered a fatal cocaine-induced seizure.

**Ten years ago:** The Supreme Court reaffirmed, 6-3, that praying in public schools had to be private, barring officials from letting students lead stadium crowds in prayer before football games.

**Five years ago:** Fighting raged across southern Afghanistan as the U.S. military pounded suspected Taliban positions with airstrikes.

**One year ago:** New York Times reporter David S. Rohde and Afghan reporter Tahir Ludin escaped from militant captors after more than seven months in captivity in Afghanistan and Pakistan.

**Today's Birthdays:** Actress Gena Rowlands is 80. Singer Spanky McFarlane (Spanky and Our Gang) is 68. Nobel peace laureate Aung San Suu Kyi is 65. Actress Phylicia Rashad is 62. Rock singer Ann Wilson (Heart) is 60. Musician Larry Dunn is 57. Actress Kathleen Turner is 56. Singer-dancer-former "American Idol" judge Paula Abdul is 48. Rock singer-musician Brian Vander Ark (Verve Pipe) is 46. Rock musician Brian "Head" Welch is 40. Actress Robin Tunney is 38. Actor Bumper Robinson is 36. Actress Poppy Montgomery is 35. Actress Zoe Saldana is 32. Actress Lauren Lee Smith is 30. Actor Paul Dano is 26.

**Thought for Today:** "To seek fulfillment is to invite frustration." — Jiddu Krishnamurti, Indian author and philosopher (1895-1986)



## Life in Pampa? Well, it's kind of like...

There I was: Sitting in the Delta Airlines ticketing lobby at LaGuardia Airport in Queens at 3 a.m. on Sunday, leaning against my luggage as I waited for the kiosks to open so I could check in.

I had been in New York all week on holiday, and it was time to fly back to Pampa. My flight wouldn't leave for another four hours, but due to what we'll call a slight miscalculation on my part — darn it, Jim, I'm a writer, not a scheduler of things — I'd failed to reserve that last night at the hotel. Then again, given how mercilessly expensive rooms are in New York, that was probably for the best.

Anyway, there I was, sitting at the ticketing lobby, staring off into space, daydreaming and whiling away the minutes until it was time to board the plane back.

"So?" inquired a voice into my ear. I snapped back to my senses and turned to the voice. It belonged to a cute brunette named Kat, who I had just met only a few hours earlier at the airport. Kat was from big city southern California; she was meeting a friend at LaGuardia, but her friend's flight wasn't coming until the morning so she, like me, was pulling the airport all-nighter.

"Um...what?" I asked her. "So...what's it like?" she replied. "You were telling me about where you live."

I stifled a laugh after she reminded me what we were talking about. How do you begin to describe Pampa to someone like Kat? Someone who's spent virtually all of her twenty-something years under the California sun? Someone who's never been to Texas, let alone the Panhandle?

Granted, it wasn't too long ago that I was in the same boat. Not about the California part; admittedly, I am not a SoCal fan. But like her, I've spent my entire life living in big metro areas, and like her, well...frankly, I'd never heard of Pampa before I got this job.



**ARNIE AURELLANO**

when he offered me the job. "We have antelope and wildfires," he told me.

"We have antelope and wildfires," I told Kat. She kind of smiled and furrowed her brow.

"That's cool," she said. "What is that, like an Applebee's?"

"What?"

"Is that like a restaurant or something?"

I looked at her silently for a good two seconds before I realized what she meant.

"Oh, no," I said. "I meant, like, actual antelopes and actual wildfires."

"Aaaaaah," she said after a long chuckle. "Well, that's, um, different."

I could tell she wasn't too impressed yet, so I came back with, "We have a super cool post office."

"Oh yeah?" she said, wryly.

"Totally. The ceiling is really neat."

She chuckled and nodded back at me with a patronizing smile, the kind of smile you make to a small child who's just figured out how a mirror works.

"That's nice, sweetie," she said. "Real nice."

I sighed. This wasn't going anywhere. True, it's not Manhattan or Santa Monica, but when it came to selling the Pampa experience, I was barely treading water.

I decided to change course.

It's a tough sell for a lot of people in the same situation: A small, isolated town in the middle of the Panhandle, an hour away from a Best Buy or a Wendy's or an interstate.

I remembered what Randy told me about the area where he worked. "We have antelope and wildfires," he told me.

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"OK," I asked her, "so back home where you live, when you're walking down the street, how many people make contact and say 'Hi' to you?"

"Um... no one does that."

"Really?"

"Everybody's too caught up in their own business. There's no time to say hello."

"That's a shame," I said. "Yeah," she agreed. "You know, that's true."

"Well, there's not a lot of town to walk around in Pampa," I said, "but everywhere I've been, people will look you in the eye and smile and say hello."

"I've been there like three months now," I kept going. "And everyone I've met has given me warm smiles, friendly handshakes and chicken fried steak."

"Cute," she said.

"Well, yeah, but I'm serious. You know the thing about towns like Pampa? People tell you they're the friendliest little corners of the planet, and you nod because that's what people are supposed to say."

"Seriously though," I continued. "They're not just making it up. I've been a city kid since I was little, and that's never going to change. But for my money, you're not going to find any friendlier people than the folks I've met since I moved down there."

She thought for a minute, bit her lip and grinned.

"Everyone smiles, huh?"

"Everyone."

She leaned back and looked at me to see if I was really serious. Once she realized I was, she flashed the pearly whites again and leaned into her chair.

"That's awesome," she said. "You're lucky. That must be really nice."

"Yeah," I smiled. "You know what? It really is."

*Arnie Aurellano is the editor of The Pampa News.*

## Obama disappointing environmentalists

I give President Barack Obama's Gulf oil disaster responses this week an A for effort but a C for efficacy. He is doing too little and coming too late to the party—the renewable energy party, that is. With his prime time speech and White House announcement of British Petroleum's \$20 billion cleanup fund, he's doing something, but whether that's enough is an entirely different question.

The president has disappointed so many of his constituencies there are almost too many groups to count. He's disappointed labor unions that poured millions into his campaign coffers and delivered an army of volunteers to get him elected. More recently some of those unions poured money into the campaign coffers of a left-leaning Democrat who challenged — unsuccessfully — the president's candidate for the Democratic Senate nomination in Arkansas.

He's disappointed gay, lesbian and transgender advocates who saw in his candidacy a quick end to the military's "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy and higher-profile appointments for openly gay officials.

He's certainly disappointed pro-choice women with his compromise positions on abortion rights, particularly in this year's major health care reform legislation.

But no interest group has suffered



**BONNIE ERBE**

as much insult to its basic foundations since the president took office as the environmental lobby. Hopes were high from members of this crowd that they would finally have an enlightened supporter running the country. Yes, Obama has advocated for large amounts of federal funding for green jobs and renewable energy sources in historical terms. For that he deserves a terrific amount of credit. But he also supports nuclear power and his position-shift on offshore oil drilling coming just about a month before the Deepwater Horizon disaster is particularly unforgivable.

So on Wednesday night when he tried to put the blame for the disaster, in part at least, on Congress, on BP, on any target he could level in his site, on some level he must or should have had himself in mind.

I am not unaware of America's love affair with oil and gas. The realists among us understand it's going to be decades before we as a nation are done with gas engines and oil heat. The transition is going to be

costly and painful. But the alternative is an uninhabitable planet. Soon! The president's stingy support for green energy in his originally proposed stimulus package prompted even Senate Democrats to speak out against him:

"Energy is way under-represented here in the package that has been discussed," said Sen. Kent Conrad, D-N.D., after the meeting. "We need to do much more in reducing our dependence on foreign energy and that way lies enormous job creation for the country as well."

The meeting came hours after Obama delivered an address in which he touted alternative energy development and energy efficiency as a major part of his effort to pull the country out of the economic crisis.

Obama caved in to Congress on the final stimulus package, which eventually included more than \$27 billion in green energy funding and tax breaks.

But as long as the oil, gas and coal energy lobbies continue to hold considerable clout with the Obama White House, Americans will never see the amount of progress on this issue that we deserve.

*Bonnie Erbe created and hosts "To The Contrary" on PBS, the first national news analysis series featuring all women panelists.*

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## Texas Dems seek lawmaker's removal

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas Democrats called Friday for House Speaker Joe Straus to remove a Dallas-area lawmaker from the powerful House Transportation Committee after reports surfaced the Republican has been driving two vehicles, including a luxury Mercedes-Benz, owned by a company that makes millions through state transportation contracts.

Boyd Richie, chairman of the Texas Democratic Party, said the possibility that Rep. Linda Harper-Brown, R-Irving, has traded legislative favors for use of the vehicles is enough to warrant her removal from the committee until an investigation is completed.

"It appears Linda Harper-Brown has profited by securing luxury vehicles in return for doing legislative favors for an industry with business before her committee," Richie said. "If this information proves true, Linda Harper-Brown ran a legal and ethical red light, and she could no longer properly represent hardworking Texans who pay for their own cars and truck."

Straus spokeswoman Tracy Young said he was aware of the situation and concerned.

But, she added, "He believes that Representative Harper-Brown is a valued member of the House and believes she deserves the opportunity to have all the facts presented."

According to The Dallas Morning News, which first reported the story along with WFAA television station, Harper-Brown requested and received state official license plates for a 2010 Mercedes E550 sedan and 2004 Chevrolet Tahoe. The vehicles are owned by Durable Enterprises Equipment Ltd.

Harper-Brown's husband, William E. Brown III, said the cars are compensation for accounting work he does for the owner of Durable and he lets his wife drive the Mercedes.

Harper-Brown did not immediately return calls from The Associated Press.

She has not reported the cars on financial disclosure statements or in campaign finance reports, but her husband told The Dallas Morning News that she doesn't have to because they are part of his pay.

The arrangement has some questioning the toughness of Texas ethics laws.

Craig McDonald, director of the political watchdog group Texans for Public Justice, said the relationship between Harper-Brown, her husband and Durable "stinks to high heaven." He called for lawmakers to close loopholes in the law that allow the couple to avoid disclosure.

Jeffrey C. Bryan of Arlington owns Durable and several other related companies that have received more than \$12.3 million in contracts from the Texas Department of Transportation since 2007. One of Bryan's companies, Paradigm Traffic Systems, Inc., got into the business of

selling components for cameras installed at red lights after Harper-Brown won passage in 2003 of a controversial bill that never mentioned red-light cameras, but opened an avenue to allow cities to use them.

Brown, who runs his own accounting firm, said his wife hasn't done anything illegal or improper. He said it's his prerogative to let her drive one of the cars he receives for compensation.

"Just like I buy her supper; just like I buy her groceries," Brown said.

Harper-Brown's seat is viewed by Democrats as a possible gain in this year's election.

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# Community

## Niccum, Lee exchange VOWS

Catherine Skye Niccum and Cody Wayne Lee of Pampa were united in marriage on May 22, 2010 at Greene Ranch in Pampa with Reverends Linda Kelly and Ernie and Suzie Wilkinson of St. Matthews Episcopal Church presiding over the ceremony. Parents of the bride are Gary and Mary Niccum of Pampa. Grandparents include John and Marcia Darby of Amarillo, Marie Niccum and the late Johnny Niccum of Pampa. Parents of the groom are Jamie Greene of Pampa and Neal and Karen Lee of Cuero, TX. Grandparents include Kathleen Greene and the late Jim Greene of Pampa, James and Jo Lee of Lefors and the late Pat Lee. Maid of honor was Karli Douglas. Bridesmaids included Carina Niccum and Morgan Cambem. The best man was Casey Coleman. Groomsmen included Breck Hoggatt and Corben Reid. Ushers were Matthew and James Allen Lee. Registering guests were Caragan Niccum and Keeley



Catherine and Cody Lee

Reid. After the ceremony, the couple enjoyed a reception with family and friends at the Top' O Texas Norris Rodeo Pavillion. Servers were Karen and Chassey Oxley.

## Local artists to be honored with reception

### VIOLA MOORE

Two friends, Linda Shackelford, Native Oklahoman, and Nonna Hinkle, Texan all the way, have put together an exhibit of their art for the Square House Museum in Panhandle. These two artists show two very different styles and perspectives. Linda started painting very young, encouraged by her grandmother, a self-taught Oklahoma artist who enjoyed painting as a hobby. As Linda and her sister "dabbled" with their grandmother's paints, eventually leading to the award winning artist who records her travels through

life in her paintings.

As an adult, Shackelford has received a B.A. in Education followed with an MFA from Cameron University. Work with the curator at the Lawton/Ft. Sill Museum doing art for exhibits and arranging shows expanded her experience. Travels to India, Holland, and Paris also provided new venues for Linda's art.

Norma is a tried and true Texan and took drawing lessons from Linda as her instructor at Clarendon College.

As a retired teacher, Norma brings life experience to her art. She was named Artist of the Year

by the Pampa Fine Arts Association. Nonna has participated in numerous workshops by local artists and shown her work in numerous galleries and shows.

The Square House Gallery is featuring "Hometown Collections" during the summer to give residents to show off their treasures. These complement the Apron Exhibit currently on display.

Shackelford and Hinkle will be honored at a reception in the Square House on June 20 from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. to discuss their art with visitors. For more information, call 537-3524.

## Gerber receives master's from Lamar

BEAUMONT — Lamar University conferred some 1,470 degrees at spring commencement cer-

emonies May 15 in the Montagne Center.

Among the graduates was Doretta Ann Gerber

of Pampa, who earned a master's degree in teacher leadership.

## Pampa Senior Citizens Center menu

The following is the menu for the upcoming week at Pampa Senior Citizens Center:

- Monday, June 21**  
Chicken Fried Steak or Chicken Breast/ Wild Rice  
Mashed Potatoes  
Spinach  
Beets  
Northern Beans  
Cole Slaw  
Tossed Salad  
Jello  
Lemon Pound Cake or Cherry Creme Pie  
Hot Roll or Cornbread
- Tuesday, June 22**  
Chicken Salad or Hamburger Steak  
Potato Salad  
Fried Okra

- Macaroni & Cheese  
Beans  
Cole Slaw  
Tossed Salad  
Jello  
Devilsfood Cake or Lemon Icebox Pie  
Hot Roll or Cornbread

- Wednesday, June 23**  
Roast Beef Brisket/ Brown Gravy  
or Cook's Choice  
Mashed Potatoes  
Green Beans  
Carrots  
Butter Beans  
Cole Slaw  
Tossed Salad  
Jello  
Strawberry Shortcake or Chocolate Sundae Cups  
Hot Roll or Cornbread

- Thursday, June 24**  
Chicken Strips

- or Liver N' Onions  
Tator Tots  
Succotash  
Turnip Greens  
Blackeyed Peas  
Cole Slaw  
Tossed Salad  
Jello  
Pistacio Bundt Cake or Apple Cobbler  
Hot Roll or Cornbread

- Friday, June 25**  
Catfish & Hushpuppies or Lasagna  
Steak Fries  
Summer Blend Beans  
Cole Slaw  
Tossed Salad  
Jello  
Walnut Brownies or Tapioca Cups  
Garlic Breadsticks  
Hot Roll or Cornbread

## Wilson Elementary School menu

The following is the menu for the upcoming week at Wilson Elementary School:

- Monday, June 21**  
Chicken & Noodle or Steak Fingers  
Green Beans  
Sliced Carrots  
Pineapple Tidbits  
Biscuit  
Breakfast - Pancake, Sausage
- Tuesday, June 22**  
Macaroni & Cheese or Corn Dog

- Sliced Potatoes  
English Peas  
Fresh Fruit  
Hot Roll  
Breakfast - Scrambled Egg, Toast

- Wednesday, June 23**  
Chicken Salad Sandwich or Mini Twin  
Cheeseburgers  
Corn  
Spinach  
Mixed Fruit  
Breakfast - Biscuit, Gravy

- Thursday, June 24**  
Meat & Cheese Nachos

- or Chicken Patty on a Bun  
Western Beans  
Tossed Salad  
Applesauce  
Spanish Rice  
Breakfast - Breakfast Pizza

- Friday, June 25**  
Meatball Sandwich or Hamburger  
French Fries  
Burger  
Salad  
Peach Cup  
Breakfast - Cereal, Toast

## Mechelay named to Dean's Honor Roll

COLLEGE STATION — Texas A&M University

has named its honor students for the spring semester, recognizing them for outstanding academic performance.

The Dean's Honor Roll recognizes students taking at least 15 semester hours during the spring semester who have maintained a

3.75 or higher grade point (GPR) out of a possible 4.0.

Among those recognized on the Dean's Honor Roll was Diana R. Mechelay of Pampa, who received a bachelor of science degree in biomedical sciences.

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# New Big 12 a big bummer for some fans in Texas

**JIM VERTUNO**  
AP Sports Writer

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — After all the congratulations and relief about rescuing the Big 12 and those sweeping promises of big payouts, fans at Texas and Texas A&M still can't help but feel disappointed.

Tantalized by the prospect of heading off to exotic new playgrounds in the Pac-10 and the football-crazy Southeastern Conference, Longhorns and Aggies fans are looking at more road trips through the wind-swept heartland of America.

At Texas, the decision to keep the status quo means the Longhorns are still the big dog in the Big 12, but they already were. Staying put in a Big 12 that will soon be without Nebraska and Colorado feels a bit hollow.

Aggies fans, meanwhile, have lit up Texas A&M online message boards and radio shows, angry that they purportedly missed a chance to join the most powerful football conference in the land in the SEC and get out from under Texas' considerable shadow.

"They felt like something was just ripped away from them," said Billy Liucci, owner and editor of the popular A&M fan site Texags.com, who happens to like A&M's position in the leaner Big 12. "It's the most emotionally charged reaction to anything around here since I don't know when."

A profane e-mail to Texas A&M athletic director Bill Byrne prompted him to respond with an angry voice mail.

"Someone who has the no guts to write something like that needs to have his (expletive) kicked," the 65-year-old Byrne said in the call, which was posted on Youtube.com. Byrne later issued a 1,700-word statement defending the Aggies' decision to stay in the Big 12 and apologized for the outburst.

"After reading over 200 similar e-mails the other night, I finally had one set me off and I called the writer. I'm a very competi-

tive person and like many of you, I was raised not to back down when challenged. I've also got a bit of an Irish temper which came across in my voicemail. I regretted what I said as soon as I hung up. I should have been above that, and I made a mistake. For those of you who were offended by my response, I apologize, and I assure you that it will not happen again," Byrne wrote.

Aggies officials have tried to soothe upset fans by talking about the money, suggesting new TV deals will perhaps double the \$9.2 million paid out to the school by the Big 12 in 2009-10.

"The past two weeks have been a whirlwind of speculation," Texas A&M President R. Bowen Loftin said in a message to Aggies fans. "The Big 12 made a significant financial commitment to keep Texas A&M, Oklahoma and Texas in the conference. At the end of the day, we kept our word, which as an Aggie, is extremely important."

But it's about more than money for many Aggies fans.

Texas, the richest and most powerful school in the Big 12, has long cast a long shadow over College Station. Many Texas A&M fans saw the SEC as a way to strike out on their own, even at the risk of ending 100-plus years of rivalry.

"A&M fans love the rivalry. There's nothing that makes us Aggies happier in sports than beating Texas, I don't care what sport," Liucci said. "(But) A&M fans, they were fine with taking that risk."

The debate was so hot last week that Gov. Rick Perry, an Aggie who has been in office long enough to appoint every regent to both schools, decided it was best that he stay quiet.

In Austin, Texas fans were gripped by breathless reports that Texas was leaving for the Pac-10. Some wanted to stay, others were ready to go.

"I think there was a lot of excitement about the process and you all helped feed that,

I appreciate that," Texas athletic director DeLoss Dodds told reporters.

Austin radio talk show host Ed Clements said he hears from Longhorns fans who like staying in a league that promises an even fatter wallet and in theory puts them closer each year to a BCS bowl and the national

championship.

But he also hears from fans disappointed they won't get side trips to California beaches and Disneyland out of the deal.

Just about everyone wants Texas to schedule better non-conference opponents.

"They want Notre Dame, Michigan or somebody really,

really good," Clements said.

"They say they're paying high ticket prices but are sick and tired of just seeing Iowa State, Missouri and Kansas."

Texas already has UCLA on the schedule the next two seasons and BYU comes to Austin in 2011. In 2012, Wyoming, Mississippi and Texas-El Paso

make up the non-conference slate.

Texas football coach Mack Brown said he thinks Texas fans will like the new Big 12.

"It was best for our fans. A lot of people got excited about some of the (possible) games. We can schedule those games still," Brown said.

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# Texas jobless rate steady at 8.3 percent in May

AUSTIN (AP) — The unemployment rate in Texas held at 8.3 percent in May for the second month in a row, the Texas Workforce Commission said Friday.

It remains well below the national seasonally adjusted rate of 9.7 percent for May.

"During the month of May, employers in most industries added jobs," said Tom Pauken, the commission chairman.

The number of non-farming jobs grew for the fifth

consecutive month, with 43,600 positions added in May.

Professional and business services had the biggest increase in May at 10,200 jobs, while leisure and hospitality added 9,600. The trade, transportation and utilities category was up by 8,200 jobs.

The jobless rate had risen to 8.3 percent in April after holding steady at 8.2 percent in the first three months of 2010. The commission said the Texas work force is at 11.2 mil-

lion people.

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 8.0 percent in May from 8.1 percent in April. Amarillo and Midland

held the state's lowest local rate, which is not seasonally adjusted.

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Yesterday's Cryptoquote: THE THEATER WAS CREATED TO TELL PEOPLE THE TRUTH ABOUT LIFE AND THE SOCIAL SITUATION. — STELLA ADLER



## Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My father is a successful attorney. He appears to be the ideal father because he's charming, has a sense of humor and is intelligent.

He's a different person in private. Since I was 12, he has verbally and emotionally abused me, sometimes hitting me, throwing me down, threatening to evict or kill me. Abby, I was not a bad child. I never experimented with drugs or alcohol and spent little time with friends. I'm currently in college and maintain a 4.0 GPA.

My family and I think my father is mentally ill. He's extremely unstable and has a family history of these issues, including suicide. He has started stockpiling his deceased father's belongings, speaks to the dog as if it were a human being, and obsessively checks things in the house like locks, etc. He has extreme anger issues and other bizarre behaviors.

It's clear Dad has a problem, but because it has not affected him at work he sees no reason to get help. The one time I brought it up it only enraged him. He believes he is the ruler of the house, in control of everything, but it's obvious he's losing control.

We know we can't force him to get help, but what can I do to get Dad to see a psychiatrist or to improve the situation? Mom has given up, and I'm afraid for my little sister. She's in high school and still lives at home. — BIG SIS IN NEW MEXICO

DEAR BIG SIS: Your mother should have insisted your father get help when he started abusing you. Because she didn't, you should have told a teacher or counselor at school because they are mandated to report it. If your father abuses your sister, that's what she should do.

While many people mistakenly think that domestic abuse happens only in low-income families, family violence occurs among people on all social and economic levels. Because you fear for your sister's safety, contact the National Domestic Violence Hotline at (800) 799-7233. The people there can suggest help for your mother and sister, but your father cannot be "helped" unless he's will-

ing to finally admit he needs it.

DEAR ABBY: I just returned from a "Manicure/Pedicure Party" for a friend who is being married. The invitation I received stated, "Please join us for a manicure and pedicure in honor of the bride-to-be."

I was home about 10 minutes when I received a phone call from one of my hostesses. She told me that I had left without paying for my manicure and pedicure! I was floored. I told her I had forgotten, but the fact is, I had assumed since the invitation stated "Please join us" that the hostesses were paying.

Did I misinterpret the invitation? Or do people now "host" parties where they expect the guests to pay their own way? I am embarrassed and confused. Should I have asked the salon worker or the hostesses who was paying the bill? — CONFUSED IN COWTOWN

DEAR CONFUSED: Obviously you did misinterpret the invitation, which should have clearly mentioned that the event was "no host" and the guests would be required to pay for their own "salon services." I see no reason why you should have assumed that you'd be asked to pay, and your confusion is understandable. But please don't feel embarrassed. The folks who should feel embarrassed are the "hostesses."

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, June 20, 2010:

This year, you clear the way for better understanding. If you are attached, the two of you will expand your commitment together. If you're creative or artistic, you could create one of your life's masterpieces. Let your imagination come through more often. If you are single, you will draw many different types of people. Your dance card will be full. Relish the process of getting to know the different people and eliminating some. LIBRA always enchants you.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

\*\*\*\*\* Others want more feedback. The perpetual calls and conversations could become a drain if you were planning on a quiet day. Your words and thoughts make sense, drawing in a partner. Tonight: Go with another's suggestion.

This Week: Demonstrate your interpersonal skills. Others need to feel in control.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

\*\*\* Get into a project or perhaps a family picnic. Expect a low-key tone, and you won't be disappointed. A conversation about money might be more important to the other party than to you. Still, be a good listener. Tonight: Start mentally organizing for tomorrow.

This Week: Others dominate. You can either play or forget it. It's your call.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

\*\*\*\*\* Your imagination, for the most part, is an asset, unless you dream too much and aren't based somewhere in reality. Someone you care about starts displaying his or her true colors once more. You might wonder what is going on to cause this change. Think less. Enjoy the change. Tonight: As if there were no tomorrow.

This Week: Your devotion to getting the job done does matter. You will get more

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CANCER (June 21-July 22)

\*\*\* Keep your cool, even if your plans for a quiet, peaceful day get blown. You will find time to work through an inner issue that has been on your mind. Anchor in, knowing your priorities. A family member delights in your company. Tonight: At home.

This Week: Creativity marks what you do. Trust yourself.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

\*\*\*\*\* Keep conversations moving. Friends enjoy your humor and witty repartee. The laughter that ensues does more for the soul than you can imagine. A younger person shares more of what is important to him or her. Tonight: Hang out until the wee hours.

This Week: Anchor in on your priorities. Then act on them.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

\*\*\*\* You might want to understand more of what is important to you. Observe insecurity and when it comes up. You are capable of making a big difference once you get past your own limitations. Start now. Tonight: Treat yourself.

This Week: Speak your mind. Others will listen.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

\*\*\*\* You easily could go overboard trying to have a good time. Someone you care about reaches out to you. You could be planning a trip before you know it. Start dreaming up possible rendezvous points. Tonight: Swap ideas.

This Week: Curb a need to possess. Stay open in conversations.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

\*\*\*\* Taking off might be quite OK, as long as no one worries about you. Have a discussion with a partner or family member that is long overdue. Remember that this talk is two-way. Tonight: You can continue to vanish if you so choose!

This Week: Beam in what you want. Others won't stop you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

\*\*\*\* Understand what is happening with a partner or close associate. This

person might be more open and more willing to reveal him- or herself in a casual discussion. Don't allow someone to horn in on your talk. Tonight: Where your friends are.

This Week: Wednesday, you perk up. You are a force to be dealt with.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

\*\*\* An appearance cannot be avoided. Put your best foot forward in a discussion. An older person appreciates everything you do, though he or she might not always verbalize it. Later today, sit down with a friend for a game of cards or Scrabble. Tonight: Start thinking about tomorrow.

This Week: Monday and Tuesday are power days. Use them. Recuperate later.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

\*\*\*\*\* Keep reaching out for someone at a distance. Make calls to several family members you haven't spoken with for a long time. Playing catch-up invigorates your energy. Schedule a get-together later in the day. Tonight: Let your mind play with the possibilities.

This Week: You are empowered but have enormous responsibilities. You come out on top of your game.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

\*\*\*\* Deal with a key person directly. Much that you share can and will be kept confidential. You'll both gain a greater sense of security as a result and feel even more at home together. If you are already partnered, a decision you make today could establish a new path. Tonight: Make it cozy.

This Week: Work on seeing the other side. Then act.

BORN TODAY

Beach Boy Brian Wilson (1942), actor Danny Aiello (1933), singer Lionel Richie (1949)

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## DAILY HOROSCOPE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Monday, June 21, 2010:

This year, changes occur out of the blue. Just when you feel you have found the right path, you are tossed another boomerang. Learn to flex and not take anyone or any agreement to be permanent. Events and people could change rapidly. If you are single, your high charisma attracts many people. Don't commit unless you are absolutely sure. Even then, you still might want to wait. If you are attached, the two of you will need to flex. Your sweetie transforms in front of your very eyes. You will need to respond and grow accordingly. Be willing to let go of the status quo, and go on a new adventure with your significant other. CANCER is as changeable as you.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

\*\*\* Emotional currents run deep, both within and outside. You might want to pick and choose your words with care. Consider moving a negotiation to later, as there could be quite a few hotheads, causing a schism. Tonight: Go with another's suggestion.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

\*\*\*\* Be aware of what others want, what is implied behind the words and what isn't said. There might be a lot more intensity than you realize. Someone could be overly emotional as well. Tonight: Celebrate the Summer Solstice.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

\*\*\* In a moment, you could take a risk that you would be kicking yourself over for a long time. Stop, as pressure builds. Think about the end results and where

you are going with this project. What do you want? Make decisions accordingly.

Tonight: Slow down the frantic pace.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

\*\*\*\*\* Christen the first day of summer in your unique style. You might feel like going off and enjoying the moment, tossing responsibilities to the wind. The only question is, Why not? Go with impulse. Tonight: Act like there is no tomorrow.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

\*\*\* Commit to as little as possible, even if an offer is extremely appealing. Events involving those at a distance, travel and/or perhaps a legal matter could pop up out of the blue. Say "no" if you feel cornered. Tonight: Get some extra R and R.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

\*\*\*\*\* You have a lot to say, and it appears that the audience is receptive but emotional. You could be taken aback by some of the reactions you get. Know when to pull back and make other choices. Your high energy finds different paths with ease. Tonight: Celebrate the Summer Solstice.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

\*\*\*\*\* A must appearance is inevitable. If you are a boss, you could be dealing with some unusual characters, which looks like your former employees. People are responding to a different drummer. Let go if need be. Tonight: Out and about.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

\*\*\*\*\* You smile, and another person responds. An easy, relaxed approach might bring better results. Others feel reactive and are likely to act in an odd manner. Know what you want and expect. Tonight: Go with music.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

\*\*\*\*\* A partner demands your attention, though you might be surprised by the extremes that this person might go to in order to achieve the necessary results. Your ability to juggle many concerns and act quickly allows a great deal to be accomplished. Tonight: How about dinner for two?

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

\*\*\*\* Others might be extraordinarily challenging, forcing you to look at a situation differently. You don't have the only perspective. Seek out unusual solutions. Walk in another's shoes. Tonight: Wherever the action is.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

\*\*\* You have pushed to the max, and clearly someone doesn't understand how hard you try. You can explain only so much. Clear out errands and work before someone makes a request, messing up your schedule. Tonight: Choose something utterly relaxing.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

\*\*\*\*\* Work on a one-on-one level with someone you really care about. Know that you easily could overwhelm someone with all your ideas and solutions. Let the other person ask for help or whatever he or she needs. Then respond. Tonight: The rites of summer.

BORN TODAY

Philosopher Jean-Paul Sartre (1905), heir to the British throne Prince William (1982), singer, songwriter Ray Davies (1944)

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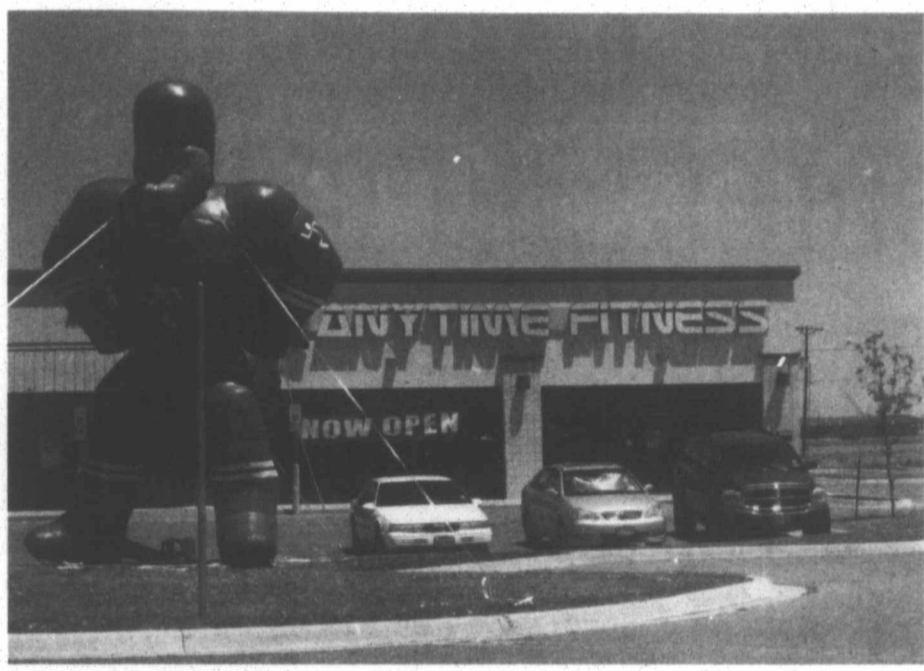
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# Community

## Karimaghaer, Barnes wed June 5

Sarah Karimaghaei and Justin Barnes, both of Amarillo, were married June 5, 2010 at the Palmer Country Club golf course in The Woodlands, Texas. Reverend Cliff Ritter of The Woodlands Methodist Church officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Bill and Mary Ann Washington of The Woodlands and is the granddaughter of Mr. Arnold Carnes of Shelburne, Vermont and the late Angela Carnes.

The groom is the son of Terry and DeDe Barnes of Pampa and the grandson of Barbara Jones of Lubbock and the late Wilfred Jones; and the late Raymond and Sarah Barnes.

Matron of Honor was Leanne Karim, sister-in-law of the bride, of Houston, Texas. Bridal attendants were Kat Alcalá of Huntsville, Texas; Christina Walker, cousin of the bride, of Burlington, Vermont; Jamie McMann of Amarillo, Texas; Carrie Singleton of Amarillo; April Ruzicka of Houston; and Briana Barnes, sister-in-law of the groom, of Amarillo. Flower girl was Hannah Rainey, of Decatur, Texas, cousin of the groom.

Best Man was Ryan Barnes, brother of the groom, of



Sarah and Justin Barnes

Amarillo. Groom's attendants were Cody Shepard of Katy, Texas; Greg Lindsey of Tyler, Texas; Matt Heasley of Lubbock, Texas; Trent Price of Pampa, Texas; Josh Karim, brother of the bride, of Houston, Texas; and Russell Robben of Hays, Kansas. Ring bearer was Thomas Rainey, of Decatur, Texas, cousin of the groom. Serving as ushers were cousins of the groom Nathan Meyers and Adam Etchison.

Music was provided by harpist Sara Shute.

A reception, dinner and dance were held immediately following the ceremony at the Club House of Palmer Country

Club. Registering guests was Stephanie Carnes, cousin of the bride, of Kingwood, Texas. The bride graduated from Woodlands High School in 2001 and received a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing in 2008. She is a registered nurse in the emergency room of BSA Hospital in Amarillo.

The groom graduated from Pampa High School in 2000 and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from Texas Tech University in 2004. He is an engineer at Pantex-Amarillo.

Following a honeymoon trip to Jamaica, the couple will reside in Amarillo.

## Holland, Fondren to wed

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Jeremy Fondren and Misty Holland

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# Sports

## Former Harvester Brown learns to be a role player

**ANDREW GLOVER**  
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Former Harvester baseball player Shea Brown ended his college career with his team finishing just short of the NAIA playoffs with Oklahoma Baptist University (OBU).

Brown said he went to Clarendon College after his senior year in high school and redshirted. He played two years at Redlands Community college before coming to OBU. Brown said throughout his college career he was used as a role player.

"I played in four games (first season at OBU),"

Brown said. "It was alright. It was a little frustrating individually. I was primarily used in late inning situations."

Brown said it was a challenge not being a starter but learned to accept his role.

"I had to know my role and go out and do it," Brown said. "Everyone wants to be one of the nine, but when you have 26 players on the team, it's not going to happen."

Brown played in 39 games and started 19 last season. The Bison went 38-16 and 15-15 in conference play just missing the

playoffs. Brown said he got to start when their second base got injured.

"He had a shoulder injury and I got to play about 20 games," Brown said. "I feel I did alright. Once he came back from injury he was back in the starting lineup."

OBU Head Coach Bobby Cox said Brown was outstanding for him.

"He (Brown) was one of those guys that represented us well on and off the field," Cox said. "He wasn't one of those in your face guys, he led by example. He played the game hard. Shea was there to get

the job done."

Brown said he liked working with Cox.

"It was great," Brown said. "He was laid back, doesn't say much. He hasn't had a losing record and has been at OBU for 26 years. He was a great guy to play for."

Brown said his two years at Redland's community college were a lot of fun.

"I made a lot of good friends," Brown said. "We were ranked in the top five both seasons. It was a lot of fun."

Brown played for the Harvesters from 2002-2005 and was the catcher under

coach Dennis Doughty. Brown said his senior year was his best season.

"I hit over .500 and only struck out four times," Brown said. "We made playoffs every single year and won the district title my senior season."

Brown said Doughty helped him know what to expect in college baseball.

"He (Doughty) got me in contact with the coaches at Clarendon," Brown said. "He said I had to bring my 'A' game and it is a lot different than high school."

Brown said the pace of the game and the level of competition was the big-

gest difference for him.

"You're always facing good pitching," Brown said. "Everybody you play with and against are good competition. It's a lot more involved, almost like a job."

Brown will graduate from OBU in December with a degree in Business Administration with an emphasis in management. Brown said he will most likely stay in Shawnee, Okla., and start a lawn mowing business.

## NCAA realignment as simple as fundamental math

The past two weeks, conference realignment has been a major story in college football and communities living near Big 12, Big Ten and Pac-10 schools. Realignment college football isn't a bad idea and there is a simple solution to it.

Currently there are 120 division 1A schools in 11 conferences with three schools independent. The easy solution for realignment is form 10 conferences with 12 teams. Now, how I came to this number is easy to explain, unlike the rocket science used to create the BCS formula. In fact, I only used simple math to come up with my idea, 10 multiplied by 12 equals 120.

So why 12 teams per conference? According to NCAA guidelines, 12 is the minimum number of teams for a conference to split into divisions and hold a conference championship game. If every conference had a conference championship game it could provide a level playing field. It would avoid complaints of one team having more time off than another team. An

excuse Ohio State claimed in their national title losses to Florida and LSU in 2006 and 2007.

Also, a total realignment could allow the NCAA to spread the big schools to each of the conferences and could eliminate a "weak conference." Secondly, a total realignment would allow the geographic conferences like the Mountain West or the WAC to have teams that accurately fit that region. So I took some time and did my own realignment of the NCAA.

Some of you may find part of my realignment as insane as some of my March Madness picks. I know there will be those who don't agree with my alignment. Odds are my realignment idea won't be any more than your fish wrap after your finished reading this.

To begin, with 11 conferences, one of them has to go. Based on NCAA budgeting numbers found on its Web site, I decided to eliminate the Sun Belt Conference since it had the lowest revenue. I also ended Notre Dame, Navy and Army's independence



**ANDREW GLOVER**

and moved them into conferences.

In creating the conferences I used a map of the ten federal districts. This would seem to be an easy way since I was realigning the NCAA into 10 conferences, but not so fast, my friend. Only 45 states, have college teams which means some federal districts only had two colleges while others had over 20.

The one conference that formed perfectly was the Pac-10, which I'm now calling the Pac-12. This conference was made up of California, Nevada, Arizona and Hawaii. I split that conference into North and South Divisions. Northern California and Nevada made up the North and Southern California,

Arizona and Hawaii made up the South.

Washington, Washington State, Oregon and Oregon State helped form the WAC, with Boise State and Idaho completing the North Division of that conference. The South included Louisiana Tech, the Louisiana Schools from the Sun Belt, Rice and North Texas.

A major change I made in some conferences was putting rivals in separate divisions or conferences. Examples include Texas Tech and Oklahoma being in a different division than Texas. Miami being in a different conference than Florida State. Duke being in a different conference than its ACC rivals like North Carolina and Wake Forest. Some of you would think I committed a felony in separating certain rivals, but part of realignment is allowing new rivals to form or be more important. To use a local example, Pampa's rivalries with the Amarillo and Canyon schools are going to be less important since they moved down to 3A this year, but their rivalries

with Borger and Perryton will increase.

This would be the same in college football if they did a total realignment. In my plan, Tech and TCU's rivalry would intensify along with Texas and LSU's. Imagine Florida and Florida State in the same conference possibly determining a division championship.

Also, I made some conferences more geographically correct, like the Mid-American Conference, or how I have referred to it, the Mediocre Athletic Conference. I don't see how anyone in their right mind would say that Ohio is in the middle of the America. So, I put schools like Nebraska, Kansas and Missouri in this conference. If this conference came about, I might call it the Much Athletic Conference.

With every conference having 12 teams, conferences having the name Big followed by a number wouldn't be necessary. So, I changed the name of the Big 12 to the Southwest, bringing back the classic conference name. I

changed the name of the Big Ten to the Great Lakes Conference since the majority of the teams are from there.

The downsides of my plan are, with every conference having a geographically related name, it would make it difficult for future realignments as you would have teams out of place. Also, doing this just for football could put schools in weaker conference in other sports. For instance, Duke is a powerhouse in basketball but a cellar-dweller in football. Schools like Boise State may be a Top Five football team but an unmentionable in basketball. But, I think having 10 12-team conferences would allow for better competition and make for less controversy at the end of the season. Additionally you can realign the NCAA into 15 eight-team conferences or eight super conferences with 15 teams. All and in all there is a simple solution for the NCAA to realign using simple math.

### Andrew's Realigned NCAA

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- Boston College
- Connecticut
- Maryland
- Navy
- Rutgers
- South**
- Florida Atlantic
- Florida International
- East Carolina
- Miami Florida
- South Carolina
- UCF
- Big East**
- North**
- Notre Dame
- Penn State
- Pittsburgh
- Syracuse
- Temple
- West Virginia
- South**
- Marshall
- North Carolina
- North Carolina St.
- Virginia
- Virginia Tech
- Wake Forest
- Mountain West**
- North**
- BYU
- Colorado
- Colorado St.
- Utah
- Utah St.
- Wyoming
- South**
- Air Force
- Arkansas
- Arkansas St.
- New Mexico
- New Mexico St.
- UTEP
- Southwest (Big 12)**
- East**
- Baylor
- Houston
- LSU
- Southern Miss
- Texas
- Texas A&M
- West**
- Oklahoma
- Oklahoma St.
- SMU
- TCU
- Texas Tech
- Tulsa
- WAC**

**North**

- Boise St.
- Idaho
- Oregon
- Oregon St.
- Washington
- Washington St.
- South**
- Louisiana-Lafayette
- Louisiana-Monroe
- Louisiana Tech
- North Texas
- Rice
- Tulane
- Pac-12**
- North**
- California
- Fresno St.
- Nevada
- San Jose St.
- Stanford
- UNLV
- South**
- Arizona
- Arizona St.
- Hawaii
- San Diego St.
- UCLA
- SEC**
- East**

**Clemson**

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- Florida St.
- Georgia
- Georgia Tech
- South Florida
- West**
- Alabama
- Auburn
- Mississippi
- Mississippi St.
- Troy
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- MAC**
- East**
- Illinois
- Middle Tennessee
- Northern Illinois
- Northwestern
- Vanderbilt
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- Kansas St.
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- Nebraska
- Great Lakes (Big Ten)**
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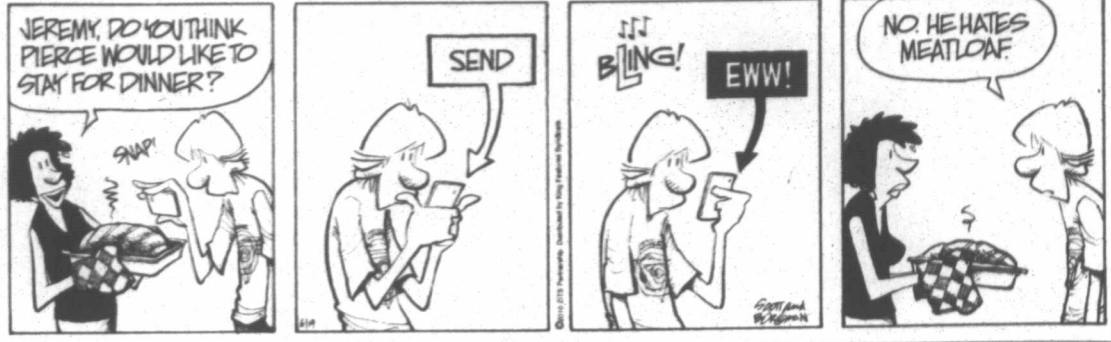


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# PHS Choir Banquet



The Pampa High School Choir Banquet was held on May 21, 2010.

The choir was under the direction this year of Fred Mays and Brianna Bailey

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2614 Cherokee	\$100,000	3/175/2	1855 SF/GCAD
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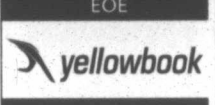
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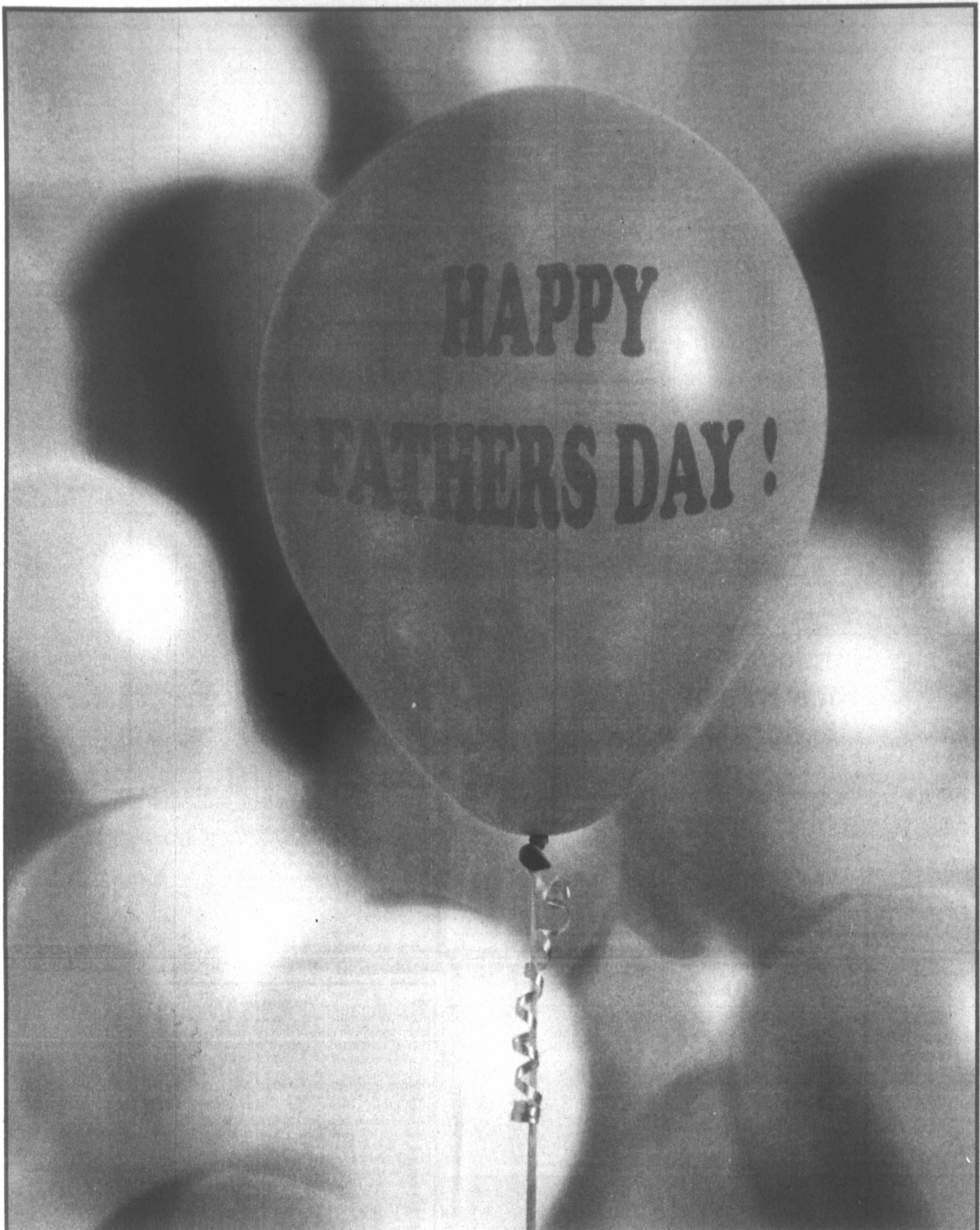
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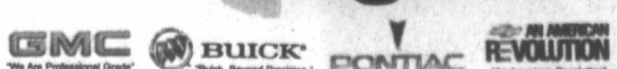
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