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Appraisal District

excess revenues

first stages of 2011 audit

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The Gray County Appraisal District is currently in the preliminary stages of its 2011 audit due to about

"The excess revenues are a result of three of our senior salaries retiring, and the simple fact that the chief appraiser's position was open about two months, so with those four driving factors, there was a pretty significant amount of revenues left over from the 2011 budget," said Tyson Paronto, Chief Appraiser

"We're having to come to the entities and get their permission to retain parts of it, and refund the remaining part of it," he added. "We have to do it through resolutions and all the proper paperwork in order to

Tuesday, the Gray County Commissioners Court approved a budget amendment that would allow the district to retain about \$60,000 for the purchase of appraisal and mapping software, which would bring the district into compliance with state requirements.

"We're going in a different direction with our

appraisal software, but our mapping software (update) is a result of us being studied by the state Comptroller's

Office, and them writing us up on certain procedures

looks to retain

Agency currently in

\$154,000 in excess revenues.

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IMPECCABLE TASTE



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Lorena and Maria Mejia (from left) prepare samples from downtown Pampa's Mejia's Bakery during Tuesday's inaugural Taste of Pampa, hosted by Altrusa, at M.K. Brown Civic Center. Thirteen vendors participated in the event.

COUNTY ELECTION County's Whitehead loves job

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Gaye Whitehead loves her job.

The county's tax assessor-collector has worked for the county for 27 years, taking over her current position after her predecessor retired midterm in 2003.

sor retired midterm in 2003. The Gray County Commissioner's Court appointed Whitehead to fulfill the term, and she's been happily doing the job

ever since.

"You know, I was very lucky to find my niche here," Whitehead said. "I think when you try to talk about this office, it sounds so boring. But when you take that you're responsible for taxation in 11 entities, collecting motor vehicles, boats and motors, and liquor permits, you can guarantee that a different situation is going to happen in each area every day. You really have to have a mindset that can handle multiple personalities, whether it's your staff or the citizens. This is not a boring job."

Whitehead, who had originally pursued

a career in computers, said she simply fell in love with the job on the day she arrived.

"Somebody approached me

and I thought, 'Oh, that does not even sound close to something I'd want to do,'' Whitehead said. "I came to work here the first day, and everybody in this office was so supportive and so nice.

to come to work here,

I discussed it with my parents, because within this job, you have to get state certification that focuses on all the different areas. You attend courses within the state that just pertains to this position. After I got to learn about it and talked to some people, I thought, 'I want to do this. I want to do

this forever, if I can."

The constant interaction with all kinds of people is a big plus, Whitehead said.

"I've gotten to meet so many people," she said. "I've gotten to visit with them. I really like that part of this job. You have to be willing to really sit and listen to everybody, because everybody has WHITEHEAD cont. on page 5

PTTR planning to turn four lots into community gardens

Produce grown in gardens to be distributed within local neighborhoods

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Paint This Town Red has plans in the works to convert four lots in Pampa into community gardens and places to pray, reflect and meditate. The soon-to-come project began with a little imagination and the church's most recent ministry project.

"About two months ago, I was dreaming, and thought I'd love it if we had a greenhouse to grow produce, but I didn't know where we'd get the land or the greenhouse," said C.J. Frazier, lead pastor of PTTR. "Later, we met up to do a project, and the woman we were helping said she'd love it if we could clean the lot next to her house."

Members of PTTR came out on Easter morning to do repairs at a home for someone in need, and they also cleaned up the lot. In the process, the church learned it was owned by the city, and saw an opportunity where many people would probably have seen less-than-stellar real estate.

The church began to pursue the vacant, rundown lots, and wound

up bidding successfully on four. On Zimmers, Banks, Warren and Huff, the original lot PTTR cleaned on Easter, the lots vary in size from 50 by 50 to 50 by 100. Frazier said the next step is to clean the lots up, level the ground and add things like drip systems.

"Now, the cool part is that we get to start dreaming about how we want it to look," he said. "It's a great way to get the community involved to make the area look better."

Groups within the church will oversee each lot, which will eventually grow produce for people in the neighborhood.

"Each lot is in areas we have served," said Frazier. "Wherever a Red Garden will grow, the produce will be distributed in the neighborhood, so that it gets people excited about taking care of it and getting involved."

"We hope it encourages the neighborhoods and community to take initiative to take care of neighborhoods as a whole and to become a part of beautifying their streets," he added. "It's open to anyone who wants to help GARDENS cont. on page 12

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Today: Mostly sunny, with a high near 87. Breezy, with a south southwest wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 57. South wind around 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 89. Breezy, with a south wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 59. Windy, with a south wind between 20 and 30 mph, with gusts as high as 40 mph.

Saturday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1 p.m. Mostly sunny, with a high near 87. South southwest wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Saturday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 54. West southwest wind 10 to 15 mph becoming northeast.

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Obituaries

Myrtice Romell Pierce, 88

Myrtice Romell Pierce was born March 17, 1924, in Hubbard, to Myrtie Elizabeth and Turner Ambrose Jones. She passed away May 14, 2012, at Pampa, at the age of 88 years, 1 month and 27 days.

Myrtice grew up in Hubbard. She moved to California and was married to Jack Armstrong in 1942, and from that union two sons were born, Robert and Roger. She was married to John Edward Robinson in Flagstaff, Ariz., in 1947. They lived in the Sweetwater community where they farmed and operated a dairy. From this union, two daughters were born, Brenda and Tommie. Ed passed away in 1973. She married Henry Phenix on April 6, 1976, and they lived in Sayre to make their home. After Henry passed away in 1994, she was married to Thomas Connie Pierce at Sayre, Okla., on September 5, 1995, and they continued to live in Sayre.

She was a member of the Buffalo Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husbands; one son, Robert Armstrong; four brothers; and two sis-

She is survived by her two daughters, Brenda Torres and husband, Robert, Sayre, Okla., and Tommie Blount, White Deer; one son, R.D. Armstrong and wife, Maggie, Universal City; 10 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandson; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Family requests that memorials be given to the charity of your choice in lieu of flowers.

Services will be held Thursday, May 17, 2012, at 10 a.m. at Buffalo Baptist Church officiated by Jonathan

Condolences can be made-online at www.whineryfs.

Lewis Lamar "Busy Bee" Lisenby, 48

Lewis Lamar "Busy Bee" Lisenby, 48, of Flower Mound, passed away Tuesday, May 8, 2012. Lewis was born January 25, 1964, in Lubbock. He attended Miami High School in Miami, and graduated class of 1982. On November 5, 1987, Lewis married Lynne Gayle Puckett at The House of the Lord Fellowship Church in Austin.

Lewis attended The North Church in Dallas,. He was a Tech Support Engineer, Level 2, for G.E. Medical at the time of his death. He coached softball for many years. Texas Glory and Baylor University were the teams he loved. Lewis loved all of his fond memories of his dad taking him fishing and hunting when he was younger. He also would tell of how he and his dad were always working on cars and trucks together. He built and fixed computers and liked playing tennis.

Lewis was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, John Lewis Lisenby and Ola Rae Garner Lisenby; and by his maternal grandparents, Chester Scott and Betty Jo Aten Scott.

He is survived by his wife, Lynne Gayle Lisenby; his five children, Lewis Christopher, 19, Christina Lauren, 18, David Aaron, 13, John MacAllen, 12, and Thomas Anthony, 10; both his parents, Clayton Lewis Lisenby and Evelyn Lisenby; his two sisters, Lanece Lisenby and Becky and husband Tim Tatom; his niece, Shady Huffaker and her daughter, Keyra Wilmerton; his father and mother-in-laws, Clyde Arthur Puckett and Opal Rowena Burnett Puckett, Cynthia Leann Noble, Carl Puckett, and Mary Virgina Puckett; his best friends, Jack and Pam Fultz and Mr. and Mrs. Mark Elliott and their family.

Honoring Lewis as Pallbearers are Lewis Christopher Lisenby, Carl Lewis Puckett, Clyde Stephen Noble, Jay Ashley Puckett, Eric Shane Puckett, and Samuel Keith Avery. Serving as Honorary Pallbearers are his children, Christina, David, John and Thomas Lisenby

Memorial contributions can be made in Lewis' Honor for his children at Bank of America, Account #488039380258.

A funeral service was conducted at River Road Baptist Church of Webberville at 2 p.m. Monday, May 14 with the Reverend, Jim Lillard officiating. Interment followed at the Jones Cemetery. Arrangements and care were en-

trusted to Elgin Funeral Home, 712 N. Ave. C, Elgin, TX 78621, 512-281-5697, www.elginfuneralhome.net.

Wayne Garland Stanton, 84

WHEELER-Graveside services for Mr. Wayne Garland Stanton, 84, of Wheeler will be at 3 p.m. Friday, May 18, 2012 at Memory Gardens Cemetery, Pampa, with Pastor Richard Bartel officiating. Burial will follow under the direction of Peppers Family Funeral Home of

Mr. Stanton passed away Monday, May 14, 2012, at Wheeler.

Mr. Stanton was born May 5, 1928, in McLean, to the late Mr. Lloyd and Mrs. Beatrice Stanton. He married Patsy Farrar September 5, 1955, at Monahans. She preceded him in death September 22, 2002. Mr. Stanton retired from Cabot Carbon Black in Pampa. He was a member of the Calvary Baptist Church in Pampa.

Mr. Stanton is survived by his son, Wayne R. Stanton of -Oklahoma City; and six grandchildren.

You may send condolences online at www.peppersfuneralhome.com.

Winifred Edis Turner, 87

Winifred Edis Turner, 87, died April 29, 2012, in Amarillo.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 19, 2012, at Kentucky Street Church of Christ with Bryan Loughmiller, officiating. Inurnment will follow at Alanreed Cemetery. Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.



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Mrs. Turner was born February 1, 1925, in Melrose Park, Ill. She moved to ... California at an early age to help her sister raise her fam-... ily during World War II. Winifred married Billy Andrew Turner on May 9, 1945, in Manhattan Beach, Calif. He preceded her in death on February 24, 2001. She moved to McLean in 1948 and then to Pampa in the early 1950's. She was baptized in Lefors on April 1, 1950. She helped Bill run a Sinclair Gas Station, and owned and operated The Pet Shop in Pampa. She was an avid artist and she painted the bi-centennial mural at Meaker Appliance, and the mural at the White Deer Land Museum as well as signs at the Pampa Optimist Club. Winifred raised canaries as well as many other pets. She was a longtime member of Kentucky Street Church of Christ and was currently attending Somerville Church of Christ. Her hobbies included trail riding, quilting, ceramics, oil painting and gardening. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, and she loved spending time with her family.

Survivors include three sons, Billy A. Turner Jr. and wife Barbara of Pampa, Dexter A. Turner and wife Cindy of Plano and Neil Turner and wife Usha of Rockwall? four daughters, Jennifer Tomlinson and husband Dan of Crowley, Loretta Turner of Pampa, Nelda Webb of Bridgeport, and Christina McCown and husband Robert of White Deer; 15 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren; a niece, Barbara Jean Barela of Warrenton, Ore.; two brothers-in-law, Joe Turner and Vernon Turner, both of Amarillo; and a sister-in-law, Auna Barnes of Fort Worth. She was preceded in death by her parents, Charles Holland Edis and Hannah Miriam Noyce Edis; a sister, Miriam "Sis" Heller; a brother, John Edis; a granddaughter, Colby Katherine Finn Turner; and son-in-law,

Memorials may be made to PAWS, P.O. Box 2095. Pampa, TX 79066-2095, or BSA Hospice, P.O. Box 950, " Amarillo, TX 79105.

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For the record

Police Department

The Pampa Police Department reported the fol-24 hour period ending of North Wynne.

Wednesday, May 16 at 7 a.m. Animal Control agents and the Pampa PD reported 23 animal related incidents.

traffic related incidents.

to five medical calls. Tuesday, May 15 A domestic disturbance

Pampa EMS responded

lowing incidents for the occurred at the 400 block 30th.

the 1900 block of West Al- bart. cock

the 100 block of South Sumner and the 1800 block Pampa PD reported 17 of North Russell.

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Disorderly conduct oc- Graham and the 1400 block curred at the 4000 block of of North Sumner. North Bad Cattle Company and the 100 block of West

A theft occurred at the A burglary occurred at 2600 block of North Ho-

An accident occurred at

nance occurred at the 600

block of Red Deer.

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South Barnes. Phone harassment was North Village. reported at the 1200 block

of North Garland. the 900 block of East Fran- East Craven.

Disorderly conduct oc- reported at the 1600 block

North Starkweather.

curred at the 400 block of of East Craven.

Phone harassment was"

reported at the 800 block of East Locust. A suspicious vehicle was

reported at Duncan and Browning. A runaway was reported

A theft was reported at the 100 block of East Cra- at Louisiana and Charles. Suspicious vehicles were

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curred at the 1100 block of of East Highway 60. A domestic disturbance Criminal mischief oc- occurred at the 700 block

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Medicare fraud gets nurse prison

HOUSTON (AP) - A judge has sentenced a Houston-area nurse to eight years and a month in prison after a jury convicted her of a \$5.2 million Medicare fraud scheme.

Former Family Healthcare Group nursing director Ezinne Ubani also must pay \$2.5 million in restitution. U.S. District Judge Nancy Atlas sentenced her in Houston on Wednesday after a jury convicted her last May of conspiracy count and making false state-

Trial evidence showed she falsified documents to support the fraudulent payments. She's the seventh defendant to be sentenced in the case, with three others still to be sentenced.

Envelopes linked to individual

DALLAS (AP) - The FBI says it suspects the recent mailings of hundreds of envelopes containing white powder are the work of one North Texan.

An FBI statement Wednesday says a \$150,000 reward is being offered for conviction of a person suspected of mailing nationally and overseas more than 380 threatening letters in envelopes containing white powder. Most recently, more than 20 of the letters were mailed the week of May 7 to daycare centers, elementary schools and an aerospace-related business.

The powder was later determined to be non-hazardous, but the mailings have had recipients on edge.

The letters have been sent to schools, daycare centers, aerospace-related businesses, government offices, restaurants and overseas U.S. embassies.

CPS: Boy not ready to meet parents

HOUSTON (AP) — Child welfare officials in Texas say a Houston boy found in March after being kidnapped as an infant eight years ago is still not ready to meet his parents.

At a court hearing Wednesday in Houston, Child Protective Services officials updated state District Judge Mike Schneider on the case of 8-year-old Miguel Morin. The boy will remain in the state's care at least until a Sept. 12 hearing.

CPS officials say a therapist working with Miguel doesn't believe he's ready to have visits with his par-

Officials say Miguel's parents, Auboni Champion-Morin and Fernando Morin, who live in Houston, are being cooperative and have received photographs of the boy. The father's attorney says the parents "are holding

The boy's baby sitter and her mother face kidnapping

Trial opens in ex-priest plot

DALLAS (AP) - Trial has begun in Dallas of a former Roman Catholic priest accused of plotting the death of a man who accused him of sexual abuse.

A neighbor of John M. Fiala when the former priest lived in suburban Dallas accused Fiala of asking him to kill his accuser. That accuser had said Fiala abused him at Fiala's former rural West Texas parish in 2008 when the man was 16.

The Dallas Morning News reports prosecutors told a Dallas County jury Wednesday that Fiala was distraught over the four-count indictment, which is still pending in Edwards County. Now, if convicted of solicitation of capital murder,

Fiala could be sentenced to up to life in prison.

Fiala's attorney told jurors the death plot was Fiala's neighbor's idea.

Town protests immigration checks

ANTHONY, New Mexico (AP) - Immigration activists say about 400 residents of this tiny border town have signed a petition demanding that the newly created police department stop random immigration

Border Network for Human Rights spokeswoman Christina Parker said the signatures will be delivered to the city council Wednesday after receiving several reports of police officers enforcing immigration law.

Parker says that the city was recently incorporated and that they have received information that the police department has been performing immigration duties, sometimes in coordination with federal immigration agencies. There was no immediate comment by the Anthony police department.

The BNHR says when police departments enforce immigration law, residents are less likely to cooperate with law enforcement agencies.

Houston cop's acquittal upsets some

jury's acquittal Wednesday of a former Houston police officer in the alleged beating of a 15-year-old burglary suspect during a videotaped arrest upset black community leaders who criticized the verdict as unjust and racist.

Andrew Blomberg, 29, was the first of four fired police officers to stand trial for their roles in the alleged beating of Chad Holley during a daylight arrest on March 2010. The incident involving the black teen, now 18, prompted fierce public criticism of the Police Department by community activists who called it another example of police brutality against minorities.

Blomberg fought back tears after the verdict was read, then hugged his attorneys and started to cry as he embraced his parents. He could have faced up to a year in jail if convicted of official oppression, a misdemeanor that in this case alleged Blomberg as a public servant intentionally mistreated Holley by kicking him.

"This is the only thing I've ever wanted to do in my entire life," Blomberg said, referring to being a police officer. "And I'm just glad this part is finally over."

He said he will "take a deep breath" before deciding whether to try and go back into law enforcement.

During his trial, Blomberg, who is white, testified that he didn't mistreat Holley and denied kicking or stomping on the teen's head or neck. He said he only used his foot to move Holley's arm after he refused to comply with an order to put his hands behind his back.

Jurors declined to comment after the verdict.

Community activists who were gathered in the hallway outside the courtroom yelled "Racism!" and "Injustice!" after hearing the outcome

"It is pathetic. It is unacceptable," the Rev. James Dixon of the Community of Faith Church said of the jury's decision. "This kind of expression says to me, to my children and to every black child in the city, 'Your life is not worth manure."

Quanell X, the community activist who had released the video of the alleged beating to the media, called the verdict "wrong" and criticized the lack of blacks or other minorities on the six-person

"They knew what they were doing with an all-white jury," he said.

Blomberg denied that his actions during the arrest were racially motivated. To those who insist Holley was treated a certain way because of his race, Blomberg said, "They weren't out there that

His attorney, Dick DeGuerin, also said "it is not and was not a racial thing."

"It's been made into that by others for their own reasons," he said.

Asked why there weren't any blacks or minorities on

HOUSTON (AP) — A the jury, DeGuerin said most of the African-Americans in the jury pool had already made up their minds that Blomberg was guilty.

Harris County District Attorney Pat Lykos said while she respectfully disagreed with the jury's decision, she also accepted it.

"Our prosecutors conducted themselves with professionalism and dedication to the pursuit of justice. We are prepared to go to trial on the remaining three cases," she said in a statement.

The other officers also are charged with official oppression. Two of them face another misdemeanor as well: violating the civil rights of a prisoner. Their trial dates have not been set.

"They will never again be Houston police officers whatever the verdict is in the criminal trial," said Houston Mayor Annise Parker, who disagreed with the verdict.

Holley testified that he didn't resist arrest and that he briefly lost consciousness during the incident with the officers.

At trial, Blomberg's attorneys told jurors he was next to Holley for less than four seconds before running off to help another officer. The defense also pointed out that Blomberg was accused of kicking Holley on the left side of his head but that photos presented at trial showed the teen's injuries were on

the right side of his head. In the video footage from a security camera, which jurors were shown in court, Holley is seen falling to the ground after trying to hurdle a police squad car. He's then surrounded by at least five officers, some who appear to kick and hit his head, abdomen and legs.

Prosecutors told jurors Blomberg kicked Holley several times and Houston Police Chief Charles McClelland Jr. testified that he believed Blomberg kicked and stomped on the

Defense attorneys countered he was only trying to secure a potentially armed suspect. Several officers testified supporting Blomberg's claim that Holley was resisting arrest.

Blomberg and the officers told jurors that before arresting Holley, they had been told the teen and several other suspects were potentially armed and dangerous bold daytime burglaries.

The defense tried to portray Holley as a gang member and Blomberg told jurors he thought at the time of the arrest the teen might

participants in a series of have been in a gang. Holley denied being a gang mem-

> Holley was convicted of burglary in juvenile court in October 2010 and placed on probation.

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To the Citizens of Gray County: It has been my privilege to serve you this past 15 years as your Sheriff. I can think of no greater honor than to be entrusted by you to do this job. I have served the public as a Peace Officer most of my adult life, beginning in 1963. I have been a city police officer, a deputy sheriff, and served 27 years as a Texas DPS Trooper. In total, I have 47 years experience in my profession. I know what it takes to be a law enforcement officer. In addition, I know what it is to be an administrator in this day and age. The Sheriff's Office and Gray County Jail are staffed and operated every minute of every day. There are state and federal regulations that have to be followed to remain in compliance, and we are well-versed in these issues. Integrity and trust have always been a priority during my time as Sheriff, and will continue to be. We have in the past and continue to have a good working relationships with the Courts, the District and County Attorney offices, the Pampa Police Department, the Texas Department of Public Safety, and other law enforcement agencies. I want to thank you for supporting me as your sheriff these past 15 years. I still have the passion for law enforement and greatly desire to be your Sheriff for another FULL 4 year term. -Don Copeland

Viewpoints

Today in History

Today is Thursday, May 17, the 138th day of 2012. There are 228 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 17, 1937, Teddy Hill and His Orchestra recorded "King Porter Stomp" for RCA Victor's Bluebird label in New York; making his recording debut was trumpeter Dizzy Gillespie.

On this date:

In 1510, Early Renaissance painter Sandro Botticelli died in Florence, Italy; he was probably in his mid

In 1792, the New York Stock Exchange had its origins as a group of brokers met under a tree on Wall Street.

In 1849, fire erupted in St. Louis, Mo., resulting in the loss of three lives, more than 400 buildings and some two dozen steamships.

In 1912, the Socialist Party of America nominated Eugene V. Debs for president at its convention in Indianapolis.

In 1939, Britain's King George VI and Queen Elizabeth arrived in Quebec on the first visit to Canada by reigning British sovereigns.

In 1946, President Harry S. Truman seized control of the nation's railroads, delaying — but not preventing — a threatened strike by engineers and trainmen.

In 1954, the U.S. Supreme Court, in Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka, unanimously struck down racially segregated public schools.

In 1961, Cuban leader Fidel Castro offered to release prisoners captured in the Bay of Pigs invasion in exchange for 500 bulldozers. (The prisoners were eventually freed in exchange for medical supplies.)

In 1971, "Godspell," a contemporary musical inspired by the Gospel According to St. Matthew, opened off-Broadway at the Cherry Lane Theatre.

In 1980, rioting that claimed 18 lives erupted in Miami's Liberty City after an all-white jury in Tampa acquitted four former Miami police officers of fatally beating black insurance executive Arthur McDuffie.

In 1987, 37 American sailors were killed when an Iraqi warplane attacked the U.S. Navy frigate Stark in the Persian Gulf. (Iraq apologized for the attack, calling it a mistake, and paid more than \$27 million in compensation.)

Ten years ago: Former President Jimmy Carter ended a historic visit to Cuba sharply at odds with the Bush administration over how to deal with Fidel Castro, saying limits on tourism and trade often hurt Americans more than Cubans. Joe Black, the first black pitcher to win a World Series game, for the Brooklyn Dodgers in 1952, died in Scottsdale, Ariz.,

Five years ago: President George W. Bush and retiring British Prime Minister Tony Blair held a joint news conference at the White House, during which Blair allowed not a single regret about the Iraq war alliance. World Bank President Paul Wolfowitz announced he would resign at the end of June 2007, following controversy over his handling of a pay package for his girlfriend. Trains crossed the border dividing the two Koreas for the first time in more than half a century.

One year ago: Queen Elizabeth II began the first visit by a British monarch to the Republic of Ireland, a four-day trip to highlight strong Anglo-Irish relations and the success of Northern Ireland peacemaking. Former California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger issued a statement confirming a Los Angeles Times report that he had fathered a child with a woman on his household staff more than a decade earlier. (Schwarzenegger and his wife, Maria Shriver, had announced their separation on May 9, 2011.) Baseball Hall of Famer Harmon Killebrew, 74, died in Scottsdale, Ariz.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Peter Gerety is 72. Singer Taj Mahal is 70. Singer-songwriter Jesse Winchester is 68. Rock musician Bill Bruford is 63. Singer-musician George Johnson (The Brothers Johnson) is 59. TV personality Kathleen Sullivan is 59. Actor Bill Paxton is 57. Boxing Hall-of-Famer Sugar Ray Leonard is 56. Actor-comedian Bob Saget is 56. Sports announcer Jim Nantz is 53. Singer Enya is 51. Talk show host-actor Craig Ferguson is 50. Rock singer-musician Page McConnell is 49. Actor David Eigenberg is 48. Singer-musician Trent Reznor (Nine Inch Nails) is 47. Actress Paige Turco is 47. Rhythm-and-blues musician O'Dell (Mint Condition) is 47. Actor Hill Harper is 46. TV personality/ interior designer Thom Filicia is 43. Singer Jordan Knight is 42. Rhythm-and-blues singer Darnell Van Rensalier (Shai) is 42. Actress Sasha Alexander is 39. Rock singer-musician Josh Homme is 39. Rock singer Andrea Corr (The Corrs) is 38. Actor Sendhil Ramamurthy is 38. Actress Rochelle Aytes is 36. Singer Kandi Burruss is 36. Actress Kat Foster is 34. Actor Tahj Mowry is 26. Actress Nikki Reed is 24. Actress Leven Rambin is 22. Actress Samantha Browne-Walters is 21. Actor Justin Martin is 18.

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Marriage decision energizes Hispanics

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ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) -President Barack Obama's shift to support gay marriage is energizing young Hispanic voters who have been working side-by-side with gay activists in their push for immigration reform. The alliance has been growing nationwide and helping dispel what many say is an outdated notion that Hispanics are less tolerant of gays than the general public.

"My members are telling me that we need to learn from the gay community," said Dee Dee Garcia Blase, founder of the Phoenix-based Somos Republicans. She is now head of the Tequila Party, which she formed last year with the goal of registering young Hispanics to vote for immigrationfriendly candidates like Obama.

"We need to take a lesson from the (lesbian and gay) community with regard to being that loud, squeaky wheel that gets fixed," Blase said. "We need to be more aggressive, and we realize it.'

Both the Democratic and Republican parties are focused heavily on winning the Hispanic vote, not just because it holds the key to battleground states but because Latinos make up the fastestgrowing minority group. The government projects Hispanics will account for roughly 30 percent of the population by 2050, doubling in size and boosting their political power. Some 600,000 young Hispanics who were born in the U.S. turn 18 each year, entering a widening pool of more than 21 million Hispanic eligible voters.

Conservative Hispanics see the president's endorsement of same-sex marriage as an opportunity to draw Latinos to the Republican Party. According to a 2007 religion survey of U.S. Latinos by the Pew Research Center's Forum on Religion & Public Life, twothirds of Hispanics said their religious beliefs are an important influence on their political thinking. While more than two-thirds of Hispanics identified themselves as Roman Catholic, 15 percent said they were born-again Protestants. Evangelical Latinos, who cite Biblical teaching for their stance against homosexuality, are twice as likely as those who are Catholic to vote Republican.

But a poll released in April 2011 by the National Council of La Raza, the nation's largest Hispanic civil rights advocacy organization, and Social Science Research Solutions, a public opinion research firm, indicated that while 66 percent of those surveyed identified as Roman Catholic, 49 percent favored allowing same-sex marriage and that number climbed to 59 percent in favor of giving gay and lesbian couples the same legal rights as married couples.

A surprising 69 percent in the La Raza poll favored allowing gay or lesbian couples to marry in their church or religious institution and 52 percent did not view homosexuality as a sin, compared to 38 percent who did. Some 69 percent said good Christians should accept all people as God's creation and not cast judgment, while 60 percent

viewed discrimination against gays and lesbians as a sin. Most of those surveyed, 71 percent, were under the age of 50.

While Republican George W. Bush won 44 percent of the Hispanic vote when he was re-elected in 2004, by 2008, 67 percent of the Hispanic vote had swung toward Obama. And that vote was pivotal to his success in states like Colorado, where exit polls show Republican Sen. John McCain would have won if only Caucasians had voted.

For many young Hispanics, both immigrant and U.S.-born, the DREAM Act — which would offer students who entered the country illegally as children a pathway to citizenship — is a key issue. Obama supports the proposal, while Romney's hard line against the measure, which he has called a handout, has alienated many Hispanic voters. The Pew Hispanic Center found in a December 2011 survey that 91 percent support the legislation.

Juan Rodriguez, who is active in the Florida Immigrant Coalition and an immigrant himself, said the gay rights and immigrant rights movements are "very aligned and becoming moreso

The co-president of Blase's Tequila Party, Shara Mora James is gay. And two leaders in the movement to pass the DREAM Act, have recently taken over two emerging gay rights groups, Freedom to Work and Get Equal.

"The immigrant rights movement is grounded on advocating with the most oppressed out of our community, and in many cases, that has been queer undocumented youth," said Rodriguez. "We are figuring out more and more ways of supporting each other because we all grew up being told we needed to live in fear because of the communities

Hispanic leaders and political watchers say they don't expect Obama's announcement to have much impact on the Latino vote, which could be key to victory in battleground states like New Mexico, Florida, Nevada and

'No, no, no, no. It's not going to affect my vote," said Sister "Molly" Maria Luisa Munoz, a Roman Catholic nun in Denver who works with immigrants and the gay and lesbian community. "My mother straightened us out right away," she said. "God made everybody. How we came out? That's God's creation. Nobody should judge."

At Barela's Coffee House in Albuquerque's predominantly Hispanic South Valley, manager Geri Lucero said when the talk turns to politics there, it's almost always about the economy.

"Economics is more important right now because people are struggling with their money," the 57-year-old said, noting that conversation last Thursday, the day after Obama's announcement, revolved around two recent pit bull maulings, not gay marriage.

Will Obama's stance impact her vote? No, she replied.

Despite the increased acceptance of homosexuality and same-sex marriage among Hispanics, one of the most

recent polls of registered voters on the issue, from Quinnipiac University in July 2011, shows only 37 percent of Hispanics said they would support a law in their state that would allow same-sex couples to get married, compared with 46 percent overall. But a Pew Research Center survey of Latinos in March 2011 showed 59 percent of Hispanics said homosexuality should be accepted by society, compared to 58 percent of the general population.

Gary Segura, director of Chicano studies at Stanford University, said that even though Hispanics hold more conservative views on family and social issues than the general population, "it's not how Latinos vote. It's about jobs, the economy, education."

The morning after Obama's announcement discussion on a Spanish-language radio station popular with Cuban-Americans in Miami focused on the president's embrace of same-sex marriage, but callers seemed more interested in the likely political calculations that went into the decision than in slamming the president for violating their religious principles.

Delsa Bernardo, who co-owns Yiya's Gourmet Cuban Bakery and Café in Miami with her life partner, said Obama's shift has actually reenergized her support for the president. Bernardo said she backed Obama in 2008 but has since become disiflusioned with him, mostly over the difficulty she's had in getting business loans from banks that received the bailouts backed by the president.

"It might swing my vote more to him because he's more open on this,"

Still, some conservative Hispanics said they will use Obama's endorsement of gay marriage to try to woo more Latinos to the Republican Party.

About 25 conservatives representing 10 southern Nevada churches met last Thursday at the Casa Don Juan restaurant in downtown Las Vegas. The group of pastors, Hispanic activists and social conservatives blasted Obama's nce, fretting about the future of the

tamily in the United States.

"He's destroying the fabric of the family," said Juan Sclafani, a Republican pastor at the First Spanish Baptist Church in Las Vegas. "His motivation is to get votes, but he doesn't realize that he is destroying our nation."

Alfonso Aguilar, executive director of the Latino Partnership for Conservative Principles in Washington, D.C., said his group expects to use the gay marriage debate to recruit new Hispanic supporters for Romney. They plan to focus on voter registration in Nevada and then branch out to Florida, North Carolina, Colorado and New Mexico.

Colorado's Democratic Party Chairman Rick Palacio, who is both gay and Hispanic, said it was difficult to say how Obama's statements would affect the presidential race in Colorado.

"While it may not be the most politically advantageous decision to make, he made the right decision," Palacio said. "I think that's more important than anything else. He's putting the right thing to do ahead of politics."

Letter to the Editor

GCSO employees support sheriff

We would like to take a minute to thank our wonderful Gray County Sheriff. We have employees that have been working for Gray County Sheriff's Office for 20 years, and some that are also new to our staff, but the fact remains that Don Copeland is seen from his employees as a man of integrity, principle,

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our sheriff and look forward to the years ahead with him standing for

Employees of Gray County Sheriff's Office: Wenddy Davila, Sharron Gonzalez, Daniel Woody, Nathan Smith, Melissa Moore, Travis Pitman, Ronnie Terry, Zach Murray, Joseph Alumbaugh, Connie McDowell, April Vasquez, Ben Rodriguez, Brandon Howell. Cotton Hargrove, Jeoffry Bowley. **Brett Powell and Barbara Marshall**

Protect pets from pests

Uncle Matty MATTHEW "UNCLE MATTY" MARGOLIS

Summer brings outdoor fun, warm weather and a closer relationship with Mother Nature and all her offspring including pests that can affect your dog's health.

Creator's Syndicate

This time of year, vets see more dogs who are eating their normal fare but experiencing weight loss. This could be caused by a lot of things, but any dog who eats what he normally eats and suddenly starts losing weight needs to see a veterinarian. Among other things, this is a symptom of heartworm (Dirofilaria immitis), which is caused by a parasitic worm that infests the pulmonary arteries after the dog has been bitten by a mosquito that has previously bitten an infected dog. The disease is life threatening and must be treated promptly.

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Other signs of an infected dog include coughing after physical exertion and labored breathing. You could protect your dog by avoiding exposure to mosquitoes, but that's impossible if he goes outside when mosquitoes are in season. So the best protection is preventive medication for heartworm, which can only be administered if your dog has not been infected.

Unfortunately, there is no protection against the West Nile virus, also carried by the pesky mosquito. Keep your dog indoors at sunset and during the early evening hours when those disease-laden pests are hunting for blood.

Puppies abound this time of year, and they start their basic vaccinations at about 6 to 8 weeks of age. Followups continue every four to six weeks until the pup reaches about 4 months of age. Until that time, your pup isn't protected from some of the more prominent and serious diseases - distemper and parvovirus — and it's best to keep him out of dog parks and group obedience classes until

Internal and external parasites are big problems, especially now. Beware of fleas, ticks, flies and lice, all of which carry disease and cause serious

allergic reactions. Fleas also transmit internal parasites.

What can you do about these pests? Inspect your dog regularly. Look beneath the fur to the skin for signs of fleas and for ticks. Check him head to toe. Fleas are sneaky little buggers, and there is more than one variety. Some prefer ears. Others lurk in armpits. And when you come looking for them, they scatter so rapidly that you'll miss them if you are not diligent. If your dog is scratching frantically or digging into his skin ferociously with his teeth, you can be sure you have a problem that needs tending. There are many types of flea protection, so ask your veterinarian

Embedded ticks must be removed immediately and disposed of, and this is no easy task. You may want your vet to handle this. Ticks cause blood loss and eventual anemia, Rocky Mountain spotted fever and other blood diseases; the most common today is Lyme dis-

which kind is best for your dog.

Once any and all pests have been removed from your dog, treat your home with a thorough cleaning and the use of an appropriate, nontoxic pesticide. Disinfect all areas, including your dog's bedding. If your home is infested, a professional exterminator may be the best choice.

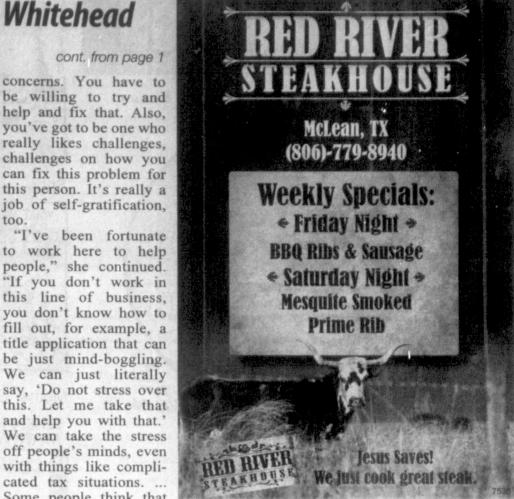
Dog trainer Matthew "Uncle Matty" Margolis is co-author of 18 books about dogs, a behaviorist, a popular radio and television guest, and host of the PBS series "WOOF! It's a Dog's

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concerns. You have to be willing to try and help and fix that. Also, you've got to be one who really likes challenges, challenges on how you can fix this problem for this person. It's really a job of self-gratification,

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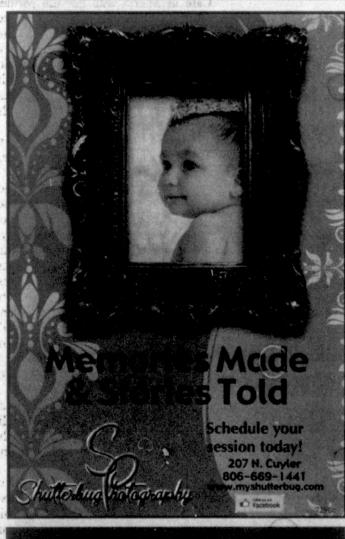
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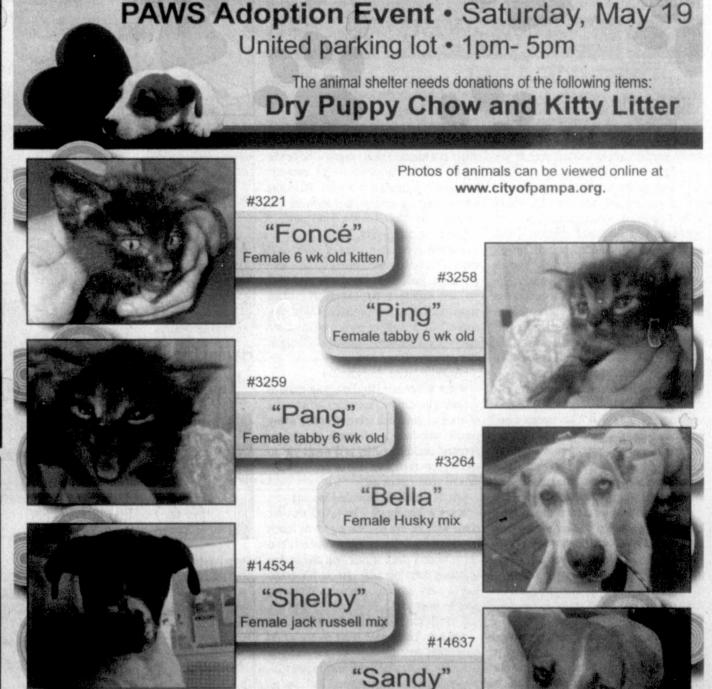
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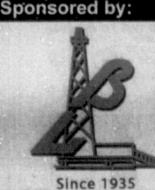
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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

*** You become more aware of what you have to offer. Be sure to maintain your needs as well. Your budget could become an area for scrutiny. Wearing rosecolored shades might be fun, but it could cause a fiscal disaster. Tonight: Enjoy yourself without breaking the bank.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★★ You smile, and others cannot help but respond. Do you have your wish list nearby? If so, you might want to zero in on a coveted item. Others seem only too happy to pave the way. Your creativtown red.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★ A lot might be going on around workplace. You might only be seeing one facet of a situation. Know that this trait is neither all good nor all bad. You simply Tonight: Not to be found.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Zero in on what you feel is important. You have a tendency to sell yourself short or become insecure. You'll do such a great job at covering up your feelings that you might not even know how you really feel. Go for what you want. Tonight: You are the party.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Events seem to naturally unfurl in a positive manner. You'll step up to the plate, but be aware that your finances could

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, May ing a monetary situation very differently. Tonight: You are the lead player.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) *** You might have difficulty stay-

personality emerges even more and draws ing anchored. A key person in your life are single, the world is your oyster. Have is just hard to pin down to get answers. fun choosing the most suitable partner for Let your imagination run wild. Welcome you. If you are attached, curb a tendency a brainstorming session, and answers will to be a little too me-oriented. Your part- emerge. Tonight: Relax to a good movie.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

*** Your awareness of others and in your decision-making process. You are their expectations sometimes could cause you angst. Recognize your limits and what you are willing to do. Others tend to be unpredictable at this juncture. Curb your Use this time well. Don't go to battle with anger. Take a walk or participate in some other stress-reducing exercise. Tonight: Dinner with a loved one.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ You need to allow your mind to wander a little more. You often are a source of unusual ideas that seem to satisfy many people who have a difference of opinion. A friend could be pushy and wants you to spend more time with him or her. Tonight: Where your friends are.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ You might want to rethink your plans with an eye to clearing up as much as you can in order to enjoy yourself. You come from a place of strength and understanding. Schedule a late lunch; you could ity will come into play. Tonight: Paint the find it very relaxing. Tonight: Whatever soothes your soul.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

*** You might want to try to do you, especially in your community or something very different than the way you typically do, so take a risk and do just that. You will enjoy the excitement and change of pace. Your imagination leads the way. perceive things in a comfortable manner. Bring others together to join you. Tonight: Continue the fun.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

*** If you can take the day or part of the day off from your routine, do. You could find that the change not only reinvigorates you but also impacts a close loved one. In this freeing atmosphere, you'll discover a new vitality. Tonight: Close to home.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

*** Your words have power. How you decide to integrate an important matter could make someone very comfortable, or just the opposite. As you claim your powcome into play. This situation could cost er, recognize the impact you would like to you. A partner could be confused or view- have here. Tonight: Join your friends.

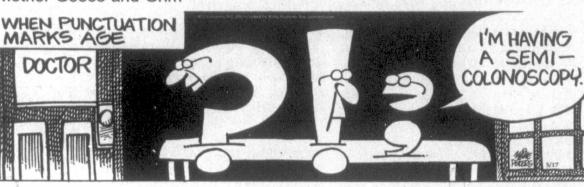
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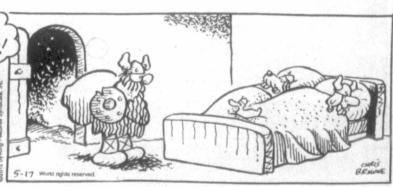






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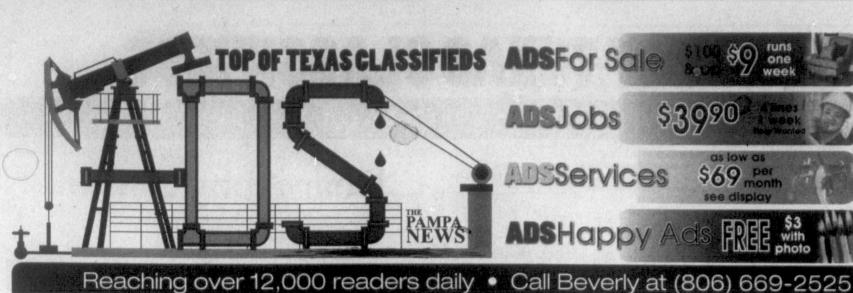




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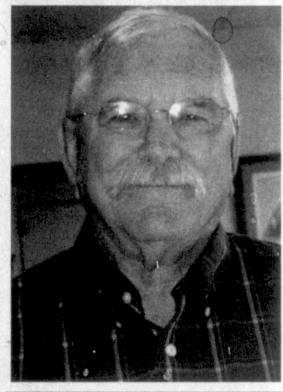
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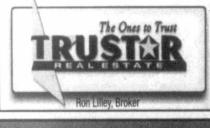
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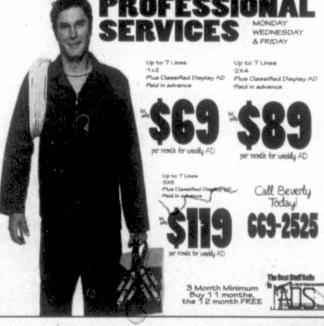








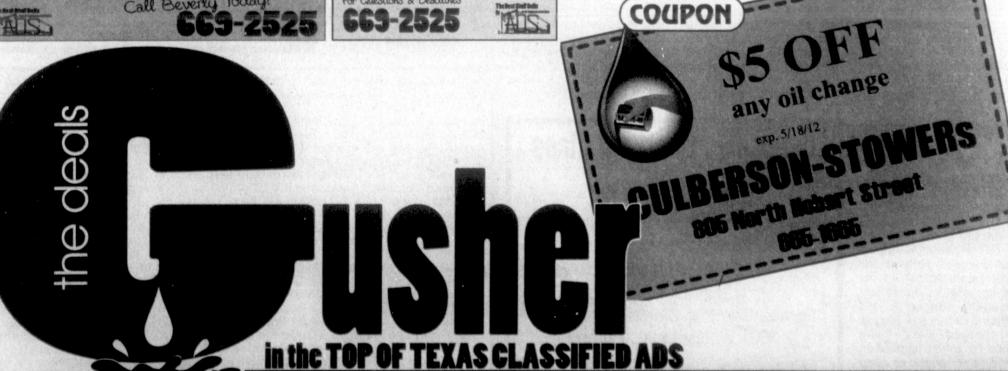






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Lady Harvesters seek first berth in regional finals

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The Pampa Lady Harvesters look to make history as they aim for their first regional final berth against the Kennedale Lady Cats in the regional semifinals at Wichita Falls Friday.

"I'm excited for the girls," head coach Bobbi Gill said. "I'm excited to be here and hoping we can make something hap-

Senior catcher Alanna Stephens said she's looking forward to the series.

"We've never experienced this before," Stephens said. "It's a new experience for everyone.'

The last time the Lady Harvesters advanced to the regional semifinals was in 2008, when this year's senior class were freshmen. Pampa advanced after winning in three games against the Lamesa Golden Tornadoes. The Lady Cats advanced with a 2-1 series victory against Iowa Park.

Game 1 is 7 p.m. Friday and Game 2 is 10 a.m. Saturday at the softball fields at Memorial Stadium.

Stephens said facing elimination last series helped the team.

"It helped us appreciate it more and want it more," Stephens said.

Gill said she is pleased with her lineup and how they are hitting.

"There really isn't a weak spot in it," Gill said. "Every game, someone else steps up and it's a different part that pro-

Sophomore pitcher Alexa O'Brien, who is 4-0 with a 0.50 ERA in the playoffs, said she's confident but doesn't hope it will go that far.

"I think we can do it but it wouldn't be better for us," O'Brien said. "We need to stick to two games."

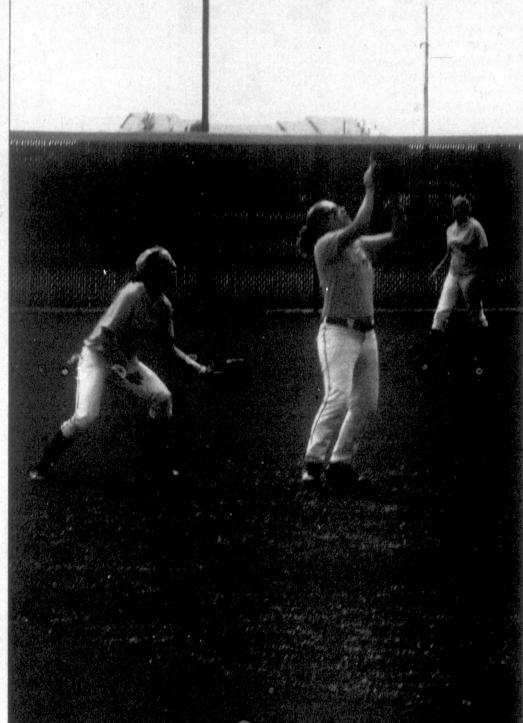
O'Brien said she thinks the team has a good chance of advancing.

"I think if we make the routine plays that we can, hit the ball like we should, we should have this no matter what,' O'Brien said. "I think we can definitely make it to state. We just have to trust ourselves and what we are capable of."

Stephens said the team doesn't know much about Kennedale but has to execute. "It's going to be exactly the same (as last week)," Stephens said. "Go in and

play our game." Gill said the Lady Cats are similar to the Lady Harvesters and is looking for-

ward to the series. "I'm excited to see how we match up and get going and see where it all plays



Junior Bailey Beck catches a pop out against Lamesa Saturday. The Lady Harvesters hope to catch a spot in the regional finals for the first time in the team's history.

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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 a

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 an error. Glo-Valve fied 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 KadeParker, 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 Lemke 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 The Pampa Optimist Youth Club is a Pampa United Way agency

DODGE CITY



staff photo by Andrew Glover

Senior Latigo Collins runs to peg an opponent during the Leo Club Dodgeball Tournament Tuesday at McNeely Fieldhouse. Twelve teams competed in the tournament.

McNamee: I didn't make up accusations against Clemens

WASHINGTON (AP)
- Roger Clemens' lawyer toyed with Brian McNamee's memory and attacked him from several directions at once. The attorney even put an easel next to the witness with the words: "MISTAKE. BAD MEMORY. LIE." Eventually, there came the inevitable question: "Do you sometimes just make

McNamee has frequently taken long pauses before answering questions in three days on the witness stand, but he didn't hesitate this time. He leaned into the microphone and said softly but assuredly: "I didn't make it up."

Clemens' chief accuser was on the stand for two hours of aggressive cross-examination Wednesday on one of the most important days — perhaps the most important in the perjury trial of the seventime Cy Young Award winning pitcher. Clemens is charged with lying when he told Congress in 2008 that he never used steroids or human growth hormone.

McNamee has testified he injected Clemens with both, and the credibility of Clemens' former friend and longtime strength coach will no doubt be the No. 1 topic when the jury starts deliberating the

Going for style over substance, Clemens lawyer Rusty Hardin was as colorful as his outfit bright orange tie, creamcolored suit - and continued his practice of mispronouncing the witness' name as mac-nah-MAY instead of MAC-nah-mee. He skipped from topic to topic without warning, often confusing McNamee while trying to sow seeds of doubt in the jurors'

McNamee, who has

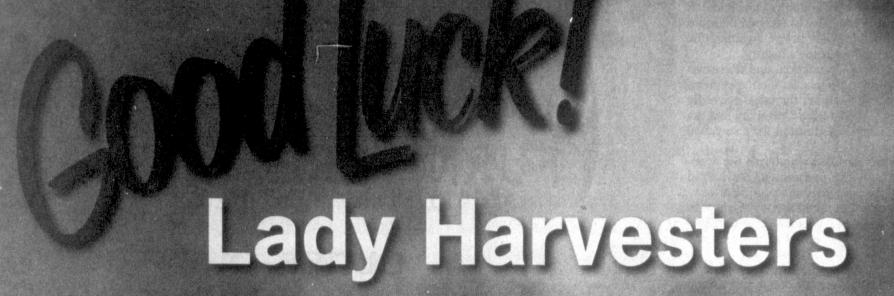
now spent 12 hours on the stand with more to come on Thursday, alternated between fidgety and focused. At various times he looked curiously at the courtroom ceiling, draped his arm around his chair, or leaned forward to scratch an itchy foot while Hardin was asking questions. McNamee sometimes seemed perplexed by simple yes-orno questions and stumbled through an answer about his birthday.

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Agency defends award of grant without review

DALLAS (AP) — Leaders of a \$3 billion cancer research initiative in Texas sought Wednesday to dampen criticism over not ordering a scientific review before awarding the largest commercial grant in the agency's history.

Officials with the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas defended the state's decision to approve a \$20 million grant without requiring the usual scientific vetting. The funds were given to Rice University and the M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston for a so-called incubator project.

Robert Ulrich, a venture capitalist who heads the agency's commercialization review council, acknowledged during a conference call for reporters that scientific reviewers are typically asked to look at applications presented to his panel. But that wasn't necessary for the incubator project "because this had no scientific content to be reviewed," he said.

The project, awarded jointly to the two institutions in March, will focus on creating cancer drugs and startup companies, officials have said.

The cancer-fighting agency, known as CPRIT, was established in 2007.

It came under fire last week when its chief scientific officer, Dr. Alfred Gilman, criticized the funding process in a letter of resignation. He said the Rice/M.D. Anderson project should have been scrutinized by the agency's scientific review panel. Gilman, who won the Nobel Prize for medicine in 1994, has not responded to interview requests from The Associated Press.

Speaking to reporters along with Ulrich Wednesday, the agency's executive director, Bill Gimson, said evaluating an incubator is largely a matter of studying a business plan.

"It's not a science review," he said. "It's a business plan review, looking at what these individuals and organizations can do in terms of bringing products out of academia and getting them to patients."

Ulrich and Gimson admitted that the Rice proposal was considered without an in-person presentation from the university. But Gimson said that was only because no one was in place to answer the committee's questions at the time.

"One of the most important components (for an incubator) is the leader," he said. "So the endorsement was contingent on the right person being named, and that has happened."

Appraisal

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our mapping software would not perform," said Paronto. "Once we get all of the results from the taxing jurisdictions as to whether they approve or disapprove of our retaining these funds, which has to be a majority vote for us to be able to retain it, we will finish up our 2011 audit," he added. "Once we get our 2011 audit completed, we will start implementing the new softwares

Gardens

and so forth.

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us, to families and children, to take ownership of the project, because ultimately, it's for our city."

Frazier also hopes the gardens will become inviting, tranquil places.

"Each of the lots, I want to be a peaceful place where people will want to spend time," he said. "We'll have a prayer box at each lot, where people can put prayer requests and our prayer groups will pray on those weekly."

Frazier said he feels the community gardens will become the most significant part of its ministries.

"We have these lots, and hope they will encourage people to take ownership of and beautify where they live, and more significantly, to take care of people in need by being able to grow produce," he said.





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