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## meet again, at a time yet unan-**Pamphlet** answers

Independent

By AARON PEPPER

Staff Intern

step toward hiring an architectural

firm to address plans for campus

facilities. Three firms were invited to

present their credentials and their

plans for the facilities of the district.

night's meeting. The committee will

No action was taken Monday

School

By MARILYN POWERS

The Jan. 31 deadline for

Remedies

The pamphlet applies to property taxes collected by all types of taxing units, including counties, cities, school districts and special

"Homeowners may file for various property tax exemptions offered by taxing units on residence homesteads," Bagley said. In Texas, a homestead is generally the house and yard used as the owner's principal residence. The pamphlet explains each exemption and

For example, all homeowners who owned and lived in their homes on Jan. 1 may file for a \$15,000 general homestead from their principal home's value for school taxes. In addition, certain disabled homeowners and those aged 65 or older may qualify for an additional \$10,000 exemption from the value of their

A tax ceiling, or freeze, concerning school taxes is available for homeowners age 65 or older or those who are disabled. The surviving spouse of these homeowners may be allowed to retain the school tax ceiling if they were at least 55 years old at the time of the homeowner's

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After months of planning and what needs to be done to preserve campus assessments, the Pampa PISD's facilities. District The first company was Parkhill, Facilities Committee took another

Chilly wash job

Smith & Cooper, whose Lubbock office would handle the project. The firm has worked in the Panhandle for 60 years and has designed buildings such as the MPAC athletic facility at Pampa High School, Texas Tech Agriculture and Food Science facility and a renovation of Midland's Lee High School.

nounced, to make a decision on an

architecture firm and begin planning

This means they have most aspects of architecture/engineering within their company, which lessens the need for separate contractors. The firm includes standard architecture, interior design, landscape architecture as well as structural and civil engineering.

Also, the company would be responsible for the master planning and bond planning for the district. PSC's master plan is said to address issues such as whether to renovate or

PSC is a multidisciplinary firm. replace campuses and reusing/reconfiguring the district's current facilities and supplies. The bond planning would include all possible costs of the projects and then set a bond and a package to inform the community about the bond issue.

The second firm was URS, which has been voted the number one architectural firm five years in a row by the Engineering News-Record. It is also the nation's largest firm of

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# tax queries

Staff Writer

paying property taxes has come and gone, but may have left some property owners wishing for ways to decrease their tax obliga-

A pamphlet titled "Texas Property Taxes: Taxpayer's Responsibilities" may help property owners lower their

The pamphlet, published by the State Comptroller's office, explains how the property tax system in Texas works and about possible property tax savings, according to Pat Bagley, chief appraiser for Gray County Appraisal District.

districts.

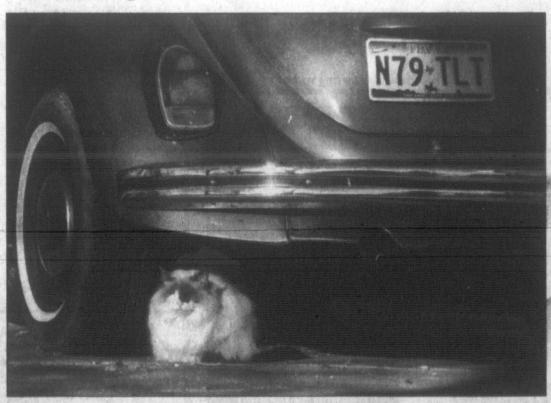
how to apply for it.



Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS

Gayle Trollinger braved still-chilly temperatures this morning to put a shine on his SUV at a local car wash. After a morning low of 24 degrees, the mercury had climbed to 45 degrees by midmorning.

## Sunbathing



Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS

A fuzzy feline seems to be enjoying a sunbathing session while being sheltered by a blue Volkswagen on Beech Street this morning.

## **Appraisal** board officers to be elected

By MARILYN POWERS Staff Writer

Officers will be elected at Wednesday's meeting of the Gray County Appraisal District Board of Directors, which begins at 8:30 a.m. in the conference room at 815 N. Sumner.

The board elects a chairman and secretary each year, according to Chief Appraiser Pat Bagley. The current chairman is Sam Haynes, and the current secretary is Nancy Coffee.

Board members will also consider action to rescind a motion made at the August meeting to increase the number of board members to seven. The current number of board members is

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## **Obituaries**

## Services tomorrow.

MINOR, Helen — 4 p.m., Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel,

REECE, C.B. — 2 p.m., First United Methodist Church, Pampa.

#### Retha Sue Dorsey, 58

Retha Sue Dorsey, 58, of White Deer, died Saturday, Feb. 4, 2006, in Pampa.

Graveside services will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2006, at Groom Cemetery with the Rev. Alan Wilson, pastor of First Baptist Church of White Deer, officiating. Arrangements are by Boxwell Brothers of Panhandle.

Mrs. Dorsey was born on April 27, 1947, in Pine Bluff, Ark., to John and Gladys Lee. She married William H. Dorsey Jr., on June 21, 1991, in Groom, Texas. They both lived most of their lives in Groom. She was homemaker and a member of First Baptist Church in White Deer.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Survivors include her husband, Bill Dorsey; two sons, Johnny Moss of Pampa, and Leeland Hackbarth of Pittsburgh, Pa.; a daughter, Susan Merrick of Brownwood; an adopted granddaughter, Michelle Dorsey; four sisters, Peggy, Margie, Louise and Pat; and a brother, Billy Rae Lee, all of Pampa; and six grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be to Harrington Cancer Center, 1500 Wallace Center, Amarillo, Texas 79105 or BSA Hospice, 800 N. Sumner, Pampa, Texas

Viewing will be from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Tuesday in Panhandle.

#### Helen Minor, 86

Helen Minor, 86, of Pampa, Texas, died Church Feb. 6, 2006, at McLean, Texas

Services will be at 4 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2006, at Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Richard Bartel, pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church, officiating.

Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Minor was born April 5, 1919, in Roger Mills County, Okla. She married Chester Minor on July 4, 1938, in Roger Mills County, Okla. He preceded her in death on Sept. 18, 1991.

She was a cook for the Pampa Independent School District at Wilson Elementary. She retired from Woolworths. She was a member of the Calvary Baptist

Survivors include one daughter, Loretta Flaherty and husband Kent of Pampa; one son, Charles Minor and wife Joyce of San Antonio; one sister, Elsie Pickard of Borger; four grandchildren, Steve Flaherty of Amarillo, Shelly Brooks of Pampa, Renee Boatman of Mustang, Okla., and Scott Minor of San Antonio; four great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandson.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, one sister and a great-granddaughter, Erin Flaherty.

The family requests memorials be to Erin Flaherty Scholarship Fund, c/o Trinity Fellowship School, 5000 Hollywood Rd., Amarillo, TX 79118.

-Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

#### C.B. Reece, 93

2006, in Pampa

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2006, at the First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Jeff Taylor, pastor,

Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral

Mr. Reece was born Dec. 15, 1912, in Mineola. He married Fay Wilson on Sept. 14, 1938, in Menard. He came to Pampa in 1966 from Big Lake. He worked for Exxon for 43 1/2 years, retiring in 1978 as a managing supervisor.

He was a member of the First United www.carmichael-whatley.com.

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C.B. Reece, 93, died Monday, Feb. 6, Methodist Church and was a life member of the Big Lake Masonic Lodge. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy during World War II, serving in the South Pacific on the U.S.S.

Survivors include his wife, Fay Reece of the home; one sister, Edna Milam of Houston; two nieces, Patti Fox and Marilyn Seaman, both of Houston; and three nephews, Jim Oliver of Houston, John Wilson of Tulsa, Oklahoma, and Charles Wilson of George West.

The family requests memorials be to a favorite charity.

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#### Orzo Frazier Jr., 68

Orzo Frazier Jr., 68, of Pampa died Feb. 2, 2006. Services are pending with Carmichael- www.carmichael-whatley.com. Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

-Sign the on-line register book at

#### Madeline M. 'Gigi' Carubbi, 96

Madeline M. "Gigi" Carubbi, 96, died a former chaperon for the Miss Top O' Texas Sunday, Feb. 5, 2006, in Pampa. Vigil services will be at 6 p.m. Tuesday,

Feb. 7, 2006, in Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel. Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2006, in St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church with the Rev. Francisco Perez, pastor, officiat-

Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Carubbi was born on Oct. 22, 1909, in Galveston and came to Pampa in 1962 from Galveston.

She married Angelo J. Carubbi on Sept. 11, 1929, in Galveston. He preceded her in death in 1977. She was studio manager for Madeline Graves Dance Studio for the past

Mrs. Carubbi was a member of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church where she was also a member of the women's Council. She was and Miss Texas pageants.

Survivors include a daughter, Madeline Graves of Pampa; a son, A.J. Carubbi Jr. of

Loganville, Ga.; seven grandchildren. Shauna Munsell and husband Paul of Pampa, Jennifer Horrell and husband Darren of Oklahoma City, Kathy Richardson of Modesto, Calif., Kelly Johnson of Tracy, Calif., Amy Barron of Martin, Ga., Richard Carubbi of Apple Valley, Calif., and Thomas Carubbi of Tucson, Ariz.; and 14 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son-in-law, Ron Graves; two brothers, Nicholas LaBabera and Johnnie

Galletti; and a sister, Rosie Schroeder. The family requests memorials by the Carubbi Scholarship Fund, in c/o of FirstBank Southwest, Attn: Sharon, P.O. Box 1181, Pampa, TX 79066-1181.

-Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

## Emergency Services

#### Accidents

Pampa Police Department reported the following accident today.

Monday, Feb. 6

3:11 p.m. - A 2005 Dodge Ram 3500, driven by Joaquin Segovia Jr., 30, 400 N. Nelson, and a 2002 Isuzu Axion, driven by Maira Jeanet Sanchez, 18, 832 E. Scott, collided at the intersection of Tyng and Starkweather streets. No injuries were reported. Segovia was cited for failure to yield right of way at a stop

## Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Sixteen traffic stops were made. A traffic complaint was received from the 300 block of Jean

Vehicle accidents were reported at the intersection of 23rd and Duncan streets and the intersection of Tyng and Starkweather streets.

Warrant service was attempted on two occasions. Found property was

reported in the 2500 block of Duncan. A welfare check was made in the 2500 block of

Agency assistance was rendered at One Medical

Plaza An animal complaint was received from the 1600

block of West Somerville. Suspicious person calls

were received from the 700 block of North Dwight, the 900 block of Barnard and the 700 block of North Wells.

A silent/abusive 911 call was received from an unreported location.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 400 block of Yeager.

Assault was reported at Pampa Junior High School, 2401 Charles. Minor injuries were reported.

Burglary and criminal mischief were reported in

the 600 block of North Dwight. Rental property was damaged and items were stolen. Estimated value of loss and damage unknown.

Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle was reported in the 900 block of South Faulkner.

Theft was reported in the 2200 block of North Christy.

Possession of drug paraphernalia was reported in the 300 block of North Wells. Two arrests were made in connection with the incident.

#### Sheriff

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests today.

Tuesday, Feb. 7 Sean Douglas Holly, 18, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa Police Department in the 300 block of North Wells for possession of drug para-

Beau Jackson Fuqua, 17, of White Deer was arrested by PPD in the 300 block of North Wells for possession of drug paraphernalia.

#### Fire

Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Monday, Feb. 6

9:59 a.m. - One unit and three personnel responded to the 300 block of Foster on a medical assist.

3:45 p.m. - One unit and three personnel responded to the 1300 block of West Kentucky on a medical

4:58 p.m. - One unit and three personnel responded to the 1300 block of West Kentucky on a medical

6:28 p.m. - One unit and three personnel responded to

Pampa Regional Medical Center on a Lifestar standby. 9:13 p.m. - One unit and

three personnel responded to the 900 block of South Barnes on a medical assist.

Tuesday, Feb. 7

12:17 a.m. - Seven units and 15 personnel responded to a structure fire in the 200 block of South Price Road.

#### **Ambulance**

Guardian EMS ambulance reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Monday, Feb. 6 10 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 300 block of Foster and transported a patient(s) to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

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12:19 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1100 block of Varnon and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

1:26 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1500 block of Kentucky and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

3:33 p.m. – A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1500 block of Kentucky and transported a patient(s) to PRMC

3:44 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to a local nursing facility and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

4:59 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 600 block of West 19th and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

7:25 p.m. – A mobile ICU unit responded to the 300 block of Canadian and transported a patient(s) to PRMC. 9:14 p.m. - A mobile ICU

unit responded to the 900 block of South Barnes. 9:18 p.m. – A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1400 block of Charles and trans-

ported a patient(s) to PRMC. 9:56 p.m. – A mobile ICU unit responded to PRMC and transported a patient(s) to a local nursing facility.

11:16 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 300 block of North Dwight and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

Tuesday, Feb. 7 1:41 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 800 block of West 25th and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

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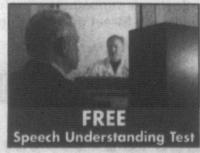
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## IRS announces changes to its refund fraud progra

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Internal Revenue Service will revamp a fraud detection program and start notifying taxpayers this spring when freezing their refunds for further examination, the nation's tax collectors announced Monday.

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The changes address criticism that the agency's Questionable Refund Program deemed thousands of refunds fraudulent and withheld

the money without telling taxpay- the IRS. ers. The IRS said taxpayers can expect to get notification as quickly as they would have expected to receive the refund.

Taxpayer Advocate Nina Olson, who raised concerns about the frozen refunds, said taxpavers will be given the opportunity to present evidence defending their refund claims. Olson's office helps taxpayers resolve their disputes with

"The IRS has worked closely with my office to devise procedures that strike the proper balance between combating suspected tax fraud and protecting taxpayer rights, particularly the rights of honest taxpayers whose refunds are frozen in error," Olson said.

The IRS plans to review refunds frozen in the past and release them or notify taxpayers, and work to

more quickly release valid refunds. IRS investigators also plan to refine their screening processes over the coming months so fewer innocent taxpayers see their refunds frozen.

The Senate Finance Committee's top Democrat, Max Baucus of Montana, said taxpayers need more details. "The IRS needs to explain just how they'll improve their filtering system and who will be

watching to make sure the new systems work," he said in a statement.

Commissioner Mark Everson said the changes strikes a better balance between taxpayer rights and law enforcement. Senate Finance Committee Charles Grassley, who had faulted the program for shortchanging taxpayer rights, praised the changes.

## Rumsfeld: corruption hurting Iraq

Continued corruption in Iraq could damage efforts to create a democracy there, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said Tuesday, adding that it is up to the Iraqis to seize control and take more responsibility for their

"It's true that violence, corruption and criminality continue to pose challenges in Iraq" and are "so corrosive of democracy," he told members of Senate Armed the Services Committee.

"It's critically important that it be attacked and that the new leadership in that country be measured against their commitment to attack corruption," he added.

Rumsfeld provided no specific examples. There have been recent allegations that some revenue from Iraq's slowly rebuilding oil industry have been siphoned to help finance the insurgency there.

Rumsfeld added that "our aware-

ness of corruption is increasing," because coalition officials are doing more to investigate those problems within the government.

Committee chairman John Warner, R-Va., said the next six months would be critical in Iraq and will be key to the eventual withdrawal of U.S. troops and coalition forces. He said increasing problems with corruption in Iraq make it more difficult for coalition forces.

Rumsfeld faced criticism from one committee member who said the \$439.3 billion defense budget for 2007 that President Bush proposed on Monday is not responsible because it doesn't reflect the billions of dollars that will be spent on Iraq and

Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., also questioned whether the U.S. will be able to sustain necessary troop levels in Iraq, where difficult conditions are wearing down both people and equipment. A report conducted for the Pentagon drew a similar conclusion last month.

Bush proposed an initial payment \$50 billion for those wars next year, compared with \$120 billion the administration says will be needed

Sen. John McCain, R-Az., took issue with the Pentagon's use of emergency spending requests to help cover war costs. He said the administration has submitted as much as \$400 billion in emergency budget requests for the war over the last four years.

"I don't know how you can call it an emergency anymore," McCain. "It's got to stop. Your request have got to be included in the normal process.

Rumsfeld said that's an issue that needs to be worked out between Congress and the White House.

Rumsfeld also said the U.S. military must continue to change in order to defend the nation against enemy



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## GM cuts dividends, reduces salaries

DETROIT (AP) General Motors Corp., under shareholder pressure to return to profitability, announced today that it is cutting in half its yearly dividend to \$1 a share and reducing the salaries of its chairman and senior leadership team.

The cut in its dividend will reduce GM's yearly cash payout by about \$565 million. The automaker also plans to cut health benefits for salaried retirees and evaluate ways to restructure its pension plan for salaried U.S. workers, reducing costs to balance out billions of dollars of losses in its North American automaking oper-

Board

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five, and Wednesday's

Other agenda items

include December expen-

ditures and considering

direct deposit for payroll

An investment report

and chief appraiser's

and payroll deductions.

report will be given.

decision is expected to

continue that number,

The announcements came a day after a top aide to billionaire investor Kirk Kerkorian was elected to GM's board. Last month, Jerome York outlined tough measures to bring the company back to profitability, including halving GM's dividend, cutting executive pay and setting profitability

"These are difficult decisions that involve sacrifices by our employees, stock-

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It is not necessary to file

for the school tax exemp-

tion each year, Bagley said.

Homeowners who become

eligible can file for the

exemption up to one year

from the date they became

eligible for a \$3,000 general

exemption for their county

road taxes, because the

county levies a tax for farm-

to-market roads," Bagley

Other exemptions include

those for disabled veterans

"Homeowners are also

eligible, he said.

this

type. Their

Dallas

Taxes

holders, retirees and the senior leadership team," GM Chairman and CEO Rick Wagoner said in a statement.

"However, we are confronting a dramatic change in our industry and in the global competitive environment, and that requires us to look for additional ways to reduce financial risk and improve our competitiveness for the long term."

Although some of GM's actions mirrored York's suggestions, Wagoner said the

and other disabled persons.

owners may file a signed,

sworn application for a pro-

ductivity appraisal by May

1 with the chief appraiser in

order to be considered for

another type of tax relief.

Landowners receiving 1-d-

1 appraisal do not need to

reapply, unless the chief

appraiser asks in writing

that they do so, or the use of

can offer more information

about special land appraisal,

tax renditions and exemp-

The pamphlet also

includes information on

how to protest an appraisal

before the Appraisal

Review Board, and how to

"Appraisal District staff

the land changes.

tions," Bagley said.

Agricultural property

company has long been working on issues such as health care and pension costs.

Wagoner said the new actions support the company's ongoing North American turnaround plan.

As part of the changes, Wagoner will take a 50 percent pay cut. Vice Chairmen John Devine, Bob Lutz and Fritz Henderson will see their salaries reduced by 30 percent.

petition for an election to

reduce the amount of tax

increase adopted by any

ers in Gray County

Appraisal District to read

the pamphlet and learn

about the property tax sys-

tem and all possible tax

exemption applications

with the Appraisal District

office by May 1, and

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District office at 815 N.

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tion, call 665-0791.

"Texas Property Taxes:

Rights,

Taxpayers must file

relief," Bagley said.

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Bagley said.

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office would oversee the PISD project. The company has performed similar services to 35 school districts in Texas. Their K-12 based architects have

experience with gyms, auditoriums, band halls, science labs and administration facilities. This firm, too, is multidisciplinary and has in-house architects, designers and engineers to work on this project. First, URS would make an assess-

ment of ordinance codes, accessibility, energy efforts and an environmental assessment to better understand the ning teams, so they can both determine a building plan that is effective and lasting and establish a method to pay for the project.

Claycomb Associates, architects from Dallas, was the third presentation given at the meeting. This firm deals only with school design. They, like the others, will want to evaluate the structural, electrical and mechanical work-

ings of each facility.

Contrary to PSC and URS, Claycomb is not multidisciplinary. However, they have established common contractors and engineers that work on their projects. They felt that was the only way to get the right person for each individual job.

needs of the district. They also have teacher/administrator input, so every vote.

both master planning and bond plan- room is as effective as it needs to be. Throughout the project, the firm will run assessments on building materials, to be sure of quality, and the contractors themselves to assure the best work is being done in the time estimated.

> Claycomb assured virtually daily visits to the site and plans to show the school board the final drawings every step of the way. Should they be hired, Claycomb will provide the district their bond services at no charge.

They have established 35 successful bonds in a state that votes down one in three bond elections. Their bond program, which has passed more than \$200 million in the last year, will help the district craft their message and then convey it to the community in a The firm plans to build based on manner that will promote a positive

## **Crimestoppers Alert**

Lt. Fred Courtney of Pampa Police Department asks that Crimestoppers Callers 3389 and 0150 call him at 662-1022 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. weekdays to claim their rewards.







## Viewpoints

## The difference between a moron and an oxymoron

We all know what a moron is, but what about an oxymoron?

In one of my columns last year, I wrote about spoonerisms, in which one or more cram-packed with oxyof the first letters or sounds of words are swapped. An example I used was "Lou morons are italicized to Tries" for the movie title "True Lies."

Well, "True Lies" is an example of an oxymoron. The American Heritage Dictionary defines an oxymoron as "a rhetorical figure in which incongruous or contradictory terms are combined." Just think of an oxymoron as a contradiction of

"True Lies" isn't the only movie with a contradictory

title. Remember "Little Big Man", "Eyes Wide Shut" and "Night of the Living Dead"?

Just for fun, here's a story morons (and maybe a real moron or two, too). The oxymake it easier to spot them.

Red Green was a businessman who was known for wearing tight slacks. His wife, Violet Green, shocked everyone by once wearing baggy tights to her husband's company party.

"My tights were a little bit big," she later admitted to her husband.

The embarrassed Red said, "Yes, they were pretty

Violet's fashion mistakes didn't stop at loose tights, however. She once wore a sweater inside out to a recep-

Marilyn

**Powers** 

Staff Writer

T h e Greens had demanding work and social schedules,

but when they were alone together, they liked to play double solitaire and eat jumbo shrimp.

Violet also liked to play her baby grand piano. Her favorite song was "The Sound of Silence."

One of Red's duties at hazards at the company plants and write up his find- lift operator who had a habit the ill-fated flight. ings and recommendations.

Paper work was not Red's strong point, however. His

> supervisor commented once that Red's reports were clear as mud and that he was mighty

weak in the area of communications skills.

Red's willingness to take working vacations to the company's other plants counterbalanced his poor paper work.

He was also terribly good work was to identify safety at spotting dangers in the workplace, such as the fork-

of making rolling stops.

One day Red's ability to stay safe failed him. On a trip to inspect a company site, he found himself on a plane that crash landed.

He survived the crash, and as he climbed down from the wreckage, a numb feeling came over him as he realized how close he had come to death.

"I could've been killed," he thought out loud.

From then on, airplanes were Red's least favorite form of travel. The crash caused him several nights of restless sleep.

"Now, then," he comforted Violet as she rushed into his arms when he returned from

At her insistence, he swore that he would never again fly on one of the types of small planes that had crashed, especially since they were not his only choice for travel.

Oxymorons are another way to have fun with the English language. They can also give insights into what we are really thinking and feeling.

Many have become common, and everyone understands what they mean, even though they are made up of contradictory words.

Marilyn Powers is a reporter for The Pampa

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## Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Feb. 7, the 38th day of 2006. There are 327 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 7, 1812, author Charles Dickens was born in Portsmouth, England.

On this date:

In 1904, a fire began in Baltimore that raged for about 30 hours and destroyed more than 1,500 buildings.

In 1906, 100 years ago, Pu Yi, the last emperor of China, was born in Beijing.

In 1936, President Roosevelt authorized a flag for the office of the vice president.

In 1944, during World War II, the Germans launched a counteroffensive at Anzio, Italy.

In 1964, The Beatles began their first American tour as they arrived at New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport.

## Our readers write

### New EDC earning public trust ...

formed economic develop- what they envision for the ment corporation. While it is future of Pampa. This excellent opportunity to meet the various members selected to serve and to share my ideas and concerns.

I am always a little suspicious of any use of tax money and believe that public servants should very soberly consider their roles as guardians of the public trust. I was pleased to see that this idea was shared by these individuals who expressed concern not only about public information but about public input.

They expressed strongly the desire to not linger on mistakes of the past but to learn from them.

Of those who attended the meeting, I was the only individual who was there who wasn't assigned to be there in some capacity. Of the 1,700-plus opponents who voted against the plan, not one made time to stop in and

I attended the Jan. 27 see for themselves who this meeting of the newly- group of residents is and still in the organizational despite the fact that The stage, I felt it would be an Pampa News has been diligent in informing the public of the meeting times and places of the EDC.

> This is your EDC, Pampa, and while it may not be the perfect solution for the economic growth the city needs, it is the best solution that has been proposed so far. If you want to prevent abuses of power within your government, you must participate, offer your input and express your concerns.

What I saw in this EDC was a group of seven residents that has the best interests of the city of Pampa in mind. They want to improve our city and bring businesses and jobs to our community, so that we all can benefit from the improved economy.

But don't take my word for it. Come see for yourselves.

**Timothy Justice** Lefors



## Corporate courage vs. eminent domain

year's despicable U.S. Supreme Court 5-4 Kelo v. City of New London, Conn., decision that held as constitutional that the rightful property of one American can be taken and transferred to another American so long as some public purpose is The served. Amendment to the U.S. Constitution states, "Nor shall private property be taken for public use, without just compensation."

The key term is "public use," not "public purpose." That means that the powers of eminent domain can be used only to take property, with just compensation, to build public projects such as

roads, forts or schools. City of New London officials used the law of eminent domain to condemn the property of 15 homeowners and transfer it to private developers to build a luxury hotel, high-rent condominiums and office buildings.

We all remember last The city justified its actions it with a hotel, condos and office buildings, would generate jobs and more tax rev- (BB&T), headquartered in enue.

scathing Walter Fifth dissent, Williams Justice Sandra Day Columnist O'Connor said, "The

specter of condemnation hangs over all property. Nothing is to prevent the state from replacing any Motel 6 with a Ritz-Carlton, any home with a shopping mall, or any farm with a factory."

In other words, government officials can take your private property and transfer it to another private person, based on any flimsy claim that it will serve a better public purpose such as job creation and greater tax rev-

This kind of government by saying that taking the tyranny should be disproperty away from the avowed by every decent homeowners, and replacing American. Stepping up to the plate is Branch Banking and Trust Company

> Winston-Salem, N.C. BB&T is a full-service bank with 1 , 1 0 0 offices throughout

Southeast. On Jan. 25, BB&T announced that it will not lend to commercial developers that plan to build condominiums, shopping malls and other private projects on land taken from private citizens by government entities using eminent

On behalf of its board of directors, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer John Allison explained, "The idea that a citizen's property can be taken by the

government solely for private use is extremely misguided, in fact, it's just plain wrong.'

Mr. Allison added, "One of the most basic rights of every citizen is to keep what they own. As an institution dedicated to helping our clients achieve economic success and financial security, we won't help any entity or company that would undermine that mission and threaten the hard-earned American dream of property ownership."

We all should applaud the directors and officers of Branch Banking and Trust Company for their courage. While boards of directors have a duty to maximize shareholder value, BB&T has shown that maximizing shareholder value is not solely a monetary phenomenon but has a moral component as well. As such they have chosen not to be acces-

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## Texas Thoughts.

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas: Jan. 28

Austin American-Statesman on DNA testing and overturning convic-

The truth, helped by DNA, is setting people free. Last week, Arthur Mumphrey of Montgomery County near Houston was released from prison after DNA tests proved he didn't commit the 1986 sexual assault that put him behind bars for 18 years. In the past year, about 20 people have been exonerated by forensic testing, according to the Innocence Project.

That is nearly two people per month. But recent DNA testing also proved that Virginia executed the right perpe-

trator in 1992.

In that case, Roger Keith Coleman went to his death proclaiming his innocence in the 1981 rape and murder of Wanda McCoy. Death penalty opponents had raised serious doubts about whether Coleman did the crime.

Rather than learn the truth through advanced DNA tests, the state of Virginia resisted, which only increased doubts about the case. The controversy swirled for years until then-Gov. Mark Warner ordered posthumous forensic tests. The tests proved conclusively that Coleman did the crime.

DNA brought truth to the case, and the public was reassured that Virginia got the right man. Prosecutors have been able to identify the true criminals

in many cases because of technological advances that weren't available years

And the technology has helped exonerate people who were wrongly convicted and imprisoned. In the Mumphrey case, it was a younger brother who likely committed the crime, legal officials said. Last month, Gov. Rick Perry issued pardons for two innocent men exonerated by DNA: Keith Edward Turner spent 20 years in prison for a rape he didn't commit; Entre Nax Karage was convicted of murder and was imprisoned from 1997 to 2004. New technology has made it possible to learn the truth in many cases.

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## Pampa Fine Arts Association





Roy Morriss, right, photo at left, was recently presented the Patron of the Year award by Glennette Goode for service he has given to Pampa Fine Arts Association through the years. > Darlene Holmes was named 2006 Artist of the Year at Pampa Fine Arts Association's recent annual banquet. Holmes will have a fall art show that will include paintings, photographs and jewelry.

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sories to last year's despicable U.S. Supreme Court decision.

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**Banking and Trust** Company directors have set the example for other financial institutions. It would make my day if the boards of directors of other financial institutions followed suit. If they don't, shareholders could supply them with a bit of backbone at annual meetings with a shareholder initiative that not lending to developers who have acquired private property through eminent domain law become corporate policy.

Congress has responded to the Kelo decision with the bipartisan Private Property Rights Protection Act of 2005 that "prohibits any state or political subdivision from exercising its power of eminent domain for economic development if that state or political subdivision receives federal economic development funds during the fiscal year."

This measure demonstrates Congress' lack of courage. Why not start impeachment proceedings against justices who flagrantly violate their oath of office to uphold and defend the Constitution?

Walter E. Williams is a professor of economics at George Mason University.

 The deadline for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to accept applications for 2006 Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), the EQIP Ground and Surface Water Conservation Program (EQIP-GSWC), and the Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program (WHIP) funding is Feb. 17.

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 American Red Cross Eastern Texas Panhandle Chapter will be conducting lifeguard training. The dates are unknown at this time. To qualify for the training, participants must be 15 years of age by the end of the course; must be able to tread water for two minutes using legs only; must be able to swim 500-yards continuously while demonstrating the crawl, breaststroke and sidestroke (100-yards each); and must be able to surface dive to a minimum of 9-feet and bring a 10-pound diving brick to the surface. For more

information, contact the Red Cross at 669-7121. The office is located at 108 N. Russell. Pre-registration for the training is required.

 Create-A-Beat community arts program of Pampa has added jazzercise to its offerings. Classes, under the direction of Krista Rowe of Northwest Texas Jazzercise team, will begin Feb. 16. For more information, contact Create-A-Beat at 665-7474.

 Charolyn Gouldy, secretarytreasurer of Southwest Cowboy Poets Association, will headline the next Cowboy Poetry Breakfast Saturday at Big Texan Steak House in Amarillo. The program will begin at 8 a.m. An open mike session will follow. For more information, call (806) 353-5617 or (806) 374-4354. Reservations can be made at (806) 372-7000. Also on Saturday, Hi-Plains Poetry Chapter of Amarillo will host the association during the chapter's bi-monthly meet-

ing at 2 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Center on South Polk

Clarendon College-Pampa Center, 1601 W. Kentucky, will offer a beginning guitar class on Monday. For more information or to register for the class, call 665-8801.

 The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center has announced the following upcoming breast cancer screening clinic: Feb. 14, Shephard's Crook Nursing Agency, 916 N. Crest, in Pampa. Participants will receive a low-cost self-exam mammogram and a breast health appraisal along with individual instruction by a registered nurse in breast self-examination. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are by appointment only. For more information, call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673.

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Yet states including Texas have been slow to employ wide use of post-conviction DNA testing. In Texas, defense lawyers say

that it remains too difficult to get such tests if prosecutors object.

That's absurd.

As publicly elected officials charged with seeking and obtaining justice, prosecutors should have a strong interest in ensuring that the right people are punished for the crime. Since 1989, more than 170 people nationwide have been exonerated based on DNA evidence. Of those, 14 spent time on death row. Some were within hours of being executed.

We should not be afraid to seek the truth, and forensic testing is the best way to do that in many old and new cases. State leaders must confront the fact that the criminal justice system is as flawed as any other government program.

They should follow the lead of former Virginia governor Warner who before leaving office this year, ordered blanket DNA testing of old cases. Warner understood that the same public that supports tough sentencing and capital punishment also wants its system to be fair and just.

Under his leadership, Virginia passed a law requiring that DNA evidence be preserved in death penalty cases. Mumphrey wasn't guilty of raping the 13-year-old girl, but DNA testing was not available then. It is now. Texas should use it.



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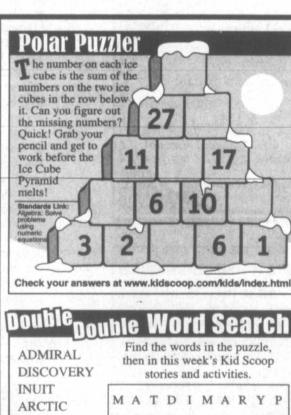
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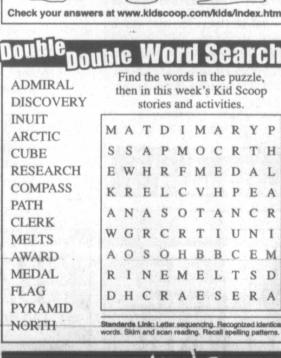
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Often, Cole adds, the increased availability of capital enables Diversified's clients to make even

Smart business owners throughout West Texas more money by taking advantage of substantial 'early-pay" discounts available from their vendors.

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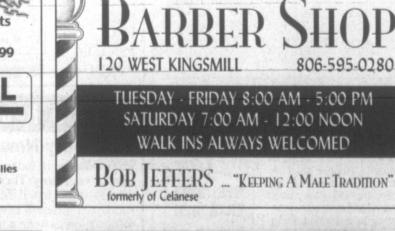
'We get a lot of referrals from banks when additional funding is needed, or they are not able to service a client," he explains.

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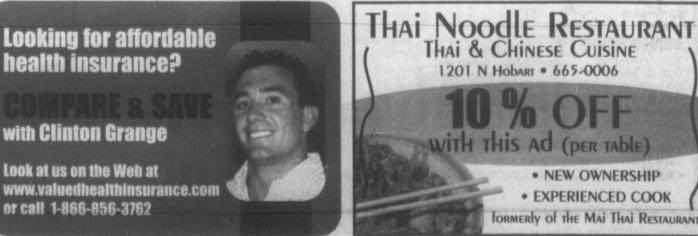
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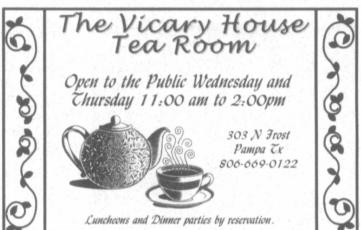
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## Sports Day

# Lady Harvesters wrap regular season; boys go for season win No. 22 in Duma

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS Sports Editor

Harvesters

The Pampa Harvesters will travel to Dumas tonight to take on a Demon team that put a scare in Pampa at The Pit Jan. 20. Dumas gave the now 21-5 (6-1) Harvesters all they wanted and then some that night.

Any reason to expect the same on their floor tonight? "It is always tough to win at Dumas," said Pampa head coach Dustin Miller. "I think the way the game went here, we should be ready to play."

In that game, the Harvesters showed signs of what has since become a sound Pampa weapon, a strong second half.

Since then, Miller's team seems to get stronger as each game progresses. "We have had some pretty good second halves lately," said Miller. "The kids seem really focused

A win is always the goal, especially when

else Miller would like for his team to take away from Dumas tonight? "I would like to see us continue to keep playing a solid four quarters," he said.

Miller continued, "We are playing pretty good team basketball. We can pretty much lock up the second seed with a win and that is plenty of reason to play well, not to mention we still have a chance at a district championship."

Tonight's game will begin at 7:30.

**Lady Harvesters** 

Pampa will wrap up the regular season on the road against the Demonettes tonight in

Then the Lady Harvesters will prepare to take part in two more seasons.

However, Pampa coach Troy Fry will be the first to tell you, it is still just one game at a time for his team, especially when playoff

seeding is still to be determined. "This game tonight is just like any other

the

it comes to districts. But is there anything district game we have played this year," noted Fry. "We want to stay in second place so a win is a must." Pampa (14-15, 6-3) is currently tied with Randall for that spot.

Following tonight's game, Fry says his team will start two new seasons. "We will have a one game season with Randall and then we will start our post season with all records being wiped clean."

The one game meeting with Randall at Highland Park High School Friday is to determine second and third place for District 3-4A and playoff seeding.

However, the game will carry a little more significance for Fry. "I feel it will be more

than just a seeding game," he said.
Fry also noted, "Both teams want to win and both teams should come away with a little more pride." It will also be the third time the two teams will meet this season, each winning on the other's home court.

Tonight's game will start at 6.

## Wilson faces former team in scrimmage

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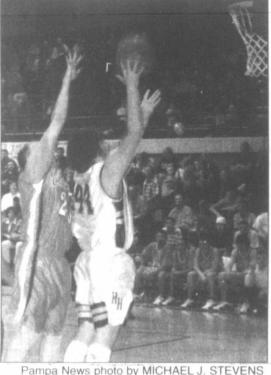
By MICHAEL J. STEVENS Sports Editor

First year head baseball coach Clay Wilson and his Pampa Harvesters will take the field against River Road today in a scrimmage game scheduled to start at 4

Wilson, who led the Wildcats before replacing long-time Pampa coach Dennis Doughty, says today's game is all about control on the hill and determination in the field. "Today we will be trying to master our command on the mound with all pitchers," said Wilson. "Offensively and defensively I am just looking for the kids to hustle.

Any coincidence regarding today's game? "Pampa and River Road have always scrimmaged so I thought it would be good to keep this intact."

Tyson Hickman will get the start on the mound for Pampa this afternoon.



**Harvesters** Longhorns at McNeely Field House. Harvesters are on the road tonight against Dumas.

game

Pampa's Eric Kingcade

(#44) slips in front of a

Caprock defender for a layup during Friday's

between

**PLAYOFFS** 

## **Lady Harvesters face Randall** Friday; playoffs begin Feb 14

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS Sports Editor

The 'when' and 'where' of the Lady Harvesters postseason opening round now is known. The 'who' is yet to be determined.

Pampa will face Randall in a rubber game Friday night to determine second and third place and district seeding. That game will be played at Highland Park High School with tip-off set for 6 p.m. Tickets for that game are on sale now and available at the PHS Athletic Department. They will also be available at the door.

Pampa will open the post-season in Plainview at Wayland Baptist University against either Lubbock Estacado or Frenship. Game one will begin at 6 p.m. Game

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The Pampa High School soccer teams will be home this afternoon to host their Borger counterparts with both games scheduled for a 4:15 start at the Pampa Harvester Soccer

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Boys coach Byron May says the Bulldogs may look familiar to Pampa fans. "They are almost exactly the same team from 2005," he said. May noted Borger coach Joel Baker and his veteran squad dominated Caprock Saturday in Borger and enters today's game with an early district lead.

Pampa opened the district season with a road loss at the hands of Randall Friday.

Coach May says he and his team have made some adjustments in preparation for this afternoon's meet-

ing. "Borger has a strong attack, and a strong defense," said May, "They are about as complete a package as it gets around here.

So what will his guys need to do to secure district win No. 1 today? "As always, the game is going to come down to possessing the ball well, making good passes, and playing well together," May said.

Lady Harvesters

The Lady Harvesters will go for their first district win of the season when they host the Lady Bulldogs. Pampa fell to Randall 3-0 on the road Friday, despite playing the Lady Raiders close. Pampa head coach Jeff Quisenberry says his girls were just not able to take advantage of second half opportunities. He looks for that to change today. "Today's game against Borger is an important game for us. We need to perform well in front of our crowd in our first home district game," said Quisenberry.



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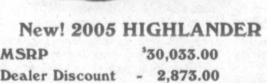


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Lady Harvester Ashley Pitman sends a ball into play during last week's meeting with Lubbock Coronado. Pampa will host Borger this afternoon at 4:15.

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turing. ARIES reads you cold. 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) \*\* Push might come to shove if

you're not eareful. Others don't understand why you are acting in such a manner. Why not worry less and enjoy more? Listen to your instincts, and you will come out ahead. Tonight: Hang close to

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

\*\*\*\* You have a lot to say, but others might need to adjust their thinking in order to get the sense of your words. You are able to help others manifest more of what they want. Learn to relate to others on the level they are at. Tonight: Haunt your favorite spot.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) \*\*\* Use the morning to forge ahead on an important project. By the afternoon, you could become entrenched in a financial decision. Get feedback from someone in the know. You might not have all the answers - yet! Tonight: Try not to spend too much.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) \*\*\* You are personality-plus as the day becomes later. Try to read between the lines with an associate who could be difficult or contentious. You know what works. Do just that. Seek out new information. Tonight: Beam in what you want.

You might be surprised at what you con-LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) \*\* Know when to be the observer and not the lead actor. Tap into your creativity for answers. Work closely with an associate, though let this person feel in control. Lie back. Tonight: Chill out for

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\*\*\* You might want to think before you leap. Though many ideas run past you this morning, in the afternoon, you naturally choose the right direction at the right time. Others suddenly become chatterboxes in the next few days. Tonight: How about a midweek break?

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) \*\*\* Do research in the morning, when facts seem to appear more easily You need to do this in order to get a job done well. Think in terms of making a greater impact on others. You have what it takes. Tonight: Say yes to a new health decision

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AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) \*\*\* You might want to think about an engaging investment or financial risk. You also could jump knee-deep into a situation that you could shake your head at later. Think positively. Focus on work, if

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Journalist Ted Koppel (1940), actor Nick

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to detach and gain another perspective.

try another approach. Expect to be frustrated, for now. In the afternoon, try a more individualized approach; you will \*\*\* Clear out as much work as you can. You could be frustrated by a person-

Tonight: Go along with another's plans. you can. Tonight: Get some exercise.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) \*\*\* You are coming from a point of stability. Think carefully about what you want and need. Verbalizing it is the first step. Your imagination works overtime. Plug some energy into work or your daily life. Tonight: Visit with a pal; catch up on each other's news.

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## Dear Abby...

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DEAR ABBY: I disagree with the grouchy zookeeper who wants parents to stop "lying" to their kids about zoo animals. I have two children, 4 and 6, and I take them to the zoo for family time and to encourage their love of animals. If they see a small goat and say, "What a cute baby," I'm not going to correct them or run to a zookeeper for an education about pygmy goats. I'll say, "You're right. That's a cute baby. Let's see what other babies we can find." Sometimes it's more important to enjoy the moment and agree with a child than search for the correct answer. Zookeepers should credit parents for taking their kids to the zoo at all, and not be such sticklers for "details"! --MOMMY IN THE MIDWEST

DEAR MOMMY: Please don't blame the zookeeper for wanting to do a conscientious job. Zoos were created for the purpose of education, conservation, recreation and research. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: Many parents at the zoo are working parents, single parents, stressed parents. We are doing well just finding time to take our kids to the zoo. Sometimes we have to tell "white lies" because a young child will not accept "I don't know," and will repeat the same question until you give SOME answer and go on about your business. - DRIVEN CRAZY IN THE PAST

DEAR ABBY: I know a lot about sea lions because I have volunteered at the Marine Mammal Center in Sausalito, Calif., for six years. One day, a little girl stood next to me asking her dad why she didn't see any baby sea lions. He replied, "That's because the big ones eat the babies!" The child, who was about 7, looked so horrified I thought she'd cry. I said, "That's not true, honey. The sea lions out there are daddies. The mommies and babies are somewhere else away from the people. They only eat fish; they don't eat their babies." The father gave me a white-hot glare of anger, but I still don't think I owed him an apology. What's \_the sense in telling a child such nonsense? --SHERRILL IN SAN JOSE

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DEAR ABBY: My family exhibited brown Swiss dairy cattle for years. Some of the comments we've heard: "The one with horns, that's the daddy cow," and my favorite, "The brown cows give chocolate milk." - "FONDA" IN ANDREWS, TEXAS

DEAR ABBY: Allow me to share some "information" I overheard given by a teacher to a student on a Pacific gray whale-watching trip during the breeding season when an amorous male happened to roll over near the boat. In reply to the curious student's question, the teacher replied, "It's a periscope." -- AUDREY IN MARCELLUS, N.Y.

**DEAR ABBY:** My family are proud members of the Cleveland Zoological Society. One day we overheard a mother tell her son, "That's a boy lion. Do you know what a girl lion is called -- a TIGER!" My 8-year-old daughter approached the woman and asked, "Do you know the difference between caribou and reindeer?" After a moment's silence my daughter told her, "Caribou can't fly." The kid got it, but the mother didn't! -- ZOO FAMILY IN **CLEVELAND** 

DEAR ABBY: My father used the zoo as a teaching tool for me. We went there almost daily. I spent the ages of 1 to 5 with him during the days; evenings with my mom. If a question arose about an animal and Dad didn't know the answer, he'd say, "Let's find out together," and we'd proceed to the library. I'm 27 now. I still love reading, spend many days at the library, and have a profound love and respect for animals. I'm grateful my dad took the time to teach me all that when I was so young. Others could learn from his example. If they do, it will open a door for communication with their children, and everyone will benefit. -- FLORIDA GIRL

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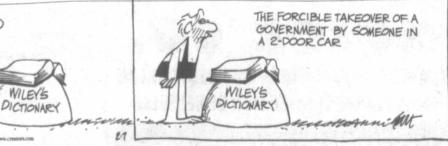
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