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KOI STORY

Picturesque gardens delight koi tour guests

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A black swallowtail butterfly landed on a flower and laid an egg in the garden lovingly cared for by Gladys and Phil Vanderpool.

"(The plant) will be eaten up by the end of summer," Gladys told people touring Saturday during the Las Pampas Koi & Water Garden's Society's annual tour, "but I don't care. I like butterflies."

The Vanderpool home was one of 21 gardens in the community open to the public during the tour. It is an annual fundraiser for the club, which uses the money for donations to community organizations and scholarships.

The tour showcases local water gardens — oases of flowing water, flowers, trees and koi ponds. Koi, also called Japanese Carp, were first bred for exotic colors in ancient China.

Hence the name "Spot" for one of the fish in the pond constructed by Keith Vanderpool, the son of Gladys and Phil.

They can hear you coming," said Loyd Waters.

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staff photos by
Randy Pribble

TOP: Ornamental koi gleam bright orange in the sunlight as they swim under the surface of Irvine Riphahn's fishpond. **BOTTOM LEFT:** Loyd and Thelma Waters' koi pond is framed by greenery and landscaping rocks. **BOTTOM RIGHT:** Gladys Vanderpool and Frank Stowers talk in the Vanderpool garden.



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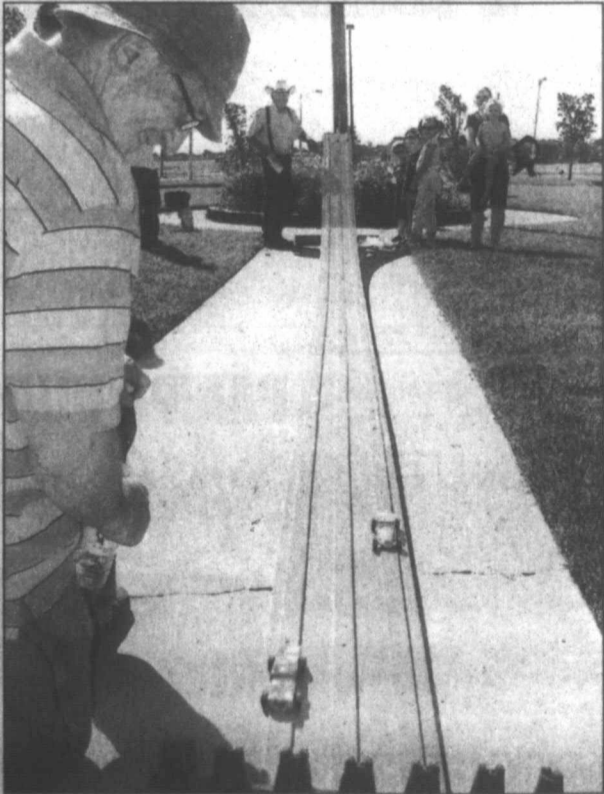
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AT THE LINE...



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Keith Oliphant watches a pair of Pinewood Derby cars streak towards the finish line at Saturday's PRMC Family Fun Day. **More PHOTOS** on page 5

Flo & Friends



Flo & Friends/Jenny Campbell

Main character Flo (left, first frame) exhibits a little Pampa pride with a 'Cookin' on the Bricks' t-shirt (highlighted) in the June 9 edition of her comic strip.

Pampa cookin' on 'Flo & Friends'

Readers who picked up a copy of *The Pampa News* on June 9 and turned to "Flo and Friends" on the comics pages had a bit of a surprise: Flo in a T-shirt that read "Cookin' on the Bricks Pampa, TX."

It was subtle. The strip is reproduced in black and white and the printing on the character's shirt was small, but once you realize it is there, it is obvious.

What isn't so obvious is how it got there and why.

The Pampa News put the question in an e-mail to the strip's author and illustrator, Jenny Campbell, through

Creators.com, the syndicate that markets and distributes "Flo and Friends." It took a little while, but, graciously, Campbell responded to the inquiry.

"Sorry I haven't answered you sooner," wrote Campbell. "I only check my Flo e-mail about once a week or so!"

"I have this fun habit of Googling the towns where my strips run, and finding cool looking events, festivals, restaurants, parks, cultural landmarks... Anything that catches my fancy... Then I'll put it on someone's t-shirt in the strip and see if anyone notices!"

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Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
		
High 96 Low 71	High 96 Low 69	High 93 Low 69

Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 71. Windy, with a south wind between 15 and 25 mph.

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

Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 71. South wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Wednesday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1 p.m. Partly cloudy, with a high near 96. North northeast wind between 5 and 15 mph.

Wednesday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 69. East southeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Thursday: Mostly cloudy, with a high near 93. South southeast wind between 5 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 69. South wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

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Concern raised over dogs in rural Texas

MARTINDALE (AP) — When Titan and Ladybug came to Austin, the pair of 3-year-old pit bulls were in bad shape. Being chained to a stake in the ground all day since puppyhood had taken a toll on the dogs' health.

Ladybug's harness had started growing into her skin. She walks with a permanent hunch and can't bark because of a damaged throat. Titan's ribs were sticking out from malnourishment, and he had had his ears cut off with scissors. Both had heartworms, fleas and ticks.

In 2007, Austin passed an ordinance that punishes owners who chain their dogs with fines of up to \$500. Dogs kept mostly outside must have an enclosure — such as a fence — with a minimum of 10 by 15 feet for each adult dog. In 2008, the City of Georgetown passed a ban on dog chaining as well.

But in some rural areas, no laws keep dogs off chains, and animal advocacy groups say it is a problem for dogs and humans alike.

Titan and Ladybug are receiving care and are waiting for a home at the Canine Hilton shelter in east Austin after members of the Austin nonprofit Love-A-Bull persuaded their Martindale owners to let them have the dogs for \$200.

Although both dogs had suffered from the chaining, there was no indication they were being used for fighting, and both have playful, friendly temperaments. Martindale Police Chief Jeff Caldwell said no citations were issued against their owners.

"While not the ideal situation for those dogs, it's not necessarily illegal," he said.

Love-A-Bull has helped five dogs from Martindale this year, all of whom were victims of chaining. The group mostly does education and advocacy work, member Lydia Zaidman said, but it acted to rescue the dogs in this case because of the extreme situation.

Animal control resources — including money for enforcement officers and shelters — are scarce in rural Central Texas, and education about the dangers of chaining dogs is hard to come by, animal advocates said.

Caldwell County's strays usually end up at the Lockhart Animal Shelter, a facility on Old McMahan Road. The shelter houses about 56 dogs and 24 cats daily, with an average of 180 animals a month. Its \$267,000 annual budget comes from the City of Lockhart, Caldwell County and donations.

By comparison, Austin's Town Lake Animal Center has an annual budget of \$5.5 million and cares for about 23,000 animals a year. The city has plans to build a new \$12 million facility in east Austin.

Melanie Tucker, Lockhart's director of animal services, said the city bans leaving restrained dogs outside and unattended for long periods. Chaining is more of a problem in rural areas, where enforcement is left to two Caldwell County sheriff animal control officers and where chaining often is unreported, she said.

Animal advocates say chaining dogs is inhumane, encourages aggressive behavior and makes dogs more territorial.

"There is a total lack of understanding about why chaining is so bad for dogs," Zaidman said.

Zaidman and others want to see a state law that mandates an enclosure for dogs kept outside, similar to Austin's ordinance.

"The state needs to do something because these towns won't do it," Zaidman said.

Obituaries

Billie P. Leverett, 89

PAMPA—Billie P. Leverett, 89, died Sunday, June 20, 2010 in Pampa.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Leverett was born March 4, 1921 in Houston to George and Lucille Barry and was reared in Childress. She graduated from Childress High School and attended Texas Women's University in Denton. She married J. Roy Leverett on Oct. 18, 1942, who preceded her

in death in 2001. Billie was a sorority house-mother for Alpha Chi Omega at the University of Georgia in Athens, Ga. for 17 years. She was also an accomplished artist. Mrs. Leverett had been a resident of Pampa since 1995. She was preceded in death by her parents, a sister, Betty May of Athens, Ga., and a brother, Jack Barry, of Columbus, Ga.

Survivors include two sons, Nick Leverett and

wife Jannie of Plano and Barry Leverett of Colorado Springs, Colo.; a daughter, Judi Edwards and husband Jack of Pampa; three grandsons, Cliff Medley of Amarillo, Matt Leverett and wife Sadi of Colleyville, and Clay Leverett and wife Stacey of Keller; two granddaughters, Tracy Alvord and husband Rich of Lewisville and Serra Leverett of California; and ten great grandchildren.



Leverett

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EMERGENCY SERVICES

AMBULANCE

Pampa Emergency Medical Services reported the following calls for the period ending at 7 a.m., June 19.

Friday, June 18
11:47 A MICU unit provided a patient transport from the 1500 block of N. Christy to PRMC.

11:51 A MICU unit provided a patient transport from the 200 block of N. Russell to PRMC.

12:18 A MICU unit provided a patient transport from the 1200 block of N.

Hobart to PRMC.

12:28 A MICU unit provided a patient transport from the 2800 block of N. Charles to PRMC.

13:18 A MICU unit provided a patient transport from the 1600 block of N. Hobart to PRMC.

23:52 A MICU unit provided a patient transport from the 100 block of N. Wynne to PRMC.

23:53 A MICU unit provided a patient transport from the 700 block of Dean to PRMC.

Saturday, June 19
09:00 A MICU unit pro-

vided a patient transport from the 1500 block of W. Kentucky to PRMC.

12:00 A MICU unit provided a patient transport from the 1300 block of W. Kentucky to PRMC.

12:52 A MICU unit responded to a call in the 800 block of N. Nelson.

13:57 A MICU unit provided a patient transport from Amarillo Nursing Facility to the 1300 block of W. Kentucky.

14:19 A MICU unit provided a patient transport from PRMC to the 1300 block of W. Kentucky.

17:27 A MICU unit responded to a call from the 800 block of N. Christy.

21:15 A MICU unit provided a patient transport from the 700 block of Sloan to PRMC.

01:36 A MICU unit responded to a call from the 1100 block of Garland.

02:37 A MICU unit provided a patient transport from the 600 block of W. Francis to PRMC.

5:39 A MICU unit provided a patient transport from the 400 block of Perry to PRMC.

Pampa's Williams pleads guilty to drug charges

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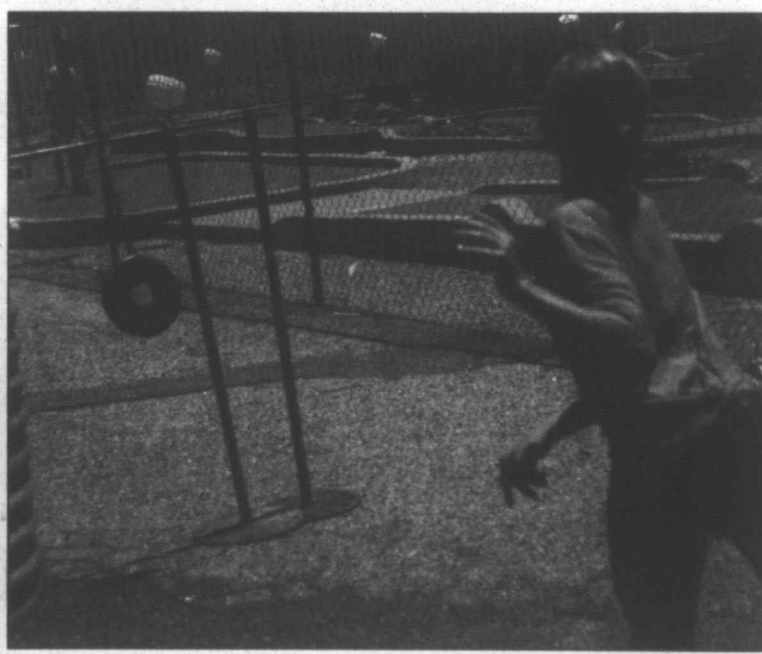
A Pampa man pleaded guilty to drug charges in 223rd District Court this morning.

The punishment phase of the trial will begin this afternoon.

Reggie Eugene Williams, 39, of Pampa, was charged with two counts of possession of a controlled substance and one count of delivery of a controlled substance in a drug free zone.

Assistant Gray County District Attorney Jeromie Oney will present the state's case during the punishment phase this afternoon before visiting Judge David Gleason.

RODEO ROUNDUP



staff photos by Andrew Glover

LEFT: Deputy Cary Rushing sits on the dunking booth waiting to get soaked during the Bike Rodeo at the parking lot of Putt-A-Round Saturday. Kids could pay to dunk a cop, with officers from the Police and Sheriff department participating. **RIGHT:** Avery Malone, 12, just misses the target to dunk one of her friends at the Bike Rodeo at Putt-A-Round Saturday.

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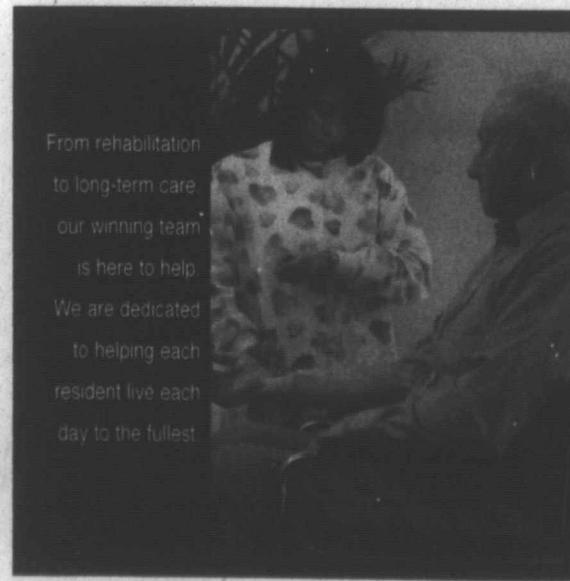
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AFTERNOONRUSH Shamrock murder-suicide under investigation

BP's worst case: 4.2 million gallons

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Newly released internal documents show BP PLC estimated 4.2 million gallons of oil a day could gush from a damaged well in the Gulf of Mexico if all equipment restricting the flow was removed and company models were wrong.

Democratic Massachusetts Congressman Ed Markey released the documents Sunday showing BP said in a worst-case scenario the leak could gush between 2.3 million and 4.2 million gallons of oil per day.

The current worst-case estimate of what's leaking is 2.5 million gallons a day.

BP said today it that has now spent \$2 billion responding to the massive spill.

\$54K of marijuana seized

A Texas Department of Public Safety traffic stop turned into a sizeable drug seizure last week when a trooper in Carson County found 167 pounds of marijuana in a motorist's vehicle.

Last Thursday morning, a trooper working patrol in Conway on I-40 stopped Ryan Allen Mumford, 34, of Salem, N.C. During the stop, the Trooper asked for consent to search the vehicle and it was denied.

A DPS K-9 unit responded to the scene and conducted a free air sniff of the vehicle, which indicated the presence of a controlled substance.

A subsequent probable cause search of the vehicle revealed the marijuana in the vehicle's trunk. The drugs were valued at \$54,275; Mumford was arrested and booked into the Carson County Jail for possession of marijuana.

Catholic church warns of cartels

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Mexico's Roman Catholic Church says drug cartels now control parts of some cities and warns that the gangs may be trying to influence this year's state elections.

The Archdiocese of Mexico says in an editorial that organized crime groups may try "to impose candidates" in the July 4 elections that will decide 12 of Mexico's 31 governorships.

It says cartels may also try to impede voters from going to the polls.

The editorial posted Sunday on the archdiocese's website says drug gangs are intimidating governments in some states and "control entire neighborhoods in some cities."

Officer, others hurt in shootout

LANCASTER (AP) — A police officer and two other people have been wounded in a shootout at an apartment complex in the southern Dallas suburb of Lancaster.

Sgt. Derek Clark, a police spokesman, says the officer was responding to a reported domestic disturbance at the River Bend apartments about 6 p.m. Sunday when the call was upgraded to shots fired.

When the officer arrived, an exchange of gunfire erupted that left him and the shooter wounded. Another person was wounded in the previous shooting.

Clark says no other details nor conditions of those wounded are available.

El Paso an 'All-America City'

DENVER (AP) — The National Civic League has announced El Paso as one of the 10 winners of its 2010 All-America City awards.

The Denver-based group announced the winners Friday of the award recognizing communities that have addressed issues with innovative, grassroots efforts among public, private and nonprofit entities. League President Gloria Rubio Cortes says the cities represent what is working in American communities.

Aside from El Paso, this year's winners are: Chandler, Ariz.; Lynwood, Calif.; Rancho Cordova, Calif.; North Miami, Fla.; Acworth, Ga.; Des Moines, Iowa; Salisbury, Md.; Gastonia, N.C.; Mount Pleasant, S.C.; and El Paso, Texas.

To qualify, communities had to submit three examples of successful community-based problem-solving. This year's winners addressed such issues as homelessness, obesity, economic development, low-income housing, improving schools and diversity and inclusion.

Blindness raises transplant doubts

DALLAS (AP) — A north Texas man who lost his facial features to burns from a live electric power line awaits a decision on whether his blindness will bar him from a face transplant.

Dallas Wiens of Fort Worth lost his nose, left eye, lips and skin from forehead to chin because of the accident 19 months ago. Parkland Memorial Hospital surgeons in Dallas have worked to rebuild the 25-year-old man's face, but he still can't see from his right eye. That would leave him unable to inspect his new face daily for rejection, as required of face transplant recipients.

The two U.S. hospitals with face transplant experience differ on whether blind patients qualify for a transplant. *The Dallas Morning News* reports Ohio's Cleveland Clinic won't consider blind patients, but Boston's Brigham and Women's Hospital is evaluating Wiens as a candidate.

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SHAMROCK — Services were pending today for a Shamrock couple following an apparent murder-suicide over the weekend.

Pampa-based Texas Ranger Bart Bivins and Wheeler County deputies were today investigating the circumstances surrounding the deaths.

Texas Department of Public Safety Trooper Daniel Hawthorne reported that Raphael "Ray" Johnson, 54, apparently shot his wife, Martha Johnson, 48, shortly before 4 p.m. Saturday at their farm northeast of Shamrock before turning the gun on himself.

Officers said the shooting happened after the couple's

college-aged daughter left the Johnsons' home to take relatives to the airport in Amarillo. When the daughter returned, she found her mother lying dead in the home. The daughter called police and went to a friend's home.

Because the initial report indicated that a suspect might be barricaded in the farm home, Wheeler County officials called the Amarillo SWAT team, Ranger Bivins and Texas Department of Public Safety troopers, but a search of the home revealed no one else.

Ray Johnson's body was found about 4 a.m. Sunday in a hunting blind about a half mile from the home on the Johnsons' 640-acre farm three miles northeast of Shamrock.

Officials said today that funeral services for the Johnsons would be in Lake Charles, La.

Tea Partiers wary of regulation, even in BP spill

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — A tea party favorite running for the U.S. Senate in Kentucky says President Barack Obama is using the Gulf of Mexico oil spill to advance an energy tax.

While Democrats denounce BP for the spill, a Republican congressman from Texas accuses the White House of performing a \$20 billion "shakedown" by pushing the company to create a compensation fund for spill victims.

Rep. Joe Barton also apologized to BP Chief Executive Tony Hayward at a Capitol hearing, although he was later pressured by GOP leaders to apologize for his apology.

In the two months since BP's underwater well

ruptured and started belching millions of gallons of crude into the Gulf, many conservatives have expressed fears that Obama and his allies will use the spill to make government bigger and intrude more into private enterprise.

Republican Senate candidate Rand Paul of Kentucky said Friday that he was disturbed by Obama's promise to find out "whose ass to kick."

"I'll move past the obvious problem with the appropriateness of the comment to just say this: Look in the mirror Mr. President," Paul said in a statement. "This crisis has been a case study in failure to lead, failure to act, and using a crisis to advance your own agenda rather than solve the problem."

Flo

"So, thank everyone in Pampa for noticing! (I got several emails!) And I hope everyone keeps reading Flo (look for more Pampa references! They do show up occasionally!)"

"All my best to the good folks of Pampa!"

One reader who noticed the strip was Pampa Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Joe Weaver, who also contacted Campbell through the syndicate.

Campbell thanked Weaver for "being a fan" and explained her

habit of picking up on local events in the communities where her strip runs.

She also thanked Pampans for reading.

"Your town must be very cool, because a LOT of people noticed," wrote Campbell. "I'm honored!"

"So thank everyone for me, and tell them to keep reading Flo. Pampa DOES show up on a shirt once in awhile."

"Please give my very best to the excellent folks of Pampa! Cheers!"

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photo courtesy of **Creator's Syndicate**
Jenny Campbell, creator of "Flo and Friends," complimented the keen eyes of Pampa readers.



Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: Please remind parents and teenagers that it is "cool" to wear a helmet when riding bikes and skateboards. A child in our town died recently after suffering a head injury, and we have just received word that the son of a close friend (age 23) has started having seizures because of a head injury he suffered as a teen after falling from a skateboard.

I had my grandson decorate his helmet. All his friends thought it looked great, and that made it "cool" to wear it. With summer here and kids outside, wearing a helmet cannot be stressed enough. — VIGILANT GRANDMA OUT WEST

DEAR GRANDMA: You are not only a vigilant grandma, but also a clever one. Falls are common among bike riders, skateboarders, rollerbladers, and those who drive and ride all-terrain vehicles. According to the Traumatic Brain Injury Recovery Network, an estimated 7 million Americans seek medical care every year for injuries sustained during sports or recreation-related activities, an estimated 4.3 million of whom are treated in emergency rooms. The highest rates of sports- and recreation-related injuries are among adolescents 10 to 14 years of age.

When a child's head hits cement, wood or hard-packed dirt, the result can be a traumatic injury that leads to concussion, permanent brain injury or even death. That is why children who participate in sports should be strongly encouraged to wear protective headgear at all times.

DEAR ABBY: Some friends who live out of state just left, after inviting themselves to stay at our home while they attended to family business. We live in a town with many hotels. We enjoy their company, but when we visited them last year, we stayed at their bed and breakfast (at their invitation) and were charged \$175 a night even though there were empty rooms at their inn.

My wife says I should shut up, but I feel used. Your thoughts? — MIFFED IN MICHIGAN

DEAR MIFFED: Your feelings are accurate. You welcomed this couple as friends; they welcomed you as paying guests. Now that you know this about them, treat them accordingly. The next time they invite themselves to your home, tell them you'd love to visit with them while they're in town and refer them to a hotel.

P.S. If this has happened more than once, it could only be because you allowed it.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 42-year-old mother of three, married to my husband for 15 years. I am active in my

church and community and live a good, decent life.

My 20th college reunion is coming up in September. I lived a wild life in college, drank too much and was promiscuous. I would like to attend the reunion with my husband, who is also an alumnus. While I will love seeing old friends, I feel apprehensive because I will be among some people I once had relations with.

Abby, I am not the same person I was back then. Part of me wants to go to the reunion to show that I have changed. My husband is aware of my past and accepts it. Should I go? — DIFFERENT NOW IN NEW JERSEY

DEAR DIFFERENT NOW: Go! I'm sure you won't be the only person there who was "wild" when you were younger. Show up, have a good time, and let bygones be bygones.

Sudoku

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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Viewpoints

Today in History

Today is Monday, June 21, the 172nd day of 2010. There are 193 days left in the year. Summer arrives at 7:28 a.m. Eastern time.

Today's Highlight in History:

On June 21, 1788, the United States Constitution went into effect as New Hampshire became the ninth state to ratify it.

On this date:

In 1834, Cyrus Hall McCormick received a patent for his reaping machine.

In 1948, the Republican national convention opened in Philadelphia. (The delegates ended up choosing Thomas E. Dewey to be their presidential nominee.)

In 1963, Cardinal Giovanni Battista Montini was chosen to succeed the late Pope John XXIII; the new pope took the name Paul VI.

In 1964, civil rights workers Michael H. Schwerner, Andrew Goodman and James E. Chaney disappeared in Philadelphia, Miss.; their bodies were found buried in an earthen dam six weeks later.

In 1982, a jury in Washington D.C. found John Hinckley Jr. not guilty by reason of insanity in the shootings of President Ronald Reagan and three other men.

In 1985, scientists announced that skeletal remains exhumed in Brazil were those of Nazi war criminal Josef Mengele.

In 1989, a sharply divided Supreme Court ruled that burning the American flag as a form of political protest is protected by the First Amendment.

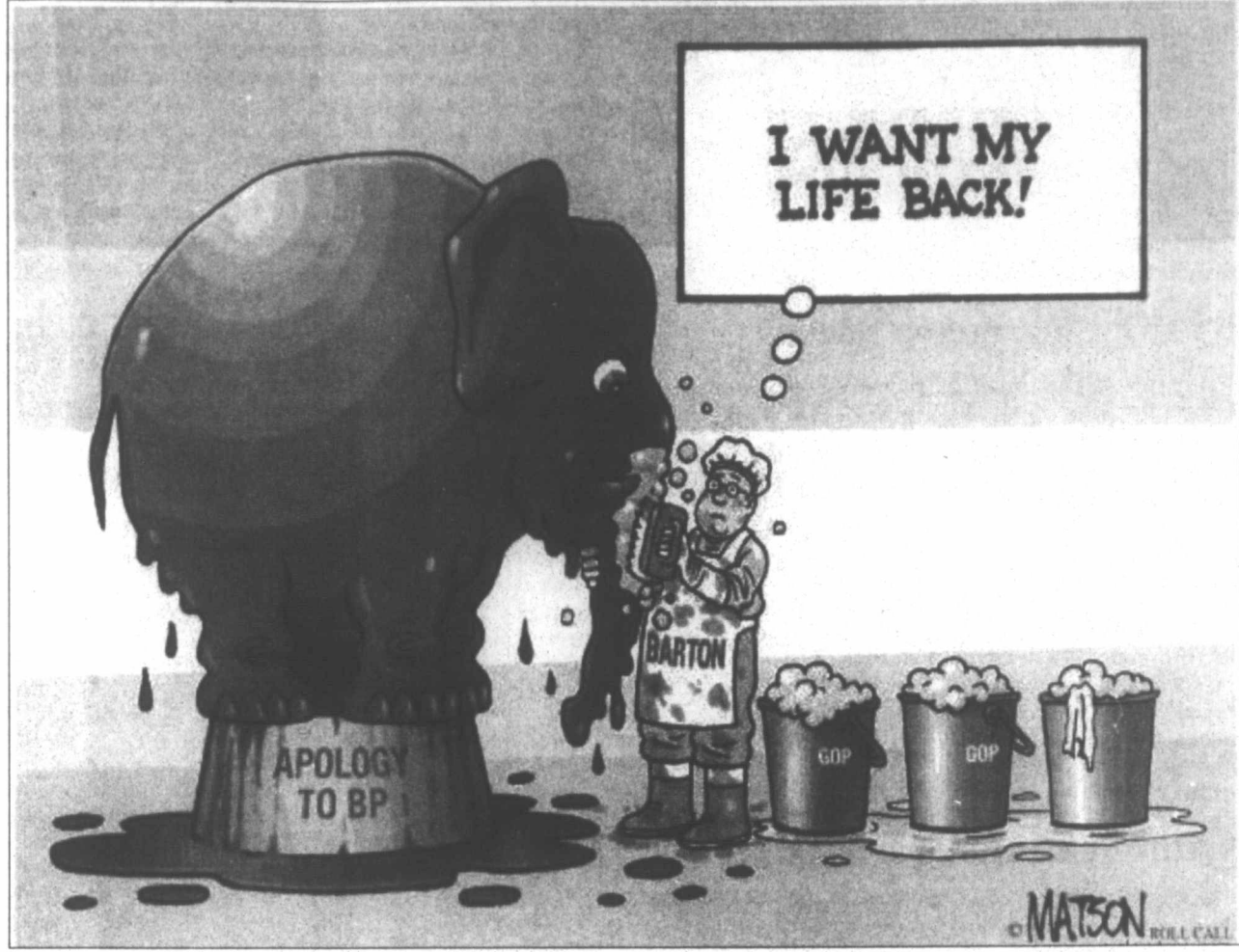
Ten years ago: North Korea promised to refrain from long-range missile tests after the United States lifted some economic sanctions against it. Some 55 years after World War II ended, 22 Asian-American veterans received the Medal of Honor for bravery on the battlefield during a White House ceremony.

Five years ago: Forty-one years to the day after three civil rights workers were beaten and shot to death, Edgar Ray Killen, an 80-year-old former Ku Klux Klansman, was found guilty of manslaughter. (Killen was sentenced to 60 years in prison.)

One year ago: Newsweek reporter Maziar Bahari was among hundreds of people arrested during the Tehran government's crackdown on nationwide protests over Iran's disputed presidential election. (Bahari was released nearly four months later.)

Today's Birthdays: Actress Jane Russell is 89. Actor Bernie Kopell is 77. Actor Monte Markham is 75. Songwriter Don Black is 72. Actress Mariette Hartley is 70. Comedian Joe Flaherty is 69. Rock singer-musician Ray Davies (The Kinks) is 66. Actress Meredith Baxter is 63. Actor Michael Gross is 63. Rock musician Don Airey (Deep Purple) is 62. Rock musician Joey Kramer (Aerosmith) is 60. Rock musician Nils Lofgren is 59. Actress Robyn Douglass is 57. Cartoonist Berke Breathed is 53. Actor Doug Savant is 46. Writer-director Larry Wachowski is 45. Rapper/producer Pete Rock is 40. Actress Juliette Lewis is 37. Rock musician Mike Einziger (Incubus) is 34. Rock singer Brandon Flowers is 29. Britain's Prince William of Wales is 28.

Thought for Today: "It is only on paper that one moralizes — just where one shouldn't." — Richard Le Gallienne, English poet and essayist (1866-1947).



Enraged to engaged: A Tea Party profile

YUCCA VALLEY, Calif. (AP) — Bill Warner is hardly a naive man. He ran his own engineering firm for three decades, and sold the assets just before the economy tanked. He built his dream home on a majestic hill abutting a national park, back when the housing market was steady. While some neighbors have since been foreclosed upon, Warner is resurfacing his flagstone deck.

And so he understands that in the world of politics, his little group — the Lincoln Club of the Morongo Basin — is but a molecule in the figurative drop in the bucket of power and influence.

Its stated purpose is "to promote, educate and advance conservative principles of fiscal responsibility, small limited government, free enterprise, the rule of law, private property rights, and the preservation and protection of individual liberty." The organization has some 25 members and has raised \$10,000.

"It's our way of doing what we can do," he says.

Warner is 65 and soft-spoken, the kind who asks questions before making decisions. He doesn't consider himself a rabble-rouser or "tea party-er."

Yet this past March, Warner packed up his motorhome and drove with his wife, Pat, to Searchlight, Nev., to join thousands of others at a tea party rally dubbed the Woodstock of conservatism.

There were, as his friend put it, some "wackadoos" among the masses: The Barrel Man wearing only a barrel and a hat, the guy dressed like Jesus.

There were also plenty of people just like Warner, who held a coffee mug instead of a sign.

Concerned Americans trying to find their voices, and a way to channel their disgust. For some, anger has now turned to action.

It is the kind of action that helped capture the Republican nomination for U.S. Senate in Nevada, now challenging Majority Leader Harry Reid. And that helped tea party darlings Raul Labrador in Idaho and Todd Lally in Kentucky win their Republican congressional primaries. And that helped libertarian favorite Rand Paul beat out a Republican establishment candidate in Kentucky's Senate primary.

In Yucca Valley, that action comes from the likes of Bill Warner and a new Lincoln Club.

In Bullhead City, Ariz., it comes



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in the form of an ex-PR agent who runs the Republican women's club and holds candidate meet-and-greets to help get out the vote.

In Las Vegas, it's an Internet marketer and his friend, the blogger, working from a rented condo to oust Reid and other incumbents.

These four were all in Searchlight that Saturday in March. They've heard, time and again, the characterizations in the news media, from some Democrats and, in certain cases, from their own friends and relatives — about how "those tea party-ers" are just angry voters venting about economic hard times, or they're confused, uneducated and easily influenced, or they're extremists, or, worst of all, they're racists.

Months after Searchlight and other rallies, plenty of questions remain about just what the tea party is, whether it can endure and how much influence it will have on elections this year and in years to come. Part of the answer is this: In communities across the land, citizens-turned-activists are digging in in different ways to wield whatever power and influence they're able to muster over this thing called democracy.

To hear what motivates them is to begin to understand what's going on in American politics in 2010.

Really, in America itself.

Yucca Valley, a desert town of about 20,000, survives because of the places surrounding it, the people they draw and the trickle-down jobs they create. There are new installations going up at the Marine base in nearby Twentynine Palms; Joshua Tree National Park, and the visitors it draws; houses that went up over the years for retirees and those who live in Yucca Valley but work elsewhere.

Bill Warner came to this place as a young man of 26, with his wife, Pat, and a 9-month-old daughter. Fresh out of the Navy, he went to work for a civil engineering firm, purchased a house on the GI bill and then bought the engineering business and built it into a solid venture.

A pull-yourself-up-by-the-bootstraps capitalist, he rode the ups and downs of his community. But

he now sees the life he's built and the future of his daughter and grandson being threatened by "tax-and-spend" leaders who can't do as he has always believed: Live within your means. As he said in Searchlight: "I'm concerned about the ability of the country to survive."

Having lived all his life in California — today, the most debt-ridden state — Warner has seen what severe budget deficits can do. He's experienced the tax hikes and cuts to services, and now he fears the federal government is following in his home state's footsteps.

And, so, he took his motor home to Searchlight to show his concern. And when the mayor of Yucca Valley called earlier this year, proposing they launch a Lincoln Club to help raise money to support conservative candidates, Warner didn't hesitate. He helped recruit, mailed out fliers for their first meeting in April and stood before the 80 or so souls who showed up and tried to explain what his club hoped to do:

"It takes action. We can all complain to each other, but we've got to act on our feelings."

Several weeks back, the Lincoln Club board members gathered for their regular meeting and soon were discussing California's budget crisis, Arizona's immigration law and the overall state of the union. Warner and the mayor are joined on the board by an insurance man, a bank vice president, a former mayor of Twentynine Palms, a school board trustee and an optometrist.

"Do you want to see why people are upset?" asked the bank VP, Paul Hoffman. He held up his cell phone to show off a picture making the rounds in viral e-mails. It's of a sign somewhere that reads: "Change' (equals) More Debt, More Taxes, More Welfare, More Regulation, More Government, More Wasteful spending, MORE CORRUPTION. Thanks Mr. President."

As the chuckles subsided, Warner handed out sandwiches and the group got down to business. They had endorsements to review for California races, campaign contributions to consider, recruitment.

They wanted, quite simply, to keep acting in their own way on the anger they feel.

To do, as Warner likes to say, what they can do.

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LEFT: Race judge **George Kilcrease** (left) attracts a young crowd as he starts the Pinewood Derby at Saturday's PRMC Family Fun Day. **RIGHT:** **Bob Marx** (left) buys produce from Ann Ogletree (center) and Sonia Solis at Saturday's PRMC Farmer's Market.

Tour

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another homeowner on the tour. "I had one of them that would come up to feed and stick his head out of the water so I could rub it like a dog."

Loyd and his wife, Thelma, call their garden an "18 year ongoing project." Talk to him for a few minutes and you can get a history of how trees have been grown and cut down, ponds have been moved around in the yard, and tales of lost fish and restockings.

"We change things around all the time," he said. "It is just fabulous," said Pamela Martin, standing in the midst of the Waters' garden. "It's so peaceful."

Tranquility is an aspect of all the gardens. The koi moving languidly under the surface of the ponds adds to that sense of slowing down and leads naturally to introspection.

One of the most impressive collections of koi, both in size of the pond and in the number of fish, can be observed with Irvine Riphahn while sitting in the shade of the bald cypress and the slowly dying catalpa tree.

"I can't bear to cut it down," Riphahn said, noting her extensive garden was a loving project with her late husband.

Riphahn can talk at length about the care and feeding of Koi and their idiosyncrasies, such as their tendency to get stuck in the filters.

"They hibernate in the winter," she explained. "In the spring, I start out by feeding them Cheerios and gradually get them back on their regular food."



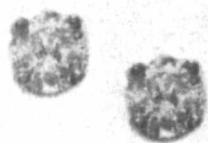
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One of Loyd and Thelma Waters' fishponds is tucked neatly into a corner of their backyard lush with foliage.



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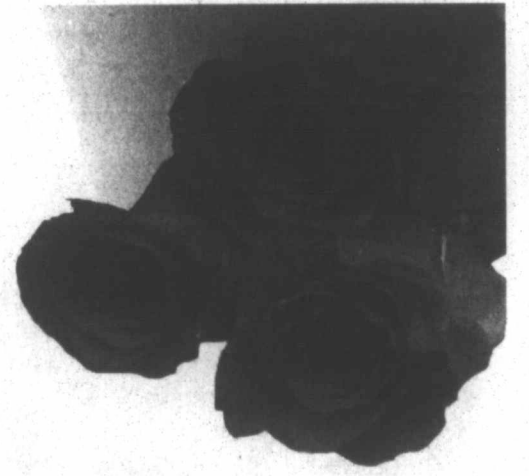


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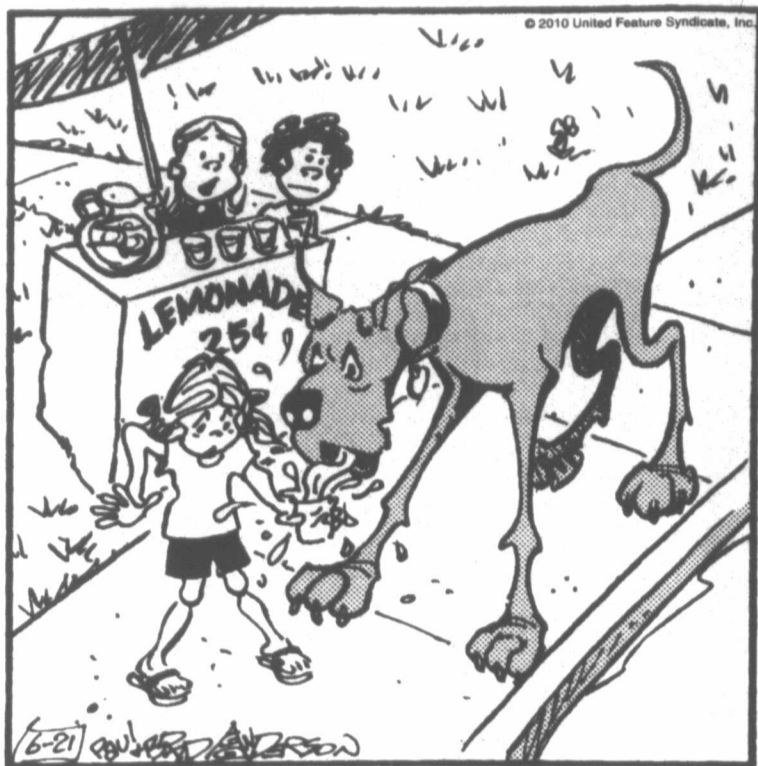
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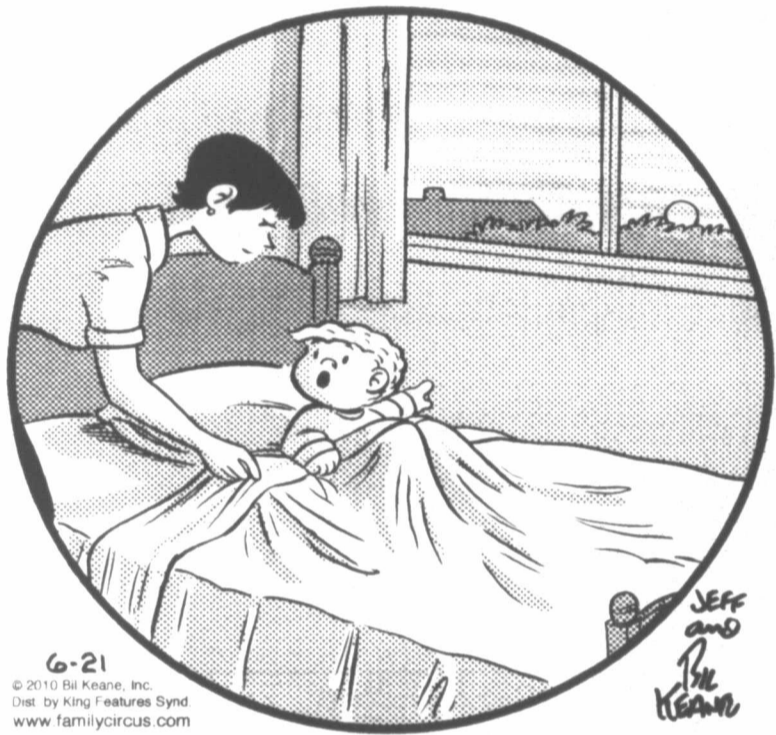
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"Why do I hafta go to bed when the sun is still awake?"

Daily Crossword Puzzle

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1 Defeat Tracy's

5 Weaving love

9 Floppy machine

10 Pos-sessed

12 Grammar topic

13 Towel material

14 Get away

16 Candle count

17 Dickens girl

18 Hot time

21 Counting start

22 Razor sharpeners

23 Ecru

24 Shirt part

26 Sphere

29 Central African nation

30 Nepal setting

31 Vacuum lack

32 Taking it easy

34 Harpoon

37 Hospital worker

38 Director Almodóvar

39 "The Tempest" sprite

40 Igloo shape

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- 19 Spur on
- 20 Homer's bartending pal
- 22 Parrot snack
- 23 Dramatist Jonson
- 24 Stole
- 25 Texas border town
- 26 Egyptian god
- 27 Fries of lather
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Sports

Summer sports camps: Fun times and good lessons

Summer is when school is out, the pools are crowded and when the summer sport camps begin. I have some great memories and learned some major lessons at sports camps as well.

I got started in summer sport camps in 1997, after my fourth grade year in Littleton, Colo. with basketball camp. Back then, the only things taught at camp was dribbling and shooting the ball. The basketball goals were only seven feet. I remember I made over 20 shots in a row.

After my fifth grade year, I participated in a basketball and baseball camp at the Champions Sports Complex in Tulsa, Okla. These camps were more advanced. In basketball camp, we actually scrimmaged against each other and learned about basic defense. In that camp, I won most improved player. In baseball camp, we primarily worked on basic fundamentals and we scrimmaged against each other every at the end of camp. On the last day, I scored from first.

In 2000 and 2001, I par-



ANDREW GLOVER

ticipated in Mustang Camp at Taylor High School in Katy, Texas. This would be the most intense camp that I was a part of. The camp ran from 9 a.m. to

5 p.m. Monday through Friday and was taught by the area high school coaches. I learned more than just dribbling and shooting. That camp, we actually learned offensive and defensive sets.

Every day we scrimmaged three-on-three and five-on-five. In my second year of camp, I played with Carter Tynes on my three-on-three team. We were two of the tallest boys at camp and nicknamed ourselves the "Twin Towers" after the famous San Antonio Spurs duo. We almost won the end of

camp tournament.

The five-on-five teams were interesting. My first year team was the Wolverines and we lost the first four games. I remember one of the coaches at camp must have been a Michigan fan or alum because he didn't like our 0-4 record. We managed to win a few games by the end of camp.

My last year my team was the Celtics. We were an average team, much like the NBA team at that time.

The major things I took away from camp were the lessons learned. The big

one was working as a team and I learned that in the camps at the Champion Athletic Complex. Your actions could affect your team either positively or negatively. The other thing I learned was dedication to the game. I remember on the last days of Mustang Camp, Coach Crandall told us that "you have to keep working on your game and not put it on the shelf." Those lessons learned would not only be important on the basketball court but also in life.

Hidden Hills golf results

Hidden Hills Seniors results for 6-15-10
4-Man scramble.
First- 61
 Pat Montoya
 Willie Nickelberry
 Chuck Albus
 Bill Harwood
Second - 61
 RD. Stephens
Monday Night Scramble results at Hidden Hills
First - 30

Steve Cox
 Darrell Hinkle
 Melvin Ball
Third-65
 DD Lofton
 Jim Bridges
 Howard Musgrave
 James Gray
Fourth-65
 Travis Taylor
 Shane Fields
 Carlos Cortez
 Jan Elston
Second - 32

Carl Johnson
 Bill Baldrige
 JL Furgason
Closest to hole # 6:
 Chuck Albus
Closest to the Hole # 15
 Willie Nickelberry
 Harley Knutson
 Jason Farmer
 Jackie Harper
 Carolyn Allison

Slow pitch softball results

•Killgo's Woodworks-15
 Century 21 Crall - 0
 •Hoggatt Transmission - 32
 B&G Electric - 18
 •Killgo's Woodworks-18
 CTW - 3
 • B&G Electric - 24
 Chaney Construction LLC - 9
 • Hoggatt Transmission - 23
 Gayla Rigdon State Farm - 5
 • Panhandle Meter - 22
 Century 21 Crall - 5
 • Gayla Rigdon
 State Farm - 27
 Chaney Construction LLC - 12
 • Panhandle Meter - 23
 CTW - 15

Mixed	Conf. W-L	Overall W-L
Killgo's Woodwork	0-0	2-0
Hoggatt Transmission	0-0	2-0
Panhandle Meter	0-0	2-0
Gayla Rigdon State Farm	0-0	1-1
B&G Electric	0-0	1-1
Century 21 Crall	0-0	0-2
Chaney Construction	0-0	0-2
CTW	0-0	0-2

Pampa Country Club results

Thursday Night Scramble June 17
Tee #1A-28-Second
 Doug McFatridge
 Bob Cook
 Shelia McFatridge
 Dr. Joe Donaldson
Tee #2A-29-Third
 Joel Burleson
 Taylor Harris
 Greg Brown
 Heather Brown
Tee #3A-35
 Jason Hartwig
 Justin Holman
 Ron Wheeler
 J.D. Grider

Tee #4A-35
 Daniel Williams
 Kristy Smith
 Dwight Chase
 Anette Chase
Tee #5A-29
 Riley Rodman
 Tyson Curtis
 Todd Little
 Chris Roden
Tee #6A-32
 Scott Whirte
 Britton White
 Joe Manzanares
 Dennis Holman
Tee #7A-33
 Tim Stadler

John Allen
 Denny McCarley
 Jamie Warner
Tee #8A-31
 David McGill
 Kelly Everson
 Mike Castanon
 Connie Manzanares
Tee #9A-27-First
 Shane Bridwell
 Gene James
 Josh Larkin
 Shelly Cook
First—\$40 each
Second—\$30 each
Third—\$20 each

Kickball results June 17

Snapping Turtles - 5
 Kickin' It Old School - 17
 Little Rascals - 3
 Code Black - 12
 Code Black - 11
 Little Rascals - 3
 Goode Angus - 14
 Goode Angus - 0
 Snapping Turtles - 5
 Kickin' It Old School - 4

Mixed	Conf. W-L	Overall W-L
Code Black	0-0	2-0
Kickin' It Old School	0-0	1-1
Little Rascals	0-0	1-1
Snapping Turtles	0-0	1-1
Goode Angus	0-0	0-2

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