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After chemo, McCarn to lead Relay

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Friday night is going to be very special for Pampa's Shelly McCarn.

It will be on Friday that she will lead the American Cancer Association's Relay for Life at Recreation Park. It will also be the day after she finishes her last chemotherapy treatment in Tulsa.

The 45-year-old McCarn spent more than 15 years at the Gray County Sheriff's Office, but on Dec. 21, 2009, she was diagnosed with cervical cancer.

"It was the Monday before Christmas," McCarn said.

The cancer was very aggressive, she said. It came up within a year's time.

The doctors caught it at a very advanced stage.

"This week was my fourth chemo treatment, and hopefully my last," McCarn said.

She'll go back in four weeks for testing.

"We're going to do the whole test over again to see where I stand," McCarn said. "My radiation doctor examined me the last time I was there."

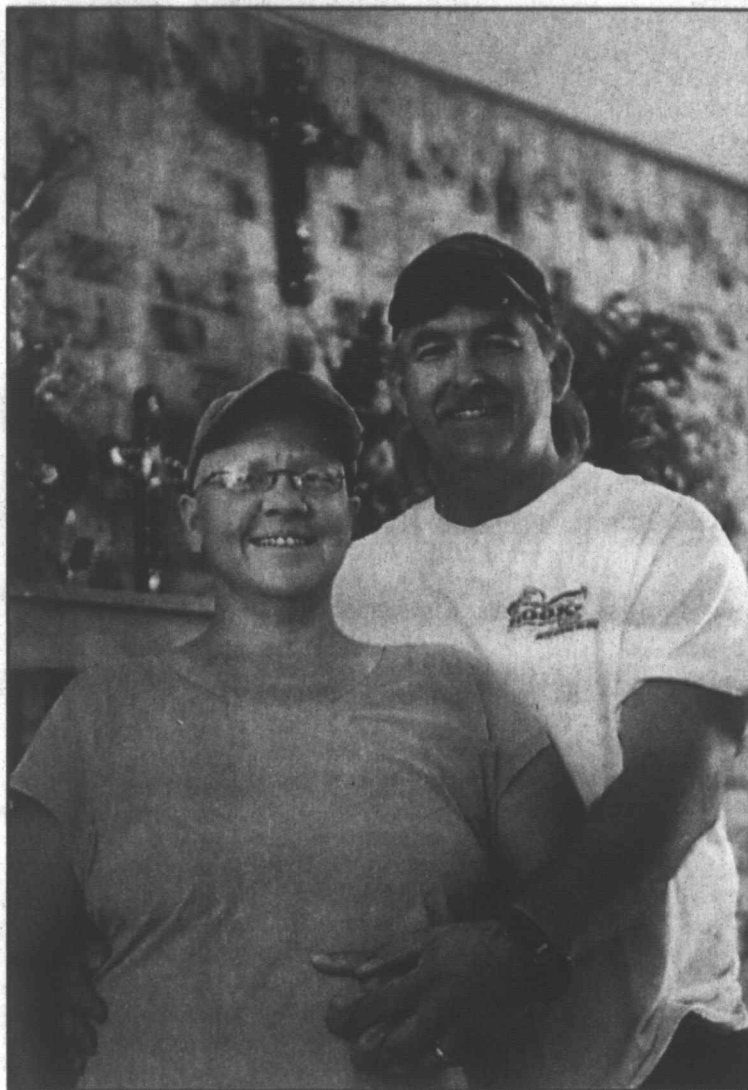
McCarn that she could no longer see any cancer. The doctor wouldn't say it was gone, but she couldn't see it with her eyes anymore.

"She was very pleased with that," McCarn said.

That was at the American Cancer Center in Tulsa.

Doctors in Amarillo gave McCarn only a 10 percent survival rate, but when McCarn asked the doctor at Tulsa what her percentages of survival were, she asked McCarn bluntly if there was an expiration date on the bottom of her foot. Her doctor told not to ask because they weren't giving her one.

"If you don't have hope," McCarn said, "you don't have anything."



staff photo by David Bowser

Shelly and Dicky McCarn share a smile at their Pampa home. Shelly, who will undergo what she hopes to be her last chemotherapy session in Tulsa on Thursday, will be leading Friday's Relay for Life at Recreation Park.

She said the cancer center in Tulsa is wonderful.

"It's your mind, your body, your spirit and, of course, the medical," McCarn said. "It's all there. It really is."

Although she's going to the Tulsa Cancer Center, McCarn said there's nothing wrong with the medical facilities in Amarillo.

"My mom," she said, "is a breast cancer survivor. She went to Amarillo."

McCarn said the doctors in Amarillo did just fine.

"That was in 2006 when she had her dealings with breast cancer," McCarn said. "She went to Amarillo, and they fixed her right up."

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New marquee to be installed at Recreation Park

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Recreation Park is about to get a lot more visible.

At Tuesday's Pampa City Commission meeting at City Hall, the Commission voted to award a bid for a new electronic marquee for Recreation Park to Datavision Displays, Inc.

Datavision had submitted a bid sheet to the City of Pampa for \$38,204.

The sign will be paid for in full with money raised through fundraising efforts by Christy Robinson and the Chamber Tourism Committee. A number of nonprofit organizations and city groups contributed to the fund, which will now be allocated by the City for the purchase of the sign.

Datavision's winning bid will be for a full-color LED marquee measuring 58 inches by 9 feet. The bid includes a full two-year warranty, which includes on-site labor and parts.

The sign, Assistant City Manager Shane Stokes said, will be installed near the entrance to the park and will be used to advertise the annual events held at Recreation Park, such as the Mud Bog, Burnin' of the Bricks and the Top O' Texas Rodeo.

Stokes said that, like the City of Pampa's existing electronic marquee on Hobart Street, the new sign will be operated through a wireless connection.

"It will be controlled with probably a laptop computer that can be carried out there within a certain proximity to the sign, and you can link up to it and program it," Stokes said.

Stokes projected a delivery time of 60 days for the sign once the purchase was made.

In other business:
• The Commission approved a change order relating to the construction of the Family Aquatic Center, adding \$392,946 to the original cost of construction.

The change order deducts \$52,319 from the original agreement with contractors The Fain Group, due to the original bid calling for construction of utility equipment that already exists on the lot. Another \$39,600 was **COMMISSION** cont. on page 3

American Cancer Society 2010 Relay for Life

When: Friday, 7 p.m., to Saturday, 7 a.m.

Where: Recreation Park

All proceeds go back into Gray County to help cancer patients with funding for medicine, wigs, travel and other expenses and need items.

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Country Fair 2010 planning kicks off

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The Pampa Chamber of Commerce opened its planning season for the 2010 Country Fair with a committee luncheon on Tuesday.

Preparations for the 26th annual Country Fair, which will be held this year on Oct. 16, will take a good part of the year, said Chamber administrative assistant Holly Neill.

"It's a long time coming," Neill said. "When it comes around January, we start thinking Country Fair."

"There's two months off for us, then we're right back on top of it. We do start early. That's the way to do it."

As with every year, Neill said, this year's fair will include a silent auction, live auction, dance and dinner.

"It's something we want to get everyone excited about," said Neill.



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Allison Watson (from left), Pat Montoya, Shirley Jernigan, Jodi Allen, Holly Neill and Bob Pendergraft discuss the Country Fair, scheduled for later in the fall.

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PAMPA FORECAST

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 30%		
High 89 Low 68	High 93 Low 70	High 94 Low 69

Tonight: Scattered showers and thunderstorms. Some of the storms could be severe. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 66. East wind around 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 40 percent.

Thursday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 89. East northeast wind 5 to 15 mph becoming south southeast. Winds could gust as high as 20 mph.

Thursday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before 1 a.m. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 68. South wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 93. South southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 70. South wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 94. South southwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 69. South wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

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Fed to keep interest rates at record lows

WASHINGTON (AP) — To sustain the fragile economic rebound, the Federal Reserve is sure to leave interest rates at record lows and is likely to repeat a pledge to keep them there for a while.

The Fed resumed its two-day meeting Wednesday with policymakers having cause for optimism as well as caution. The economy has been growing again for nearly a year. Manufacturing activity is picking up. Businesses are spending more. And Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke has expressed confidence that the nation won't fall back into a "double dip" recession.

At the same time, the recovery remains vulnerable to threats: Europe's debt crisis, an edgy Wall Street, cautious consumers, a fragile housing market and high unemployment.

"The effect of European developments on the U.S. economy is likely to be modest, so we expect the tone will be cautious but certainly not dire," said Michael Feroli, economist at JPMorgan Chase Bank.

The Fed is certain to leave its key bank lending rate at between zero and 0.25 percent. An afternoon announcement is expected. The rate has remained at that level since December 2008.

That means rates on certain credit cards, home equity loans, some adjustable-rate mortgages and other consumer loans will remain low. Commercial banks' prime lending rate would stay at about 3.25 percent, the lowest point in decades.

Ultra-low rates serve borrowers who qualify for loans and are willing to take on more debt. But they hurt savers. Low rates are especially hard on people living on fixed incomes who are earning scant returns on their savings.

Still, if rock-bottom rates spur Americans to spend more, they would help energize the economy. That's why the Fed also is expected to maintain its pledge in place for more than a year.

Dropping or weakening the extended-period language would spook Wall Street and businesses and could crimp hiring, analysts said. "It is not the right thing to do now," said Kurt Karl, chief U.S. economist at Swiss Re.

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Obituaries

Katherine T. Pyles, 93

PUEBLO, COLO.— Katherine T. Pyles, 93, died June 17, 2010 in Pueblo, Colo. Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, June 25, 2010, at Open Door Church of God in Christ in Pampa, Texas, with Rev. Hubert Kelly, pastor, officiating.

Burial will be at Memory Gardens Cemetery in Pampa, with local arrangements under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors. Mrs. Pyles was born August 16, 1916 in Allen, Texas, with Rev. Hubert Kelly, pastor, officiating. She was preceded in death

by her parents, Virgil and Lula Sams Templeton; three brothers, three sisters and a son. Survivors include her husband of 24 years, Deacon Wallace Pyles, Sr.; two children, Claudia Anderson and Ray Powell; three stepchildren, Mae

Potter, Janet Doyle and Jesse Dawkins; 12 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren; and other relatives and friends. Sign the online register at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

PAMPA PD

Continued from Tuesday, June 21

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

Saturday, June 19
Found property was reported at Barnes and Tyng.
Phone harassment was reported at the 1200 block of N. Wells.
Phone harassment was reported at the 1100 block of S. Varnon Dr.
An alarm was reported in the 600 block of E. Frederic.
An assault was reported in the 1200 block of N. Wells.
Officers provided an agency assist in the 900 block of S. Christy.
Officers responded to an information call in the 200 block of W. Kingsmill.
A threat was reported in the 1100 block of S. Varnon.
Criminal mischief was reported in the 1000 block of Sierra Dr.
A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1600 block of W. Bond St.
A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1000 block of E. Browning.
A welfare check was conducted in the 1200 block of N. Hobart.
An alarm was reported in the 100 block of W. Georgia.
A violation of city ordinance was reported in the 400 block of W. Harlem.
A follow-up investigation was conducted in the 500 block of Harlem.
A welfare check was conducted in the 200 block of E. Brown.
An alarm was reported in the 1100 block of N. Starkweather.
Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1500 block of Williston.
A welfare check was conducted in the 3400 block of N. Duncan.
Criminal trespass was reported in the 1200 block of N. Wells.
A threat was reported in 400 block of N. Starkweather.
Phone harassment was reported in the 400 block of W. Brown.
A threat was reported in the 200 block of W. Kingsmill.

Sunday, June 20
A suspicious vehicle was reported at 1600 E. Hwy. 60.
A suspicious person was reported at Coronado and Sumner.
A suspicious person was reported in the 500 block of Reid St.
A suspicious person was reported in the 500 block of N. West St.
A suspicious person was

reported at Somerville and Browning.
A suspicious person was reported in the 1400 block of W. Montagu.
A theft was reported in the 1900 block of N. Hobart.
A prowler was reported in the 600 block of N. Lowry.
A suspicious person was reported in the 1300 block of N. Coffee.
Officers responded to a civil matter in the 3400 block of N. Duncan.
Disorderly conduct was reported in the 400 block of W. Foster.
An assault was reported in the 1100 block of N. Garland.
A suspicious person was reported in the 400 block of W. Foster.
A suspicious person was reported in the 800 block of S. Hobart.
Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1000 block of S. Sumner.
A suspicious person was reported in the 200 block of Tuke.
A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 700 block of N. Hobart.
A threat was reported in the 700 block of Browning.
Officers responded to a civil matter in the 1300 block of Garland.
A domestic disturbance was reported at Rosewood and Sirroco.
Disorderly conduct was reported at the 700 block of N. Christy.
Officers conducted a warrant service at the 1600 block of N. Terry Rd.
An alarm was reported at the 1900 block of N. Lynn.
A violation of city ordinance was reported at the 3400 block of N. Duncan.
A suspicious vehicle was reported at Mary Ellen and Louisiana.
Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 200 block of W. Kingsmill.
Officers responded to a civil matter in the 200 block of W. Kingsmill.
Officers responded to an information call in the 200 block of W. Kingsmill.
Officers responded to an information call in the 900 block of E. Twiford.
A suspicious person was reported in the 1100 block of Terry Rd.
Officers responded to a civil matter in the 2200 block of N. Nelson.
Disorderly conduct was reported in the 600 block of N. Nelson.
Officers responded to a civil matter in the 2200 block of N. Nelson.
A threat was reported in the 2700 block of N. Duncan.
Officers responded to a civil matter in the 2200 block of N. Nelson.

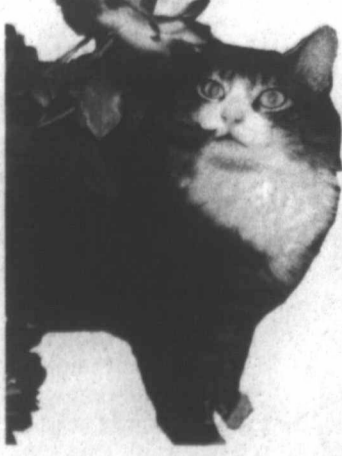
Disorderly conduct was reported in the 2200 block of N. Nelson.
Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1800 block of N. Hamilton.
Officers responded to an information call in the 200 block of W. Kingsmill.
A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1200 block of N. Wells.
Monday, June 21
A domestic disturbance was reported in the 300 block of N. West St.
Officers responded to an agency assist in the 700 block of W. Brown.
Disorderly conduct was reported at Browning and Doucette.
A suspicious person was reported in the 600 block of N. Dwight St.
A prowler was reported in the 2300 block of N. Duncan.
A suspicious person was reported in the 800 block of N. Sumner.
The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents during the 24-hour period ending at 8 a.m. Wednesday.
Officers reported 14 traffic-related calls and two accidents.
Animal control officials reported 10 animal-related calls.
Pampa EMS reported seven ambulance calls.
Tuesday, June 22
A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1900 block of North Wells.
Criminal mischief was reported in the 1900 block of North Hobart.
A gas drive-off was reported in the 200 block of West Brown.
A domestic disturbance was reported in the 700 block of North Deane.
A 911 hangup call was reported in the 1300 block of North Hobart.
A sexual assault was reported to police.
A vehicle fire was reported in the 2900 block of Perryton Parkway.
Found property was reported in the 500 block of East Francis.
A 911 hangup call was reported in the 2100 block of North Nelson.
An assault was reported in the 1100 block of North Starkweather.
Officers performed a welfare check.
Criminal mischief was reported in the 1000 block of West Terry.
A suspicious person was reported at Cuyler and Albert.
Firefighters made a good will call in the 700 block of North Christy.
A theft was reported in the 1000 block of Denver.
Disorderly conduct was reported in the 2100 block of North Hamilton.

Found property was reported in the 1300 block of North Hamilton.
A burglary was reported in the 1900 block of North Coffee.
Violation of a protective order was reported in the 400 block of North Lefors.
A gas drive off was reported in the 1000 block of West Wilks.
A burglary was reported in the 400 block of South Starkweather.
A suspicious person was reported in the 800 block of East Browning.
A suspicious person was reported in the 600 block of North Lefors.
A prowler was reported in the 1400 block of West Somerville.
A suspicious person was reported in the 1000 block of East Browning.
Wednesday, June 23
A suspicious person was reported in the 500 block of East Tyng.
Disorderly conduct was reported in the 400 block of Graham.
A suspicious person was reported in the 3400 block of North Duncan.
Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1600 block of West Somerville.
A suspicious vehicle was reported at Brown and Somerville.
An assault was reported in the 600 block of East Frederic.
Found property was reported at 18th and Sumner.

SHERIFF

The Gray County Sheriff's Department reported the following arrests during the 24-hour period ending at 8 a.m. Wednesday.

Tuesday, June 22
Cristine Armanda Gomez, 32, of Sunray, was arrested on charges of selling drugs to minors and possession of marijuana.
Misty Diane Moman, 26, was arrested by deputies on warrants out of Randall County and Hemphill County charging her with possession and transportation of certain chemicals with intent to manufacture a controlled substance.
Brian Edward White, 42, of Foss, Okla., was arrested by deputies on charges of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, evading arrest, theft, resisting arrest and possession of drug paraphernalia.
Ashley Dawn Ragan, 32, was arrested by police on charges of violation of a protective order.
Connie Lynn Smith, 27, was arrested on charges of evading arrest and theft under \$50.



June

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AFTERNOONRUSH

Barton to keep post

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rep. Joe Barton will retain his position as the top Republican lawmaker on the House Energy and Commerce Committee after expressing remorse to his fellow GOP lawmakers for his apology to BP chief executive Tony Hayward.

House Minority Leader John Boehner said Barton apologized to his colleagues at a closed-door meeting Wednesday for "in his words, his poor choice of words."

A House Republican aide confirmed that Barton, a Texan in his 13th term, would not lose his position over his remarks to Hayward.

"He retracted the statement last week and apologized," Boehner said. "I think that the issue is closed."

During a congressional hearing last week where Hayward testified, Barton apologized to the BP executive for the White House getting the oil company to commit to a \$20 billion Gulf Coast relief fund. Barton called it a "shakedown."

Barton later apologized for the apology to BP. Still, GOP leaders had threatened to launch a process to strip Barton of his seniority on the powerful panel, a particularly painful threat to any long-term lawmaker.

The comment had embarrassed Republicans and provided ammunition to Democrats claiming that Republicans were taking a pro-industry stance in the Gulf oil spill.

Pelicans released in Texas

ROCKPORT (AP) — Sixty-two brown pelicans en route to Texas aboard two Coast Guard cargo planes would be the largest release so far of pelicans rehabilitated after being contaminated in the continuing BP oil spill.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife spokeswoman Nancy Brown says the pelicans were scheduled to arrive Wednesday at the Aransas County Airport and be released at the nearby Aransas National Wildlife Refuge, about 175 miles south of Houston.

Brown says officials released 38 brown pelicans at the refuge Sunday.

DRT seeks Alamo trademark

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The group overseeing the Alamo is considering a provision to transfer operating rights of the historic mission to Texas if the organization no longer serves as the custodian.

The Daughters of the Republic of Texas continues trying to trademark "The Alamo."

The San Antonio Express-News reported Wednesday that the DRT wants to sell its own Alamo brand of merchandise.

The state, in late April, obtained a 90-day extension on the application. Critics of the DRT have said any trademark on the state-owned Alamo should be held by Texas.

The Texas attorney general's office says the DRT has until July 9 to provide documents on Alamo issues such as finances, engineering and maintenance.

DRT's general, Patti Atkins, has said a "fair analysis" will eliminate any concerns.

Former legislator Blount dies

LONGVIEW (AP) — R.E. "Peppy" Blount, a former University of Texas football player, legislator, attorney and author, has died in Longview.

Senior Minister Richard Emerson of First Christian Church of Longview says Blount died Tuesday at home of natural causes. He was 85. Emerson says a service was scheduled Friday for Blount, who was a Sunday school teacher and church elder.

Blount, who listed his hometown as Big Spring, was on UT's 1945, 1947 and 1948 rosters as an end, towering at 6 feet 5 inches tall.

The Legislative Reference Library of Texas indicates Blount, at 22, began serving in the Texas House in January 1947 until his resignation in September 1951.

Blount was a combat pilot during World War II, later writing a book, "We Band of Brothers."

He was married with three sons.

\$50M available in border grants

PHOENIX (AP) — Arizona Attorney General Terry Goddard says law enforcement agencies in the four states bordering Mexico can start applying now for parts of \$50 million in grants targeting border security.

The cash comes from a \$94 million settlement Goddard reached with Western Union in February. The deal resolved complaints that the company had unscrupulous agents that allowed drug and human smugglers to send ill-gotten gains to Mexico.

The grants can be used to investigate and prosecute money-laundering, human-trafficking, drug-smuggling and arms-trafficking crimes. Agencies in Texas, California and New Mexico agencies are guaranteed at least \$7 million each. A new Arizona border prosecution team with about a dozen members is also being set up in Tucson using settlement money.

Birdwell beats Sibley in runoff

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Gulf War vet Brian Birdwell has defeated former state senator and fellow Republican David Sibley in a special runoff to fill the state Senate District 22 vacancy.

In unofficial results reported on the Texas Secretary of State's website, Birdwell polled 14,198 votes, or 58 percent of the vote, to Sibley's 10,333 votes, or 42 percent.

The central Texas seat includes 10 counties stretching from Waco to the outskirts of Fort Worth.

Gov. Rick Perry ordered the special election to fill the seat vacated by the resignation of state Sen. Kip Averitt. Birdwell will serve the remainder of Averitt's term, which expires in January.

Sibley had captured 45 percent of the vote in a four-candidate special election last month. Birdwell came in second with about 37 percent. It takes 50 percent of the vote to secure the seat.

Six accused of mail fraud

HOUSTON (AP) — An investigation of mass mailing businesses in the Houston area has led to the indictment of six people in what federal investigators say involves nearly \$19 million in fraud.

An indictment unsealed Tuesday outlines the investigation linked to counterfeit postal meters.

Details were announced by U.S. Attorney Jose Angel Moreno and Chief Postal Inspector William Gilligan Jr.

The suspects are charged with mail fraud, possession of a counterfeit meter and conspiracy in the alleged modification of meters between 2004 to mid-2007, to keep some funds that should have gone to the government.

CAR WASH AGAINST CANCER



Marisol Latcher (left) and Jamie Humphrey (right) were hard at work earlier in the week at a car wash held by Cabot Corporation, with the proceeds from the car wash going towards Friday's Relay for Life.

staff photo by Andrew Glover

Without tax credit, new home sales plunge

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sales of new homes collapsed in May, sinking 33 percent to the lowest level on record as potential buyers stopped shopping for homes once they could no longer receive government tax credits.

The bleak report from the Commerce Department on Wednesday is the latest sign of a precarious housing market that is struggling to recover and could weaken the broader economic recovery. It follows a disappointing report issued earlier in the week showing sales of previously occupied homes had dipped

in May.

Analysts linked the sudden drop in new-home sales to the expiration of federal tax credits of up to \$8,000. But double-digit unemployment and slow job growth have also weighed on the market, even with mortgage rates at near-historic lows.

"We fear that the appetite to buy a home has disappeared alongside the tax credit," Paul Dales, U.S. economist with Capital Economics, wrote in a note to clients. "After all, unemployment remains high, job security is low and credit conditions are tight."

McCarn

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McCarn said she decided she needed to be in Tulsa, although it was hard to leave the family for a week at a time for seven weeks when she first started treatments.

"It was the hardest for my boys," she said. "The chemo and going back every three weeks is not that bad."

She said her husband keeps her on an even keel.

"He straightens me out," she said. "He really does. He grounds me and slows me down."

McCarn said she's been overwhelmed with the support that she's gotten from family, friends and even total strangers in Pampa.

"The sheriff's department, the police department," she said, listing off her supporters.

The people that her husband, Dicky, works with at Top of Texas Ice Company have been very supportive, she said. He's been with the company for 23 years.

"They've been a big supporter," McCarn said.

She said she's found a lot of friends that she didn't know she had.

The most difficult part of the past six months has been trying to explain the situation to her sons, Corey, 15, and Tyler, 10, and reassuring them.

"I'm still Mom," she said, "even though I look different right now."

McCarn said they've had a lot of questions, and she's given them a lot of answers.

"We've had a lot of support," McCarn said.

Right now, she said, she's concentrating on getting better.

She said that after the first treatment, she was exhausted.

"By the third week, it was pretty good," she said. "You feel good, and then it's time to go get another treatment."

Right now, McCarn said she's concentrating on getting through her treatments.

"I've gotten so much good support," McCarn said.

That support is evidenced by the bright pink Team Shelly tee shirts that can be seen around Pampa.

"Some wear them on Thursdays," she said. "Some wear them on Tuesdays. It's just awesome because there's some people that I don't even know."

McCarn smiled as she said that she goes up to them.

"I say, 'I'm Shelly,'" she said.

She said she wants to meet them because she doesn't know who they are.

"It's pretty neat," McCarn said.

McCarn said her reason for fighting cancer is for her

family and her friends.

"I want to grow old with my husband," she said.

A lot of people are surprised to see McCarn around town, but McCarn said she's got commitments to meet.

"I've got rodeo and baseball," nodding to the pictures of her sons hanging on the living room wall. "I am constantly out and about with my kids."

With a laugh, she added that is where she gets her tan — at the ball games and rodeos.

"That's why I have such a good tan right now," McCarn with a broad smile.

She said it's wonderful to see old friends.

Sudoku

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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also deducted from the contract because of the building of a secondary sanitation system that was originally included in the bid was deemed unnecessary.

The change order also adds a total of \$484,865 to the contract, due to the additions of upgrades such as a bowl slide, an improved pavilion and pool heaters. The change order also takes into account the deletion of playground equipment originally listed in the bid.

The new contract sum for the water park's construction is set at \$4,123,103.

The additional funds will be allocated from the City's wastewater budget.

The Commission hosted a public hearing regarding the annexation of 40 acres to the Pampa city limits. The proposed annexation covers the area occupied by the new Pampa Junior High.



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Viewpoints

Today in History

Today is Wednesday, June 23, the 174th day of 2010. There are 191 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On June 23, 1960, the Food and Drug Administration formally approved Enovid as the first oral contraceptive for sale in the U.S.

On this date:

In 1860, a congressional resolution authorized creation of the United States Government Printing Office, which opened the following year.

In 1931, aviators Wiley Post and Harold Gatty took off from New York on a round-the-world flight that lasted eight days and 15 hours.

In 1938, the Civil Aeronautics Authority was established.

In 1947, the Senate joined the House in overriding President Harry S. Truman's veto of the Taft-Hartley Act, designed to limit the power of organized labor.

In 1956, Gamal Abdel Nasser was elected president of Egypt.

In 1969, Warren E. Burger was sworn in as chief justice of the United States by the man he was succeeding, Earl Warren.

In 1972, President Richard M. Nixon and White House chief of staff H.R. Haldeman discussed a plan to use the CIA to obstruct the FBI's Watergate investigation. (Revelation of the tape recording of this conversation sparked Nixon's resignation in 1974.)

In 1985, all 329 people aboard an Air India Boeing 747 were killed when the plane crashed into the Atlantic Ocean near Ireland, after a bomb widely believed to have been planted by Sikh separatists exploded on board.

Ten years ago: Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, during a visit to South Korea, said American troops would remain in the country indefinitely to maintain strategic stability in the Pacific area.

Five years ago: Former Ku Klux Klansman Edgar Ray Killen was sentenced to 60 years in prison for the 1964 Mississippi slayings of three civil rights workers.

One year ago: Hardening the U.S. reaction to Iran's disputed elections and bloody aftermath, President Barack Obama condemned the violence against protesters and lent his strongest support yet to their accusations the hardline victory was a fraud. "Tonight Show" sidekick Ed McMahon died in Los Angeles at 86.

Today's Birthdays: Singer Diana Trask is 70. Musical conductor James Levine is 67. Rhythm-and-blues singer Rosetta Hightower (The Orlons) is 66. Actor Ted Shackelford is 64. Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas is 62. "American Idol" judge Randy Jackson is 54. Actress Frances McDormand is 53. Rock musician Steve Shelley (Sonic Youth) is 48. Rhythm-and-blues singer Chico DeBarge is 40. Actress Selma Blair is 38. Rock singer KT Tunstall is 35. Rhythm-and-blues singer Virgo Williams (Ghostowns DJs) is 35. Singer-songwriter Jason Mraz is 33. Rock singer Duffy is 26.

Thought for Today: "To have felt too much is to end in feeling nothing." — Dorothy Thompson, American journalist (1894-1961).



Red Cross urges caution during summer heat

When the dog days of summer deliver hot temperatures and high humidity, the American Red Cross urges residents to take precautions against the heat.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, about 400 Americans die each year due to summer's sweltering heat. Furthermore, the National Weather Service asserts that excessive heat was the number one weather-related killer — causing more fatalities per year than floods, lightning, tornadoes, hurricanes, winter storms and extreme cold — from 1994 to 2003.

Everyone is at risk when temperatures rise above 90 degrees but the elderly and the very young are most susceptible to heat and heat-related illnesses. Heat-related illnesses can cause serious injury and even death if unattended. Signs of heat-related illnesses include nausea, dizziness, flushed or pale skin, heavy sweating and headaches.

Victims of heat-related illness should be moved to a cool place, given cool water to drink and ice packs, or cool wet cloths should be applied to the skin. If a victim refuses water, vomits or loses consciousness, call 911 or other local emergency number immediately.

"Our primary goal is to mitigate emergencies by educating the community about how they can protect themselves and their families from heat-related illness," said Jana Gregory, Executive Director for the Eastern Texas Panhandle Chapter.

Red Cross Heat Safety Tips:

- Dress for the heat.** Wear lightweight, light-colored clothing. Light colors will reflect away some of the sun's energy. It is also a good idea to



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wear hats or to use an umbrella.

- Drink water.** Carry water or juice with you and drink continuously even if you do not feel thirsty. Avoid alcohol and caffeine, which dehydrate the body. Avoid using salt tablets unless directed to do so

- Eat small meals and eat more often.** Avoid high-protein foods, which increase metabolic heat.
- Slow down.** Avoid strenuous activity. If you must do strenuous activity, do it during the coolest part of the day, which is usually in the morning between 4 and 7 a.m.
- Stay indoors when possible.** If air-conditioning is not available, stay on the lowest floor out of the sunshine. Remember that electric fans do not cool, they simply circulate the air.
- Be a good neighbor.** During heat waves, check in on elderly residents in your neighborhood and those who do not have air conditioning.
- Learn Red Cross first aid and CPR.** "While the above tips can help prevent emergencies, it is crucial to know what to do if an emergency situation arises," said, Cindy Nickell, Director of Health

and Safety, for the chapter.

General Care for Heat Emergencies:

- Heat cramps or heat exhaustion** - (Heat cramps are muscular pains and spasms due to heavy exertion. Heat exhaustion typically occurs when people exercise heavily or work in a hot, humid place where body fluids are lost through heavy sweating.) Get the person to a cooler place and have him or her rest in a comfortable position. If the person is fully awake and alert, give half a glass of cool water every 15 minutes. Do not let him or her drink too quickly. Do not give liquids that contain alcohol or caffeine. Remove or loosen tight clothing and apply cool, wet cloths, such as towels or sheets. Call 911 or the local emergency number if the person refuses water, vomits or loses consciousness.

- Heat stroke** - (Also known as sunstroke. The victim's temperature control system, which produces sweating to cool the body, stops working.) Heat stroke is a life-threatening situation and help is needed fast. Call 911 or other local emergency number. Move the person to a cooler place. Quickly cool the body. Immerse victim in a cool bath, or wrap wet sheets around the body and fan it. Watch for signals of breathing problems. Keep the person lying down and continue to cool the body in any way possible. If the victim refuses water or is vomiting, or there are changes in the victim's level of consciousness, do not give him or her anything to eat or drink.

For more information on heat safety, contact the local Red Cross at 806-669-7121 or visit www.etprecross.org.

Jana Gregory is the director of the Eastern Texas Panhandle chapter of the Red Cross.

Amidst spill, watch out for corporate lobbyists

BP's CEO, Tony Hayward, who has been with the company since 1982, was chastised again this weekend for poor leadership. This time it was for taking a day off to watch a yacht race. He was seen as out of touch with what was happening to his company, which has lost more than half of its stock value, and for being out of touch with the enormity of the disaster in the Atlantic Ocean.

However, at this point he's no longer who the rest of us should be watching. It's become very apparent that he's ineffective. Even BP chairman, Carl-Henric Svanberg, who has held the post for only a year, slipped on at least one occasion when talking about just who's in charge of stopping the leak. He later cleared up the confusion and said that they would not be changing CEO's in the middle of a crisis.

That doesn't tell us who's in charge of the clean-up and it really doesn't bode well for Hayward. Once the mess is a thing of the past it sounds like he will be too. Imagine trying to get a new job with a recession going on and tagged as one of the leaders on the wrong side of one of the biggest man-made environmental disasters ever. That's got to be a resume killer.

Instead, pay attention to the growing huddle behind the curtain in our nation's capital. There's a long list of well paid lobbyists that have been hired by the various parties involved in the Gulf oil spill fiasco. They are quietly going about the business of



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the corporations involved can control what comes next.

Lobbyists are suddenly in great demand. BP has been reported as hiring Tony Podesta's firm. His brother, John Podesta was the Clinton White House's Chief of Staff. Then there's Hilary Rosen, the former Washington editor-at-large for the Huffington Post and now part of the Brunswick Group, and Jim Turner, former House Democrat from Texas, who's now with Arnold and Porter, and Ken Duberstein, the White House Chief of Staff under Reagan. That's not even the entire list for just BP.

Transocean, which

shaped their carefully crafted opinions with lawmakers so that when the oil settles

leased the Deepwater rig to BP, has hired Capitol Hill Consulting Group and FD Public Affairs who have former Washington power players among their ranks. Until now Transocean's presence in Washington had been very limited.

That's all changed, along with the other oil giants who have also hired multiple firms. Each one is claiming that the lobbyists are there to make sure the congressional panels who are conducting five separate inquiries so far get all of the material they have requested. There is a general insistence that no one is trying to maneuver policy on future drilling or the potential for higher liability costs.

But, really, if that were true then a lot of underpaid college interns who were willing to search for material could have done the job equally as well and for a lot less money. The money they saved could have been sent to everyone affected by the spill, and that list is expanding as quickly as the oil.

However, if the real inten-

tion were to try and come out of all of this with the best brand image possible as well as protecting the product, the oil leases, then hiring lobbyists who know how to sell and who to sell it to makes a lot of sense.

Too bad it leaves out the American taxpayer and what we might want.

Remember a few short months ago when we were all up in arms about financial aid being handed out to failing corporations without anyone checking with the American taxpayer who was footing the bill? Well, this is your wake-up call about what's about to happen in the halls of the House and Senate when it comes to the big energy giants. Go to <http://www.usa.gov/Contact/Elected.shtml> to find out how to contact your representatives and share your opinions about what you'd like to see next. There are far more of us and we're willing to work for free.

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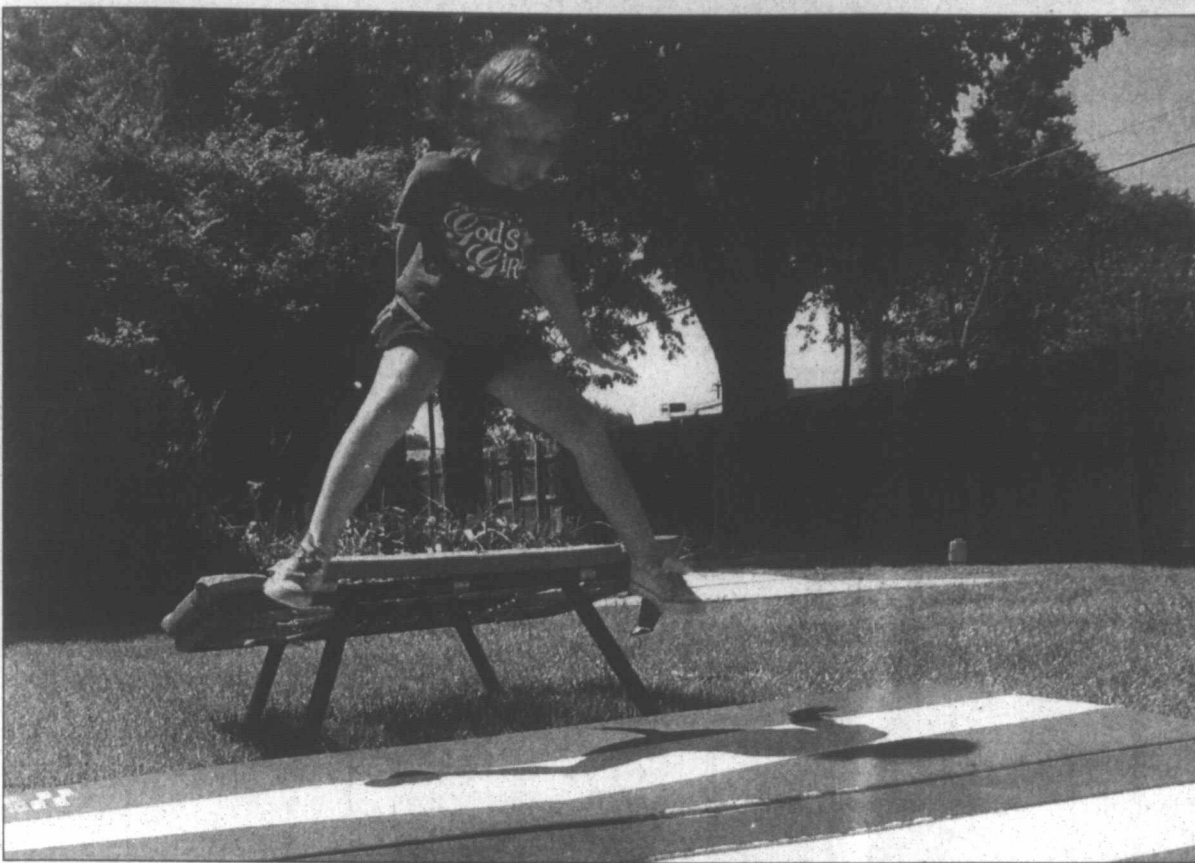
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TUMBLING OVER READING



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TOP LEFT: Five-year-old Olivia Reagan bounces from a small trampoline on to a mat during a recent gymnastics program at Lovett Memorial Library. **TOP RIGHT:** Thomas Reagan, 7, leaps onto a mat at Lovett Memorial Library during a gymnastics program. **BOTTOM:** Nine-year-old Hayden Reagan tumbles on the lawn of Lovett Memorial Library.



Dear Abby... Cap problem sends more oil into Gulf

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My husband, "Eric," and I are newlyweds. Several months ago, with a little coaxing, I shared my previous "history" with him. I used graphic terms and went into great detail. Eric found it extremely exciting, and we both benefited from it.

Recently, Eric mentioned how great it would be if I contacted one of my past lovers to push the envelope of passion even further. I agreed. My dinner date with the old flame was actually quite fun, with talk of the past. Eric thrilled at my description of the "date." His suggestion that I go out with my old beau and "enjoy myself" as I had when I was single, however, left me hurt and somewhat uncomfortable.

Eric hinted that a new "story" would take things to another level. He's completely OK with it, not at all jealous. I said I wasn't sure, but I'd consider it. What do you think? — MRS. R. IN ILLINOIS

DEAR MRS. R.: Some "envelopes" should remain sealed. Think long and hard before embarking on the path toward which your husband is leading you. Is this really the kind of marriage you signed up for? How would you feel about Eric looking up old flames and reporting back to you?

Frankly, I think you're being pushed in the wrong direction. The result could very well be that you end up feeling used and degraded.

DEAR ABBY: I want to help my son and grandchildren. His current wife moved out, taking their two little ones with her. His other three children from his first wife still live with him. They are upset about this and can't understand why they have been abandoned by their stepmom — just as they were

by their birth mother. The little boy is taking it the hardest.

How can I help my grandchildren understand that this isn't their fault? — HEARTBROKEN GRANDMA IN TEXAS

DEAR HEARTBROKEN: If you and your son's second wife are on speaking terms, ask her to contact your grandchildren and explain that grown-ups sometimes can no longer live together, and they need to remain with their father. She should also tell them that her leaving has absolutely nothing to do with them.

If the children continue to have ongoing abandonment issues, they should be seen by a therapist who can help them put those issues to rest. All you can do is love your grandchildren and be there for them as much as possible.

DEAR ABBY: I work in the corporate office of a major airline and communicate with many employees throughout the country. I do a lot of traveling, both for business and for pleasure, and when I do, I encounter a lot of our employees who recognize me and say hello as I travel through their stations.

My problem is, I have a difficult time remembering names, and on occasion, recognizing faces. I'm embarrassed when this happens, and I don't know what to say. What's the best way to respond to someone who recognizes me, even though I don't recognize him or her? — RED-FACED IN WASHINGTON

DEAR RED-FACED: How about this? Smile at the person and say, "Hi! It's nice to see you." And let the person who recognized you take it from there.

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Tens of thousands of gallons more oil gushed into the Gulf of Mexico on Wednesday after an undersea robot bumped a venting system, forcing BP to remove the cap that had been containing some of the crude.

It was yet another setback in the nine-week effort to stop the gusher, and it came as thick pools of oil washed up on Pensacola Beach in Florida and the Obama administration tried to figure out how to resurrect a six-month moratorium on deepwater drilling.

When the robot bumped the system just before 10 a.m. Wednesday, gas rose through the vent that carries warm water down to prevent ice-like crystals from forming, Coast Guard Adm. Thad Allen said.

Crews were checking to see if crystals had formed before putting it back on. BP spokesman Bill Salvin could not say how long that might take.

"We're doing it as quickly as possible," he said. Before the problem with the containment cap, it had collected about 700,000 gallons of oil in 24 hours. That's oil that's now pouring into the Gulf. Another 438,000 gallons was burned on the surface by a different system that was not affected by the issue with the cap.

A similar problem doomed the effort to put a bigger containment device over the blown-out well in May. BP had to abandon the four-story box after the crystals called hydrates clogged it, threatening to

make it float away.

The smaller cap, which had worked fine until now, had been in place since early June. To get it there, though, crews had to slice away a section of the leaking pipe, meaning the flow of oil could be stronger now than before.

The current worst-case estimate of what's spewing into the Gulf is about 2.5 million gallons a day. Anywhere from 67 million to 127 million gallons have spilled since the April 20 explosion on the Deepwater Horizon rig that killed 11 workers and blew out the well 5,000 feet underwater. BP PLC was leasing the rig from owner Transocean Ltd.

Meanwhile, the Obama administration plotted its next steps after U.S. District Judge Martin Feldman in New Orleans overturned its moratorium on new drilling, saying the government simply assumed that because one rig exploded, the others pose an imminent danger, too.

Feldman, a 1983 appointee of President Ronald Reagan, has reported extensive investments in the oil and gas industry, including owning less than \$15,000 of Transocean stock, according to financial disclosure reports for 2008, the most recent available. He did not return calls for comment on his investments.

The White House promised an immediate appeal of his ruling. The Interior Department imposed the moratorium last month in the wake of the BP disaster, halting approval of any new permits for deepwater

projects and suspending drilling on 33 exploratory wells.

Interior Secretary Ken Salazar said in a statement that within the next few days he would issue a new order imposing a moratorium that eliminates any doubt it is needed and appropriate.

"It's important that we don't move forward with new drilling until we know it can be done in a safe way," he told a Senate subcommittee Wednesday.

Several companies, including Shell and Marathon Oil, said they would await the outcome of any appeals before they start drilling again.

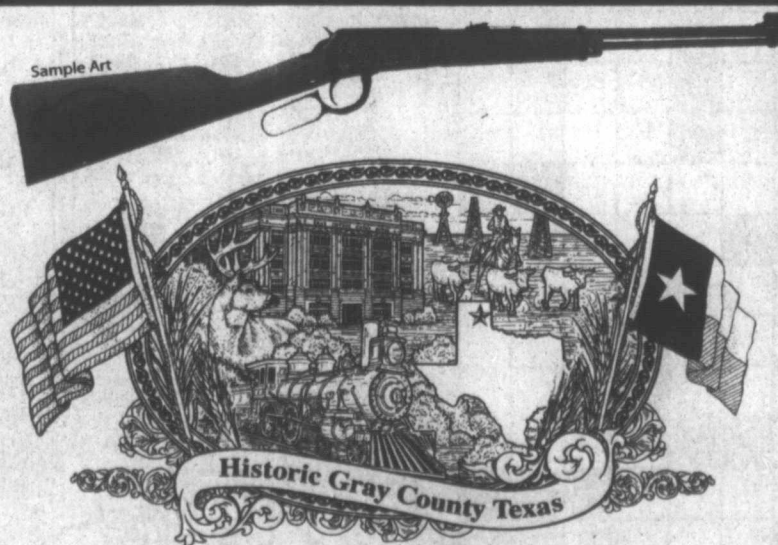
Asked about it Wednesday on NBC's "Today" show, BP managing director Bob Dudley said his company will "step back" from the issue while it investigates the rig explosion.

BP said Wednesday that Dudley has been appointed to head the new Gulf Coast Restoration Organization, which is in charge of cleaning up the oil spill. He takes over from BP CEO Tony Hayward, who has been widely criticized for his handling of the crisis.

In Florida, dozens of workers used shovels to scoop up pools of oil that washed up overnight, turning the sand orange.

Tar balls have been reported as far west as Panama City, Fla., and heavier oil is predicted to wash ashore further east along the coast line in the coming days. Oil has also washed up on beaches in Alabama and coated wetlands in Louisiana.

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Sports

Pampa High School tennis team holds annual camp

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The Pampa Harvesters tennis team continued their annual camp Tuesday at the high school tennis courts.

The camp started Monday and will go through Friday. Head coach Sarah Corse said the camp is going well and they had a decent turnout.

"It wasn't quite the numbers I expected," Corse said. "We had a good group of kids"

The camp was split into two sessions. Corse said in

the morning session they taught basics and taught strategy in the afternoon session.

"In the morning, we taught them the different strokes: backhands, volleys, and serves," Corse said. "We did some fun little games with them. The afternoon class we went through the strokes. But we told them when to use each stroke and the strategy of the game."

Corse said it gives her and the program an advantage because they get to develop a relationship with the children and give them

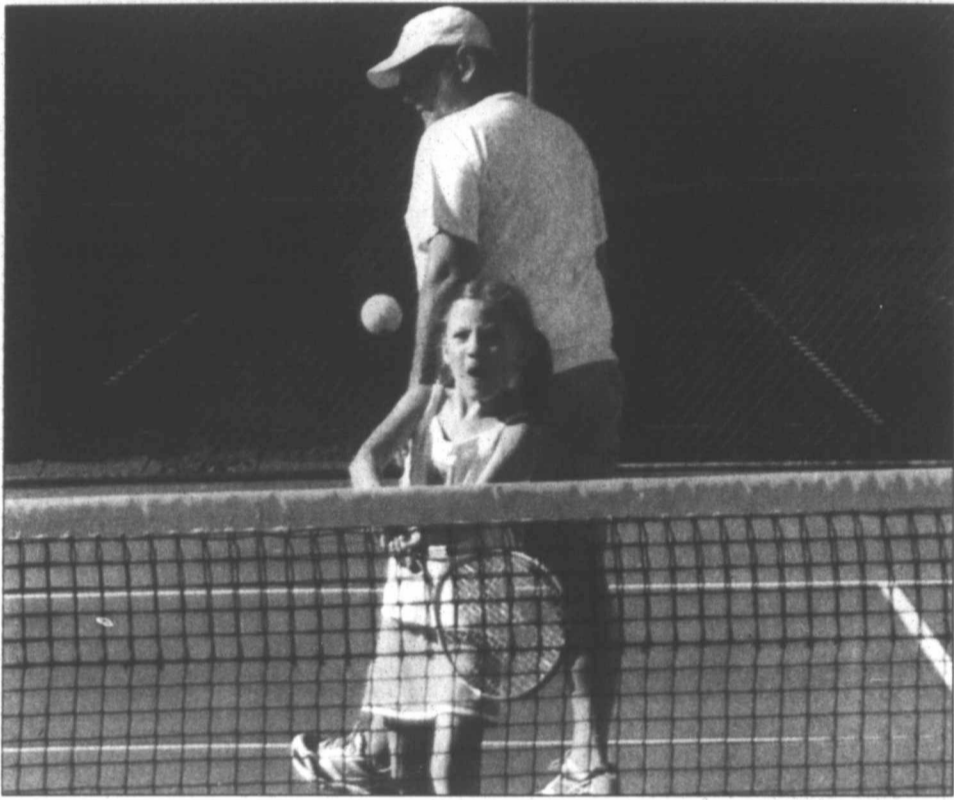
a head start on their techniques.

"We can get them to use the proper technique that we want to see," Corse said. "We don't have to spend a lot of time teaching ours if they learned something different. We get to develop a relationship with the kids. Get to know the kids and hopefully get them interested in being a part of a program."

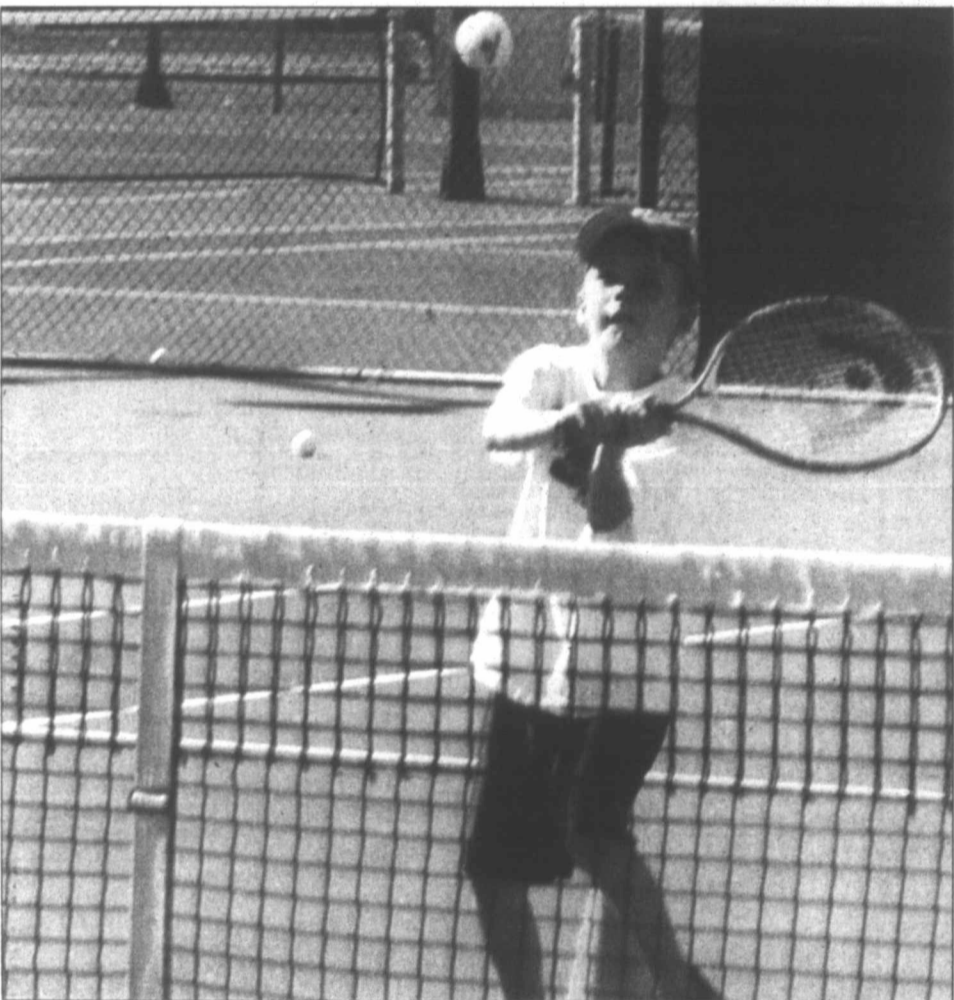
Graduated seniors Myles Foreman and Sammi Finney also helped with the camp.



staff photo by **Andrew Glover**
Jackson Bagwell, 7, returns a ball during the second day of tennis camp at Pampa High School. Campers learned the basics in the morning session.



staff photo by **Andrew Glover**
Isabella Hugh, 6, tries to connect with a ball during the second day of camp. Campers tried to hit balls over the net. The camp runs through Friday.



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Reid Smith, 9, looks to get a good swing on a ball during the second day of Pampa High School's tennis camp Tuesday. The camp ends Friday.

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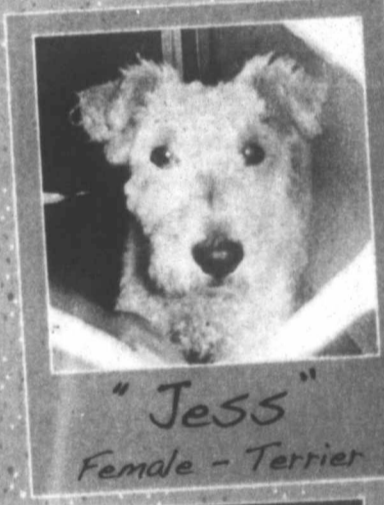
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Female - Calico

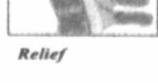


For more information about these pets or any other questions, please contact the local animal shelter at 806-669-5775 or visit it at the Hobart Street Park. All photos of animals can be viewed 24 hours a day online at www.cityof-pampa.org. The animals can be seen through the window of the shelter anytime.

The shelter is open to the public
Monday - Saturday from 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

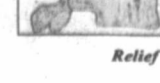
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