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'A HUGE SUCCESS'



staff photos by **Andrew Glover** and **Arnie Aurellano**
TOP: Sherry Gee (from left), Carolyn Shook, Shelly McCam and Della Hulsey hold up the American Cancer Society's Survivors Banner as they lead the first lap of Friday's Relay for Life. **RIGHT:** Brad Been (left) and Pam Been help Brad's niece, Diana, 7, light her luminary on Friday Evening.

Great turnout at Relay

ARNIE AURELLANO
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Local American Cancer Society chairwoman Christy Robinson didn't mince words when asked about how this past weekend's Gray County Relay for Life went.

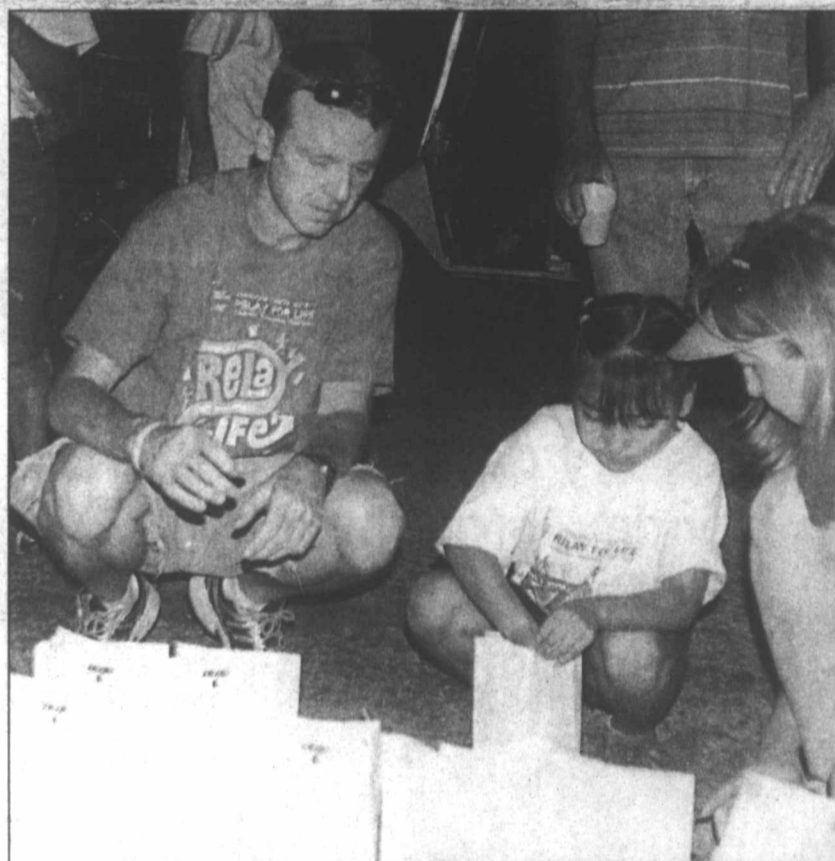
"Oh my God, it was wonderful," said Robinson, a wide smile evident in her voice.

"It was probably the biggest we've ever had, financially and in the number of participants. There were so many people that came out to join

us. It was a huge success." Robinson estimated that the Relay, which was held Friday and Saturday at Recreation Park, drew 450 to 500 people. It was a great follow-up to last Monday's Survivor's Dinner, Robinson said, which also drew a record 133 guests.

Robinson said that she didn't have final numbers yet as of Monday morning, but she projected that the event raised upwards of \$55,000. Last year's Relay raised \$40,000.

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'Big Mac' gets scoop on fires

(Editor's Note: As an ongoing salute to the men and women who keep Pampa and Gray County safe, The Pampa News is introducing a new feature, entitled **Hometown Heroes**, in which a new member of the Fire Department, Police, Sheriff's Office and Emergency Services will be profiled every week.)

DAVID BOWSER
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At 6'4" and 300 pounds, Michael Ryan has the well-deserved nickname "Big Mac," but it's his intellectual curiosity that earned him a job with the Pampa Fire Department.

"I really enjoy the investigations," Ryan said.

Ryan is the Fire Marshal for Pampa's fire department.

With a background in law enforcement, he doesn't pretend to be a fire fighter.



Sitting in his office at the city's Central Fire Station, he said he waits until the firefighters' job is done before he begins his.

Pampa firefighters are packing up as Ryan begins sifting through the ashes, looking for reasons for a blaze.

"After they're headed out," Ryan said of the firefighters, "I go in and determine what happened and why."

Originally from Shamrock, the 36-year-old Ryan started out in law enforcement.

"I worked juvenile detention, the boot camp, up in Canadian," Ryan said.

He said that got him interested in the field, so from there he went to work at the **MAC** cont. on page 5



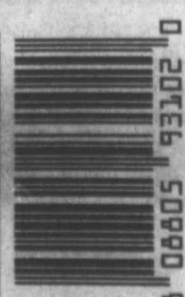
staff photo by **David Bowser**
At 6'4" and 300 pounds, Fire Marshal Michael Ryan has been affectionately and aptly nicknamed "Big Mac."

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High 85 Low 61	High 85 Low 62	High 86 Low 64

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Tuesday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1 p.m. Partly cloudy, with a high near 85. East northeast wind between 5 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 61. East southeast wind 5 to 15 mph becoming south southwest. Winds could gust as high as 20 mph.

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 85. West southwest wind 5 to 15 mph becoming east.

Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 62. East southeast wind between 5 and 15 mph.

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 86. Southeast wind between 5 and 15 mph.

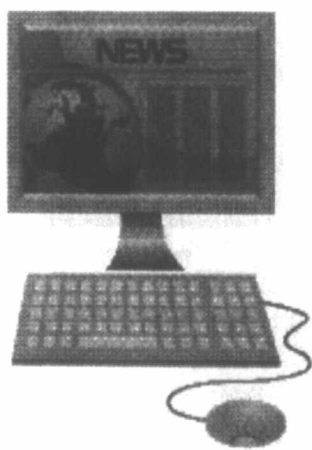
Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 64. Southeast wind between 5 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

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Obituaries

Rick Villarreal, 42

PAMPA—Rick Villarreal, 42, died Saturday, June 26, 2010 in Pampa.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.

Mr. Villarreal was born on December 25, 1967 in Pampa. He attended Pampa schools and lived in Pampa all his life. He married Anna Yates on November 23, 1984 in Pampa. He was a self employed carpenter. He was good with his hands where could build or fix anything. He was a Catholic. He will be remembered as a loving grandfather and as a giving

person to all of the kids.

Survivors include his wife, Anna Villarreal of the home; two sons, Damian Villarreal and wife Britnee and Nikki Villarreal and wife Vanessa, all of Pampa; one daughter, Alicia Villarreal of Port Lavaca; parents, Richard and Elidia Villarreal of Pampa; two sisters, Geneva Doan and husband Kevin and Katrina Villarreal, all of Pampa; one brother, Anthony Villarreal and wife Adriana of Pampa; paternal grandparents, Victor and Consuelo Villarreal of Pampa; mater-

nal grandmother, Amelia Mendoza of Pampa; four granddaughters, Mikela Villarreal, Martiza Villarreal, Alexa Villarreal and Aaliyah Caballero, all of Pampa; four nieces, Jasmine Villarreal, Ava Sophia Villarreal, Alisha Villarreal and Rayna Doan all of Pampa; three nephews, Michael Anthony Villarreal, Eric Villarreal, and Roc Doan, all of Pampa. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Bethany Villarreal Caviness, great grandfather, George Mendoza, and a great grandmother,



Villarreal

Dominga Mendoza.

Sign the online register book at www.carmichael-whately.com.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

SHERIFF

The Gray County Sheriff's Department reported the following arrests over the weekend.

Friday, June 26
 Sergio Salazar, 19, was arrested by police on charges of public intoxication.

Randall Dewayne Garrett, 44, was arrested by police on charges of violation of a protective order.

Kristal Nichole Rodriguez, 21, was arrested by deputies on a grand jury indictment on charges of assault of a public servant.

Saturday, June 27
 Itavia Garzette Ballard, 18, was arrested by police on charges of theft under \$50 and failure to appear.

Enrique Perez 26, was arrested by police on charges of driving while intoxicated.

Chris Lee Broadbent, 35, was arrested by deputies on charges of possession of a controlled substance, less than one gram.

Monday, June 28
 Dennis Eugene Combs, 45, was arrested by police on charges of driving while intoxicated.

Christopher Eugene Jackson, 38, was arrested by police on charge of assault causing bodily injury and family violence.

PAMPA PD

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

Officers reported 27 traffic-related stops and seven accidents.

Officers reported 28 animal-related calls.

Pampa EMS reported 16 ambulance calls. Lefors EMS responded on one medical call.

Pampa Fire Department reported three and responded to one structure fire.

Friday, June 25
 Officers responded to an information call in the 200 block of W. Kingsmill.

A sewer choke was reported in the 1000 block of E. Foster.

Theft was reported in the 1900 block of N. Wells.

Theft was reported in the 200 block of W. Kingsmill.

Violation of a city ordinance was reported in the 500 block of N. Magnolia.

Officers reported a good intent call in the 1200 block of N. Hobart.

Officer provided an escort in the 400 block of S. Oklahoma.

A sexual assault was reported in the 200 block of W. Kingsmill.

Officers conducted a follow-up investigation in the 200 block of W. Kingsmill.

Theft was reported in the 200 block of W.

Kingsmill.

Officers conducted a follow-up investigation in the 300 block of S. Ballard.

Officers conducted a follow-up investigation in the 200 block of W. Kingsmill.

Officers responded to an information call in the 200 block of W. Kingsmill.

Theft was reported in the 200 block of W. Kingsmill.

Phone harassment was reported in the 200 block of W. Kingmill.

Officers responded to an information call in the 200 block of W. Kingsmill.

Officers provided an agency assist in the 200 block of W. Kingsmill.

A runaway was reported in the 200 block of W. Kingsmill.

Phone harassment was reported in the 900 block of Finley St.

Theft was reported in the 1900 block of N. Holly Ln.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 200 block of Miami.

A sewer choke was reported in the 1100 block of Sirroco Pl.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 500 block of Roberta.

A suspicious person was reported in the 1200 block of S. Farley St.

A violation of city ordinance was reported in the 1300 block of N. Coffee St.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1200 block of N. Hobart St.

A suspicious vehicle was reported at Perry and Buckler.

Found property was reported in the 1300 block of N. Coffee.

A violation of city ordinance was reported in the 900 block of S. Faulkner.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 600 block of N. Banks.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 1100 block of E. Kingsmill.

Violation of a city ordinance was reported in the 1300 block of N. Coffee.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 600 block of N. Dwight.

Saturday, June 26
 An alarm was reported in the 1000 block of N. Hobart.

A suspicious vehicle was reported at Foster and Lefors.

An open door was reported in the 100 block of E. Brown.

A suspicious person was reported in the 300 block of W. Browning.

Officers conducted a business check in the 1600 block of N. Somerville.

Officers conducted a second business check in the 1600 block of N. Somerville.

Officers conducted a building check in the 1200 block of N. Wells.

Officers conducted a follow-up investigation of

200 W. Kingsmill.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 900 block of S. Banks.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 2200 block of N. Wells.

An abandoned vehicle was reported in the 1100 block of Wilcox St.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 500 block of N. Carr.

Officers responded to a medical call in the 1800 block of N. Dwight.

Officers served a warrant in the 2500 block of N. Hobart.

A follow-up investigation was conducted in the 200 block of W. Kingsmill.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 300 block of S. Jean.

Officers responded to a civil matter in the 600 block of N. Dwight.

Theft was reported in the 2800 block of N. Charles.

A welfare check was conducted in the 400 block of N. Lefors.

Officers responded to an information call in the 200 block of W. Kingsmill.

A suspicious person was reported in the 1000 block of E. Browning.

An alarm was reported in the 400 block of S. Cuyler.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1000 block of Christy St.

A violation of city ordinance was reported in the 900 block of S. Wells.

A burglary was reported in the 1400 block of N. Charles.

Officers conducted a welfare check in the 100 block of S. Frost.

A suspicious vehicle was reported at Georgia and Alcock.

A violation of city ordinance was reported in the 700 block of Scott Ave.

A prowler was reported in the 1700 block of N. Evergreen.

A violation of city ordinance was reported in the 1300 block of N. Coffee.

Officers conducted a welfare check in the 1200 block of N. Wells.

An assault was reported in the 400 block of E. Foster.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 1400 block of N. Hobart.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 400 block of S. Gray.

Sunday, June 27
 A suspicious person was reported in the 1100 block of N. Sumner.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 600 block of N. Nelson.

Officers provided an agency assist at Hwy. 171.

A suspicious person was reported in the 200 block of N. Russell.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1300 block of N. Coffee.

Disorderly conduct was reported at Finley and Frederic.

An assault was reported in the 600 block of N. Dwight.

A suspicious person was reported in the 600 block of N. Zimmers St.

An alarm was reported in the 600 block of N. Hobart.

Disorderly conduct was reported at Browning and Starkweather.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 1300 block of Perryton Pkwy.

A missing person was reported in the 1100 block of Sierra Dr.

Officers conducted a follow-up investigation in the 1900 block of N. Hobart.

Theft was reported in the 1500 block of N. Nelson.

Theft was reported in the 300 block of E. Brown St.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 800 block of E. Locust.

Officers responded to an information call in the 200 block of W. Kingsmill.

Burglary was reported in the 800 block of E. Frederic.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 2300 block of N. Rosewood Ln.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 200 block of Tignor.

Officers conducted a welfare check in the 1000 block of E. Browning.

A burglary was reported in the 300 block of S. Gray.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 2600 block of N. Chestnut Dr.

Officers conducted a welfare check in the 1000 block of E. Browning.

Officers responded to a civil matter in the 1000 block of Prairie Dr.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 800 block of N. Duncan.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 1400 block of N. Hobart.

Officers responded to and information call in the 400 block of S. Hughes.

Officers responded to an information call at Huff and Brown.

Monday, June 28
 Criminal trespass was reported in the 300 block of W. Brown.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1000 block of N. Christy.

A burglary was reported in the 700 block N. Hobart.

A suicide attempt was reported in the 1200 block of N. Wells.

An assault was reported in the 1400 block of N. Charles.

An assault was reported in the 500 block of S. Harlem.

A domestic disturbance was reported at 1600 E. Hwy. 60.

A suspicious person was reported in the 2300 block of Primrose Ln.

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W. Va. Senator Byrd dead

WASHINGTON (AP) — Robert C. Byrd, who rose from the poverty of West Virginia coal country to become the sage and conscience of U.S. Senate in a political career stretching more than half a century, died Monday. He was 92.

Byrd's desk in the Senate chamber was draped in black, in recognition both of his longevity — he served longer and cast more votes than any senator in history — and the tenacity in which he defended the traditions and prerogatives of the Senate.

Brandishing his copy of the U.S. Constitution that he always carried with him, he resisted any attempt to diminish the role of the Senate, as in the days leading up to the 2003 invasion of Iraq when he was one of the few to stand up against ceding war-making powers to President George W. Bush.

Kagan pledges deference to Congress

WASHINGTON (AP) — Supreme Court nominee Elena Kagan pledged Monday to be properly deferential to Congress if confirmed as a justice and to strive to "consider every case impartially, modestly, with commitment to principle and in accordance with law."

In advance excerpts of her opening statement before the Senate Judiciary Committee, Kagan said the court is responsible for making sure the government does not violate the rights of individuals. "But the court must also recognize the limits on itself and respect the choices made by the American people," she said.

Teacher arrested on sex charge

McALLEN (AP) — A south Texas math teacher caught in a law enforcement sting has been charged with online solicitation of a minor and attempted sexual assault of a minor.

The Texas Attorney General's Office says Abel Castro Jr., 44, a sixth-grade teacher at South Middle School in Edinburg was drawn to a house by its Cyber Crimes Unit, thinking he was meeting a 14-year-old boy for sex. Instead, Castro was arrested Friday by McAllen police.

Castro on Sunday was released on bond from the Hidalgo County Detention Center.

Gilbert Tagle with the Edinburg Consolidated Independent School District says employees charged with a crime are put on paid suspension until their case is resolved.

Minimum grades hearing set

AUSTIN (AP) — A hearing is set Monday for a lawsuit that accuses the head of the Texas Education Agency of wrongly interpreting a new law that bars minimum grading policies.

Commissioner Robert Scott is being sued by 11 districts, mostly in the Houston area, over a law that requires teachers to assign a grade that reflects a student's "mastery of an assignment."

Scott wrote a letter to school superintendents saying the law extended to report cards, not just assignments, and schools needed to assign honest grades.

Some districts have long had policies that establish minimum grades of 50, 60 or even 70 for assignments and report cards. That means if a student failed and earned a zero, his or her grade would be automatically brought up to the minimum score.

The lawsuit will be heard in Travis County district court in Austin.

Death row convicts lose appeals

HOUSTON (AP) — The U.S. Supreme Court has upheld the death sentence of a 22-year-old Houston man described by authorities as leader of a gang responsible for at least four murders and dozens of robberies.

Dexter Darnell Johnson was convicted of the June 2006 shooting deaths of a young couple during a carjacking.

Johnson's case is one of three Texas death row cases — all from Houston — acted on by the high court Monday.

Justices also upheld the conviction of 54-year-old Max Soffar, who was retried in 2006 for a shooting rampage at a bowling alley that killed three in 1980.

And the court has refused to rehear its rejection of an appeal from Linda Carty, a 51-year-old British grandmother convicted of murdering a 20-year-old woman and kidnapping the victim's newborn son in 2001.

Hurricane watch as Alex grows

MIAMI (AP) — Tropical Storm Alex is gaining strength and a hurricane watch has been issued for the coasts of south Texas and northeastern Mexico.

The National Hurricane Center in Miami says Alex is expected to become a hurricane Tuesday. Its center is on a track from Yucatan headed for the Texas-Mexico border and away from the oil spill area off Louisiana.

A hurricane watch means that hurricane conditions are possible within 48 hours.

Forecasters say maximum sustained winds Monday morning were near 60 mph (95 kph). Alex is moving north-northwest near 7 mph (11 kph).

Man arrested for child beating

McALLEN (AP) — A McAllen man has been arrested in the death of his 2-year-old stepdaughter who authorities say was beaten because she wouldn't stop crying while he was watching a weekend World Cup match.

Police Chief Victor Rodriguez says 28-year-old Hector Castro was arrested Saturday and is expected to be formally charged Monday with capital murder. Rodriguez says Castro told police the girl wouldn't stop crying while he was watching the U.S.-Ghana match on Saturday afternoon.

The girl was severely beaten, and police say a screw or bolt was forced into her throat afterward in an apparent attempt to make it look like the girl choked accidentally.

Business exception could change

AUSTIN (AP) — The state's current small business tax break could shrink as Texas faces up to an \$18 billion shortfall in the next two-year budget period, some legislators say.

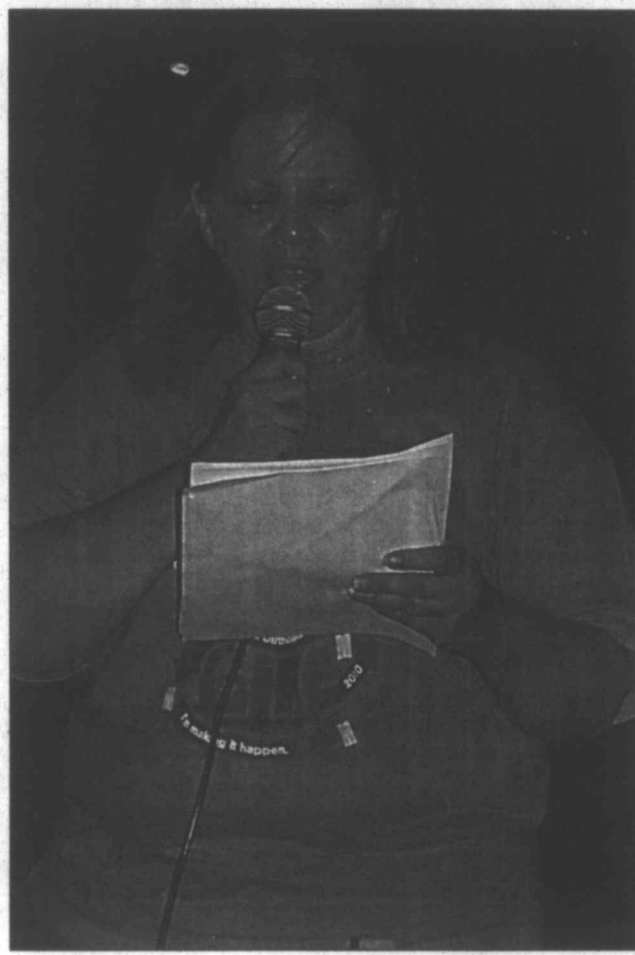
"It's going to be very hard to maintain it," said House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Rene Oliveira of Brownsville. Oliveira supported the tax break, joined by state Sen. Dan Patrick of Houston.

The San Antonio Express-News reported Monday that the 2009 Legislature temporarily exempted businesses from paying the tax if they have \$1 million or less in revenue, up from the previous cutoff of \$300,000. That spared 40,000 additional businesses at a cost of \$87 million in lost taxes this fiscal year.

The million-dollar exemption was enacted for only two years. The limit will decline to \$600,000 unless the 2011 Legislature acts.



Cherie Duke (from left), Charla Shults, D.J. Pennington and Jana Shults walk hand in hand at this past weekend's Relay for Life. Pennington is a lung cancer survivor.



Pam Dalton reads a prayer during Friday evening's luminaria ceremony.

Relay

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It's a jump, Robinson said, that couldn't have been accomplished without the help, effort and generosity of the community.

"We couldn't have done it without everyone," Robinson said. "We had 30 teams who were all wonderful. We had 850 to 1000 bags for our luminaria service, and that's a big amount. Everyone who participated in that ceremony, plus all the committee members, the people who helped set everything up, and everyone who came out to support the Relay — this was a big community effort."

Robinson said that thanks need to go out to many, many groups of people, from the kids of the Miami School District and Community Christian School who colored the luminaria bags to the many businesses who donated supplies to the event to the inmates from local prison facilities who helped set up tents and booths.

"This was not a one person show," Robinson said. "It takes the whole town, and we have to give a big thank you to everyone who was a part of it."



Chaney McCuiston, 10, takes a sledgehammer to a car at the Beat Out Cancer booth at the Relay.

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1	2	8	3	9	6	5	7	4
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Viewpoints

Today in History

Today is Monday, June 28, the 179th day of 2010. There are 186 days left in the year.

Today's Highlights in History:

On June 28, 1914, Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria and his wife, Sophie, were assassinated in Sarajevo by Serb nationalist Gavrilo Princip — the event which sparked World War I.

On this date:

In 1491, England's King Henry VIII was born at Greenwich.

In 1778, the Revolutionary War Battle of Monmouth took place in New Jersey; it was from this battle that the legend of "Molly Pitcher" arose.

In 1838, Britain's Queen Victoria was crowned in Westminster Abbey.

In 1919, the Treaty of Versailles was signed in France, ending the First World War. In Independence, Mo., future president Harry S. Truman married Elizabeth Virginia Wallace.

In 1934, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed into law the National Housing Act, which established the Federal Housing Administration.

In 1939, Pan American Airways began regular trans-Atlantic air service with a flight that departed New York for Marseilles, France.

In 1950, North Korean forces captured Seoul, the capital of South Korea.

Ten years ago: Seven months after he was cast adrift in the Florida Straits, Elian Gonzalez was returned to his native Cuba. The Supreme Court struck down Nebraska's "partial-birth" abortion law. The Supreme Court ruled the Boy Scouts can bar homosexuals from serving as troop leaders.

Five years ago: On the first anniversary of Iraqi sovereignty, President George W. Bush, addressing the nation from Fort Bragg, N.C., rejected suggestions that he set a timetable for withdrawal from Iraq or send in more troops as he counseled patience for Americans who were questioning the war's painful costs.

One year ago: Soldiers ousted Manuel Zelaya, the democratically elected president of Honduras; congressional leader Roberto Micheletti was sworn in to serve until Zelaya's term ended in Jan. 2010.

Today's Birthdays: Comedian-movie director Mel Brooks is 84. Senate Armed Services Chairman Carl Levin (D-Mich.) is 76. Comedian-impressionist John Byner is 73. CIA Director Leon Panetta is 72. Actor Bruce Davison is 64. Actress Kathy Bates is 62. College and Pro Football Hall of Famer John Elway is 50. Actress Mary Stuart Masterson is 44. Actor John Cusack is 44. Actor Gil Bellows is 43. Actress-singer Danielle Brisebois is 41. Jazz musician Jimmy Sommers is 41. Actress Tichina Arnold is 39. Actor Alessandro Nivola is 38. Actress Camille Guaty is 34. Rock musician Tim Nordwind (OK Go) is 34. Rock musician Mark Stoermer (The Killers) is 33. Country singer Kellie Pickler is 24.

Thought for Today:

"One of the sources of pride in being a human being is the ability to bear present frustrations in the interests of longer purposes." — Helen Merrell Lynd, American sociologist and educator (1896-1982).



New library computers bring new policies

"This year has brought several changes to Lovett Memorial Library," Misty Guy, director of the local library, said recently. The library received a shipment of brand-new computers with updated software early in 2010, the director said.

"With the new computers comes changes in user policies," she stated. Some of the differences are dictated by a program introduced along with the new computers, Guy explained. The primary program now utilized by the library is called EnvisionWare.

With EnvisionWare, Guy said, patrons must pay all fines on their library card before allowed access to the computers set aside for public use. Families with more than one card in the system must pay all connected fines or fees before permitted access.

"The program itself will not permit patrons to log onto one of our computers if even a penny is owed on the card," Guy said. "That is simply how the new software is configured."

Since the system software only responds to a log-in using a card number and four-digit pin, patrons must have a valid library card or computer-use card to use the computers, Guy said.

To receive a library card, an individual must submit a valid driver's license or ID card from the Texas Department of Public Transportation with the correct, current address on it.

"The DL or ID must be issued from the Texas DPS," Guy stated,



SKYLLA BRYANT

with date of birth.

"A computer card," Guy said, "gives a patron access to the computers but does not permit them to check out books or other library materials."

Though a person may control several cards within a family, that person cannot use another individual's card on the computers.

"Even parents cannot use their children's card to log on," Guy said. Only the proper, legal card-holder may use the card for computer purposes. A parent or legal guardian must sign-up a juvenile for a library or computer-use card.

While adults are permitted access with the proper card, minors under the age of 13 cannot venture onto a computer without a parent or legal guardian present at all times even if the juvenile has a card, Guy said, and minors age 13 and older must have an Internet use form on file at the library to use a computer when unaccompanied by a parent or legal guardian.

"before a library card with full privileges will be granted to anyone."

However, to obtain a computer-use card, according to Guy, a person need only supply some form of government-issued picture ID

"Minors (anyone under 18 years of age) in the library are the responsibility of their parents, legal guardians or caregivers at all times," Guy said. "Library staff cannot take legal responsibility for the care of an unattended child. It is mandatory that children 12 or younger be accompanied and adequately supervised by a responsible person 16 years of age or older."

Another words, Guy said, a youth 12 years old or younger is not permitted in the library unless accompanied by a person 16 or older. In addition, minors who misbehave or who are loud in the library may be asked to leave irrespective of whether or not he or she is in the company of an adult.

"It is crucial," Guy said, "that an atmosphere conducive to learning be maintained in the library for the benefit of all patrons."

Guy encourages Pampans to check-out their local library between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday; between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday; and between 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday.

"But please don't come to the library July 3, 4 or 5," Guy said. "We will be closed then for the July 4th holiday. Have a safe and happy Independence Day."

The library will re-open Tuesday, July 6 for regular hours.

Skylla Bryant is the circulation clerk at the Lovett Memorial Library.

Letter to the Editor

To the Editor:

Yawn... Pardon my ennui. Our city government is halfway towards completion of the new ordinance banning local citizens from getting to their front doors quicker by parking on their front lawns. Once final implementation of the new law occurs, will it cause the habitual front lawn parker to seek rehab? Hardly.

If any intervention stems from the new law, it will be so due to the offending citizen's neighbors. Yup. If you have a neighbor assaulting your senses by parking a vehicle on his/her front lawn, you must call in the perp in order for the offense to be noted and acted upon. How's that for neighborhood relations, for it won't take a rocket surgeon to figure out why a citation is adhered

to one's front door.

For the matter, the ordinance is a good idea when considering Pampa's overall condition, but will you rat on your neighbor once enactment takes place? Yeah, right. Once again, Pampa will have another ordinance on it's books alongside others that are not being enforced.

Dennis Palmittier
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Dear Abby... Justices extend gun owner rights nationwide

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: Years ago you gave me some good advice, and now I have a new issue I need help with. My sister, "Rhonda," and her husband — both in their mid-50s — will be visiting us again this summer. The last time they stayed, we caught them in our backyard smoking pot. My husband and I were shocked and upset about it, and so were our teenage children. This was a violation of the rules in our home and set a poor example for our children, but I was too spineless to say anything.

I want to tell Rhonda and her husband before this next visit that drugs are absolutely not allowed on our property, but my mother wants me to remain silent because she's worried they'll stop visiting us unless I keep my mouth shut.

I want to see Rhonda, but not at the cost of compromising my principles. And I am confused and hurt that even my mother doesn't seem to care how I feel about how unacceptable this behavior is in my own home. Am I being unfair? Help! — **SPINELESS IN SAN DIEGO**

DEAR SPINELESS: Your mother is wrong. It is not "unfair" to set standards in your home to teach your children the difference between right and wrong. If you don't speak up, your sister will assume -- and rightly so -- that you have no objection to her using an illegal substance on your property. What happened last year was unfortunate. But if you stay silent and it happens again, you will have no one to blame but yourself.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 15-year-old girl and a freshman in high school. My relationship with my mother is very good. I can talk to her about everything and anything.

My problem is she won't allow me to date as long as I live under her

roof. She says teenagers are too young to date. I have recently developed feelings for a boy in a few of my classes, but I am prevented from pursuing a relationship with him. I feel sad and empty because of this.

My mother has no reason to keep me from dating other than her belief that I'm too young. I am a good kid and get straight A's. Friends tell me to date behind her back, which I don't believe in. Mom is very stubborn, but so am I. Any thoughts, Abby? — **JERSEY GIRL**

DEAR JERSEY GIRL: Yes. A parent who prevents her daughter from dating as long as she lives under her mother's roof and expects that when she moves out — presumably at 18 — she will automatically be prepared for the dating scene, is delusional.

If your mother prefers that you not date one-on-one at 15, she should consider allowing you to go out in groups, as many teens do these days. Enlist the help of an adult female relative or one of her friends to intercede for you, and perhaps she'll relent.

DEAR ABBY: Why are some women so shallow that they won't date a man who is going bald? I mean, they do not even make the time to get to know us. They just turn us down.

Are there women out there who like men who are bald or getting there? — **SMOOTH-HEADED IN TAMPA, FLA.**

DEAR SMOOTH-HEADED: Yes, there are. They're the smart ones. This would include Heidi Klum (who is married to Seal), Demi Moore (who was married for a number of years to Bruce Willis), Mrs. Howie Mandel, Mrs. Chris Daughtry — and all the women who are chasing Tyson Beckford.

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court held Monday that Americans have the right to own a gun for self-defense anywhere they live, advancing a recent trend by the John Roberts-led bench to embrace gun rights.

By a 5-4 vote, the justices cast doubt on handgun bans in the Chicago area, but signaled that some limitations on the Constitution's "right to keep and bear arms" could survive legal challenges.

Justice Samuel Alito, writing for the court, said that the Second Amendment right "applies equally to the federal government and the states."

The court was split along familiar ideological lines, with five conservative-moderate justices in favor of gun rights and four liberals opposed. Chief Justice Roberts voted with the majority.

Two years ago, the court declared that the Second Amendment protects an individual's right to possess guns, at least for purposes of self-defense in the home.

That ruling applied only to federal laws. It struck down a ban on handguns and a trigger lock requirement for other guns in the District of Columbia, a federal city with unique legal standing. At the same time, the court was careful not to cast doubt on other regulations of

firearms here. Gun rights proponents almost immediately filed a federal lawsuit challenging gun control laws in Chicago and its suburb of Oak Park, Ill., where handguns have been banned for nearly 30 years. The Brady Center to Prevent Gun Violence says those laws appear to be the last two remaining outright bans.

Lower federal courts upheld the two laws, noting that judges on those benches were bound by Supreme Court precedent and that it would be up to the high court justices to ultimately rule on the true reach of the Second Amendment.

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Hemphill County jail.

"I was a jailer and a dispatcher there," he said. That led to his attending the police academy at Amarillo College.

"I came to work here at the police department in 2005," Ryan said.

On June 1, 2008, he moved into the Pampa Fire Department offices as Fire Marshal.

"I love it," he said. "It's interesting." There's no such thing as a routine day. Every day is different. Every day is challenging.

Ryan's responsibilities go beyond the fire investigations, however. He's responsible for building code enforcement, fire prevention measures and fire extinguisher safety classes.

"When we're not having fires," he said, "I do other things."

He gives a lot of fire prevention programs for schools, churches and civic organizations.

"We've done more this year already," he said of the fire prevention programs, "than we did all of last year, which is great."

Ryan is also the Assistant Emergency Management Coordinator. As such, he pays close attention to the weather.

"I do a lot of storm watching," he said.

There are draw backs to his job, he admitted with a slight grin.

"I have to tell people to mow their grass," he said. "I'm the one that sends them the letter that says their grass is too tall."

Ryan said he doesn't particularly like to send those letters because it makes people mad, but they would be even madder if the dry grass caught fire and destroyed their property or someone else's.

"People here in Pampa really support their fire department," Ryan said. "These guys do a good job. They're great."

Over the last two years as Fire Marshal, Ryan said he's been to several fire schools. He's studied arson investigation techniques, fire inspections, building inspections and wild fires.

"I really like the investigation part of my job," Ryan said.

He files his reports with the city and the state.

"There's certain information that goes from here to the state," Ryan said.

All fires are not the same, he said.

"Each one of them has its own little tale," Ryan said,

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"which makes it interesting."

He admitted that he had never thought investigating a fire would be interesting until he did it.

"I've learned a lot," Ryan said. "I learned about fires and how to read fires and burn patterns."

He works with the state fire marshal's office. "That's really helped out a lot," Ryan said.

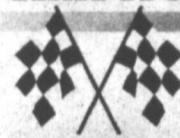
He said he's learned a lot from them beyond what he'd learned in his fire school class work.

"Those guys really know what they're doing," Ryan said.

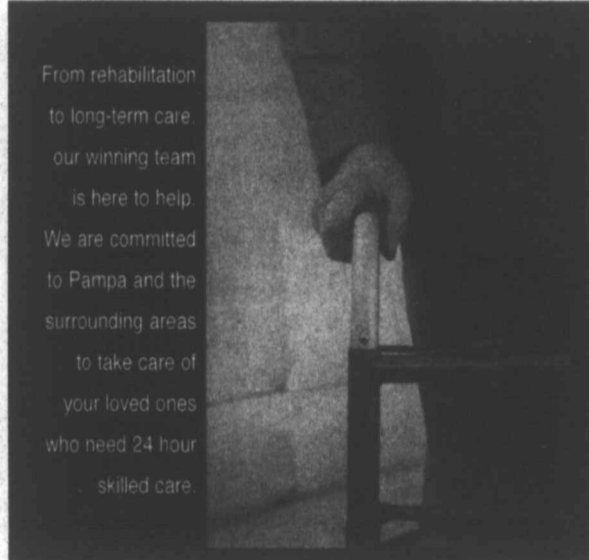
He credited Pampa Fire Chief Kim Powell for his new interest.

"She's real good to work for," Ryan said. "I thank her all the time for bringing me over here."

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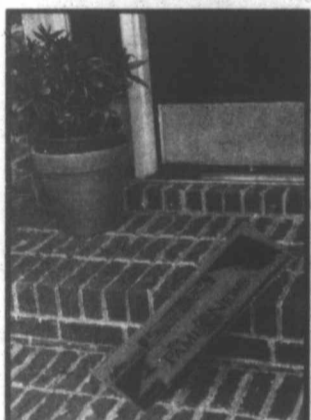


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Hearing aid brochures and ads are touting the virtues of the latest technology to counter hearing loss, whether the cause be listening to eardrum-rattling music, side effects of a myriad of prescriptions or simply age.

Hearing aids these days can be digital, programmed and remote-controlled. The technology has come a long way from the brass horns that passed for hearing aids in the late 19th century.

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ing it invisible. It comes with a three year factory warranty and a three year supply of batteries (see store for details).

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INCREASING NEED

These days, one in six Americans has a hearing loss equal to that of placing a finger in one or both ears, according to a recent Johns Hopkins University study. That's double previous estimates, with the problem growing faster among younger adults, many of whom listen to their iPods and MP3 players with small earbuds worn within the ear and the volume cranked up way too loud.

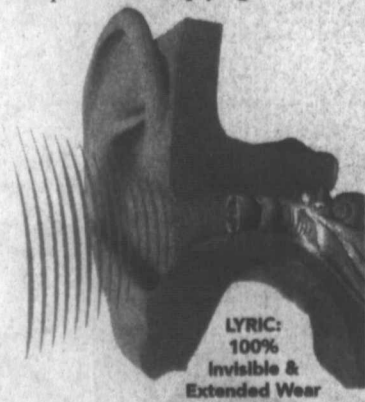
It's a combination of the baby

boomer generation and the iPod generation. For some it's too late, because loud noises have permanently destroyed sensory cells vital to hearing. Moreover, by age 55 hearing generally decreases. About 30 percent of people age 70 and older have some degree of hearing loss — although not necessarily enough to require hearing aids.

The best way to know if you have a hearing loss is to have your hearing checked by an audi-

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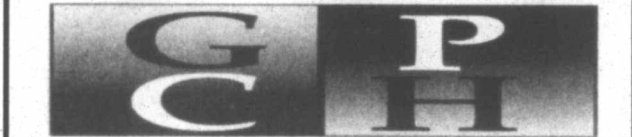
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Saturday's Cryptoquote: YOU SEE THINGS; AND YOU SAY, "WHY?" BUT I DREAM THINGS THAT NEVER WERE; AND I SAY, "WHY NOT?"
 — GEORGE BERNARD SHAW

Daily Horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, June 29, 2010:
 This year, you become more aware of your funds, what you would like to have and how to most effectively handle your finances. Be willing to listen to a somewhat doctrinaire partner or associate as well as let your creativity play out, in not only the fiscal area but also other areas of your life. How you express yourself and your self-image will become more positive and alluring. If you are single, you will draw many suitors. Date until you find the person who feels right. If you are attached, you will need to become more tuned in to your mate, even if he or she is difficult. A little touch of caring goes a long way. AQUARIUS always roots out the bottom line.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
 ★★★★★ Zero in on what is going on. Creativity will burst forward if you tackle issues directly. An easy and relaxed pace seems impossible when you are driven to the level you are at. Tonight: Now, kick back.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
 ★★ Take a stand, but also be willing to look at another issue head-on. Communication opens up, though you could feel that it distracts from immediate concerns. Creativity opens doors. Tonight: A must appearance.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
 ★★★★★ Keep reaching out for others. New information comes forward. You might feel uncomfortable with a financial expenditure. Your expansive behavior could backfire. Recognize that you have limits. Tonight: Relax to good music.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
 ★★★★★ One-on-one relating draws another strong response. You have a choice: not to act, or to take a strong action. Evaluate and consider your options. An extra effort to appeal to someone you care about 'could help. Tonight: Go with a partner's suggestion.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
 ★★★★★ Defer to others in your smiling way. Expenses could be overwhelming as you spend, spend and spend some more. You might be hard-pressed to stop and listen to your inner voice. Take the time. Tonight: Go with another person's suggestions.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
 ★★ Focus on work and accomplishing as much as possible. You have drive and fire. Emphasize success and clear out your work. You are doing a juggling act. Take your time. Note a tendency to be overly sensitive. Tonight: Could be late, until the wee hours.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
 ★★★★★ Allow creativity to bubble up. Suppressing anger or scheming really doesn't work. Trust that it will pop out, whether you want it to or not. Open up to possibilities and know what it is you want. Tonight: Enjoy what is good in your life.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
 ★★ Keeping a personal issue to yourself might be the only way you know. Extremes could mark your mood, or you could become overly assertive. Later, trying to ease some of the pressure or reactions you engender might be difficult. Tonight: Head home early.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
 ★★★★★ You might be taken aback by a boss or another pushy, assertive authority figure. Relating on a direct, one-on-one level also might not be as comfortable as usual. Think positively. Tonight: Find your friends.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
 ★★★★★ Be aware of the costs of the direction you are choosing. Think through a decision; keep reaching out for someone at a distance. This person needs to clear the air. Extremes mark your spending. Tonight: Your treat.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
 ★★★★★ You are all smiles, and others clearly respond to your efforts. A partner could be irritated no matter what you do. Accomplishing what you need also could be challenging. Your mind floats everywhere. Tonight: Choose what makes you happy. Tap into your wish list.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
 ★★ Understand what is going on behind the scenes. Your creativity longs for self-expression. A partner could be pushing you way too hard. Eventually you won't have to handle this situation. Tonight: Take some time for yourself. You could be exhausted by everything that is occurring.

BORN TODAY
 Comedian Richard Lewis (1947), actor Fred Grandy (1948), producer Robert Evans (1930) ***

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Sports

Pampa 16-18 Babe Ruth team falls in last three

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Pampa 16-18 Babe Ruth team lost their last three games from June 12 to 16 against River Road and Guymon.

Pampa played two games against River Road on June 12. They lost the first game 11-6. Pampa took a 2-0 lead in the top of the first. River Road scored five

runs in the bottom of the third to take a 5-2 lead. Pampa scored two runs in the fourth to cut the lead to one. A run in the sixth tied the game at five, but in the bottom half River Road scored six runs to reach the final tally.

Zach Graves and Jordan Lemons each had two hits for Pampa. Graves hit two doubles and drove in two runs. Garrett Ericson

pitched 2 2/3 innings and struck out three. Lemons pitched 2 1/3 innings and struck out two. Mitch Simon pitched the last inning and struck out two.

Pampa lost 16-10 in Game Two, which was only five innings. River Road scored four runs in the first inning but Pampa evened the score with a run in the first and three in the second. A six-run

third provided River Road a 10-4 lead. Pampa cut the lead to two but River Road tallied six more runs in the fifth to take a decisive 16-6 lead.

Collin Killgo led the team in hitting with two hits in three at bats and two runs batted in. Killgo also pitched 2 1/3 innings and struck out two. Cole Engle pitched one and two thirds innings and struck out one.

Ericson pitched one inning and struck out one.

Pampa lost to Guymon 6-3. The game was scoreless in the first three innings. Guymon scored two runs in the fourth, three in the fifth and one in the sixth and took a 6-0 lead. Pampa scored all of their runs in the the bottom of the seventh.

Brent Green led the team in hitting with two hits and

an RBI. Ericson pitched four innings and allowed two runs on four hits, walked one and struck out four. Killgo pitched three innings and allowed three earned runs on five hits, walked two and struck out two.

Pampa plays at Borger 6 p.m. today. Saturday, Pampa plays Texhoma and Guymon in Guymon.

SUMMER T-BALL ACTION



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Hayden Henson makes it to first base and watches for instructions from the coach.



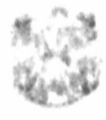
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Savannah Valentine places the ball back on the tee for the next batter.

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