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New deal: Signature to sell PRMC to Prime Healthcare

Deal currently a 'definitive asset purchase agreement'; sale should close by end of May

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After a year and a half of false starts and stops, Signature Hospital Corporation, the parent company of the Pampa Regional

Medical Center (PRMC), has entered into a definitive asset purchase agreement with Prime Healthcare Services for the purchase of the facility. The parties hope to close on the sale by the end of this month.

According to Steve Peterson, Vice President and CFO of Signature, Signature signed a letter of intent last month with Prime, which specializes in acquiring hospitals that are in or close to bankruptcy.
 "This hospital is not in that shape," said Peterson. "Obviously, it's one we've wanted to sell, and they wanted to buy, but it wasn't in as dire shape as some of the other ones they've taken over. They've been incredibly successful buy-

ing some things that are much worse and (in) more dire shape than the hospital here is, and they've done a great job with it. I think it'll be great for the community."
 Prime Healthcare Services, based in Ontario, Calif., operates 16 acute care hospitals in California, Pennsylvania and Harlingen, Texas.
 "We have a lot of emphasis in saving failing hospitals, hospitals that are not **HOSPITAL** cont. on page 8A

CITY ELECTION

Unopposed McLain talks events, streets

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Karen McLain had never entered politics before entering the running for Ward 4 city commissioner, but she felt that becoming a civil servant would be another way for her to help.



"I moved back to Pampa about five or six years ago," McLain said. "I'd moved away for a while to Victoria, Texas, and I just thought I could help out. I'm a volunteer industrial firefighter, and I just finished my EMT course for volunteer emergency service. I just thought I could help out community improvement."

McLain, a quality complaint supervisor for Chevron Phillips, was born and raised in Pampa, graduating from Pampa High School in 1977. She said she has no distinct criticism of the current city government, though she added that there were areas of focus she wanted to explore.

"I would like to see some improvements to our downtown area and to our roads coming into town, make it more of an appealing place," she said. "I really like the town, and I want other people coming through to really **MCLAIN** cont. on page 3A

GETTING STAGE READY



Dolores Arreola (left) applies makeup to granddaughter **Sophya** before a rehearsal for this weekend's Madeline Graves Dance Studio performance. **staff photo by ReDann Woods**

Curry, Stokes tout new shelter amidst current facility's issues

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Early voting has begun in the city's elections, with the official election on May 12, and Pampans have the opportunity to vote on whether or not to construct a new animal shelter, which has become a hot-button issue in town. The facility would cost \$2.95 million, and would address problems at the facility including overcrowding and the spread of disease.

The current animal shelter, which serves Pampa and the surrounding area, gained attention in February after falling victim to adenovirus, a type of virus which is linked to kennel cough, hepatitis and other illnesses in dogs and often proves fatal. Proponents of the new shelter believe its construction would prevent the spread of similar diseases, while addressing the shelter's lack of compliance with state code regarding its euthanasia practices.

"By state law, and we have not been able to follow that here, you are not allowed to put animals down where live animals are, and leave them there, and have them be in the same room," said Faustina Curry of Pampa Animal Welfare Society (PAWS). "We don't have any other option."

Currently, after the shelter euthanizes animals, they are left

in a room overnight to drain their bodily fluids. The shelter frequently houses other animals in the same room for lack of space.

"People shouldn't want their employees to work in the situation we have," said Curry. "We know they have to put down animals. You can walk into that room some days, and there are piles of dead animals, and there are live animals in there that have to be fed and cleaned up. You have to step around a pile of dead animals that all of these animals have to look at and know they are dead. Who wants to lay next to dead bodies? And these are animals that are terrified."

The current shelter also is not handicap accessible.
 "Every week, people come down here who want to see if their animal is in here, or they want to get an animal," said Curry. "They, many of them, cannot get into the shelter, because you have to go upstairs and you have to go down steps."

The proposed facility would bring the shelter up to handicap-accessible regulations.

"The new facility would be handicap-accessible, whereas our current facility is far from handicap-accessible," said Shane Stokes, assistant city manager. "It would meet all the state regulations, which seem to change and get beefed up on a daily basis it almost seems like these days, so we would be on top of that."

The construction of the facility would be a turnkey project,

including everything from furniture, technology, fixtures and other equipment, with no additional costs expected. Because of the city's plans to issue a bond to cover the shelter's cost, it would also not affect the tax rate, according to Stokes.

"The city has bonds issued for projects that we've done through the years, and we currently have a couple of bonds that we are going to be paying off this year," he said. "In other words, we have a loan, so to speak, and we're paying off the final payments of these bonds. So we tried to time it just right so we could do a project like this and not have to increase taxes to do that, so with these paying off, that's going to free up some money that the city has had to account for each year. We could issue new bonds for the animal shelter, and use that money. Your tax rate would not go up. It wouldn't take any new tax dollars to do this project."

Stokes said that the city looked into constructing the shelter following a needs assessment.

"The needs assessment took our population, city size, the number of animals we handle on a yearly basis, and came up with a number of kennels, runs or containers, whatever it may be, that we need in our city," he said. "That number matched a needs assessment we did three years ago, so we felt comfortable that **SHELTER** cont. on page 10A

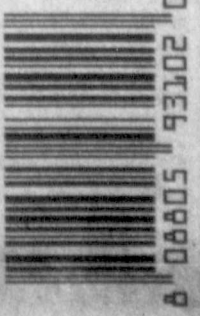
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PAMPA FORECAST

Today	Friday	Saturday
		
High 95 Low 53	High 93 Low 58	High 91 Low 58

Today: Mostly sunny, with a high near 95. Breezy, with a southwest wind 10 to 15 mph increasing to between 20 and 25 mph. Winds could gust as high as 30 mph.

Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 53. Breezy, with a south/southwest wind 20 to 25 mph decreasing to between 10 and 15 mph. Winds could gust as high as 30 mph.

Friday: Sunny, with a high near 93. West southwest wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 58. Southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 91. West southwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 58. South southwest wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

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Obituaries

Roger Barron Hedrick, 82

Roger Barron Hedrick, 82, died May 1, 2012, in Amarillo.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, May 3, 2012, at Hobart Baptist Church, with Rev. Jim Powell, retired Baptist minister, and Pastor Mike Watson of Hobart Baptist Church, officiating.

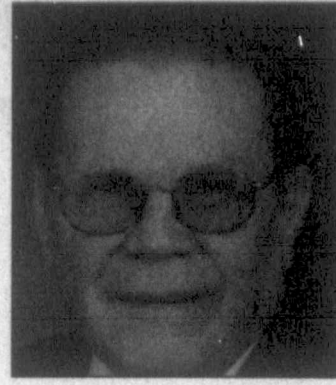
Burial will be at Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Hedrick was born August 1, 1929, in Oklahoma City. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, and was honorable discharged as a Corporal in 1951. He had been a resident of Pampa since 1951. Roger married Ora Mae Tackett on June 7, 1953, in Pampa. He retired from Rogers Dental Lab as a dental tech in 1988 after 37 years of service. He was a member and deacon of Hobart Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Ora Mae Hedrick of the home; two daughters, Dana Greer and husband James of Pampa, and Sherilyn Jennings and husband Mike of Amarillo; a son, Barry Hedrick and wife Karen of Flower Mound; six sisters, Lowanta Cline of Denton, Josetta Cline of Farmers Branch, Shirley Griffith, Helen Fierst and Rita Lyde of Monrovia, Calif., and Linda Stevens of Temecula, Calif.; nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, Kindred and Clara Mae Hedrick, and two sisters, Charlene Coombs and Modena Conrad.

Memorials may be made to Hobart Baptist Church, 1100 W. Crawford, Pampa, TX 79065.

Sign the online register at www.carmichael-whitley.com.



Hedrick

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Donald Estes, 77

Donald Estes, 77 of Cameron, passed away May 1, 2012. Graveside services will be 2 p.m. Monday, May 7, at Memory Garden Cemetery in Pampa.

Mr. Estes was born June 2, 1934, in Corsicana, to Slim and Ruth Estes. Donald grew up in Pampa, attended schools there and went to Western Military Academy in St. Louis, Ill. He was a long time resident of Perryton, where he owned and operated Estes and Company Contract Pumping for 38 years.

Survivors include the love of his life, Wanda Lunsford Estes of Cameron; two sons, Dee and wife DeeDee Estes of Liberal, Kan., Doug and wife Terry Estes of Perryton; daughter, Tonya Estes of Hutto; sister, Jerry Herlacher Coffman of Granbury; six grandchildren; and two great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his mother, Ruth Herlacher; brother, Merl Estes; and sister, Juanita Winborn.

Memorials may be made to Trinity Faith Church, PO Box 1864, Liberal, KS 67905.

Marek-Burns-Laywell Funeral Home of Cameron is in charge of arrangements.

Velma Maxine Parker Lemons, 95

LAKEWAY—Velma Maxine Parker Lemons, 95, died April 30, 2012, in Austin.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, May 4, 2012, at Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel in Pampa, with John Curry, officiating.

Burial will be at Fairview Cemetery in Pampa, under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Lemons was born January 5, 1917, in Alma, Ark., to James McKinley Parker and Geneva Edna Parker. She graduated from Jacksonville, Texas High School in 1936, and from Draughton's Business College in Dallas in 1937. She met Wyatt in business college in 1937 and they were married on June 14, 1940, in Dallas. They moved to Pampa in 1946 after Wyatt returned from serving his country in the Pacific Theatre during World War II. Pampa was their city of residence for 60 years before moving to Lakeway to be closer to their family.

While in Pampa, Velma was an active member at the First United Methodist Church and the Winsome Fellowship Sunday school class since joining in 1946. She was active in Pampa Chapter #65 Order of the Eastern Star, Cub Scouts, sewing, painting and many other activities. She strived for excellence in all of those activities.

She is survived by her husband, Wyatt Lemons of the home; a son, Kenneth Lemons and wife Christine of Lakeway; a grandson, Jason Lemons and wife Laura, and their son James of Richardson; a granddaughter, Jessica Reynolds and husband Kevin and their children Julianne, Hunter and Gianna of Lakeway; and a grandson, Jeffrey Lemons of Austin; a brother, Bobby Parker and wife Jerry of Dallas; two sisters, Marian Miller of Richardson, Lucille Chambers and husband Kenneth of Grand Prairie, and sister-in-law, Ruth Parker of Austin. Velma lost her oldest son, Jerry Wayne Lemons, in an accident in 1982, and is also preceded in death by her parents; three brothers, Paul Parker, Harold Parker and Kirksey Parker; two sisters-in-law, Margaret Parker and Dorrace Parker; and brother-in-law, Gregg Miller.

Memorials may be made to First United Methodist Church Building Fund, P.O. Box 1981, Pampa, TX 79066-1981.

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Lemons

Bernhard "Ben" Wolf, 69

Bernhard "Ben" Wolf, 69, died April 29, 2012, in Amarillo.

Memorial services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, May 4, 2012, at Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel, with Rev. Arockia Raj, associate pastor of St. Vincent dePaul Catholic Church, officiating. Inurnment will follow in Bluemound Cemetery near Balke, Oklahoma. Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Wolf was born March 26, 1943 in Hofheim, Germany. He moved to Perryton in 1961 from Germany. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving from 1963-1966. He married Carlene Pribble on December 31, 1966, in Perryton. Ben had been a naturalized citizen of the U. S. since 1998. He retired on March 31, 2009, as a machinist where he worked for numerous oilfield companies through the Texas Panhandle and for the last 22 years in Casper, Wyo. He was a Catholic. He had been a resident of Pampa since 2010.

Survivors include his wife, Carlene Wolf of the home; a daughter, Connie Schindler and husband Erik of Pampa; two sons, Chris Wolf of Midland and Craig Wolf of Casper, Wyo.; a grandson, Ryan Schindler of Pampa; a granddaughter, Alexandra Wolf of Casper, Wyo.; three sisters, Maria Palmer of Panhandle, Hildegard Faupl of Bremthal, Germany, and Waldtrud Zitterback of Niedernhausen, Germany.

Memorials may be made to BSA Hospice, Box 950, Amarillo, TX 79105.



Wolf

For the record

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests for the 24 hour period ending Tuesday, May 2 at 7 a.m.

Monday, May 1

Federico Louis Ambriz, 17, was arrested by police on Hutchinson County warrants of no driver's license and failure to appear in court.

Julio Lopez Soto, 52, was arrested by deputies on a Texas Department of Criminal Justice sentence. Megan Renee Payne, 24, was arrested by deputies on a *capias pro fine* warrant.

Police Department

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the

24 hour period ending Wednesday, May 2 at 7 a.m.

The Pampa PD reported nine traffic related incidents.

Animal Control agents and the Pampa PD reported four animal related incidents.

Pampa EMS responded to three medical calls.

Tuesday, May 1

An accident occurred at the 11500 block of US Highway 60.

An assault was reported at the 1000 block of Kiowa.

Identity theft was reported.

Harassment was reported.

A theft was reported.

Fraud was reported.

A burglary was reported.

A theft occurred at the 1000 block of South Neel.

An accident occurred at the 300 block of North Hobart.

Phone harassment was reported.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 800 block of North Lefors.

Endangerment of a child or elderly person was reported.

A theft occurred at the 2800 block of North Charles.

Fraud was reported at the 1700 block of North Hobart.

A domestic disturbance occurred at the 100 block of South Starkweather.

A threat was reported at the 600 block of Carr.

A violation of a protective order occurred at the 1100 block of North Garland.

A runaway was reported at the 600 block of North Bradley.

An assault was reported at the 2400 block of North Charles.

Domestic disturbances occurred at the 100 block of South Starkweather and the 100 block of Panhandle.

A prowler was reported

at the 1900 block of North Charles.

Domestic disturbance was reported at the 100 block of Panhandle Drive.

Disorderly conduct was reported at the 500 block of Carr Street.

A suspicious person was reported at the 300 block of North Zimmers Street.

Domestic disturbance was reported in the 1100 block of S. Varnon Drive.

A suspicious person was reported in the 600 block of E. Craven Avenue.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1100 block of S. Varnon Drive.

Good intent and service call was made in the 200 block of W. Kingsmill Avenue.

A prowler was reported in the 700 block of N. Somerville Street.

An alarm was reported in the 1000 block of N. Price Road.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the intersection of Jordan and Red Deer.

An alarm was reported in the 1300 block of N. Russell Street.

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Weather key in wildfire battle

FORT DAVIS (AP) — An official says one wildfire burning near a rugged West Texas resort is 60 percent contained and firefighters are concentrating on fighting another still threatening the residential community.

Texas Forest Service spokeswoman April Saginor says officials are keenly watching the weather after gusts Tuesday blew the wildfires to within half a mile of the Davis Mountain Resort. Saginor says similar conditions are forecast Wednesday, a "critical day."

Some firefighters have moved from the blaze at Livermore Ranch to battle the flames at Spring Mountain, which is closest to the homes. She says the fire at Livermore is 60 percent contained.

Saginor says about 60 resort residents have not yet complied with an evacuation order.

No damage or injuries have been reported in the fires, which have burned about 24,000 acres.

Court considers Gulf drilling plans

ATLANTA (AP) — The federal appeals court in Atlanta is considering a challenge from environmental groups seeking to block Shell from drilling 10 new deepwater wells off the coast of Alabama, one of the first drilling approvals since the disastrous 2010 Gulf of Mexico spill.

Attorneys from the Southern Environmental Law Center and other groups Wednesday told the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals that federal regulators "rubber-stamped" Shell's plans.

They said the risky operations could result in an oil spill far greater than the 2010 disaster at a BP PLC well that sent millions of gallons of oil into the ocean over three months.

Shell argued that the company's drilling plans are environmentally sound, and the company's lawyers said new government safety regulations have led to "enormous improvements" in the permitting process.

Customs sent trucker to Mexico?

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — The lawyer for a Texas trucker who claims he made a wrong turn before taking ammunition into Mexico said Wednesday that a U.S. customs agent directed his client to cross the border, an account that contradicts what agency officials have said.

Javin Bogan was arrested April 17 when he tried to enter Mexico carrying 268,000 rounds of ammunition. He claims that he took a wrong turn after the second of his four stops of the day and was on his way to a West El Paso medical supplies company when he found himself at the bridge, unable to turn back.

Bogan's El Paso attorney Carlos Spector said at a news conference Wednesday that Bogan told him by phone that a Customs and Borders Protection officer told him to continue across the bridge.

"He talked to a guy in a blue uniform. That's CBP... He was misdirected by CBP," Spector said.

Customs spokesman Roger Maier said officers from several agencies regularly present at the port of entry wear blue uniforms.

"It could have been a security guard, El Paso Police officer, a Mexican official," said Maier.

Maier has said that CBP officers did not encounter Bogan that day.

Teens injured in drive-by

DONNA, Texas (AP) — Authorities are investigating a drive-by shooting at a South Texas school bus stop that left two teenage boys wounded.

Hidalgo County Sheriff Lupe Trevino told The Monitor of McAllen the teens were wounded by another teen with a single shot that struck both about 6:45 a.m. Wednesday.

Trevino said a 14-year-old male suspect is in custody and believes the attack was retaliation for an earlier fight between two local gangs.

Trevino says a 15-year-old boy grazed by the bullet was treated for the wound at a hospital, while a 14-year-old struck in the lower abdomen underwent surgery to remove the bullet. Two other children standing at the bus stop when the shooting happened weren't injured.

A 16-year-old also in the vehicle with the shooter was detained for questioning.

Boy's body found in refrigerator

HOUSTON (AP) — Houston police say officers called to an apartment by a suicidal man found the body of his 6-month-old son in the refrigerator.

Houston Homicide Sgt. Ora Chandler says the man's call came in about 7:40 a.m. Wednesday, but arriving paramedics had to force their way into the apartment.

Chandler says the man had with several wounds, apparently self-inflicted. He said the man also said he had put his son in the refrigerator about 6 p.m. Tuesday after finding that he had stopped breathing.

The father, whose identity police were withholding, was taken to Ben Taub Hospital in police custody. No charges had been filed as of Wednesday evening. An autopsy is planned on the child.

Immigrant smuggler sentenced

DEL RIO, Texas (AP) — Immigration officials have announced an 18-year prison sentence for a Texas man convicted in a human smuggling operation in which an immigrant died.

Immigration and Customs Enforcement announced Wednesday that 27-year-old Fernando Ochoa was sentenced April 25 for transporting and conspiracy to transport illegal immigrants in 2010. Two other men who were guiding the group of immigrants around a Border Patrol checkpoint near Carrizo Springs had already been sentenced to five years in prison each.

The Honduran man they left behind was later found dead. Homeland Security Investigations agents found that the guides worked for Ochoa, who pleaded guilty in October.

U.S. District Judge Alia Moses in Del Rio also sentenced Ochoa to five years each for three immigrant transportation counts to run concurrently with the other sentence.

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Another kind of animal cruelty

MATTHEW "UNCLE MATTY" MARGOLIS
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Dog Talk with Uncle Matty



When we talk about animal cruelty, it's typically in the context of humans abusing animals physically or emotionally — hitting an animal, starving an animal, neglecting an animal. But there is another kind of cruelty, one in which humans allow or even encourage one animal to abuse another. Dogfighting is a particularly sadistic version of this. Here's a version that hits closer to home:

We have two female Shih Tzus, and we brought both of them home at 8 weeks old. Over the past few months, Sadie, who is now 4, has become aggressive toward Precious. This started when our grandson was born, but over the past couple of months, it's been getting worse. We never know when she will attack. Precious could be napping or just walking by, and Sadie attacks.

In Sadie's defense, Precious does try to take her food, and we have to stand between them when giving them snacks. But outside of that, Sadie seems to snap for no reason.

Yesterday, we had to separate Sadie from Precious and the rest of the family because she would not stop growling and charging ferociously at Precious. We had to keep her in the laundry room all night. Sadie once bit Precious in the eye and caused some damage. Our vet was able to take care of her, but later, Sadie bit her again in the same eye, causing additional injury.

I just don't know what to do. It's getting out of control. We have tried throwing cold water on them, but it doesn't work. She will not listen to us.

Female dogs follow a pattern similar to human

sisters. They play well together when they're little — and they want to kill each other when they grow up. At least for a while.

The difference is that human impulses, for the most part, are mitigated by our capacity for empathy and standing — or fear — of consequences. Dogs aren't bridled by such things. And this seems particularly true of female dogs in relation to other female dogs.

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I've said it before, and I'll say it again: If you're going to get two dogs, your best pairing is one male and one female; next best is two males; last resort is two females.

But whatever the pairing, if one dog is hurting the other, they must be separated — permanently. It is cruel and unfair to subject the one to the ongoing torture and torment of the other. In allowing injury after injury, dogfight after dogfight, we are as guilty of animal cruelty as if we personally bloodied a dog.

In this case, the two lady Shih Tzus do not get along. They will not grow out of it. It will continue to get worse. And the fact that they are small is irrelevant. Size doesn't matter with aggression. An eye is an eye.

As dog owners, we have a duty to protect our dogs, even from each other. We are responsible for their well-being, their safe-keeping, their happiness and their good, long lives. If the owner loves and cares for Precious, she will find a new home for one of her dogs.

Woof!

Dog trainer Matthew "Uncle Matty" Margolis is co-author of 18 books about dogs, a behaviorist, a popular radio and television guest, and host of the PBS series "WOOF! It's a Dog's Life!"

McLain

like it, too. Maybe even stop."

"I would like for city beautification to happen," she continued. "I would like our downtown revitalized, kind of like the stuff they're doing in Amarillo on Polk Street. I would like our downtown to be a thriving place again. It was so neat whenever I was a kid."

Specifically, she cited working on the dilapidated storefronts downtown and coming up with more family-oriented events throughout the year, both for Pampa residents and to draw out-of-towners to the city.

"We should have more activities downtown so that it would draw visitors in and make someone want to stay," she said.

"I'd like to see the rodeo big like it used to be again. ... It was just such a huge event in years previous. I would just like to see some of those type of events, where people can come together and it brings people into town, also."

McLain said that her time away from Pampa as a major influence on this goal, citing other communities she has lived and worked where an emphasis was placed on family events.

"I did see several places," she said. "I've worked offshore. I've worked in probably eight different states. The things I saw different there is that there are a lot of family-oriented towns. They have all kinds of activities that draw families into town together. It helps with the local commerce, and the people are more proud of the town. I would just like to see that. We used to have lots of events here. We do still have some, and we've actually started having more now than we did for a while. That's the kind of stuff I'd like to be a part of. ... That's what I've learned from other places. If you bring in all wards together for events and include everybody, it's just a much better place."

She also talked briefly about the need to upgrade Pampa's infrastructure.

"A big part of our problem is drainage," she said. "We have all the dips in the streets because of the need for drainage. ... We have older streets that get a lot of potholes in them because of drainage. We just need to repair our infrastructure — our curbs, our streets."

Speaking about recent developments, McLain praised one particular company for its dedication to the city.

"I think actually the thing that has impressed me most is Enbridge," she said. "Enbridge increasing

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their role here in the town — they're going to be hiring more people, it's going to be bigger — I think that's going to affect the town biggest of anything. (Enbridge will be) having more money in the town and drawing more people here. That's what I'm really for, drawing more people into the city. It was a much bigger town when I was here, and I would like to see the city grow. I think companies coming in here and actually hiring more people is the way to go."

McLain expressed optimism for Pampa's prospects moving forward, adding that even more emphasis on supporting the development within the city limits will be key to the community's trajectory.

"I think we are doing good. I would like to focus more on things we can do in town. I know we have the industrial park and that will be a big draw, but I would like to focus more inside of town. We've got a really good place here, and I'd like to bring more people in to see that."

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Viewpoints

Today in History

Today is Thursday, May 3, the 124th day of 2012. There are 242 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 3, 1937, Margaret Mitchell won the Pulitzer Prize for her novel, "Gone With the Wind."

On this date:

In 1791, Poland adopted a national constitution.

In 1802, Washington, D.C., was incorporated as a city.

In 1911, Wisconsin Gov. Francis E. McGovern signed the first U.S. workers' compensation law to withstand constitutional review.

In 1916, Irish nationalist Padraic Pearse and two others were executed by the British for their roles in the Easter Rising.

In 1933, Nellie T. Ross became the first female director of the U.S. Mint.

In 1948, the Supreme Court ruled that covenants prohibiting the sale of real estate to blacks or members of other racial groups were legally unenforceable.

In 1952, the Kentucky Derby was televised nationally for the first time on CBS; the winner was Hill Gail.

In 1960, the Harvey Schmidt-Tom Jones musical "The Fantasticks" began a nearly 42-year run at New York's Sullivan Street Playhouse.

In 1971, the National Public Radio program "All Things Considered" made its debut.

In 1979, Conservative Party leader Margaret Thatcher was chosen to become Britain's first female prime minister as the Tories ousted the incumbent Labor government in parliamentary elections.

In 1986, in NASA's first post-Challenger launch, an unmanned Delta rocket lost power in its main engine shortly after liftoff, forcing safety officers to destroy it by remote control.

In 1987, The Miami Herald said its reporters had observed a young woman spending "Friday night and most of Saturday" at a Washington townhouse belonging to Democratic presidential candidate Gary Hart. (The woman was later identified as Donna Rice; the scandal torpedoed Hart's presidential bid.)

Ten years ago: The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Boston backed out of a settlement with 86 people who had accused defrocked priest John Geoghan (GAY-gun) of child molestation, saying the deal was becoming too expensive. (The archdiocese later agreed to a \$10 million settlement; Geoghan was murdered by a fellow prison inmate in August 2003.) Eight inmates died in a fire at the Mitchell County, N.C., jail. Pipe bombs exploded in six mailboxes in rural parts of Illinois and Iowa, injuring six people. (A suspect, Luke Helder, was later found incompetent to stand trial.)

Five years ago: British girl Madeleine McCann vanished during a family vacation in Portugal days before her fourth birthday; her disappearance remains unsolved. Britain's Queen Elizabeth II arrived in Virginia for the commemoration of Jamestown's 400th anniversary. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice told Syrian Foreign Minister Walid Moallem of U.S. concerns about his country's porous border with Iraq in the two nations' first Cabinet-level talks in years. The Florida Legislature gave its final approval to moving the state's 2008 primary from early March to January 29. Ten Republican presidential candidates held their first debate of the 2008 race at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library in Simi Valley, Calif. Astronaut Wally Schirra died in La Jolla, Calif., at age 84.

One year ago: The White House said that Osama bin Laden was unarmed when Navy SEALs burst into his room at his Pakistan compound and shot him to death, a change in the official account that raised questions about whether the U.S. ever planned to capture the terrorist leader alive. Chicago's Derrick Rose became at age 22 the NBA's youngest MVP. Francisco Liriano pitched the major leagues' first no-hitter of the season, throwing his first career complete game in Minnesota's 1-0 victory over Chicago. Actor-director Jackie Cooper died in Santa Monica, Calif., at age 88.

Today's Birthdays: Folk singer Pete Seeger is 93. Actress Ann B. Davis is 86. Actor Alex Cord is 79. Singer Frankie Valli is 78. Sports announcer Greg Gumbel is 66. Pop singer Mary Hopkin is 62. Singer Christopher Cross is 61. Country musician Cactus Moser (Highway 101) is 55. Rock musician David Ball (Soft Cell) is 53. Country singer Shane Minor is 44. Actor Bobby Cannavale (ka-nuh-VAL'-ee) is 42. Music and film producer-actor Damon Dash is 41. Country musician John Hopkins (Zac Brown Band) is 41. Country-rock musician John Neff (Drive-By Truckers) is 41. Country singer Brad Martin is 39. Actor Dule Hill is 37. Country singer Eric Church is 35. Dancer Cheryl Burke ("Dancing with the Stars") is 28. Actress Jill Berard is 22.

Thought for Today: "Each day, and the living of it, has to be a conscious creation in which discipline and order are relieved with some play and pure foolishness." — May Sarton, American poet (born this date in 1912, died in 1995).

Mitt Romney: 'Extreme' conservative

One of the first things I teach my undergraduate students is how to listen to the campaign talking heads and figure out what the poll said. That is, the poll that led to the strategy that led to the talking points that you're hearing from the various campaign talking heads almost in unison. This week, for example: Mitt Romney, conservative extremist.

Catch it. Axelrod (David, super-strategist). Cutter (Stephanie, deputy campaign manager). Biden (Joe), even. Romney is "extreme" on tax policy, foreign policy, immigration policy. You can catch the word "extreme" in all the comments.

I haven't seen these polls, but I've seen enough to know what they're saying: Swing voters aren't into extremes. That's why they're swing voters. They are basically, for want of a better term, moderate.

So what do you do when you're running against a candidate who, coming off of the primaries, isn't very well known? Easy. Fill in the blanks before he can. Convince swing voters that he is precisely what they don't want: an extremist.

Back in 1988, the last time a Massachusetts governor was nominated for president, most Americans actually thought he was a moderate, which was why he was running ahead of then-Vice President Bush in the polls. Unlike Romney, he had a "good war" in the primaries. He ended up beating candidates who were somewhat (Dick Gephardt) and very much (Rev. Jesse Jackson) more liberal than he was. So the Bush team smartly moved, very quickly, to paint him as a capital-L liberal. And it worked. Big time.

Twenty-four years later, I'm



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and is, a liberal. Proudly. Painting him as one was both easy and authentic. It worked because it was true.

Romney is a much tougher sell as an extreme conservative.

Can we talk? Extreme conservatives don't get elected in Massachusetts. Liberals and lobsters. If Romney were an extreme conservative, he would have locked up the Republican nomination in February, not April.

National Public Radio did a story this past week about the new Obama "extreme conservative" offensive. They were focused on Ohio, which is as good a place to focus as any. They interviewed both Republicans and Democrats. And here's the striking thing: None of the folks they interviewed thought Romney was an extreme conservative. The conservatives, as a matter of fact, weren't quite convinced that he was conservative enough. Seriously, what kind of extreme conservative would have successfully promoted "RomneyCare" and generally supported gay rights and women's rights?

The only problem with a good strategy is that it might not actually fit the guy you're running against.

Can I see Romney as a hopeless opportunist? Sure. All things to all

people. A liberal in Massachusetts. A conservative in New Hampshire. Hard core in March, moderate in August. As they used to say in Massachusetts, he wasn't pro-choice or anti-choice; he was multiple-choice. Multiple-choice Mitt. That works. The only problem is that people think all politicians are opportunists. Being an extreme conservative is much worse -- or, from the Obama perspective, much better.

Can I see Romney as a hopelessly out-of-touch rich guy, the boy from Bain, the man with the Cadillacs and the horses and the offshore investments and the friends who own (and don't just root for) NASCAR teams? That works. Lower taxes for money you don't earn? Sure. Bailouts for Wall Street but not for Detroit? Sure.

Only problem is, everybody who runs for president is rich by the time they do. And people don't hate rich people nearly as much as they do extremists.

Here's the thing about presidential politics: At the end of the day, it has to ring true. Rick Santorum or Newt Gingrich certainly would have been easier for Obama to beat, because their views really are more extreme. Romney is a hard pill for many conservatives to swallow precisely because he is less conservative than they'd like.

Sometime between now and November, the president's team is going to have to focus on the opponent they've got, instead of the one they would have preferred.

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Another stop-in-your-tracks moment

In the early '90s, I was visiting a girls school, when I spotted two third-graders engaged in a heated exchange outside their classroom door.

The school director made no attempt to intervene. "We encourage our girls to 'take it outside' when they have a disagreement," she said. "We want them to learn how to hash it out."

For me, that was a stop-in-your-tracks moment. Like many women of my generation, I was raised to get along and to smooth over conflicts as quickly as possible. That often meant apologizing for my opinion or keeping it to myself, which makes you feel wrong even when you're right.

Watching those two little girls eventually agree to disagree and seal it with a hug lightened my step that day. Clearly, I got over my reluctance to express my opinion. Still, I often have wondered how much misery I could have saved myself had I been encouraged to stand my ground at a younger age.

Last Sunday, I had another stop-in-your-tracks moment, during NBC's "Meet the Press," after Alex Castellanos tried to treat Rachel Maddow like an excitable girl on national television. If I had my way, every girl age 10 or older would watch Maddow's response.

During the interview, host David Gregory turned to Maddow, a talk show host on MSNBC, and asked her how to frame the discussion about female voters. I've been on the receiving end of her burrowing interviews a number of times, so I wasn't surprised to hear her answer. Or her attempt to answer, I should say.

"Policy," she said. "It should be about policy. And all of our best debates are always about policy. And it should be about policy that affects women specifically. The Romney campaign wants to talk about women and the economy.



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Women in this country still make 77 cents on the dollar for what men make. So if—

That's as far as she got before Republican consultant Castellanos butted in.

"Not exactly," he said.

Maddow turned to face him. "Women don't make less than men?"

Castellanos: "Actually, if you start looking at the numbers, Rachel, there are lots of reasons for that."

Maddow: "Wait, wait. No." Castellanos: "Well, first of all, we—"

Maddow: "Don't tell me what the reasons are."

Do women make less than men for the—

Castellanos: "Actually—"

On it went. Castellanos kept interrupting her. He smiled. He chuckled. He shook his head. The whole exchange felt way too familiar to too many women.

After Gregory insisted, twice, that Maddow be allowed to answer, the former Rhodes scholar finally did what she does so well, which is to drill down on policy.

"Given that some of us believe that women are getting paid less than men for doing the same work, there is something called the Fair Pay Act," she said. "There was a court ruling that said the statute of limitations — if you're getting paid less than a man, if you're subject to discrimination — starts before you know that discrimination is happening, effectively cutting off your recourse to the courts. You didn't know you were being discriminated against. ... The first law passed by this administration is the Fair Pay Act to remedy that court ruling."

After she finished taking Rep Cathy McMorris Rodgers to task for voting against that act, Castellanos smiled.

"It's policy," he said, looking at Rachel. "And I love how passionate you are. I wish you were as right about what you're saying as you are passionate about it. I really do."

Maddow's response: "That's really condescending."

I was not the only woman who stood up and cheered in her living room.

Now, I understand the bigger issue here is the continued disparity in women's pay and the Republicans' decision to declare this injustice a myth. What a curious strategy to woo women who know better.

As the mother of grown daughters, though, I want to thank Rachel Maddow. Time after time, she says what millions of other women of all ages are thinking, and she does it with grace and a fistful of facts. She doesn't back down; she doesn't make nice; and she doesn't gripe her way through somebody else's insults.

In a lot of ways, Maddow is like so many young women I've met across the country who've had it up to here with politicians who want to rein them in like wandering chattels.

In a way uniquely her own, she is making clear that those days are over.

I watched her and felt hopeful all over again.

My feet still haven't touched the ground, I swear.

Connie Schultz is a Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist and an essayist for Parade magazine.

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State Senate race heating up with attack ads on television

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas race for the U.S. Senate is heating up, with Republican candidates beginning to duke it out on television.

The Ted Cruz campaign appeared on broadcast television for the first time Wednesday with two ads, one attacking front-runner Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst. The second ad defends against an onslaught of Dewhurst ads criticizing Cruz for his legal work on behalf of a Chinese company.

Dewhurst has the name and money advantage, but his three main challengers are competing to force him into a run-off in July for the chance to replace retiring Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison. The other candidates include former Dallas Mayor Tom Leppert and former ESPN analyst Craig James.

The ad attacking Dewhurst features

seven Republicans and tea party members completing each other's sentences while accusing Dewhurst of not being a true conservative. The other ad uses a similar technique, saying the former Texas Solicitor General is not a politician and someone Republicans can trust.

"Ted's campaign has been embraced by an unprecedented grassroots movement across the Lone Star State," James Bernsen, Cruz's spokesman, said. "They know Ted's conservative credentials are unquestionable."

Two weeks ago Dewhurst released his campaign's first negative ad, which criticized Cruz for representing Shandong Linglong Rubber Co., in its appeal of a \$26 million jury award to American inventor Jordan Fishman. Cruz has defended his involvement as routine legal work for an appellate attorney.

Dewhurst also is airing an ad touting his nine years as lieutenant governor and career as a businessman and CIA officer, but also released a web video attacking Cruz for telling a radio show in October he opposed a bill to crack down on alleged Chinese currency manipulation.

"As the only lifelong businessman in the race who started his company from scratch, David said he understands the concerns of small businesses during these difficult economic times under President Obama," Dewhurst spokesman Matt Hirsch said.

Leppert also is airing television ads, one that equates his competitors and President Barack Obama as just a number of empty suits.

"I'm a conservative businessman, I've created jobs, balanced budgets and cut wasteful spending both business and

government," Leppert says in the ad.

There are less than four weeks before the primary elections May 29, when voters will choose party nominees for the general election in November. More ads will show more frequently as the date approaches, and that's where campaign finances will play a big role in determining a winner. Based on the latest campaign finance reports, Leppert has \$4.7 million on hand while Dewhurst and Cruz each have about \$3 million and James, who has not bought broadcast television time, has \$500,000.

Super-PACs also will play a role. A pro-Dewhurst group already is buying air time for ads attacking both Leppert and Cruz, while national tea party-oriented groups are expected to support Cruz.

Perry: God forgives 'oops moments'

AUSTIN (AP) — God forgives people for their "oops moments" even if the American electorate does not, failed Republican presidential candidate Rick Perry said Wednesday at a breakfast to celebrate the National Day of Prayer.

The Texas governor famously muttered "oops" during a presidential debate when he couldn't remember the third federal department he'd promised to eliminate if elected. It has become one of the campaign's signature moments.

"Every one of us has 'oops moments' every day," Perry told hundreds of faithful packed into an Austin hotel ballroom.

"America may not forgive you for it," Perry said, drawing laughter and applause. "But God will."

Perry is an evangelical Christian and often attends prayer gatherings. A week before officially beginning his run for president in August, he hosted a national day of prayer that drew 30,000 to a Houston arena.

Perry has kept a relatively low profile since dropping out of the presidential race two days before the South Carolina primary in January. But he is in his element at religious events and it showed Wednesday, with the relaxed and self-effacing governor playing to a sympathetic crowd that frequently interrupted him with cries of "Amen!"

His speech kicked off state celebrations of the National Day of Prayer a day early. The annual event, held on the first Thursday of May, attracts people of all faiths who pray for the country. It was created in 1952 by a resolution in Congress, and signed into law by President Harry Truman.

Perry also presented a proclamation formally recognizing May 3 as Texas Day of Prayer. Organizers of the breakfast promised mass prayer events statewide on Thursday.

"You've been given free will but it's God's will that we seek every day in our private lives, in our public lives and as a nation," Perry said. "National Day of Prayer is our way of saying that we require God in every facet of our lives, not just in our public lives and certainly not in just our private lives."

He also urged the gathering to pray for President Barack Obama, drawing another burst of "Amen!" "Let's pray for our president, for his wisdom," Perry said. "I pray that God pierces his heart."

Perry is the country's longest-serving sitting governor and has held his post longer than anyone in Texas history, taking office when George W. Bush left for the White House in 2000. He has not ruled out seeking a fourth full term in 2014, and has even fueled speculation he may try again for the presidency.

Perry, who opposes abortion, said he hoped Obama "truly understand God's will to protect innocent life. I pray for his true understanding of God's will for this country."

Texas is embroiled in a legal battle over a state law preventing a health organization affiliated with abortion providers from receiving state funds. On Tuesday, a federal judge said he wanted to hear arguments on whether the state should be prevented from enforcing a law that bans Planned Parenthood from participating in the program — less than

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Judge allows spill settlement to proceed

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — A federal judge on Wednesday preliminarily approved a proposed class-action settlement that would resolve billions of dollars in claims against BP over the 2010 oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico.

U.S. District Judge Carl Barbier's ruling allows the settlement process to proceed, but he will hold a "fairness hearing" on Nov. 8 before deciding whether to give his final approval to the deal between London-based BP PLC and a team of plaintiffs' attorneys.

The proposed settlement doesn't have a cap, but BP estimates it will pay about \$7.8 billion to resolve more than 100,000 claims by people and businesses who blame the spill for economic losses.

The deal announced March 2 was spelled out in hundreds of pages of documents filed last month. Barbier also heard an outline of the proposal during an April 25 hearing.

"At this stage, the Settlement Agreement appears fair, has no obvious deficiencies, does not improperly grant preferential treatment to the Class Representatives or to segments of the Class, and does not grant excessive compensation to attorneys. It falls within the range of possible judicial approval," Barbier wrote Wednesday in a 43-page order.

BP has agreed to pay \$2.3 billion for seafood-related claims by commercial fishing vessel owners, captains and deckhands. The settlement also would compensate other categories of losses, including lost business, wages, property damage and damage to vessels that worked on the spill cleanup.

The agreement calls for paying medical claims by cleanup workers and others who say they suffered illnesses from exposure to the oil or chemicals used to disperse it. In addition, BP has agreed to spend \$105 million over five years to set up a Gulf Coast health outreach program and pay for medical examinations.

The settlement doesn't resolve separate claims brought

by the federal government and Gulf states against BP and its partners on the Deepwater Horizon drilling rig over environmental damage from the nation's worst offshore oil spill. It also doesn't resolve private plaintiffs' claims against Switzerland-based rig owner Transocean Ltd. and Houston-based cement contractor Halliburton.

The judge said he would have months to consider any objections to the settlement, but some groups of plaintiffs and elected officials haven't waited to air their concerns.

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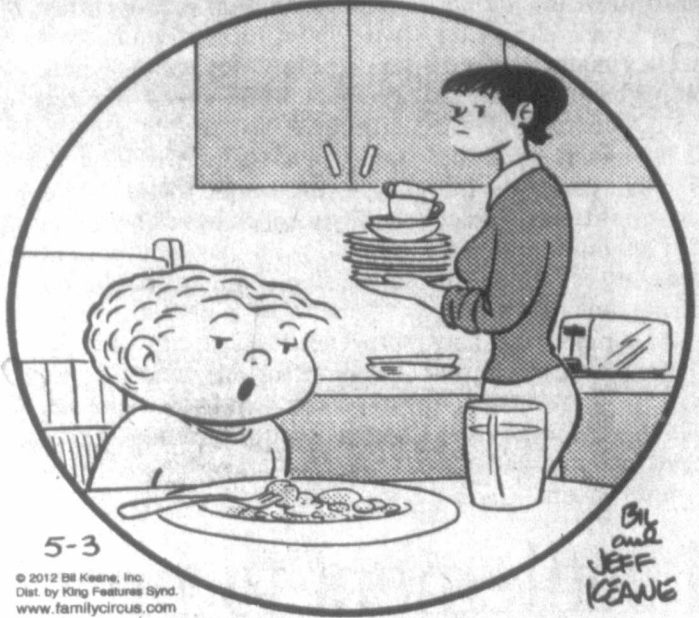
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daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, May 4, 2012:

This year you could evoke some dynamic reactions as you alternate between being fair and logical and being rigid and demanding. Incorporate all the above-mentioned traits in your interactions, and your relationships will benefit as a result. If you are single, you might misread a new friend. Don't judge this person too quickly. If you are attached, the two of you need to be aware of a tendency to get stuck in your individual thought processes. Loosen up and judge less, and more joy will exist between you. **SCORPIO** can be challenging. 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)
★★★★ Take in feedback. You are in the mood to share, and others will come to you. A miscommunication could punctuate a good part of the day. Make a point of unwinding this word tangle. Everyone will be happier. Tonight: Say "yes" to living it up.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Pace yourself, and get as much done as possible. A cohort could be testy, as he or she might not exactly understand what you are saying or thinking. Let your sense of humor emerge in order to combat a heavy mood. Tonight: Out with friends.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Being sensitive to an issue allows greater productivity. Someone could misread your intentions and take advantage of your good humor. That person will take offense when you set him or her straight. Tonight: Forget today. Live for tonight.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Stay connected to the basics, and know what you want and expect from a situation. Confusion marks plans. Be sure to confirm times and places. A call from a family member or friend might rain on your parade. Tonight: Live as if there were no tomorrow.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You have a spring in your step, which reveals that the weekend is nearly here. Make an effort to reach out to a loved one. Plans easily could be misunderstood. A serious conversation might be inevitable. Just go with the flow. Tonight: You might decide to head home early.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ A purchase could put a dent in your budget, far more than you first thought. Rethink that decision. If you are buying something for a loved one or a friend, consider some other item that could thrill this person just as much. Tonight: Out at a favorite spot.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Use the daylight hours to the max. You might not realize how much you have fostered. A misunderstanding easily could happen if you do not confirm meeting times and places. Tonight: Let your hair down.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Handle a problem in a subtle manner. Understand what part or role you have played in this issue and what you are responsible for. You might not feel comfortable with everything that is happening. Do not allow a sense of boredom into your daily life. Tonight: Feel your Wheaties.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ A meeting or get-together has far more significance than you originally thought possible. Be ready to approach a situation differently after you sort through confusion. A friend could be very difficult, but is that something new? Tonight: Stray from your normal Friday-night plans.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You can hit a home run if you apply your energy early on to a project or issue. Caring between you and a friend or loved one remains deep. Free up special time to be together; give up your role as the work horse of the zodiac. Tonight: Absolutely whatever you want.

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Inmate's execution stopped; prosecutor appeals decision

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — A federal judge in San Antonio at least temporarily stopped the execution Wednesday of a rapist who was on parole when prosecutors say he killed a neighbor and stole the man's Harley Davidson motorcycle.

U.S. District Judge Fred Biery granted a reprieve to Anthony Bartee after his lawyers filed a civil rights lawsuit against Bexar County District Attorney Susan Reed. Bartee, 55, was scheduled for lethal injection later in the day.

The Bexar County prosecutor's office immediately appealed the court order to the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, saying the judge's reprieve was improper and to allow the order to stand would "reward late filers and create a perpetual motion machine of last-minute attempts to stay executions."

Within 30 minutes of Biery's order, the U.S. Supreme Court, without comment, rejected Bartee's other appeals.

Bartee was in a small holding cell adjacent to the Texas death chamber while the legal maneuvers played out. His lethal injection was scheduled for 6 p.m. CDT but the death warrant remained valid until midnight.

Both the active civil suit and the appeals rejected by the Supreme Court focused on Bartee's goal to win additional DNA testing of crime scene evidence.

Bartee was convicted of murdering his 37-year-old neighbor, David Cook, in 1996 and stealing his motorcycle. Bartee was on

parole after serving nearly 12 years in prison for raping two women.

Bartee's attorneys contend there's evidence that still hasn't undergone DNA testing that could exonerate him.

Bartee was granted a reprieve in February so that two strands of hair found in the victim's hand could undergo further DNA testing using more sophisticated techniques. The tests showed the hair was the victim's. Bartee's attorneys also wanted testing on drinking glasses and cigarette butts found at the crime scene.

"The testing done to date has not established the veracity of Mr. Bartee's claim that others were present at the victim's house the day of the murder," said David Dow, one of Bartee's attorneys.

Edward Marshall, an assistant Texas attorney general, contended in a court filing the evidence wasn't new and Bartee has had "multiple rounds of DNA testing ... and there remains today no evidence upon which further forensic DNA testing could be conducted."

Bartee was released from prison on the two aggravated rape convictions in May 1995.

Fifteen months later, a neighbor heard gunshots from Cook's home, then heard Cook's motorcycle start.

When Cook failed to show up for work, relatives went to his home and found he'd been stabbed in the back, had his throat cut and was shot twice in the back of his head. His 9 mm pistol, determined

to be the murder weapon, was missing. So was his prized cherry red Harley Davidson motorcycle.

Investigators determined that the night before the shooting, Bartee tried to hire someone to kill a man he identified as David. The day after the killing, he was seen with the red motorcycle and told people it was his.

"According to the evidence, and the jury verdict, once he had murdered this guy, he went and showed the bike off and took a girlfriend to the coast," Joel Perez, one of Bartee's trial lawyers, said. "There was just too much damning evidence."

"David had something he wanted and he took it," Jill Mata, who prosecuted the capital murder case, recalled.

Bartee denied any knowledge of Cook's death, but when confronted about having Cook's motorcycle he told detectives he had been working on it in Cook's garage and took off after hearing gunshots because he feared for his own safety.

He blamed the slaying on two gang members he identified only as "Snake" and "Throw Down." Their existence never was confirmed.

Prosecutors believe Bartee stabbed Cook and the shooting occurred in a struggle over the gun, which Cook kept at home for protection.

Bartee's execution would be the sixth this year in Texas. At least four other Texas prisoners have lethal injections scheduled in the coming months.

Warmest first quarter in Okla.

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Following a summer of record-setting heat and a generally mild winter, the average daily temperature in Oklahoma during the first four months of 2012 makes it the warmest first-quarter on record, the Oklahoma Climatological Survey said Wednesday.

The average temperature of 52.3 degrees from January through April was 5.5 degrees above normal and breaks the previous record of 51.4 degrees for the period set in 1986, according to associate state climatologist Gary

McManus. The records date to 1895.

The warm start to the year comes after both national and state temperature records were set during summer 2011.

McManus said one major difference between 2011 and 2012 — rain — makes it appear the pending summer will not be as extreme.

"We really don't have the drought conditions that we had last year that exacerbated the heat, making it like an Easy Bake oven," McManus said, referencing the working toy ovens used by children.

Former BP engineer indicted

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — A former BP drilling engineer was indicted Wednesday on charges he deleted text messages that indicated the company's blown-out Gulf of Mexico well was spewing far more crude than BP was telling the public.

The indictment from a federal grand jury in New Orleans charges Kurt Mix, 50, of Katy, Texas, with two counts of obstruction of justice. Mix is scheduled to be arraigned Thursday in New Orleans, according to court records.

Mix was arrested in Texas on April 24 and freed on \$100,000 bond following his initial court appearance in Houston.

The criminal charges against Mix are the first in the Justice Department's probe of the April 2010 rig explosion that killed 11 workers and spawned the nation's worst offshore oil spill.

Mix worked on BP's efforts to stop the flow of oil and had access to internal data about the amount of crude gushing from the well, according to the indictment.

"The amount of oil flowing was relevant to various efforts to stop the flow and was also relevant to assessing the damage caused by the flow, including potential civil damages and civil and criminal fines and restitution," the

indictment says.

BP had repeatedly notified Mix that he needed to retain all of his spill-related records, including text messages, but he allegedly deleted about 300 texts he sent to a supervisor who served as BP's drilling engineering manager for the Gulf and an outside contractor who also worked on the spill response.

The indictment claims Mix, who resigned from BP in January, deleted the texts to prevent them from being used in the federal grand jury's probe.

In an affidavit released last week, an FBI agent said the Justice Department has been investigating whether BP and its employees broke the law "by intentionally understating" how much oil was leaking from the well.

Mix worked on BP's unsuccessful attempt to stop the leak using a technique called a "top kill." On May 26, 2010, the day the top kill began, Mix estimated in a text to his supervisor that more than 15,000 barrels of oil per day were spilling — three times BP's public estimate of 5,000 barrels and an amount much greater than what BP said the top kill could probably handle.

The Justice Department has suggested others could face criminal charges. Attorney General Eric Holder said in **BP** cont. on page 8A

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DFB avenges loss to Glo-Valve

Anthony Ontiveros came racing home in the top of the sixth inning Tuesday on an infield out hit by Chonga Miranda as Duncan, Fraser & Bridges Insurance Agency edged Glo-Valve Service 11-10 and avenged a loss to Glo-Valve last week in the Pampa Optimist 11-12 Cal Ripken League.

Behind two runs to start the sixth, Zane McCoy, the winning pitcher, opening the inning with a single. He stole second and scored after two wild pitches. Derek Norris walked and came around to score on a pair of wild pitches and a passed ball to tie the score at 10.

Ontiveros reached base on a walk and made it all the way to third base when Miguel Leal was safe on an error with Miranda's game winning hit providing the final margin.

DFB roared out to a 4-0 lead in the top of the first inning on singles by Ethan Lemkem, McCoy and Ontiveros sandwiched around a walk

to Dakota Helfer and a two-run triple by Norris. Glo-Valve got two of the runs back on walks to Jace Ware and Chase Voss and a combination of walks, stolen bases, a wild pitch and an error.

Glo-Valve tied the score at four in the bottom of the second. Jakob Wilson lead off with a single and Brenden Courtney walked. Both runners moved up on an infield out by Tyler Orand. Walks to Chris Gowin, Thomas Costley and Ware pushed home two runs.

Glo-Valve took a 7-4 lead in the bottom of the third when Logan Martindale was safe on an error and Voss and Braydon Fry singled. A pair of wild pitches, an infield out by Wilson and a single by Courtney produced the runs. DFB got one run back in the top of the fourth on walks to Helfer and McCoy, a pair of fielder's choices and a Glo-Valve error.

Glo-Valve increased its lead to 10-5 in the bottom of the fourth on walks

to Costley and Ware, a run-scoring single by Kade Parker, a strikeout by Voss that put him on base when the ball got by the catcher, a single by Fry and a DFB error.

Singles in the top of the fifth inning by DFB's Leal and Kyler Brotherton and walks to Thomas Almanza and Derian Gonzales, a fielder's choice and an error narrowed the score to 10-8 and set up the dramatic come-from-behind win in the last inning.

McCoy pitched the first two and the last two innings for the win. He allowed four runs and one hit. He walked eight and struck out six. Ethan Lemkem also pitched for DFB. Fry and Voss pitched for Glo-Valve.

The next games will be Friday featuring Panhandle visiting Texas Rose Steakhouse at 5:45 p.m. while Glo-Valve hosts Rotary Club at 7:45 p.m.

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doing well financially or that need the assistance of influx of capital into their infrastructure, whatever their needs might be," said Luis Leon, chief operating officer of Prime. "Usually, what we do is we come in, and if there's any need of improvements with equipment or anything it might be, ...we will do that initially."

Peterson and Leon both declined to comment on the financial particulars of the deal. Leon said that Prime began to meet last night with the staff at PRMC to tell them of the plans for the purchase.

"We're here for the first time looking at (the hospital) and getting to know the people," said Leon. "It's really rewarding for us."

"One of the first things we do is talk with them, let them know who we are, how we approach things, what we have in mind," he added.

Leon says that employees of Prime plan to visit the hospital to

assess needs in each department during the coming weeks, adding that the company plans to invest in "everything that is needed for patient care, no questions asked." That may include equipment or staff, a particular concern in the community, as physicians have left the area during the past year and a half amid uncertainty surrounding the hospital's sale.

"Some of the staff that you have now are basically on an interim basis, so as you know, the best thing to do is find people who can become attached to facility and find some mutual interest," said Leon. "So, we'll be looking into that, that we have people who want to be here and make the facility a successful one."

Leon said that Prime wants the community as a whole to have the best medical care possible at the facility.

"This is a beautiful facility," he said. "...It has a lot of potential,

and the community needs to support that as well."

"For us, it's a special thing to come here," he added. "It's a small community. It's the only hospital in the community. I hope that we can make it a stable one and a beautiful one for years to come."

Five of Prime's hospitals were ranked by Thomson Reuters among the top 100 hospitals in the country in April of this year; however, in February, the company was the subject of a hearing in California responding to allegations that Prime had over-billed for its care and attempted to increase revenues by refusing to transfer patients to hospitals in their insurance network.

Meanwhile, Signature sold its hospital in Wharton, Texas in March, leaving PRMC as its last remaining hospital. Its sale would clinch the company's winding down of operations announced over a year ago.

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24 hours after another judge ordered Texas not to enforce the rule.

The law passed last year by the Republican-controlled Legislature forbids state agencies from providing funds to an organization affiliated with abortion providers. Eight Planned Parenthood clinics that do not provide abortions sued the state, saying the law unconstitutionally restricts their freedom of speech and association.

Settlement

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In a recent court filing, a group of commercial fishermen and industry groups said they see "significant flaws" and claimed it wouldn't protect most fishermen against future risks to fisheries.

Mississippi Attorney General Jim Hood said he objects to the settlement's use of liability releases that the former administrator of a victims' compensation fund had people sign if they were seeking a final payment from the fund.

Florida Attorney General Pamela Jo Bondi had urged Barbier to hold off on giving his preliminary approval so that "other interested stakeholders" could have more time to review and comment on the proposed settlement's terms.

Halliburton said the settlement improperly seeks to assign certain claims that BP has made against

Halliburton to the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee, the team of attorneys who brokered the deal.

The April 20, 2010, blowout of BP's Macondo well triggered an explosion that killed 11 rig workers and spilled more than 200 million gallons of oil into the Gulf.

In the aftermath, BP created a \$20 billion fund to compensate commercial fishermen, property owners, hotels and other tourism-driven businesses that claimed they suffered economic damages.

The Gulf Coast Claims Facility processed more than 221,000 claims and paid out more than \$6 billion from the fund before a court-supervised administrator took over March 8. During the transition period, claimants have received more than \$134 million.

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a statement last week that the investigation would continue and "will hold accountable those who violated the law in connection with the largest environmental disaster in U.S. history."

Joan McPhee, Mix's attorney, has expressed confidence that her client would be exonerated at trial.

"These misguided charges over failure to retain text messages constitute startling government overreaching," she said in a statement last week.

Each count of obstruction of justice carries a maximum penalty of 20 years in prison and a fine of up to \$250,000.

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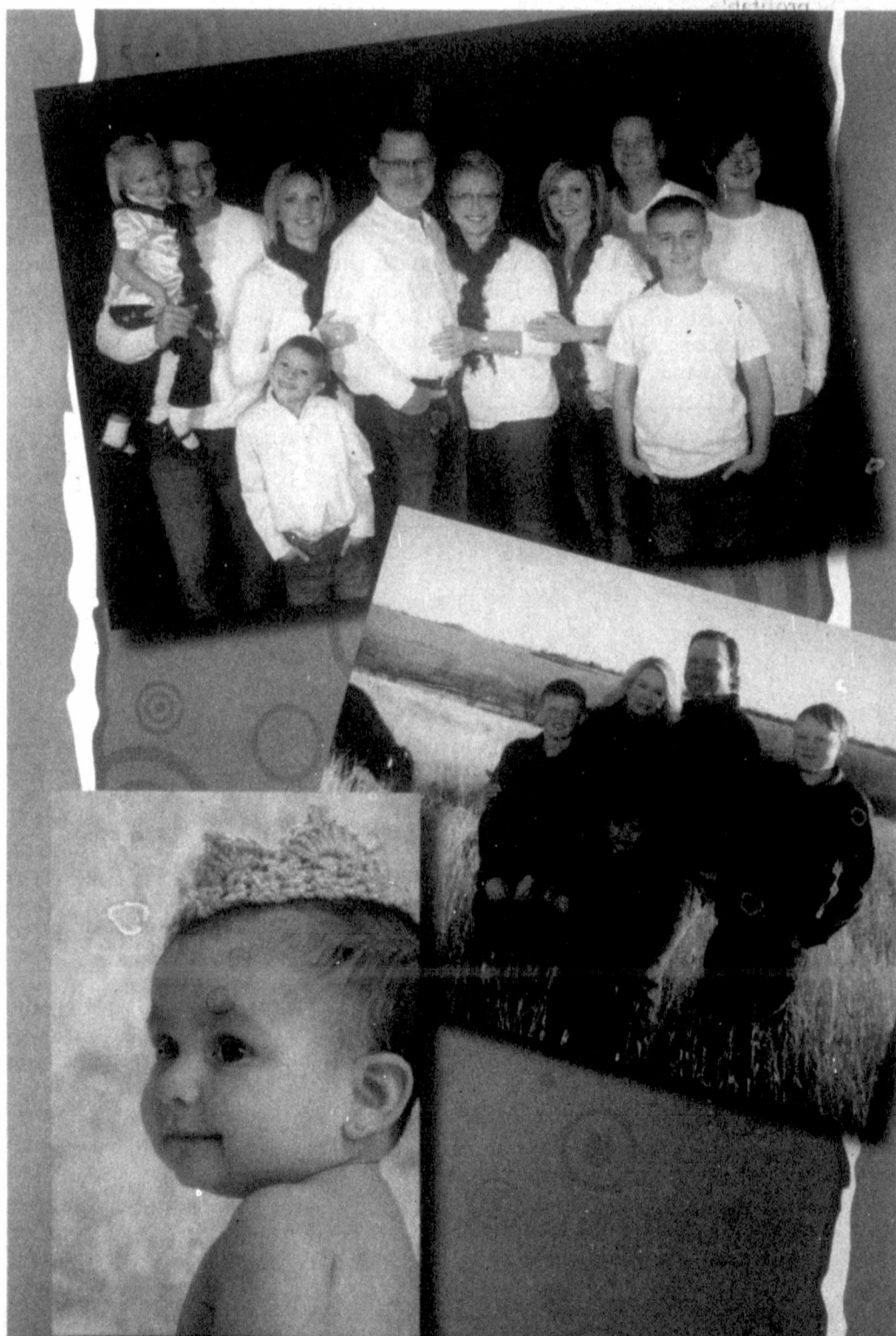
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Edward Jones welcomes Demetriades

Edward Jones financial advisor Duane Harp announced today that a second financial advisor, Keith Demetriades, has joined his office in Pampa.

"We're very impressed with Keith," Harp said, "and we're sure our clients will be, too. Edward Jones prides itself on providing the best service possible to those investors who choose to do business with us. Keith will help provide the high level of service investors in Pampa have come to expect from us as well as extend our services to

new investors."

"I am really looking forward to working with Duane," said Demetriades. "I'll have all the advantages of working with an experienced investment professional while getting to know local investors. This will be a tremendous opportunity to increase my investment knowledge and hone my customer service skills."

Edward Jones, headquartered in St. Louis, provides financial services for individual investors in the United States and, through its

affiliate, in Canada. Every aspect of the firm's business, from the types of investment options offered to the location of branch offices, is designed to cater to individual investors in the communities in which they live and work. The firm's 12,000-plus financial advisors work directly with nearly 7 million clients to understand their personal goals — from college savings to retirement — and create long-term investment solutions that emphasize a well-balanced portfolio and a buy-and-hold strategy.

Record patronage at Panhandle Plains

According to presentations from Board Chairman Steve Rader and CEO Gregg Lloyd last month, Panhandle-Plains Land Bank is in strong financial condition, able to pay a record cash patronage thanks to stockholders, board members and employees having the right attitude.

"The association made outstanding accomplishments improving credit quality during a time of difficult economic and weather conditions," Rader said. He explained that year-end financial strength allowed for the record cash patronage payment of \$3.8 million.

"In the past eight years, Panhandle-Plains Land Bank has returned over \$20 million in cash to its stockholders," Rader said.

Rader expressed confidence in the association's ability to provide superior service in spite of challenges. His remarks closed with a quote from Winston Churchill: "I am an optimist. It does not seem too much use being anything else."

Lloyd echoed the strong financial reports and emphasized that the association's success was due to a good attitude on the part of the board, employees, and most importantly, its stockholders.

"Leadership from the board, hard work from the employees, and loan performance, all with the right attitude is what sets Panhandle-Plains Land Bank apart from its competition," Lloyd explained.

"As a customer and owner, you are the reason we are in business," he told stockholders. "Please tell your friends and neighbors about the association with an attitude, the can-do attitude."

Stockholders elected one new director for Place IV, which represents Oldham and Potter Counties. Larry Fairchild from Adrian is retiring after 24 years on the board. Joining the board of the Federal Land Bank of Amarillo in 1988, Fairchild has served the association as it prospered through many changes. In addition to farming, Larry and his wife Paula travel, fish and enjoy a growing family. The Panhandle-Plains team expressed its deep appreciation for their hard work and dedication.

Perry Kirkland, a farmer-stockman from Vega, was elected to Place IV. Ronnie Hopper from Petersburg and Rusty Henson from Quitaque were re-elected to Places VIII and IX respectively.

Panhandle-Plains Land Bank provides long-term credit to farmers, ranchers, and agribusiness in 17 counties of the Panhandle and South Plains. Offices are located in Amarillo, Pampa, Perryton, and Plainview.

NOV first quarter profit up 49 percent

HOUSTON (AP) — Oil industry parts supplier National Oilwell Varco Inc. said Wednesday that its first-quarter profit rose 49 percent as strong demand drove sales sharply higher.

The company, which designs and manufactures equipment for oil and gas drilling, reported net income of \$606 million, or \$1.42 per share, for the quarter ended March 31, up from \$407 million, or 96 cents per share, a year earlier.

It said earnings excluding one-time items such as transaction costs amounted to \$1.44 per share. That beat analysts' expectations for adjusted earnings of \$1.40 per share, according to a survey by FactSet.

Revenue climbed 37 percent to \$4.3 billion from \$3.15 billion in the prior year period. Analysts expected \$4.31 billion.

The company said business has been improving since the end of 2011, as more drilling companies order parts to support their production.

Capital equipment orders for the National Oilwell's rig technology unit rose 15 percent from the previous quarter to \$1.91 billion on higher demand for drilling equipment for new offshore rigs.

At the end of the quarter, that unit's backlog was \$10.36 billion, up 2 percent from the end of the fourth quarter.

The company thinks demand will remain firm. "Our outlook for demand for our capital equipment is very strong and our expectations high for the remainder of the year," CEO Pete Miller said in a statement.

Standard & Poor's Ratings Services raised its corporate debt rating on National Oilwell to 'A' from 'A-', in investment-grade territory'. S&P said the upgrade reflects the company's very strong financial performance, which the agency expects to continue.

National Oilwell Varco shares fell \$1.36 to \$76.66 in afternoon trading. In the past 52 weeks, they have traded between \$47.97 and \$87.72.

Delta buys refinery from ConocoPhillips

Delta Air Lines is doing what anybody with a huge gas bill dreams of doing — buying an oil refinery to make its own fuel.

Delta said Monday that it will pay \$150 million for a refinery near Philadelphia that is being sold by division of ConocoPhillips. It's aiming to slice \$300 million a year from its jet fuel bill.

Jet fuel is the refinery product that garners the fattest profit margin, "and they're taking it from airlines," Delta CEO Richard Anderson said.

It's the first time that an airline has taken such a bold step to control escalating fuel costs. But it doesn't come without

risks. Fuel refining is volatile and expensive business.

"If this works, you're going to see everybody doing it," said Ray Neidl, an airline analyst with the Maxim Group.

Delta can't just buy the refinery and pump out nothing but jet fuel. Refining crude oil yields different products — including diesel fuel, gasoline, and jet fuel — at different points in the process.

But Delta did say it plans to spend \$100 million to modify the refinery in Trainer, Pa., to maximize the amount of jet fuel it produces. Jet fuel is currently 14 percent of the

refinery's output, according to Delta. It plans to boost that to 32 percent.

Here's how it will work: Delta subsidiary Monroe Energy LLC will buy and run the refinery and will get crude oil from BP PLC. The refinery has access to pipelines that can take jet fuel to New York, where Delta has hubs at LaGuardia and John F. Kennedy airports.

The gasoline, diesel fuel and other products the refinery makes will be swapped with BP and the ConocoPhillips division, Phillips 66, for jet fuel to be delivered to Delta elsewhere in the U.S. Delta aims to fill 80 percent of its U.S. fuel needs this


way.

But refining, the practice of taking crude oil and turning it into fuels, is notorious for boom-and-bust cycles. ConocoPhillips and other oil giants are getting out of the business because it hasn't been consistently profitable.

Refineries are paying high prices for oil, particularly on the East Coast, where they import a lot of more-expensive oil. At the same time, demand for gasoline has fallen because of the weak economy and cars getting more miles per gallon.



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50 kennel runs, cat cottages and a walk-in cooler for dead animals will amount to \$212,000, according to cost projections from GH2 Architects, the architectural firm that designed the shelter.

“The thing about the kennels and the reason the money is in the kennels is that they are designed where they can be kept clean and sterile, and you can put one dog per kennel, as opposed to three or four, which is what we have to do now,” said Stokes. “Now, the dogs are bumping up against each other, and using the bathroom together, and tracking it on each other, and it’s just a horrible situation.”

“When you are overcrowded like we are,” said Curry, “you can walk out there any time, and there are 40, 50 or 60 animals, and they are in there together. They poop and pee, and there is no place for them to get out of it, so they walk in it, they lay in it. So, if one of them comes in sick, everybody gets sick. If you’ve

lost a pet, and it’s put in one of those runs, the chances are your sweet, darling pet is going to get whatever’s in there.”

Stokes said that citizens have expressed concerns about the cost of the facility.

“There are ways of really cutting it back, but it won’t be good for the long run, and it doesn’t meet state guidelines, which are that animals should be kept in healthy, clean environments,” said Curry. “They need to be safe, and if you build a cinderblock shelter, it’s not going to last, because unless you have proper flooring that seals the floor, you get disease in your concrete, because concrete is porous ... These new floorings, which are the hypoxo floorings, which the bid includes, will last 20 years, minimum, so you don’t have to worry about disease getting down into your flooring which you can never get rid of.”

“You can’t build a modern-day shelter that meets regulations that will last the city for a good length of time and hold up for the size that we are building, and the size that we are building is mainly to hold the animals we have now,”

she added. “It’s not an expanded size. It’s to hold the 50 animals we have on a daily basis.”

On Saturday from 3 to 5 p.m., PAWS, an organization with about 100 members, will host tours for people to check out the city’s current shelter before making their final decision on the matter.

“The group felt like people needed to see the shelter and that if people saw it, they would understand it,” Curry said. “They’ll show them the gates, how we can hardly open them and how they’re broken down. They’ll show them the trailer we have that they put food in.”

“So many of the people we’ve talked to who are against it have never been to the shelter,” she added. “They’ve never seen the conditions. They don’t understand that we bring in, on an average, anywhere from five to 15 dogs a day. There is no place to put these dogs. Do they want them just to be running loose in their neighborhoods?”

Stokes said that while the plan has received criticism, aspects like the dog park could actually draw people to the community.

“There are a lot of things, a lot of services that the city provides that there’s no return on your investment, like streets and parks,” he said. “That’s just the business the city’s in, to provide services to the citizens. One part of the shelter that would possibly have a return on the investment would be the dog park. I think we could see tourism dollars come in from the dog park. I think people would come over from the towns around us to bring their dog to a dog park, and while they’re here, hopefully spend some money, eat and buy gas.”

“The return on investment for the new shelter wouldn’t be monetary,” he added. “It would be to have a safe, clean facility for the employees, for the volunteers and for the animals.”

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#2 Martecia Alexander, Jr.
Started at third and mostly batted in the ninth hole. Alexander is a solid slap hitter and is a threat on the base paths. This is Alexander's second season on varsity.



#7 Alexa O'Brien, So.
O'Brien is in her first full varsity season. The sophomore was dominant in the circle, posting an 11-3 record. O'Brien threw a no-hitter against Borger on April 4. The sophomore posted a 0.19 ERA in district.



#8 McKinlee Stokes, Sr.
Stokes is in her second year as the starting second baseman. Stokes was a slap hitter in the middle of the lineup and is a threat on the base paths. Stokes hit an inside-the-park home run against Dalhart on March 31.



#10 Claire Hopkins, Jr.
Hopkins is a three-year starter in center field and as the leadoff batter. Hopkins' greatest attribute is her speed, taking two bases on sacrifice bunts. Hopkins is also a solid cheerleader in the dugout.



#11 Bailey Wichert, So.
Earned a starting spot in left field midway through the season. Wichert is a good hitter in the bottom of the Lady Harvesters' lineup.



#12 Francheska Bridwell, Jr.
Bridwell was primarily used as a courtesy runner for senior catcher Alanna Stephens. Bridwell scored six runs in district and 10 in the season.



staff photo by Andrew Glover

Senior Alanna Stephens, #5 started her second season at catcher. Batted in the clean-up spot and hit nine doubles, one triple and two home runs, driving in 25.

#14 Harley Mayfield, Sr.
Mayfield played her first season on varsity after joining the team in the playoffs last season. Mayfield played in nine games, recorded three hits and drove in a run.



#15 Tiffany Britton, Jr.
Britton spent time as an outfielder, designated hitter and a pitcher. In three starts and five relief outings, Britton posted a 4-1 record with a 1.20 ERA. Against Perryton on April 17, Britton recorded four hits and drove in six runs.



#16 Kaylene Wyant, Sr.
Spent time at third and as a designated hitter. Wyant pitched one game for varsity against Sanford-Fritch on March 13. Wyant showed she has power.



#17 Heather Coffee, Sr.
Coffee pitched and played first. Coffee posted a 6-4 record, winning her last three starts. Coffee batted sixth, providing a solid bat in the middle of the lineup.

#18 Bailey Beck, Jr.
Beck is a three-year starter. Beck is a versatile hitter that can hit for power or just move the runner. Against Amarillo Tascosa on April 5, Beck hit a grand slam.



#21 Nakayla Hardman, Sr.
Hardman started at right field and batted third in the first half of the season. Hardman was quick on the bases with five runs.



• Recently called up by Coach Gill to travel with the team were:

#20 Bailey Dixon, So.
Spent time on both varsity and JV. traveled with the varsity during last season's playoff run.

#32 Jessie Dixon, So.
Spent time on both varsity and JV. Primarily played third.

#22 Mattie Eldridge, So.
Called up during district. Courtesy ran for Heather Coffee.

#3 Sanya Coutts, Jr.
Received some playing time on varsity in lopsided games. Played outfield on JV.

#6 Monica Zubia, Jr.
Played on varsity in non-district.

Bella Wilson, Jr.
Wilson started at first.

Macy Cochran, Jr.
Traveling with the varsity for the second straight season. Also sings the national anthem well.

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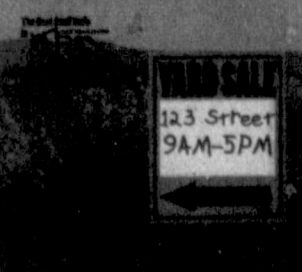
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As a young man I was prone to rash actions. I would like to think in my golden years that I have outgrown this tendency. Still, I'm not sure I handled the situation correctly. I want my wife to be confident that I would come to her defense. Please advise. — TEXAS TOM

DEAR TEXAS TOM: Although as a young man you were prone to rash actions, as a mature one you gained the ability to control your temper. Had you confronted the boor, the situation would have escalated and you could have wound up in the pokey charged with assault. I'm advising you that you were correct to do nothing. The man is lucky your wife didn't "serve" him a fist sandwich. A lesser woman might have.

DEAR ABBY: When my husband, "Jeff," and I married, we drew up a medical proxy and health-care directives should future incapacitation arise. Jeff is now terminally

ill with brain cancer and has about five months to live. Over the last two years he has been through four surgeries, 25 doses of radiation, countless doctors' appointments, physical therapy and enough pills to fill a steamer trunk. I had to quit working because Jeff is now my full-time job.

As his illness progresses, we have discussed placing him in a hospice. But the closer he gets to death, the more he changes his mind. He demands that I lift, jerk and pull him in and out of bed. When I can no longer do this, he wants me to install a hoist. He needs assistance eating, dressing, bathing, using the toilet and is in a wheelchair.

Jeff's tumor is growing, causing pressure and affecting his mental attitude. He's impatient, demanding, selfish and nasty. I'm caring for him at home because it's his home and I am his wife. Somehow, his illness makes him feel entitled to act like a selfish child. At what point do I put him in a hospice facility without his family calling me a nasty witch and Jeff kicking and screaming to be let out and return home? — END OF MY ROPE

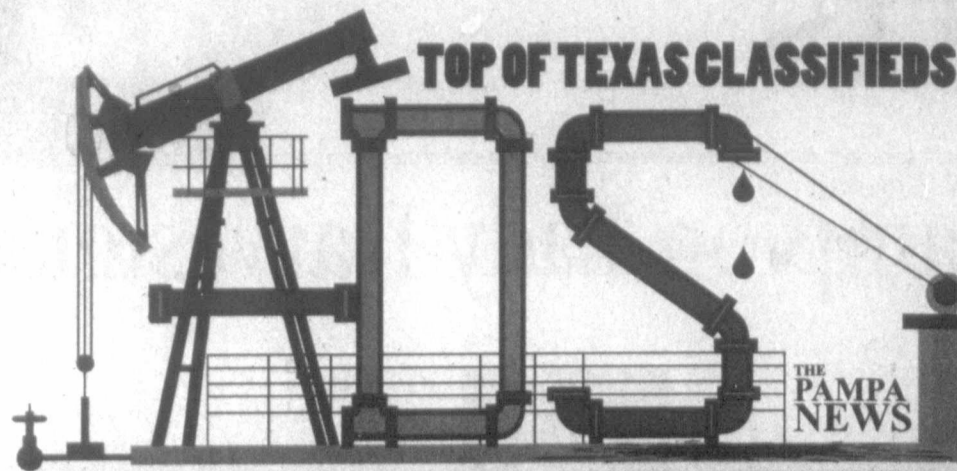
DEAR END: Please accept my sympathy. Your husband is sick and in pain, probably frightened and the cancer may have affected his ability

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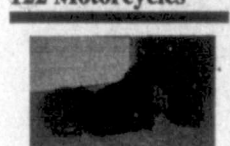
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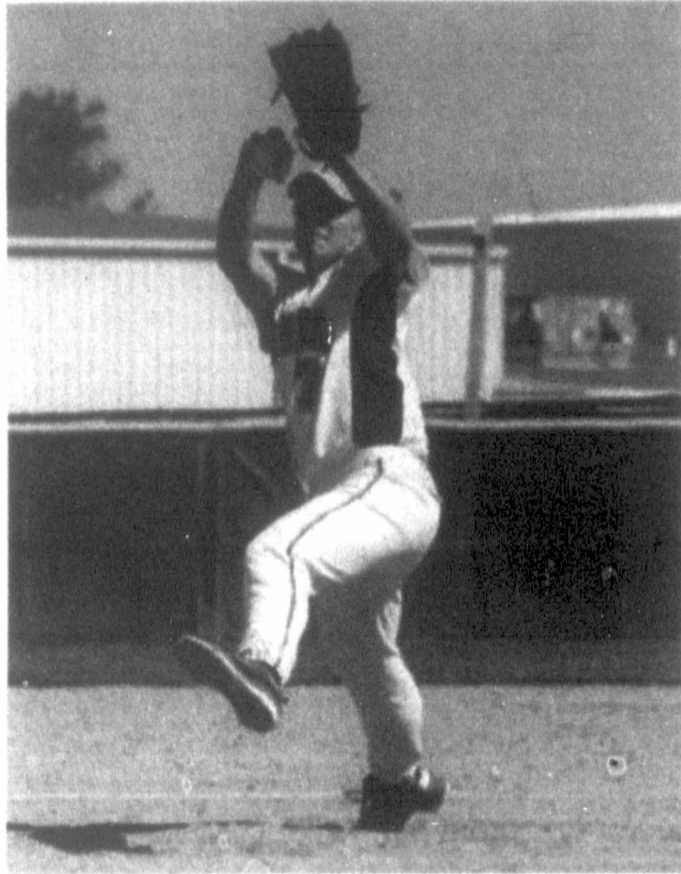


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Sophomore Alexa O'Brien throws a pitch in an April 21 game. O'Brien posted an 11-3 record and might be pitching in her first playoff game this weekend against Midland Greenwood.

ANDREW GLOVER
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Last season, the Midland Greenwood Rangerettes beat the Pampa Lady Harvesters in the area round, handing them their earliest exit from the playoffs since 2004. This season, Pampa hopes for a different outcome as it rematches with Midland Greenwood this weekend in Plainview.

"It's definitely crossed our minds," senior Heather Coffee said about last season's playoff loss.

Game 1 is at 6 p.m. at Plainview

High School. Game 2 is at 11 a.m. Saturday and the third game will be 30 minutes after the second game, if necessary.

Head coach Bobbi Gill said she is excited about seeing Greenwood again.

"I think the kids want it," Gill said. "We are ready to get going."

Last year was the first time the Lady Harvesters had a bye. Senior McKinlee Stokes said the team is more prepared.

"We're not focused on going 9-0 in district," Stokes said. "We're focused on getting farther in the playoffs then we did (last year)."

Coffee pitched in Game 1 last year and said she's confident if she gets called on this season.

"I'm ready for it," Coffee said.

The Rangerettes beat Clint 11-0 and 17-1 in the bi-district round last week. Coffee said Pampa needs to play its best game.

"We just have to stay focused and take it one play at a time," Coffee said.

Gill said her team has to hit well and play good defense.

"We have to be disciplined at the plate and play strong on defense," Gill said.

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This year, the screenings will take place at Pampa Junior High School. Students need to bring their completed paperwork and check in at the girls gym.

Paperwork packets will be distributed by the coaching staffs on Monday, May 7.

It is very important that all paperwork is fully completed and signed by the student and their parent/guardian before arriving on their assigned day.

Please report at the following times:

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Current 6th graders 3:45 p.m.

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