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## Hall: Time of the essence in hospital buy

**DAVID BOWSER**  
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Dr. Jim Hall needs \$7 million to buy a hospital, but the money isn't his biggest problem. Hall, president of Emergency Services Foundation of Texas, a non-profit organization that established the Pampa EMS ambulance service and Genesis Clinic next to Pampa Regional Medical Center, is asking the community to support making Pampa's hospital a home-owned and home-operated medical facility.

Signature Hospital which owns Pampa Regional Medical Center has announced plans to sell the hospital by the end of this summer.

The time factor may be a bigger problem than coming up with the money, Hall said during a pub-

lic meeting Thursday evening at Pampa Junior High School. PRMC has been through four for-profit owners. Hall wants to preserve the hospital as a non-profit community hospital for the area.

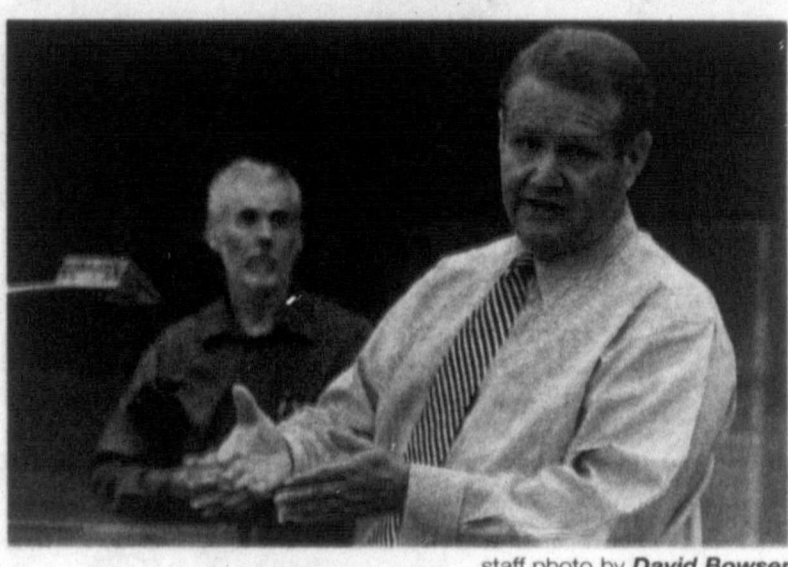
Dave Clark, a consultant hired to review the possibilities for PRMC, told about three dozen people gathered at the new junior high Thursday that once a community hospital closes, it's rare that it will reopen.

"If the hospital closes here," Clark said, "it won't come back."

There is concern that PRMC will be bought by one of the Amarillo hospitals and reduced to an emergency room. Other hospital services would be moved to Amarillo.

Clark said that both hospitals in Amarillo are reducing staff.

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staff photo by **David Bowser**

**Hospital consultant Dave Clark** (right) explains what needs to be done to Pampa Regional Medical Center if a Pampa non-profit group buys it. Dr. James Hall (left) is among those in Pampa who met Thursday night at Pampa Junior High to explore taking over Pampa's hospital.

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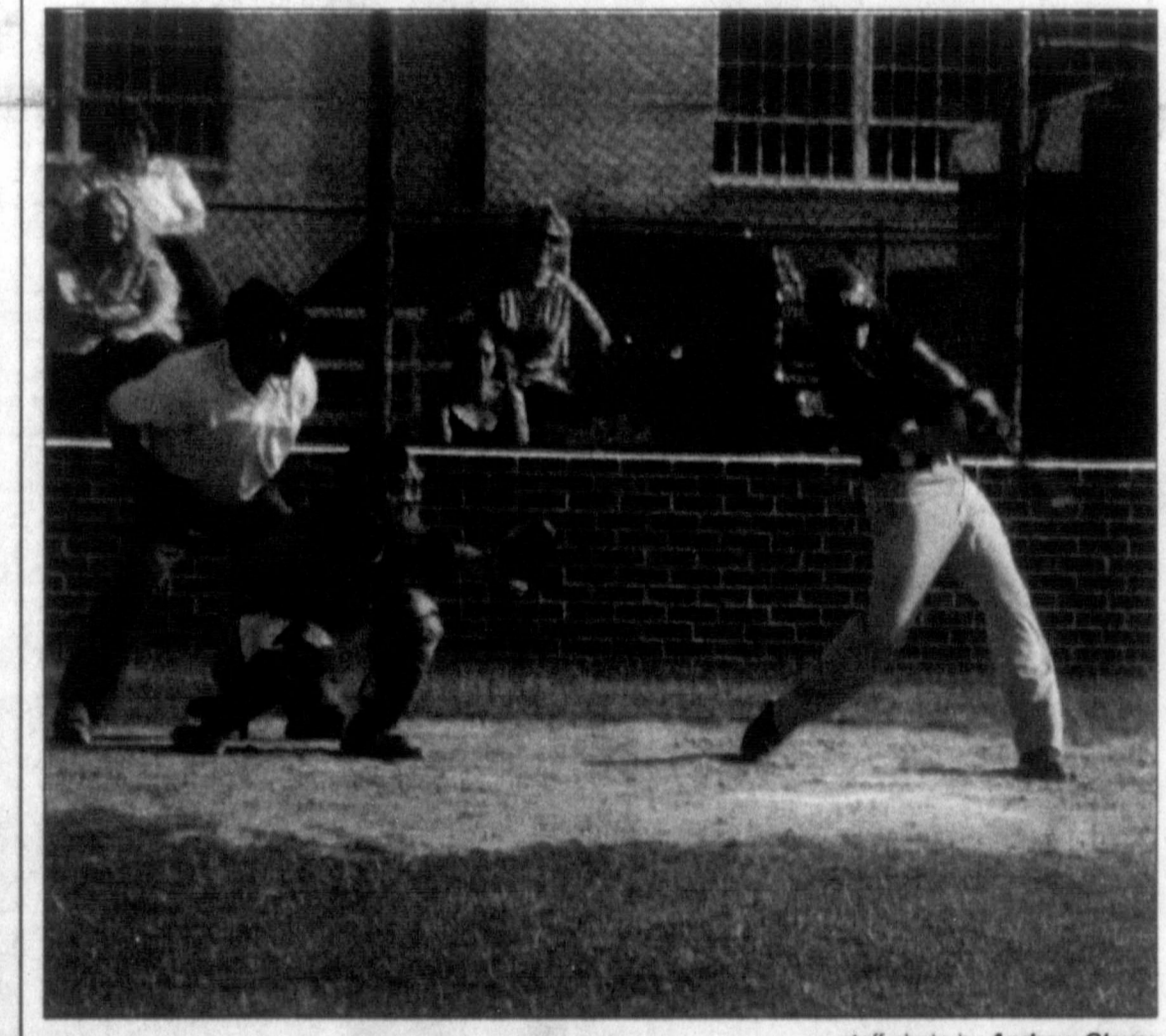
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## WE MEET AGAIN



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**Junior Jordan Lemons** swings for the fences in the bottom of the first against Borger in Babe Ruth baseball. Pampa lost 15-5. Full results in the Weekend Scoreboard section of Saturday's *The Pampa News*.

## Midweek rain not much help

**DAVID BOWSER**  
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The weather forecast is bright and sunny. That's not good for Gray County Emergency Coordinator Joe Millican.

Millican, who's also chief of the Hoover Volunteer Fire Department, said today that the National Weather Service's 14-day outlook is calling for clear weather.

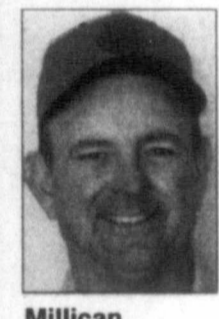
The rain reported Wednesday night covered only about 15 percent of the county, he said.

"It covered the northwest corner of the county," Millican said. "It hasn't slowed anything down."

He said the remaining 85 percent of the county remains extremely dry.

Earlier this week, the Gray County Commission extended the burn ban that they first instituted in December. Commissioners also imposed a ban on bottle

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**Millican**

## Sports in the works for Clarendon's Pampa Center

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In a few years, local high school athletes will have a new option to continue their athletic careers, as Clarendon College Pampa Center is planning to add athletics on their campus.

Clarendon College athletic director John Green said the school is looking to add men's and women's wrestling and men's and women's soccer,

though plans for both are still in a formative phase. The main priority for Pampa Center, according to the university, is the addition of dormitory facilities for students.

"We are in the very early stages of researching it," Green said. "We are going to have several meetings to determine where housing is going to be built."

Green said they will also have to build athletic facilities for their teams. The athletic director said right now they can't pinpoint the date they will start.

"As far as starting in 2012 or 2013, I couldn't tell you," Green said.

The Clarendon campus will get golf next year and already has six athletes committed.

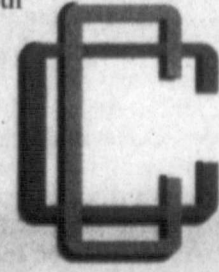
Green said they will have several events to interact with the Pampa Center.

"We will bring Pampa over to Clarendon and let them see some athletic events," Green said. "We can show them the atmosphere and get them excited about athletics."

Green said bringing collegiate athletics to Pampa would bring a major boost to the economy.

"You will have visiting teams

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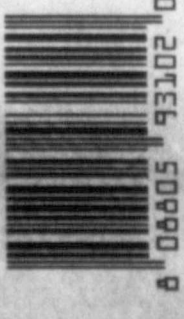
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### PAMPA FORECAST

Saturday	Sunday	Monday
High 93 Low 64	High 95 Low 64	High 93 Low 65

**Tonight:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 65. Windy, with a south wind between 20 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

**Saturday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 93. Windy, with a south southwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

**Saturday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 64. Windy, with a south wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

**Sunday:** Sunny, with a high near 95. Breezy, with a south southwest wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

**Sunday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 64. Breezy, with a south southwest wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

**Monday:** Sunny, with a high near 93. Windy, with a south southwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

**Monday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 65. Windy, with a south wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

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## Plains aquifer's level fell less in 2010

LUBBOCK (AP) — The water levels in a large Texas chunk of the High Plains' biggest aquifer saw its smallest drop in 2010 than in any year in six years, according to the region's water managers.

The Ogallala Aquifer water level fell by an average of 0.05 foot in 2010, according to the Lubbock-based, 16-county High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1. The average drop in 2009 was 1.50 feet, and the average annual drop in the district's service area has been 0.77 foot since 2006, according to a district statement issued Thursday.

Measurements during the winter saw increases in the aquifer water level in five of the district's 16 counties.

District General Manager Jim Conkwright credits "timely rainfall" in 2010 for the relatively stable water level. Amarillo recorded 26.54 inches of rain in 2010, compared with 21.13 inches in 2009; while Lubbock saw 26.46 inches of rain in 2010, compared with 12.87 inches in 2009.

Indeed, above-average rainfall from winter through summer of 2010 sharply curtailed the use of water from the aquifer by the farmers and ranchers of the Texas Panhandle and South Plains, said Steve Verett, executive vice president of Plains Cotton Growers. It also increased the

recharging of the aquifer's water supply, he said.

"You have to say it comes from somewhere," he told the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal. "It takes some pretty extensive rainfall to help with recharging, and we saw a lot of rain with last year's July 4 flooding."

A Lubbock County report to the state said that 5 to 10 inches of rain fell over the area in three days during the Fourth of July holiday, causing at least \$8,624,033 in emergency response costs and damage to area roads, infrastructure, agriculture and governmental or nonprofit agency buildings.

The Ogallala Aquifer is one of the biggest underground water reservoirs in the world, spreading about 174,000 square miles across all or part of eight states from South Dakota to the Texas Panhandle and High Plains.

About 95 percent of the water pumped from the Ogallala is for irrigation, with the High Plains area accounting for 65 percent of the total irrigated acreage in the United States.

The measurements taken by the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1 included the portion of the aquifer generally covering 16 counties between Lubbock and Amarillo.

## Ariz. shooter kills five, then takes own life

YUMA, Ariz. (AP) — The report of the shooting came in around dawn from a town in southwestern Arizona — the opening salvo in a rampage that left six people dead over the next six hours.

The toll included the suspected gunman, 73-year-old Carey Hal Dyess, and the prominent Yuma attorney who represented his ex-wife in their divorce, Jerrold Shelley.

Police said Dyess also wounded one person in the shootings around Yuma, a city of about 91,000, before he was found dead of an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound.

Shelley was killed while packing up his office on his last day of work.

"This is not a random act," Yuma Police Chief Jerry Geier said. "These

victims were targeted."

Yuma County Sheriff Ralph Ogden said the first shooting was reported shortly after 5 a.m. in Wellton, about 25 miles east of Yuma. The woman was in critical condition at a Phoenix hospital.

He said Dyess then fatally shot four people around town before driving to Yuma and killing Shelley at about 9:20 a.m. The bodies in Wellton were found between 8:20 and 9:45 a.m.

Police believe Dyess drove back toward Wellton, pulled over and fatally shot himself. His body was found at 10:47 a.m. inside a vehicle.

Neither police nor the sheriff would identify the other four dead.

Shelley was killed in his down-

town law office. Shelley represented Dyess' ex-wife in their 2006 divorce, which was Dyess' fifth.

Vida Florez, a Yuma attorney who knew Shelley, said she learned of the shooting after leaving court. She said she heard from a witness who spoke to the police about what happened inside the office.

"They said the shooter came in and told the secretary to 'Get out of here,'" Florez said. "She did, and he shot Jerry Shelley and he left."

Shelley also was one of the lawyers representing seven young men — three sets of brothers — who sued the Roman Catholic Diocese of Tucson after accusing a priest of repeatedly raping them when they were children.

### Hospital

"Why would Amarillo want a good hospital in Pampa?" Clark asked.

Hall said Pampa needs to expand services, not reduce them.

PRMC is the only major hospital in the Panhandle outside of Amarillo.

Right now, Clark said, the 115-bed hospital is only about half full.

"It hasn't had 115 people in a long time," Clark said.

He said the hospital has lost money for the last three years, but it can be turned around.

While there was talk of creating a hospital district and using tax money to keep the facility afloat, Hall said he didn't think that was necessary.

Hall has led community support for the hospital. County Judge Richard Peet, Pampa Mayor Brad Pingel and Gary Sutherland of the Pampa Economic Development Corporation were among those at Thursday

evening's meeting.

Clark and Hall estimated that it would cost about \$16 million to buy the existing hospital. It would take another \$4.5 million for new equipment and \$1.5 million for renovations.

Their proposed budget calls for \$4 million in financing charges and \$7.5 million for working capital.

That totals about \$34 million. With a 20 percent down payment, Hall and his group needs about \$7 million.

Hall said there is money available through a variety of sources, government programs and foundations, but they would all take time — several months to several years — to line up.

In order to buy PRMC, Hall indicated that the group needs to raise the \$7 million by the end of June.

They envision funding through local philanthropic money and tax-

exempt revenue bonds.

Hall said there needs to be community support for the project, he said.

A strong hospital in Pampa, Hall and Clark said, will strengthen the community.

If the main medical activities at the hospital were moved to Amarillo, Clark said many of the medical services that support the hospital would leave Pampa.

The main question, Clark said, is whether Pampa wants local control of their hospital.

The next question, he said, is whether local philanthropic funds are available and whether local businesses are interested in supporting the project.

Most importantly, he said, is how quickly support for the project can be pulled together.

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## Obituaries

### Annette Morris Butcher, 55

Annette Morris Butcher, 55, died June 2, 2011, in Pampa.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 4, 2011, at Carmichael-Whately Colonial Chapel, with Pastor Paul Nachtigall of Highland Baptist Church, officiating.

Burial will be at Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Butcher was born October 22, 1955, in Douglas, Ariz. She was a 1973 graduate of Lefors High School. She married Charles Butcher on November 24, 1973, in Lefors. Annette had been a resident of Pampa since 1973. She was a homemaker and a Baptist. She was a wonderful mom and granny.

Survivors include her husband, Charles Butcher of the home; a daughter, Melissa Butcher of Amarillo; a son, Steven Butcher of Pampa; brother, Noel Morris of Elfrida, Ariz.; two sisters, Marie Griesman of Grand Island, Neb., and Barbara Wiseman of Arcadia, Fla.; two grandchildren, Celest Butcher and Trevor Butcher, both of Amarillo. Annette was preceded in death by her parents, Joe and Alta Morris; two brothers, Alvie Morris and Zeldon Morris; and a sister, Era Morris.

Memorials may be made to American Heart Association, 2514 82nd Street, Suite B, Lubbock, TX 79423, or American Diabetes Association, 8008 Slide Road, Suite 12-A, Lubbock, TX 79424.

Sign the online register at [www.carmichael-whately.com](http://www.carmichael-whately.com).

### Cleadith June Wilkerson, 66

Cleadith June Wilkerson, 66, died June 1, 2011, in Pampa.

There are no services scheduled at this time. Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Wilkerson was born August 22, 1944, in Spokane, Wash. She graduated from Crockett High School in Calif. She worked for a number of years in the res-

taurant industry. Cleadith was a very loving mother and grandmother. She cherished her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was a great human being.

Survivors include her husband, Howard Wilkerson of the home; two daughters, Rebecca Chambers of Pampa and Gina Skinner and husband Brian of Boise, Idaho; a son, John Hennings of Vallejo, Calif.; three granddaughters, Tangyia Parks and husband Robert of Pampa, Crysanita Skinner of Boise, Idaho, and Patty Hennings of California; a grandson, James Hennings of California; six great-grandchildren; seven brothers and one sister. She was preceded in death by her parents; and a son, Howard Dwayne Wilkerson, Jr.

Memorials may be made to Susan G. Komen for the Cure, P.O. Box 650309, Dallas, TX 75265-0309, or Shriners Hospitals for Children, International Headquarters, 2900 Rocky Point Drive, Tampa, FL 33607.

Sign the online register at [www.carmichael-whately.com](http://www.carmichael-whately.com).

### Sandra Louise Harvey, 62

Sandra Louise Harvey died May 25, 2011, in Midwest City, Okla.

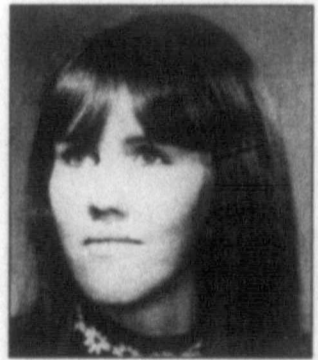
She was born December 12, 1948, at Worley Hospital in Pampa, to Dorothy and James Kennemer. Sandra graduated from Pampa High School and attended East Texas State College. As a bookkeeper, she worked at Cabot, Ethridge Claims Service and Mojave Petroleum, of Pampa. For the last six years she worked as an Auditor for the Oklahoma State Tax Commission.

Sandra is survived by her devoted husband of 42 years, David Harvey of Oklahoma City; sons, James and Scott Harvey; daughter, Amy; and her mother, Dorothy Kennemer. She was proud of her grandsons, Russell and Logan Harvey. She adored animals, especially her dogs. She was a very strong, loving mother and wife. She will be greatly missed.

Graveside services will be held Saturday, June 4, 2011, at 3 p.m. at Fairview Cemetery with Brother Norman Rushing officiating.



Harvey



Butcher

# AFTERNOON RUSH

## School funding vote expected

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Senate is expected to vote out a school financing bill, a major issue in the special legislative session.

The Finance Committee approved the legislation and the full Senate is meeting Friday afternoon. The Republican majority is expected to move the bill on to the House for their consideration next week.

The Legislature is meeting in special session after a Democratic filibuster killed a bill that would slash \$4 billion from public schools. That measure is necessary to balance the state budget.

Gov. Rick Perry has called on lawmakers to also consider cuts to health care spending and to redraw the maps for congressional seats. Republicans hold majorities in both the Texas House and Senate, ensuring passage of the bills once they work through the legislative process.

## Health care revamp considered

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas lawmakers are listening to testimony on a plan to revamp how health care is provided to the poor and disabled.

Republican Rep. Lois Kolkhorst (COAL-korst) laid out a plan to ask federal authorities for a waiver to experiment with a new payment and incentive system for Medicaid. Once passed by the committee, the measure will go to the full House for consideration.

Medicaid provides health insurance to people with disabilities, the poor and the elderly who need long-term care. The federal government matches state spending, if the state follows federal guidelines.

Kolkhorst has proposed an alternative system. She says it will be more efficient and will save the state money. But critics say the bill is vague and worry it could lead to fewer people receiving fewer services.

## Lawmakers mull class sizes

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas House lawmakers are considering bills to make it easier for schools to increase elementary school class sizes and streamline firing teachers to ease budget strains.

Those ideas were considered during the regular session but did not pass. They have resurfaced in the special session that convened this week.

School districts say they need flexibility to deal with the unknowns of what their budgets will be under pending cuts and changes in school funding formulas.

One of the bills before the House Education Committee Friday allows larger classes in kindergarten through fourth grade.

The current limit is 22 students and has been state law for nearly 30 years.

Lawmakers are considering plans to raise the limit to 25 or allow districts to average 22 students per class in those grades.

## Life term over toddler death

FORT WORTH (AP) — Life in prison has been ordered for a man convicted over the 2009 fatal beating of his girlfriend's toddler son.

Prosecutors in Fort Worth did not seek the death penalty against 29-year-old Kimball Hailey II, who was convicted Monday afternoon of capital murder, then sentenced by a judge.

Investigators say 2-year-old Eba Chapple died in March 2009 after sustaining brain injuries while alone with Hailey.

The mother, LaQuanta Williams, testified she was upset that Hailey suggested to police that she was responsible for her son's death.

## Slain deputy to be honored

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Law enforcement officers and other mourners will attend the funeral for a sheriff's deputy shot in his patrol car at a San Antonio stop light.

The service for Bexar County sheriff's Sgt. Kenneth Vann is Friday morning at the St. Joseph Catholic Church in the Hill Country community of Honey Creek, just north of San Antonio. The 48-year-old's burial will be in the church cemetery with military and sheriff's office honors.

Sheriff Amadeo Ortiz has said Vann's death last Saturday is being investigated as an apparently random act of violence against a peace officer. No arrests have been made.

## Nearly \$1 million confiscated

HOUSTON (AP) — Law officers in Houston have confiscated nearly \$1 million in two bags that a man abandoned after denying that he knew anything about the cash.

The Houston Chronicle reported Friday that the money-filled rolling suitcase and gym bag were seized from a man from Mexico staying at an upscale hotel.

Federal agents received a tip about possible drug money laundering and monitored the man's comings and goings, then confronted him May 26 as he prepared to check out. Investigators say the man, who had a valid U.S. visa, said he was given the bags for delivery in Houston. No further details were provided.

The man was not arrested and left the hotel, abandoning more than \$995,000.

Immigration and Customs Enforcement says the forfeited cash will be used to fight crime.

## State goes to court over prayer

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Texas and the valedictorian of a San Antonio-area school have gone to court to allow prayer at Saturday's graduation ceremony despite an agnostic couple's opposition.

Attorney General Greg Abbott on Thursday filed a brief with the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals seeking to lift a federal judge's ban against prayer at the Medina Valley High School ceremony.

The judge Tuesday granted a temporary restraining order against public prayer sought by Christa and Danny Schultz, whose son is graduating. The family is backed by Americans United for Separation of Church and State.

Valedictorian Angela Hildenbrand joined the fight Thursday, saying her free speech rights would be violated if she's not allowed to thank God during her graduation speech. A motion has been filed on her behalf by the Liberty Institute.

# Retractable screens improve view

## HOME HOW-TO

Dear Pat: I hate removing and installing window screens, but I like a clear view outdoors. I thought about installing retractable screens instead. Are they effective and durable, and can they also be used on doors? — Sandi R.

Dear Sandi: It is nice to have a clear view outdoors during the times of the year when you are heating or air-conditioning and the windows stay closed. Screening blocks more of the view and light than most people realize. Some of the durable fiberglass screens can block as much as 30 percent of the view.

During the summer, the shading effect from the screens can be welcomed. If your screens are indoors, as on casement windows, much of the glare will be reduced. If your screens are outdoors, as on other types of windows, the screens will also block some of the sun's heat.

Retractable screens would be an excellent and attractive option for your windows. When they are retracted, the screen totally disappears. When you want screens, you just pull it out and you have window screens in about five seconds. Since they will be retracted much of the time, they will not need much cleaning.

The retractable screen kits made for windows have a narrow housing into which the screen retracts. This housing is mounted at the top of the window opening, so it is often totally hidden by the curtains or valance.

The housing is spring-loaded so the screen rolls quickly into it. The spring also keeps the proper tension on the screen when it is opened over the window. The exposed edge of the screen has some type of mechanical or magnetic latch to hold it open over the window. The sides of the screen slide in tracks so no insects can get indoors.

Retractable screen kits are also available for doors, especially sliding glass patio doors where a clear view is desirable. When installed on doors, the housing is mounted vertically on the side of the door opening.

You may be able to find retract-

able screen kits for windows and doors at your local home center store. If not, try contacting some of these manufacturers for local sources: Dreamscreens, (888) 757-0929, www.dreamscreens.com; and Phantomscreens, (888) 742-6866, www.phantomscreens.com.

It is a fairly easy do-it-yourself project to install a retractable screen kit on either a window or a door. The kit includes every part, even the fasteners, you will need to install the retractable screen.

For window installation, mount the housing in the top of the window opening. If your window open-

ing is considerably out of square, you can flush mount a retractable screen kit on the wall over the window opening. This will require a slightly wider kit. Install the side tracks per the instructions and the job is complete.

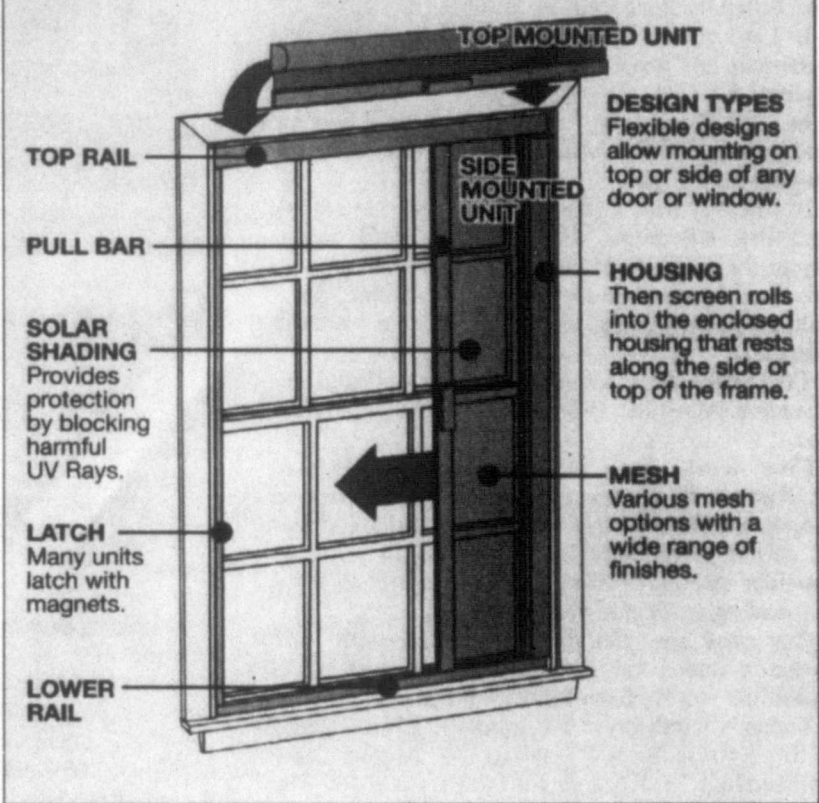
For hinged-door installation, the housing and pull rail are normally mounted on the same side as the hinges. For sliding glass patio doors, the housing is usually mounted at the end of the fixed glass panel. Since the kits used on doors are large, it is critical that the housing is mounted perfectly vertical. Special shims are available if the door opening jamb is not vertical.

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## HOME HOW-TO

### Retractable Screens

Retractable screens offer practical window and door screening solutions that provide natural ventilation while maintaining an insect-free environment for the home.



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## Rain

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rockets and sky rockets.

Millican said the high humidity and scattered thunderstorms that have passed through the Pampa area the last few days have helped by lowering the threat of wildfires, but the winds are still drying the prairie grasses quickly.

"The 14-day forecast is not promising," Millican said.

He said the county has gone from a hot, dry spring directly into a hot, dry summer.

"That's not a good thing without moisture," Millican said.

The area normally gets much-needed rain in May and June, Millican added. This year, Gray County got little moisture.

Millican said it certainly wasn't widespread.

Crops are stunted and the grass is turning brown due to lack of moisture.

"It's going to be a long, hot summer," Millican said.

Weather forecasters are calling for sunny skies over the weekend and temperatures in the mid-90 degree range. While the wind is expected to subside somewhat over the weekend, forecasters said it is expected to pick up next week.

## Clarendon

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spending the night," Green said. "They will need to use fuel and eat at our restaurants."

Green, who was previously the athletic director at Frank Phillips College, said that that school's athletic program pumped about \$750,000 a year into the Borger community's local economy.

## CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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# Viewpoints

## Today in History

Today is Friday, June 3, the 154th day of 2011. There are 211 days left in the year.

### Today's Highlight in History:

On June 3, 1861, Illinois Sen. Stephen A. Douglas, the Democratic presidential nominee in the 1860 election, died in Chicago of typhoid fever; he was 48.

### On this date:

In 1621, the Dutch West India Co. received its charter for a trade monopoly in parts of the Americas and Africa.

In 1888, the poem "Casey at the Bat," by Ernest Lawrence Thayer, was first published in the San Francisco Daily Examiner.

In 1937, the Duke of Windsor, who had abdicated the British throne, married Wallis Warfield Simpson in Monts, France.

In 1948, the 200-inch reflecting Hale Telescope at the Palomar Mountain Observatory in California was dedicated.

In 1961, President John F. Kennedy and Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev opened two days of summit talks in Vienna.

In 1963, Pope John XXIII died at age 81; he was succeeded by Pope Paul VI.

In 1965, astronaut Edward White became the first American to "walk" in space, during the flight of Gemini 4.

In 1981, Pope John Paul II left a Rome hospital and returned to the Vatican three weeks after the attempt on his life.

In 1989, Iran's spiritual leader, Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, died. Chinese army troops began their sweep of Beijing to crush student-led pro-democracy demonstrations. SkyDome (now called Rogers Centre) opened in Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

**Ten years ago:** Alejandro Toledo defeated ex-president Alan Garcia in Peru's presidential election.

**Five years ago:** Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld, attending a security conference in Singapore, branded Iran the world's leading terrorist nation yet hoped that Tehran would seriously consider incentives from the West in exchange for suspending suspect nuclear activities.

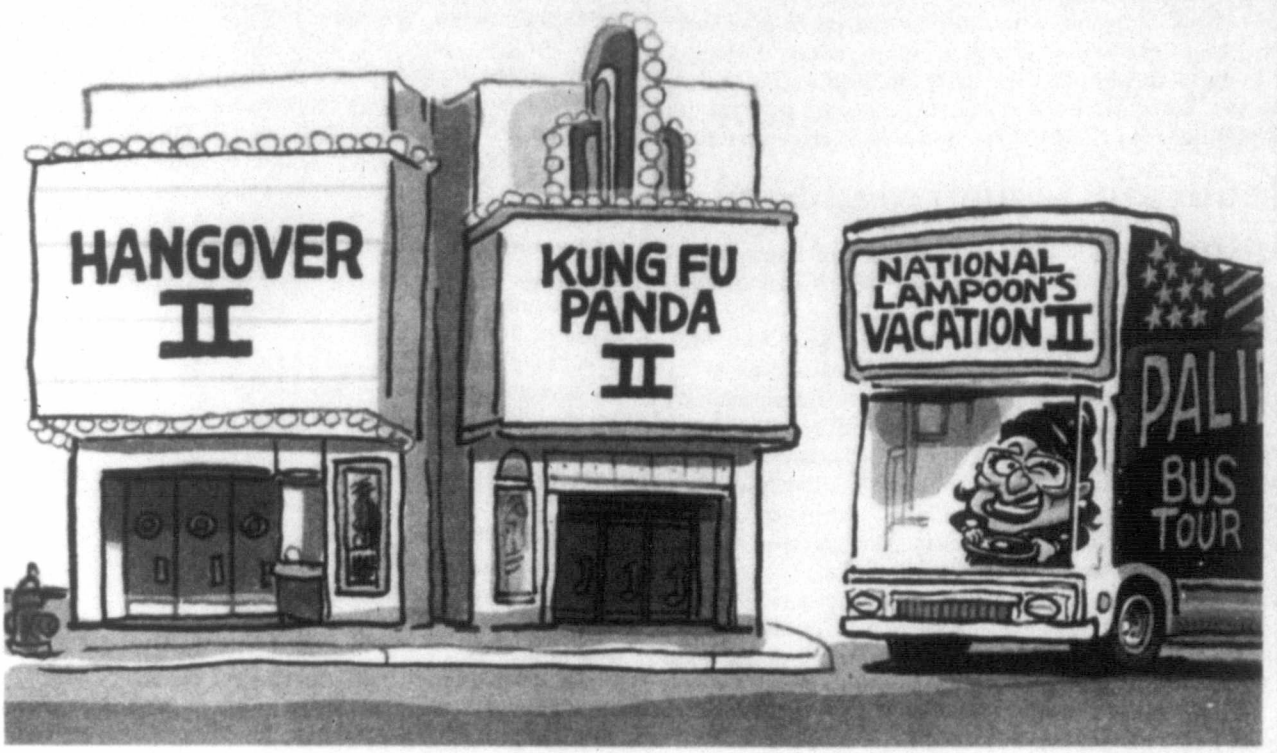
**One year ago:** BP sliced off a pipe with giant shears to make way for a cap in the latest bid to curtail the worst oil spill in U.S. history.

**Today's Birthdays:** TV producer Chuck Barris is 82. Actress Irma P. Hall is 76. Author Larry McMurtry is 75. Rock singer Ian Hunter (Mott The Hoople) is 72. Singer Eddie Holman is 65. Actor Tristan Rogers is 65. Musician Too Slim (Riders in the Sky) is 63. Rock musician Richard Moore is 62. Singer Suzi Quatro is 61. Singer Deneice Williams is 60. Singer Dan Hill is 57. Actress Suzie Plakson is 53. Actor Scott Valentine is 53. Rock musician Kerry King (Slayer) is 47. Rock singer-musician Mike Gordon is 46. CNN host Anderson Cooper is 44. Country singer Jamie O'Neal is 43. Singers Ariel and Gabriel Hernandez (No Mercy) are 40. Actress Nikki M. James is 30. Tennis player Rafael Nadal is 25. Actress-singer Lalaine is 24.

**Thought for Today:** "It is best to act with confidence, no matter how little right you have to it." — Lillian Hellman, American playwright (1905-1984).

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## SUMMER OF SEQUELS



## Rain, humidity, water and... coffee?

### Surprise, surprise, surprise

What a surprise to wake up this week and discover it had rained an inch! I didn't know anything about it, but others said it was quite a light show.

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### Going the second mile (or is that, 30 miles?)

I got a call from the Plaza the next morning Wednesday. Perhaps the electrical storm, drought, or high humidity had something to do with it, but their power was out, making it seemingly impossible to cater the Rotary meeting at noon. I was on my way out of town, so I suggested a couple of people they might call. An hour or so later I called Gladys Vanderpool to see what the resolution was and she told me that the Plaza management had decided to handle the situation from their Borger location. I appreciate that kind of quick-thinking, problem-solving, attention to customers.

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### Summertime... and the living is busy!

The Chamber will be getting an intern for the summer—or to be more precise, half of an intern. Pampa native James Coffee will be splitting his time between the Pampa Chamber and the Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District in White Deer. We both (all three, counting Joy Shadid of the PGCD) attended a workshop this week to see how we could make the best use



JOE WEAVER

of this resource. (I might add—and this will surprise readers of this column—that I refrained from any jokes about coffee and water. When one of the facilitators asked us what we smelled, I said "coffee", then turned to the young man and affirmed "not you, James".)

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### Welcome new members!

We welcome Howard Compressor Service as a new member of the Chamber. Readers may recall that a few weeks ago I reported in this column on their business and what they do. Welcome Pam, Tommy, and Maury!

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### Random thoughts

Congratulations to Fred Simmons on his hole-in-one... wanna see a pretty yard? Drive by Harold Comer's office... best wishes to Beall's manager Linda DeLeon (soon to be Fernandez) on her impending wedding... Book Sale, sponsored by the Fine Arts Association, is going on Sunday at the Chamber's MK Brown Room (Kingsmill entrance)... ever notice how, when some people say "to make a long story short" it's usually too late?

### Happy anniversary

As I write this, my wife and I are celebrating 34 years of wedded bliss. Well, that may be pushing it a bit, but I think we've been pretty happy over the years. She says I married her because she laughed at my jokes—most of which were retreads from "Boys Life"—but we have learned to laugh at a lot of things together. And yes, she is now able to get in some zingers of her own. I joke a lot about marriage ("I don't like to go to weddings because something bad happened to me one"), but she knows I am devoted to her. For years I did not wear a wedding ring—few of the men I grew up around did—but we both knew it was no reflection on our relationship. (It seemed to bother other people, though, so now I do. Besides, I'm not likely to get it caught in machinery like my dad and uncles were!)

In "The Diary of Adam", Mark Twain pokes a lot of fun at marriage, but I've always remembered the last line of the book. Adam is weeping at Eve's grave and says, "Wherever SHE was THERE was Eden." Happy Anniversary, Dear. (That ought to make me some points and it's a lot cheaper than a night out!)

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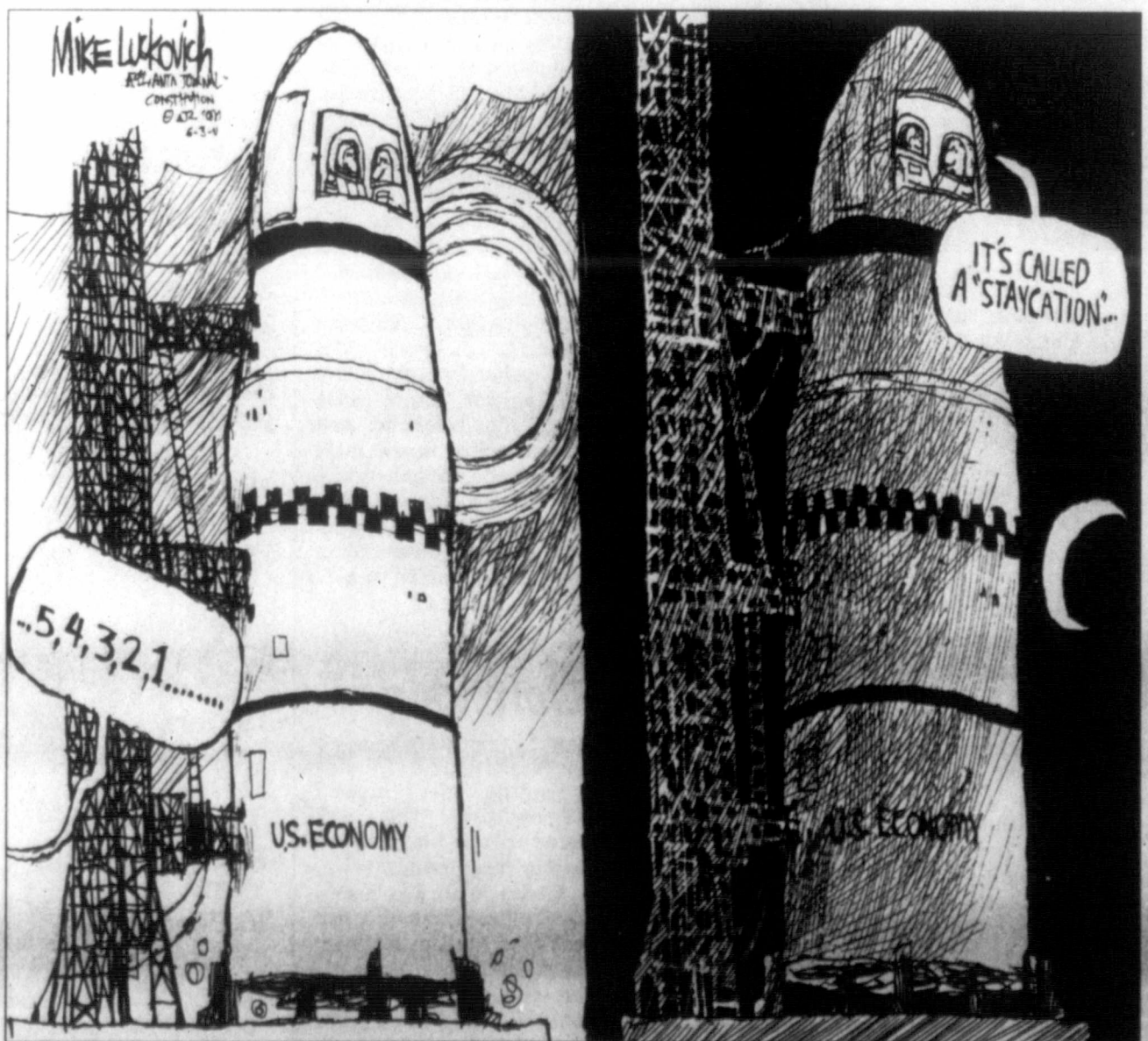
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# Worship

## Always cherish faith, traditions, unity

I always considered myself something of a spiritual hybrid. Growing up, I had the benefit of experiencing many different forms of Christian worship. Participating in Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian, Episcopal, non-denominational and Nazarene churches, I was exposed to the various styles and doctrinal foundations represented within these churches. I returned to the Methodist roots of my family, which boasts several circuit-riding Methodist preachers. I also have the delight of remembering my great-grandmother who pastored Methodist country churches and inspired all who heard her. Though I've found my home in Methodism, I still appreciate the well-rounded education I received by experiencing worship within other Christian traditions.

Now don't get me wrong, I will still proudly tell you that I think Wesleyan Methodist theology is the best in the world! (Aren't we all allowed a little bias?) But I also celebrate God's work in all the churches of our community and beyond! Emphases found within various churches include Bible teaching, Christian service, world missions, passionate worship, the call to holiness, and the need for salvation by faith in Jesus Christ. In the past year, I've had the joy of attending special worship services at several of our churches in Pampa, including The Church of the Nazarene, First Presbyterian Church, Trinity Fellowship, and St. Matthew's Episcopal Church. Perhaps you have had the opportunity to visit area churches during revivals and special events, as well, or perhaps you have attended the 5th Sunday Sing community worship services, which include many of our local churches.

It's good to reach beyond our local congregations and remember that God's Church is bigger than any local church or larger



**BLOSSOM MATTHEWS**

### the good word

denomination: God's Church is made up of all those around the world who put their faith in Jesus Christ. As interesting as it is to focus on those doctrinal and stylistic differences

between our churches (and yes, some of our differences are indeed significant!), we must also remember to celebrate that which we hold in common: the truth that Jesus Christ is Lord.

The Apostle Paul writes in Ephesians 4: "I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all."

By all means, friends in Christ, celebrate and cherish your own unique theological perspective and faith tradition, but in doing so, let's extend a hand beyond our denominational lines and affiliations to grasp the hand of a brother or sister in Christ who shares our "one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God and Father of all."

*Blossom Matthews is the lead pastor at First United Methodist Church*

## CHURCH SPOTLIGHT

### Mary Ellen & Harvester C of C to host VBS June 11

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Kids at Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ will get to experience what Nazareth was like during Jesus' time when the church hosts its annual Vacation Bible School June 11.

The VBS will run from 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m., with a cookout afterwards. The theme is "Come and Experience Nazareth." Robyn Kryser the director of the program said they usually have a good turnout.

"We usually have 75 to 100 kids

every year," Kryser said.

Kryser said the kids will wear costumes and have different events.

"There will be a jewelry making station, an artifact-finding mission and a craftsman shop where the kids will make wooden crosses," Kryser said. "We want the kids to experience what was around Nazareth when Jesus was growing up."

To pre-register your children or any questions please go to [www.mehcofc.org](http://www.mehcofc.org) or call 806 665-0031. Mary Ellen & Harvester is located on the 1300 block of Mary Ellen Street.

## CORRECTION

On May 27 Church page The Pampa News incorrectly identified Jimmy Flynn as an associate pastor at Central Baptist Church. He goes to church there.

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500 South Cuyler
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806-665-0804  
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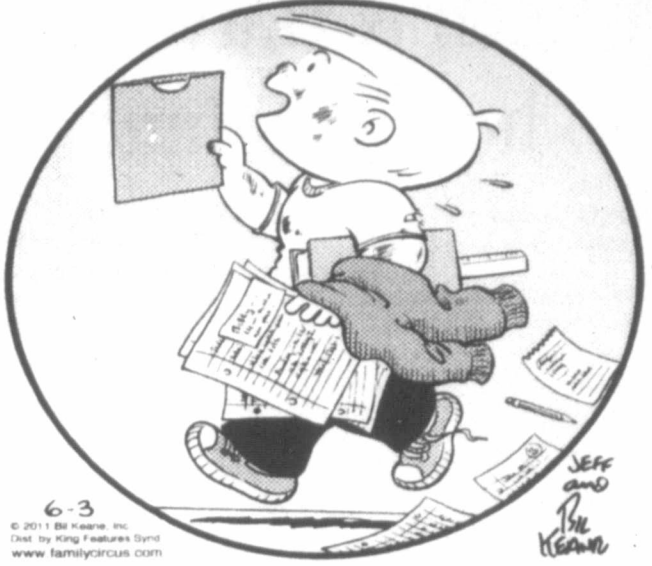
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THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane



"Guess what! They decided I AM a year smarter!"

Non Sequitur



Nest Heads



## daily horoscope

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Saturday, June 4, 2011:

This year, you will land like a cat with nine lives. Don't worry -- you won't go through your nine lives either! During 2012 you will begin a new life cycle. Let go of unresolvable issues. If you are single, check out new suitors carefully. They might not be what they project. If you are attached, the two of you bond more strongly if you schedule more getaways together. **CANCER** helps you spend money!

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)**  
 ★★★ Note a major swing in your energy as Jupiter leaves your sign. The planet of opportunity enters Taurus, where it will impact your finances. You can build toward a financial peak as you find a way to augment your income. Tonight: Close to home.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**  
 ★★★★★ Jupiter, a planet associated with luck and expansion, enters your sign for roughly a year. During this period, you will have opportunities to make your life more fulfilling. You might even start seeing the difference as soon as today! Tonight: Smile, and others cannot help but respond.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**  
 ★★★ You have been in a position to manifest more of what you desire. Friends have been and continue to be very significant. Listen to your instincts. If you have a hunch, follow through. Tonight: All smiles.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)**  
 ★★★★★ More than before, you seem to enjoy your friends, and they you. A green light flashes, encouraging you to live and focus on what you want. Someone lets you know just how much he or she cares about you. If the feeling's mutual, follow through. Tonight: Where the party is.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**  
 ★★★★★ Don't push past the obvious, and be ready to open up a conversation. You will have to be vulnerable, like it or not. A conversation draws a great deal of mutual respect and caring. Check in on an older relative if you want this person to feel cared about. Tonight: A must appearance.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**  
 ★★★★★ A sense of curiosity mixes well with innate security. Open up to un-

derstanding different lifestyles and approaches. You might be taken aback by everything that is occurring around you. A spontaneous invitation from a friend could be a door-opener. Tonight: Where the action is.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**  
 ★★★★★ A partner offers you more insight than you previously thought possible. New doors will open up almost immediately if you follow through on this person's idea. A problem boss or authority figure ceases to be so important. Tonight: Dinner for two.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**  
 ★★★★★ You might want to see what evolves in a certain situation, where others want to take the lead. You really have less to lose than you think by letting someone do just that. Stay on top of your game. Follow-through counts. Tonight: Say "yes" to a very different suggestion.

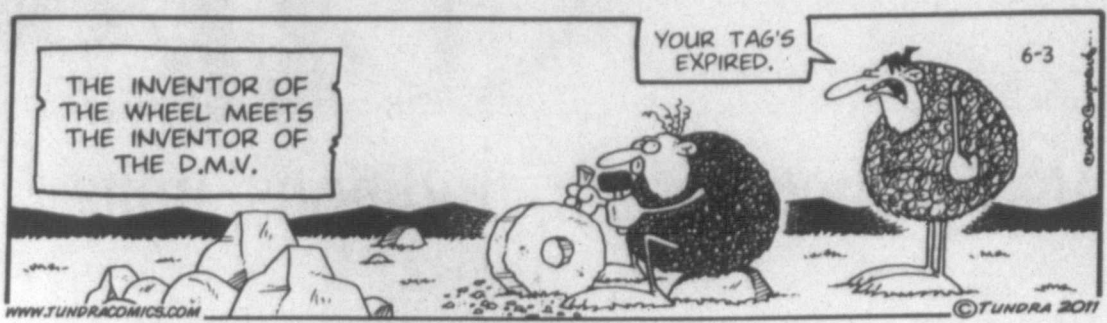
**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**  
 ★★★★★ Defer to another person, knowing full well what your limits are. Sometimes it can be difficult to come up with solutions. Listen to a friend who cares far more than you realize. Take up a new hobby that will help you relax and be more responsive. Tonight: The only answer is "yes."

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**  
 ★★★★★ You can sit back and play the waiting game. You will have more options if you let things play out in this manner. Your creativity flourishes with nearly anything you touch. Keep some of your wild thoughts to yourself. Tonight: Be more earthbound.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**  
 ★★★★★ You might find that someone is pushing you too hard for your taste. Settle down and do some hard thinking. What do you think the issue is at present? Be more forthright than in the past. Stop and buy a token of affection on your way home. Tonight: Squeeze in some fun, healthy exercise.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)**  
 ★★★★★ Your innate openness at present attracts many people. Nevertheless, in the next few months you will witness some changes in your communication style. Others become even more responsive. Let your imagination add sparkle to today's plans. Tonight: A good time.

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Mother Goose and Grim



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Beetle Bailey



Marvin



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## Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I am a teacher with a dilemma. I have taught for 10 years and connected with thousands of former students. With the Internet and social networking, I am able to keep in touch with many of them. I enjoy knowing what they're doing in their college careers and beyond.

One student I've kept in touch with recently admitted his romantic love for me. "Kyle" is now in his 20s and on his own. As his teacher 10 years ago, I'd never have dreamed of this happening. What's difficult is I think I reciprocate those feelings. I never expected the man I connect with most to be a former student, but Kyle is an adult and I know him as such.

I'm not sure what to do. I'm aware of my professional boundaries as a teacher and would never cross those lines with a student or minor. What do you do when your former student is an adult, you live in a small town and you're drawn to each other? This could be the love I've been waiting for my entire life. Would it be totally inappropriate if I followed my heart? — WONDERING IN WYOMING

DEAR WONDERING: No. Because Kyle is an adult, and when he was your student there was no flirting (I presume), I see nothing unethical about pursuing the relationship. However, if your romance becomes fodder for gossip — and it very well might — you should be prepared to relocate.

DEAR ABBY: I went to the zoo with my daughter's class as a chaperone. While we were there, I saw several children begin climbing the walls of some of the exhibits. They were not part of the group from our school. I promptly asked the children "nicely"

not to climb on the exhibits for fear they would hurt themselves or fall in.

A parent who heard me ask her son to get down began yelling and cursing at me in front of my daughter and the other children. I said, "I'm sorry," and walked on.

I don't feel I did anything wrong. I was trying to warn the boy that what he was doing was dangerous. Did I do the wrong thing? Or should I have talked to a member of the zoo staff about what happened? Please advise what you would do if someone's child did what I witnessed.

— VIGILANT PARENT IN OKLAHOMA CITY

DEAR VIGILANT PARENT: Candidly, I probably would have reflexively done exactly what you did — get the child out of harm's way. However, the prudent way to handle a situation like the one you encountered would have been to alert the zoo staff or security personnel so they could handle it.

DEAR ABBY: In our golfing circle there's a single, 47-year-old professional woman with two children. We thought we knew her. Come to find out, she has been involved for the last five years with a married man who has a child.

We're uncomfortable having her around us now. None of us is perfect, but a woman who would take another's man and wreck a home is one thing most women can't stand. What, if anything, should we do? — TEE'D OFF IN ALABAMA

DEAR TEE'D OFF: Before deciding what to do, talk privately with the woman, tell her what you have learned and hear what she has to say about it. After that, you'll know what (or what not) to do.

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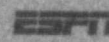
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**Nationwide Series**  
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 2 p.m., Saturday



## BURNING ISSUES

► NASCAR's longest scheduled race experienced its first green-white-checkered finish. As a result, the latest Coca-Cola 600 became the longest race in NASCAR history at 603 miles.

► Mileage is frequently the crucial factor in NASCAR's longest race, as the final laps attested.

► The top three finishers — Kevin Harvick, David Ragan and Joey Logano — all expressed the view afterwards that they didn't deserve it.

► The so-called "wave-around rule" has been informally changed. Where once they could not occur if any lead-lap car failed to pit, the courtesy is now extended to anyone who is a lap down and doesn't pit. Twenty-three drivers got back on the lead lap during two caution periods alone.

► If your definition of an exciting race is not knowing who is going to win until the final lap, then the latest Coca-Cola 600 was your kind of race.

► During Harvick's three victories, he has led a total of nine laps.

► The top 10 finishers led a total of 37 laps, 18 by sixth-place finisher Marcos Ambrose.

► The most dominant car, Matt Kenseth's Ford, finished 14th and led 103 of the 402 laps.

► The four Roush Fenway Fords combined to lead 221 laps. Only Ragan, who led seven, finished in the top 10.

► Kenseth won the Nationwide Series race in his first race driving a Mustang.

## 2011 STANDINGS

Sprint Cup Series	Pts.
1. Carl Edwards	445
2. Kevin Harvick	-36
3. Jimmie Johnson	-37
4. Dale Earnhardt Jr.	-43
5. Kyle Busch	-53
6. Kurt Busch	-68
7. Matt Kenseth	-71
8. Clint Bowyer	-80
9. Tony Stewart	-89
10. Ryan Newman	-92
11. Greg Biffle	-102
12. Denny Hamlin	-106

Nationwide Series	Pts.
1. Elliott Sadler	452
2. Ricky Stenhouse Jr.	-1
3. Reed Sorenson	-2
4. Justin Allgaier	-22
5. Aric Almirola	-51
6. Jason Leffler	-54
7. Kenny Wallace	-73
8. Steve Wallace	-100
9. Brian Scott	-113
10. Josh Wise	-136

Camping World Truck Series	Pts.
1. Cole Whit	260
2. Johnny Sauter	-1
3. Matt Crafton	-17
4. Austin Dillon	-20
5. Ron Hornaday Jr.	-28
6. Timothy Peters	-35
7. James Buescher	-58
8. Clay Rogers	-65
Parker Kligerman	-65
10. Max Papis	-68



## WHO'S HOT AND WHO'S NOT



► **Who's hot:** Only one driver, Kevin Harvick, has won three races in the season to date. ... David Ragan finished a career-best second.

► **Who's not:** Kyle Busch led 55 laps but spun twice and wound up in 32nd place. ... Martin Truex Jr. fell outside the top 20 in points.



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## SPRINT CUP

**Race:** STP 400  
**Where:** Kansas Speedway, Kansas City (1.5 mi.), 267 laps/400.5 miles.  
**When:** Sunday, June 5.  
**Last year's winner:** Greg Biffle, Ford.  
**Qualifying record:** Matt Kenseth, Ford, 180.856 mph, Oct. 8, 2005.  
**Race record:** Greg Biffle, Ford, 138.077 mph, Oct. 3, 2010.  
**Last week:** Kevin Harvick, in a Chevy, became the season's first three-time winner as first Casey Kahne and then Dale Earnhardt Jr. ran out of gas in the final two laps of Charlotte Motor Speedway's Coca-Cola 600.

## NATIONWIDE

**Race:** STP 300  
**Where:** Chicagoland Speedway, Joliet, Ill. (1.5 mi.), 200 laps/300 miles.  
**When:** Saturday, June 4.  
**Last year's winner:** Kyle Busch, Toyota (only one race in 2010).  
**Qualifying record:** Ryan Newman, Dodge, 186.438 mph, July 19, 2005.  
**Race record:** Joey Logano, Toyota, 147.340 mph, July 10, 2009.  
**Last week:** Matt Kenseth, making his first series start since the cars were redesigned, captured Charlotte Motor Speedway's Top Gear 300, with Roush Fenway teammate Carl Edwards finishing second. Both drove Fords.

## WHAT'S UP NEXT

**CAMPING WORLD TRUCK**  
**Race:** O'Reilly Auto Parts 250  
**Where:** Kansas Speedway, Kansas City, Kan. (1.5 mi.), 167 laps/250.5 miles.  
**When:** Saturday, June 4.  
**Last year's winner:** Johnny Sauter, Chevy.  
**Qualifying record:** Bill Lester, Toyota, 173.633 mph, July 1, 2005.  
**Race record:** Ricky Hendrick, Chevy, 125.084 mph, July 7, 2001.  
**Last week:** Kyle Busch, in a Toyota, claimed yet another victory at Charlotte Motor Speedway, where he has won four of the last six races, on May 20. Kimi Raikkonen, making his NASCAR debut, finished 15th.

**KANSAS DATA**

FOX June 5 Oct. 9 ESPN

Distance: 1.5 mile oval  
 Length of frontstretch: 2,685 ft.  
 Length of backstretch: 2,207 ft.  
 Miles/Laps: 400 mi. = 267 laps

10.4°/hour  
 87°/backstretch

18°  
 Banking in turns 1-4

## IN THE SPOTLIGHT

**RICKY STENHOUSE JR.** NATIONWIDE SERIES **No. 6 FASTENAL FORD FUSION**



Though Ricky Stenhouse Jr. finished fourth recently in the Top Gear 300 at Charlotte Motor Speedway, the racer won at Iowa Speedway on May 22. The win was notable for the fact that Stenhouse Jr. broke a streak of Sprint Cup drivers who were winning in the Nationwide Series.

# Mississippi Motor Man

Stenhouse Jr. keeping up with the Nationwide Series leaders

By Monte Dutton  
 NASCAR This Week

CONCORD, N.C. — Once upon a time, what Ricky Stenhouse Jr. did in Newton, Iowa, wasn't so uncommon. Newton, Iowa, huh? Did he raise corn? Did he hum the Hawkeye fight song? Did he go cow tipping? Ah, Midwestern stereotypes. Southerners get assaulted with so many that there must be some unconscious inclination to strike back. But Stenhouse isn't from Iowa. He's from Olive Grove, Miss. Iowa has produced more stellar stock car racers than Mississippi, and Stenhouse used to race sprint cars, which makes him even more inclined to do well, one supposes, in Iowa.

Michael Annett and Landon Cassill are also from Iowa. Bygone days saw Iowans Johnny Beauchamp, Ernie Derr, Dick Hutcherson, Shawna Robinson, Ramo Stott and Don White build noteworthy careers in stock car racing. DeWayne (Tiny) Lund was more often cited as being from Cross, S.C., but he, too, was originally from Iowa.

About the only other recognizable name from Mississippi was Lake Speed. Mississippi is much more known

for civil rights leaders than stock car racers.

On May 22, at Iowa Speedway, Stenhouse did what no Nationwide-only driver had done in the Nationwide Series since March 2010. He won a race. As astonishing as that seems, it's become a rarity, a feat, a peg to hang a helmet on.

Stenhouse followed up his Iowa victory with a fourth-place finish in Charlotte Motor Speedway's Top Gear 300, won by teammate Matt Kenseth. Stenhouse now trails Elliott Sadler by only point at the top of the Nationwide Series points standings.

Because Trevor Bayne remains sidelined with illness, Stenhouse made his Sprint Cup debut in the Coca-Cola 600, finishing 11th.

"I feel like it is a little more of a reality to go in there and not have to compete with Kyle Busch and Carl Edwards for the championship," said Stenhouse. "The way we're running this year, though, I feel like we could be in the hunt with those guys a little more than we were last year."

"A year of experience definitely helps. ... I feel like I'm focused a lot more, and have more confidence, and am just trying not to make the mental mistakes that can kill you."

## Biffle discusses Goodyear's difficult balance

By Monte Dutton  
 NASCAR This Week

CONCORD, N.C. — Tires are becoming an important determinant in the outcome and quality of Sprint Cup racing, or so said Greg Biffle.

Biffle had no criticism of Goodyear, the exclusive supplier of tires in NASCAR's three major series. He discussed how the tire manufacturer has such a balance to abide.

"What's changed in our sport, I'm not going to say the old days, but about five years ago, if you had too much camber in the right-front, the car is too tight, you were too hard on the right-front tire, it would blow out," said Biffle. "You would have problems or issues. The driver had more responsibility inside there behind the wheel. We cannot make it to where it is absolutely childproof inside that car, where you can do anything you want and nothing is going to happen. I understand we kind of painted and pushed Goodyear into a corner."

When tires fail, the manufacturer gets criticism and feels some pressure to provide harder, more durable tires, sometimes at the cost of racing quality.

## NUTS AND BOLTS

"... I agree that some of the tires used to be softer, they'd run fast at the beginning and then start falling off, and when that green flag came out, you had to come and get tires, or at least two, and not just whoever is out front was the fastest car," added Biffle. "... The cars are so sensitive now and we're so close to the same speed that, when you get within five ... car lengths of him (another car), you can't really get any closer. That is a difficult thing. Nobody is planning it that way; it's just evolution with what's happened."

**In trouble with the law** — After being clocked going 128 mph in a 45 mph zone by Irredell County, N.C., police, Kyle Busch handled his media availability as if he had been heavily influenced by lawyers and consultants, which is to say he apologized over and over using basically the same words.

With mild revisions, this was the gist. "I'm certainly sorry for my actions and for my lack of judgment," said obviously rehearsed Kyle. "This is something I can take and learn from and hopefully move forward and not let happen again."

Joe Gibbs, his team's stem father figure, provided about 10 paragraphs of nothing, i.e., "working through a process of trying to do the right thing." Everything's being considered, nothing's being done, yada, yada, yada.

One irrefutable fact did emerge, however. Kyle said, "... my actions led me to speed."

**Wild card? Say what?** — Jeff Gordon is 16th in Sprint Cup points. Only the top 10 make the Chase, but two spots are open on the basis of race victories. Gordon has one.

"We're going for broke to get the W's now," said Gordon, "but we're certainly not thinking about wild card. All we're thinking about is making our car go faster every weekend, trying to get ourselves in position to get those good finishes and hopefully get those wins."

**Riding a wave** — Carl Edwards has led the Sprint Cup points standings for six consecutive weeks and at the end of eight of the season's 12 races. Prior to the current season, Edwards' only time at the top of the points had been during the first two weeks of the 2008 Chase for the Sprint Cup.

## FEUD OF THE WEEK



### DAVID GILLILAND VS. MARK MARTIN

Martin was never more gracious than after being in a crash with Gilliland that also eliminated Ryan Newman from the Coca-Cola 600. "I was trying to give everybody room, and Mark was on my right side," said Gilliland. "These cars are pretty aero-sensitive, and I just got loose." Martin dismissed it as "just racing."  
**NASCAR This Week's Monte Dutton gives his take:** "The crash occurred on the 302nd lap. It left Newman in 31st place, Gilliland in 33rd and Martin in 34th. It cost both Newman and Martin three places in the Sprint Cup standings."

## YOUR TURN

### LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

#### Still No Love For Toyota

This Week welcomes letters to the editor, but please be aware that we have room for only a few each week. We'll do our best to select the best, but individual replies are impossible due to the bulk of mail received. Please do not send stamped and self-addressed envelopes with your letters, which should be addressed to: NASCAR This Week, The Gaston Gazette, P.O. Box 1538, Gastonia, N.C. 28053.

#### NASCAR This Week

It looks like you have sold your soul to the Japanese along with so many "Americans." Now, over 1/3 of your race cars are Japanese Toyota, with pace cars and trucks adding more to this "American" sport. What a sick sight! I guess money talks and that seems to be your main concern.

So we're becoming the United States of Japan (Asia), thanks to Joe Gibbs Racing and now the NHRA. I don't care how many U.S. flags you put on them or that they're made in the U.S.A. They're still Japanese, in case you've forgotten, and you've lost me as a loyal fan along with many others I'm sure. ...

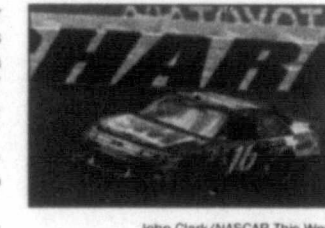
Frank Kuffa  
 North Ridgeville, Ohio

It's one thing to prefer one manufacturer over another. That's your right. It's another to contend that only certain manufacturers get to compete. It seems to us that supporters of so-called "American" manufacturers — many "American" manufacturers assemble cars in foreign countries — should view Toyota's presence in NASCAR as a challenge, not an assault.

## LEGENDS AND LORE

### The K.C. Connection

No NASCAR race had ever been run in the state of Kansas until Sept. 30, 2001, when Jeff Gordon captured the first (now) Sprint Cup race Kansas Speedway. The second was run a day earlier the following year, and Gordon won again. Tony Stewart and Greg Biffle have also won twice in the years since. This season marks the first time the 1.5-mile Kansas City track has hosted two races in the same year.



John Clark/NASCAR This Week

**Rough driver Greg Biffle is convinced that tires will make or break cars in this day of NASCAR racing. Biffle recently spoke out about the tires and has no criticism of the supplier Goodyear.**

## FAN TIPS

### Book Celebrates Pocono and its 40th Anniversary

The Pocono Record's former sports editor, Joe Meggie, has written a book about the NASCAR track he covered for 15 years. "Pocono: NASCAR's Northern Invasion" documented the role the 2.5-mile track played in spreading NASCAR above the Mason-Dixon Line and, conversely, the role NASCAR played in saving Pocono. Pocono Raceway is observing the 40th anniversary of its first major event, the 1971 Schaefer 500. For more information, consult www.Xibits.com

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# Sports

## Harvesters tone up in summer with Babe Ruth League

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The Pampa Harvesters baseball season ended May 7, but some of the team is using their summer to prepare for next year as they play in the Babe Ruth League.

Senior Jared Lusk said it's different than playing 3A during the spring.

"It's different rules and different environment," Lusk said. "I love it. I get to play with the guys I played with in high school."

Lusk said it's nice to play with some of his teammates and underclassmen right after the season.

"It's a good idea to me," Lusk said. "The underclassmen get to come up and play."

Douglas said playing in the summer

helps him prepare for next season because it gives him a preview of the competition for next year.

"We get to compete with other high schools and you get to look at them more," Douglas said.

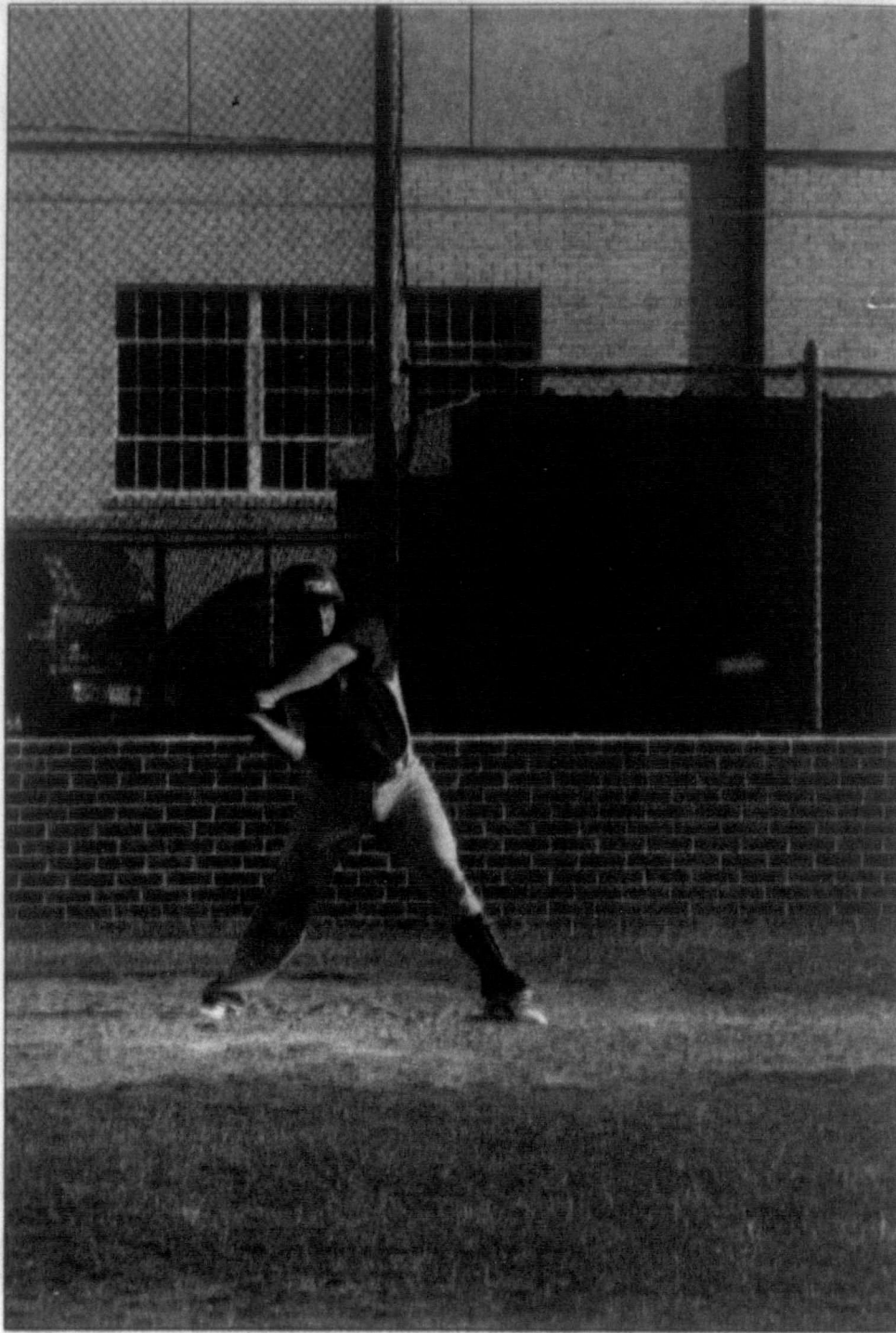
Junior James Thompson said playing in the summer is fun.

"I always like getting to compete," Thompson said. "The competition is pretty good and we are facing teams that we will play next year."

Thompson said it gives them an idea of what next year is going to be like.

"It gives us a chance to grow together and collaborate as a team," Thompson said.

So far the team is 2-1, with 11-0 and 21-14 victories over Dumas. It lost 15-5 to Berger Thursday.



staff photo by Andrew Glover  
Senior Jared Lusk hits a single against Berger Thursday at Harvester Field. Lusk and some of his teammates are playing in the Babe Ruth League.

## Former Lady Harvester hoopster Troxell helps at annual camp



staff photo by Andrew Glover  
Emilie Troxell, a 2010 Pampa graduate observes as campers work on their dribbling skills at the Lady Harvester Basketball camp Wednesday.

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2010 Pampa High School graduate Emilie Troxell was in fourth grade when she started attending Lady Harvester basketball camp. Now that her high school playing career is complete, Troxell returned and helped at the annual Lady Harvester basketball camp that ended today.

Troxell, now attending Oklahoma State University, said she liked attending camp when she was growing up because it was fun.

"I got to hang out with my friends and play a lot of basketball," Troxell said.

Troxell said going to camp helped her when she got to high school because she got to improve her skills.

"I got a better understanding of the

fundamentals," Troxell said. "It gave me extra practice to be a better player."

During her high school career, Troxell helped lead the Lady Harvesters to two playoff appearances and earned an honorable mention to the All-District team.

Troxell said it's cool to come back and teach other kids.

"Some of the players remembered who I was," Troxell said. "It's fun teaching them."

The camp was divided in half with Braydon Barker and Troxell working with the younger kids in the Dennis Cavalier Activity Center while head coach Gene Valentine worked with the older kids in McNeely Fieldhouse. Recently graduated Cori Cook also helped with the camp.

## POWERBALL



staff photo by Andrew Glover  
Tyler Orand, 10 throws a pitch in CVS Pharmacy's game against Moose Lodge Thursday at Optimist Park.

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