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Local producers oppose bill

BY DAVID BOWSER
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 As the 81st Texas Legislature hurdles toward an end next week, oil and gas producers in the Texas panhandle are battling to defeat proposed legislation that would base the tax appraisal of reserves on a statewide average rather than local prices.

The bill is apparently a proposal by several counties in the Permian Basin to flatten out peaks and values in their tax appraisal systems. Oil and gas constitutes the majority taxing values in those counties. "The market value of those minerals in place disappeared Dec. 31," said Wayne Hughes of the Amarillo-based Panhandle

Producers and Royalty Owners Association. Several counties in West Texas, however, have apparently started projects based on last year's highs in oil and gas prices. With the drop in prices, the oil and gas reserves beneath the ground are not worth as much, and property tax revenues in those counties, indeed, in all counties in

the state, will be less this year. That means the money may not be there to complete long-term projects next year. "The value of the minerals has changed," Hughes said. "The value of the minerals on Dec. 31 this year will be dramatically different than they were on Dec. 31 last year."

Consequently, those counties see deficit situations coming at them. "They're in a bind," Hughes said. The counties are proposing a statewide minimum and maximum range be established. "We're not interested in playing that game,"

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Peering through a thicket, white tailed deer are in abundance around Lake McClellan.

staff photo by David Bowser

TDPW initiates longer season, higher bag limit for does

BY DAVID BOWSER
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 Jeff Bonner thinks everybody ought to be eating venison, especially if it will cut the population of white-tailed deer around Pampa. A wildlife biologist with the Texas Department of Parks and Wildlife, Bonner said the worry is that the increasing number of white-tailed deer in the area will grow beyond what the local habitat can support. In an effort to control the bursting population, Bonner is working with landowners and hunters to take more does when white-tailed deer season begins the first Saturday in November. The season traditionally

runs for 60 days. In addition to the normal season, there is now also a doe-only season which runs for two weeks after the regular season. As part of a three year pilot program, the state agency has instituted a five deer bag limit around Pampa with no more than one buck. Bonner admitted that some hunters aren't interested in shooting does, but there are those who do. "They enjoy the meat," he said. With a grin, he added that his family lives on deer meat. "I've got some great recipes," Bonner said. Ten deer will feed his family for a year. "We make a lot of jerky and sausage," he said.

Working with landowners who've formed a Wildlife Management Association in Wheeler County, Bonner said he's also been able to issue more permits. These special permits, Managed Lands Deer Permits, or MLDs, allow the landowners to go beyond the county bag limit. The deer has to be cleaned and kept in edible condition. "The meat's got to be eaten," Bonner says. "You can't just shoot them and throw a tag at them and leave them for the buzzards." Having grown up in Panhandle, Bonner said that as a kid he used to go hunting down around Hedley.

Democrats stop voter ID bill

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texas Democrats declared victory in the partisan battle over tightening voter identification laws, but their five-day filibuster left hundreds of bills dead and threatened to spark a special session this summer. With six days left in the 2009 session, there's theoretically time to resurrect almost anything. But a

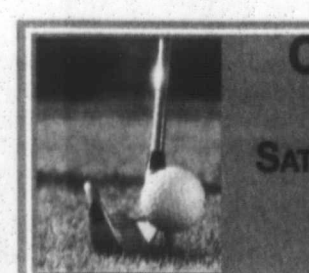
midnight deadline Tuesday night for the voter ID bill came and went in the House, and leaders from both parties said the controversial election reform had gone down in flames. "I guess it's dead. I don't see any way it can be resurrected at this point," said Rep. Jim Dunning of Waco, leader of the House Democrats. Dunning,

whose delay tactics brought the legislative machinery to a virtual crawl, described the demise of the voter ID legislation as a victory for the voting public. "We successfully stood up for people's voting rights and have shown that we're not going to be bullied into suppressing people's votes," Dunning said. House Speaker Joe

Straus, R-San Antonio, maintained his trademark hands-off approach as midnight approached and mostly left the public relations job to Rep. Larry Taylor, chairman of the House Republican Caucus. Taylor said Democrats would pay a hefty price for killing off the voter ID

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The Pampa Independent School District board of trustees will meet twice this week. A special meeting of the school board is scheduled for 5 p.m., Wednesday, May 27, at the Carver Center Administration Office, 321 W. Albert, for a Level III grievance regarding local policy in connection with student activities commencement and employment of new teachers. The school board will meet again at 5 p.m., Thursday, May 28, at Carver Center for board training.

Splash Day May 31

The City of Pampa Recreation Department will be opening M. K. Brown swimming pool with "Splash Day", on Sunday, May 31. Gates will open at 1 p.m. and admission is free for all swimmers that day. The pool will open for regular summer hours after Splash Day at 1 p.m. daily. M. K. Brown Swimming Pool Hours:
 1 to 6 p.m. daily
 7 to 9 p.m. Monday and Thursday nights will be Family Nights (family swimming)
 7 to 9 p.m. other nights - available for rental.
 Admission fees:
 \$1.50 per person 6 years and up, 5 years and under are free.
 Season passes are available at M. K. Brown Pool. \$75 for Family Season Pass (up to 5 family members - unlimited visits), and \$35 for Individual Pass - unlimited visits.
 Rental fees are \$75 for up to 50 people and \$1.50 per person over 50 guests. Pool rentals can be arranged by contacting the pool manager at 669-5796.
 No child under the age of 10 years will be admitted to the pool without an adult.

For the record

PAMPA FORECAST

| Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| High 80 Low 58 | High 84 Low 61 | High 88 Low 63 |

Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 80. Calm wind becoming north between 5 and 10 mph.
Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 58. East northeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south.
Friday: Sunny, with a high near 84. South southwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.
Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 61. South southeast wind around 10 mph.
Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 88. Southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.
Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 63. South southwest wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

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| Wheat..... | \$5.57 |
| Milo..... | \$5.88 |
| Corn..... | \$7.48 |

Cash Five Results

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Results of the Cash 5 drawing Tuesday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 8-12-14-22-30.
 Number matching five of five: 1. Prize: \$22,685
 Winning ticket purchased in: Andrews
 Matching four of five: 86. Prize: \$119
 Matching three of five: 2,437. Prize: \$10
 Matching two of five: 23,978. Prize: \$2
 Next Cash 5 drawing: Wednesday night.

Mega Millions jackpot grows to \$35 million

ATLANTA (AP) — There has been another rollover in the grand prize for the Mega Millions multistate lottery game — to \$35 million.

The rollover occurred because no player matched all the winning numbers from Tuesday night's \$25 million drawing. The next Mega Million drawing will be Friday night.

Although there was no grand prize winner, two players won second prizes of \$250,000 apiece. None of those tickets were sold in Texas. Another 13 players, including none who bought their tickets in Texas, won third prizes of \$10,000 apiece.

The winning numbers from Tuesday night's drawing were: nine, 18, 21, 37, and 55. The Mega Ball number was 33.

LAST MINUTE CLASSIFIED LINE ADS

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BEGINNING MAY 26, The Pampa News Office hours will be 8am-4pm. Monday through Friday. Night Service will still be available.

DEADLINE CHANGE for Classified Line Ads for Fri. Edition and the Weekend Edition (Sat.-Sun.) this also includes Last Minute Ads (City Briefs)! Fri. Deadline is Thurs. before noon. Weekend Edition (Sat.-Sun.) deadline is Thurs. before 4pm.

Death Notice

There were no obituaries today.

Majaunta Jo Sloan Hills

Services will be held at 11 am Saturday, May 30, 2009, at St. Vincent de Paul Church in Pampa Tx., with Father John Valdez officiating.

PPD suspicious person arrest leads to drug seizure

A suspicious person stop lead to a drug arrest on Saturday (May 23) morning at 2 a.m. in Pampa.

Pampa Police Officers Nichol Johnson and Houston Gass stopped a suspicious person walking in the road in the 200 block of S. Hobart.

The suspicious person was identified as Tony Medina, 22, of Pampa. On further investigation

Medina was found to be in possession of approximately 11.1 grams of suspected cocaine.

Medina was arrested and charged with possession of a controlled substance, penalty group 1, over 4 grams. If convicted of the offense, a 2nd degree felony, Medina faces a possible sentence of 20 years in prison and up to a \$10,000 fine.

Emergency Services

PAMPA PD

Pampa Police Department responded to the following calls between 7 a.m. Friday and 7 a.m. Today.

Friday
 A total of 16 calls and or stops concerning animals were made.

Officers conducted five traffic stops.

Two alarms were investigated.

Welfare checks were made in the 900 block of Cinderella, and the 1100 block of South Dwight.

Theft was reported in the 2200 block of North Nelson, where a water service was being stolen; and the 2600 block of Evergreen.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1300 block of West Kentucky, where a storage shed was damaged, and the 1300 block of North Christine, where a chevy pickup stolen.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1000 block of South Wells.

Civil matters were reported in the lobby of the PD.

A suicide attempt was reported in the 200 block of Miami.

Identity theft was reported in the lobby of the PD, where three checks were forged, value \$286.

Theft was reported in the 1300 block of West Kentucky, where a wallet containing a credit card, social security card, driver's license, and \$17 in cash were stolen.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1000 block of Love, the 200 block of West Craven, the 600 block of North Christy, the 1600 block of North Nelson, and the 1400 block of North Harvester.

A burglary was reported in the 100 block of South Starkweather, where a garage door was damaged and a lawn mower was stolen.

A motor vehicle accident was reported in the inter-

section of Rham and Hobart streets.

Phone harassment was reported in the 400 block of North Russell.

A traffic complaint was received from the intersection of Hobart and Alcock streets.

Agency assistance was rendered in the Highway 60 West.

Suspicious vehicles were reported in the 300 block of South Miami.

Violation of a protective order was reported in the 400 block of North Russell.

A prowler was reported in the 1100 block of North Starkweather.

Suspicious persons were reported in the 900 block of South Municipal.

Saturday
 Officers conducted 17 traffic stops.

A total of seven calls and/or stops concerning animals were made.

Suspicious person calls were reported in the intersection of Foster and Ballard streets, the intersection of Hobart and Kingsmill streets.

A welfare check was made in the 300 block of North Sumner.

Domestic disturbances were reported in the 2000 block of North Williston, and the 700 block of East Scott.

Violation of city ordinances were reported in the 900 block of South Hobart, the 1200 block of North Hobart, the and the intersection of Hobart and

RV burns in early morning fire

A motor home in the 1000 block of South Banks was determined a total loss after catching fire early Tuesday morning.

Three units and eight personnel from the Pampa Fire Department responded to the 1000 block of South Banks where the fire was reported at 2:56 a.m. Upon arrival, the motor home was fully involved. The fire was contained by PFD, but the home was still considered a total loss.

The cause of the fire is undetermined, but PFD Fire Marshall Michael Ryan said the cause of the fire was most likely from a burnin cigarette or candle.

The motor home was a 1970s model Dodge R' and estimated worth, with belongings, was \$3,000 to \$5,000.

The home was being use as a residence at the time of the fire. The motor home belonged to Karl Crow.

McCollough.

Suspicious vehicle calls were reported in the 600 block of East Frederic, and the 1000 block of North Somerville.

Criminal trespass was reported in the intersection of Ripley and Hobart streets, and the intersection of Ballard and Atchison streets.

A motor vehicle accident was reported in the lobby of the PD.

A burglary was reported in the 90 block of South Hobart.

Civil matters were reported in the 400 block of East 17th Avenue.

Traffic complaints were received from the 600 block of North Magnolia, and the 1000 block of South Clark.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1000 block of South Wells, and the 1200 block of North Hobart.

One building was checked.

An assault was reported in the 100 block of South Starkweather.

Sunday
 Officers conducted 21 traffic stops.

A total of seven calls and/or stops concerning animals were made.

A motor vehicle accident was reported in the 100 block of North Starkweather.

A burglary was reported in the 400 block of West Foster, where three windows were broken, value \$1,000.

An assault was reported at PRMC.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1000 block of Sierra, the 1400 block of North Hobart, the 500 block of Lowry, and the 400 block of North Wynne.

Suspicious person calls were received from the 400 block of North Wynne, the 500 block of East Foster, and the intersection of Wynne and Browning streets.

Theft was reported at Allsupps, 309 North Hobart, where two 30 packs of Keystone Light were stolen, and Allsupps, 140 South Starkweather, where a 30 pack of beer, a carton of cigarettes, one chimichanga and four burritos were stolen, value \$84.

Two building checks were made.

Silent/abusive 911 call was received from the 1100 block of North Russell, and the 900 block of South Banks.

An abandoned vehicle was reported in the 500 block of North Lowry.

A suspicious person call was received from the intersection of Henry and Murphy streets.

A violation of a city ordinance was reported in the 100 block of South Wynne. Agency assistance was rendered in the 400 block of Pitts.

A threat was reported in the 1000 block of East Denver.

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Oil rises to 6-month high

Oil prices rose to six-month highs Wednesday on optimism that the U.S. is emerging from a severe recession, but expectations that OPEC will not cut production at its meeting in Vienna this week dampened gains.

Benchmark crude for July delivery was up 39 cents to \$62.84 a barrel by mid-afternoon in Europe in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. Earlier in the session, the contract reached a peak of \$63.45, its highest level since mid-November. On Tuesday, the contract rose 78 cents to settle at \$62.45.

Oil prices have jumped from below \$35 a barrel in March on investor expectations that the worst of the global economic slowdown is over.

Oil and stock investors took heart from Tuesday's report from private research group The Conference

Board that showed U.S. consumer confidence in May soared to the highest level since last September. Stock indexes jumped on the news, with the Dow Jones industrial average gaining 2.4 percent.

Some analysts are concerned the quick recovery of oil prices will boost gasoline prices and threaten to undermine consumer demand. Oil prices between \$70 and \$80 a barrel would hurt growth in developed countries while crude between \$90 and \$100 would slow emerging market economies, Bank of America Merrill Lynch said in a report Tuesday.

"A very fast increase in oil prices in the coming months could put the embryonic economic recovery at risk," the report said.

Traders will be eyeing an OPEC meeting in Vienna on Thursday. Saudi Arabian Oil Minister Ali al-Naimi

has said the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries is unlikely to add to 4.2 million barrels a day of production cuts the cartel has announced since September.

"There is no need to cut production," Naimi said Wednesday, adding that the group should "stay the course." He said that oil prices would likely reach around \$75 a barrel by the end of the year on the back of growing demand in Asia.

The OPEC supply cutbacks, along with massive fiscal stimulus packages by governments around the world, could send prices higher, the Bank of America Merrill Lynch report said.

JBC Energy in Vienna, however, said that the huge global stocks of oil could lead to a future OPEC output cut.

Voter ID bill

legislation and inflicting "a lot of other casualties in that process."

"I think there's got to be some repercussions," Taylor said. "I think the average Joe at home isn't going to be pleased that an issue like voter ID knocked off all those other issues people have been working on."

Scores of reforms appeared to be lying on the legislative scrap heap for now — major insurance reforms, tuition relief and key health care legislation among them. The House also failed to pass a bill to accept \$555 million in unemployment funds. Gov. Rick Perry had opposed the legislation on the grounds that too many strings were attached to the federal money.

But there's still time to save important reforms.

Rep. Dan Branch, R-Dallas, who is trying to get an endangered college tuition relief bill passed,

flushed a new tie as a symbol of his hope: it showed a rabbit being pulled from a hat.

Gov. Rick Perry, a Republican, has indicated he could call a special session if the Legislature does not send him a windstorm insurance reform bill. Without it, Texas could be on the hook for untold billions of dollars in liability if a major storm hits the state.

The stalling tactics began Friday as Democrats used up their time privileges to hold an entire slew of bills hostage. The target was the voter ID bill, which Republicans say is necessary to combat ballot box fraud while Democrats say it would diminish voting rights.

The legislation would require Texans to provide a photo ID or two non-photo alternatives before being allowed to cast a ballot.

Democrats called on Republicans to join together

and take up other bills. But that takes a supermajority — a two-thirds vote — and Republican lawmakers vowed not to give in.

At one point, Taylor, the Republican leader, said compromising with the Democrats would be like negotiating with "kidnappers or terrorists." He hastened to add that he wasn't likening Democrats to criminals but compared them to "whiny kids throwing a fit on the floor."

One bill did appear to be on the verge of rescue: legislation by Rep. Kino Flores, D-Mission, giving property tax exemptions to disabled veterans. Rep. John Otto, R-Dayton, worked to get Flores' bill tacked onto a bill he had authored and that was heading back to the House from the Senate.

Officials said they expected a vote on the measure as soon as Wednesday.

Tax appraisal bill

Hughes said, "because there is no accurate statewide average."

He said it's like saying the average temperature of the Earth is 70 degrees.

"You derive that from the Sahara and the Antarctic," Hughes said.

The Panhandle Producers and Royalty Owners Association along with similar associations around the state are asking that the Legislature study the proposal until the next session in 2011.

"This is interim study stuff," Hughes said. "This is too quick. This is too draconian a solution to a problem that has really far-reaching issues to it. There's got to be a rational way to do this."

The problem, Hughes said, is there is a disparity between what gas producers in the panhandle are

paid and what producers in other parts of the state are paid.

Kerry Knorpp, legislative liaison for Texas Historic Ranches, said that the bill would set a prospective tax rate that would be sent out to local county appraisal boards.

"Our unique situation in the panhandle is that starting in October or November of 2008," he said, "gas prices dropped precipitously."

Other producers in the state were receiving six to eight dollars per thousand cubic feet of natural gas. Panhandle producers were receiving two dollars.

"That has continued through the first five months of 2009," Knorpp said. "We're soon going to be receiving appraisals for 2009, that will be due at the end of 2009."

If the appraisals are based on the state average, panhandle producers could end up paying property taxes on 200 percent of what they actually received.

"We're looking for an interim study that will acknowledge our unique conditions," Knorpp said.

He added that the conditions in the panhandle might not be that unique. There may be other areas of the state who are receiving less than what producers in the Permian Basin are receiving.

"We're looking for an acknowledgement of that by the Texas Comptroller, by the Texas Legislature for the next session and by the appraisers," Knorpp said. "This is a very important topic when it comes to finances for this area."

DPS revamps sex offender Web site

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The Texas Department of Public Safety unveiled a redesigned sex offender Web site on Wednesday.

The revamped site allows users to subscribe to e-mail notifications about changes in an offender's record or ZIP Code.

It also provides more precise mapping to allow users to search by name, address

ZIP Code and county. That also will show how close the offender lives to the user's address.

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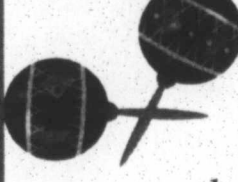
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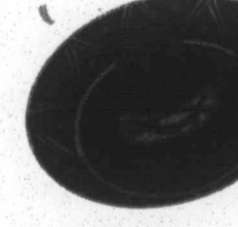
- Bounce House - Frank's True Value
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- Travis Elementary Choir - Kay Pittman
- Wilson Elementary Choir - Francene Owens
- Lamar Elementary Choir - Cynthia Hauck
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- Karmen Buck - T-Shirt Design
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Viewpoints

Today in History

Today is Wednesday, May 27, the 147th day of 2009. There are 218 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 27, 1937, the newly completed Golden Gate Bridge connecting San Francisco and Marin County, Calif., was opened to pedestrian traffic. (Vehicular traffic began crossing the bridge the next day.)

On this date:

In 1818, American reformer Amelia Jenks Bloomer, who popularized the garment that bears her name — "bloomers" — was born in Homer, N.Y.

In 1896, 255 people were killed when a tornado struck St. Louis and East St. Louis, Ill.

In 1929, Charles A. Lindbergh Jr. married Anne Morrow in Englewood, N.J.

In 1933, Walt Disney's Academy Award-winning animated short "The Three Little Pigs" was first released.

"The charm of history and its enigmatic lesson consist in the fact that, from age to age, nothing changes and yet everything is completely different."

— Aldous Huxley, English author

In 1935, the Supreme Court struck down the National Industrial Recovery Act.

In 1936, the Cunard liner RMS Queen Mary left England on its maiden voyage to New York.

In 1941, amid rising world tensions, President Franklin D. Roosevelt proclaimed an "unlimited national emergency."

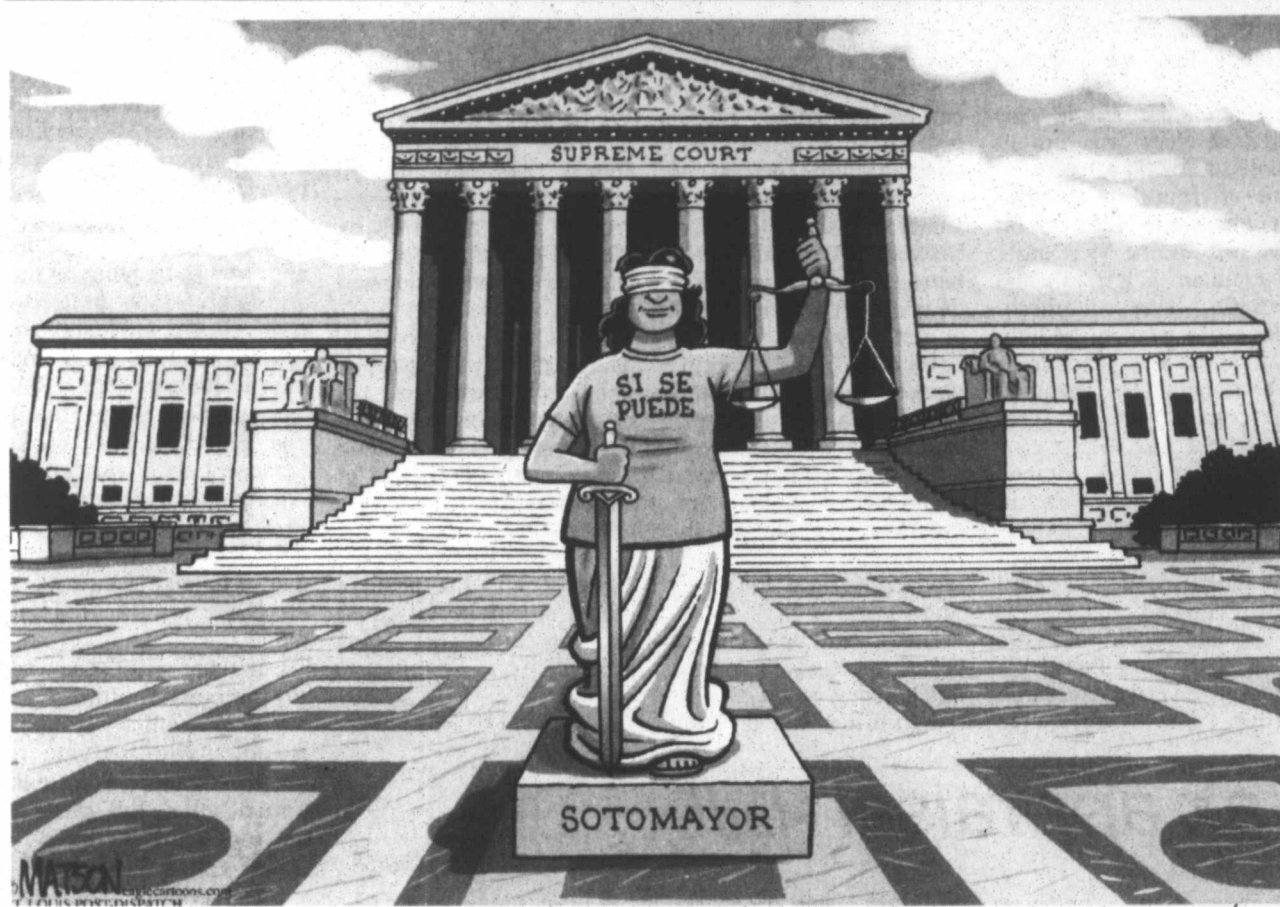
The British navy sank the German battleship Bismarck off France, with a loss of more than 2,100 lives.

In 1964, independent India's first prime minister, Jawaharlal Nehru, died.

In 1985, in Beijing, representatives of Britain and China exchanged instruments of ratification on the pact returning Hong Kong to the Chinese in 1997.

In 1993, five people were killed in a bombing at the Uffizi museum of art in Florence, Italy.

Today's Birthdays: Novelist Herman Wouk is 94. Actor Christopher Lee is 87. Former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger is 86. Author John Barth is 79. Actress Lee Meriwether is 74. Musician Ramsey Lewis is 74. Actor Louis Gossett Jr. is 73. R&B singer Raymond Sanders (The Persuasions) is 70. Country singer Don Williams is 70. Actor Bruce Weitz is 66. Singer Cilla Black is 66. Sen. Christopher Dodd (D-Conn.) is 65. Singer Bruce Cockburn is 64. Singer-actress Dee Dee Bridgewater is 59. Actor Richard Schiff is 54. Singer Siouxsie Sioux (The Creatures, Siouxsie and the Banshees) is 52. Rock singer-musician Neil Finn (The Finn Brothers) is 51. Actress Peri Gilpin is 48. Actress Cathy Silvers is 48. Comedian Adam Carolla is 45. Actor Todd Bridges is 44. Rock musician Sean Kinney (Alice In Chains) is 43. Actor Dondre Whitfield is 40. Actor Paul Bettany is 38. Rock singer-musician Brian Desveaux (Nine Days) is 38. Country singer Jace Everett is 37. Actor Jack McBrayer is 36. Rapper Andre 3000 (Outkast) is 34. Rapper Jadakiss is 34. TV chef Jamie Oliver is 34. Arizona Cardinals defensive tackle Darnell Dockett is 28. Actor Ethan Dampf is 15.



Updated parental rights

By Martha Randolph Carr

In America the nuclear family rules. This is one area where it doesn't matter if you're in a blue or a red state. Everyone agrees that there should always be a certain amount of leeway given so that the personal bylaws of past generations can be passed down to the newest generation. It's why the first year of marriage is so tough.

Two people trying to combine hard and fast rules about where the plates go in the dishwasher and how to make the bed the right way is very tough. Everyone knows that whoever wins the first few scuffles gets to throw their weight around for years to come. Managing money, religious views, feelings about sex and parenting are even more important but most of us are too embarrassed to start those discussions. That list we enact by a nice mix of force and denial.

However, modern science has once again messed up our thousand year old system of relying on what past generations did, even though we don't like sitting in the same room with our parents. All of this newfangled technology is forcing

us to come up with some new rules out of thin air. At the top of the to-do list in need of some boundaries are in vitro fertilization and internet medical advice, which are really ruining our ability to just look away and hope it all fixes itself. Ah, the good old days.

Consider two recent news items as the tip of this iceberg. The first was the announcement that a 66 year old British businesswoman, Elizabeth Adeny is eight months pregnant with her first child. She's not the first pregnant senior citizen, either. Recently, a 70 year old gave birth to a baby girl in India where this is becoming more and more common. Her 72 year old husband is overjoyed. He had illegally wed the younger sister at one point in an attempt to reproduce. We can all feel some sense of relief that he's now able to pass on his philosophies of life to a new generation of women.

The eventual teenagers from all of these test tube interventions will find it harder to rebel because their biological parents won't be around to carry on the traditional never-ending arguments about school, curfews and taking

the family car. However, the jobs these kids take in order to pay the bills they're left with will probably do an even better job of cutting down on the partying. This will probably also turn out to be the most effective way to curb the trend.

Then we have the case of Colleen Hauser, who has fled with her 13 year old son, Daniel for parts unknown. Daniel is suffering from treatable Hodgkin's lymphoma and has a tumor in his chest that is growing and left untreated will kill him. His mother wanted the right to continue to treat Daniel with herbs and other natural remedies she had found on the internet. Well, of course she did. I've also read on the internet that underwire bras cause breast cancer. There's no study, no gathering of evidence but there's plenty of entertaining stories. That's got to be enough to risk your child's ability to become old enough to vote and change some of these laws.

Hauser feels that the thoroughly researched chemotherapy that has been shown to work will only poison her son's body. Apparently the tumor isn't the enemy to her son's long



life, the treatment is, or maybe it's Colleen. Her son, who was being homeschooled and had been given limited information about his disease and the potential affects of all of the options has sided with his mother.

Individual families in this country are allowed to make up their own rules and with a few exceptions, no one intervenes. It's appropriate and necessary so that we don't end up with unintended consequences such as dictating religious views or erasing ethnic practices or languages. But, some of our children are being put into jeopardy before they even get here or are not being given the opportunity to stick around long enough to establish their own little kingdom inside of suburbia.

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Staycation Fun

Raging Moderate
by Will Durst

It's harder than frozen bratwursts to believe we've reached the end of May already, but there it is -- Memorial Day -- delivering a swift kick in the buns to any lingering memory of a very ugly winter. And the mustard rises on another summer. Coincidentally, gas prices continue to spike. Again. Hey, alright. Just in time for travel season. What are the odds? Of course, none of us have the money to go anywhere. So, there is good news.

But Americans would rather spread kimchee on a tofu hot dog at a dental office than give up our summer vacation. Even considering fiscal conditions that are uglier than naked rugby in the rain sponsored by the AARP. So, once again it's time to trot out that old Chamber of Commerce chestnut: the Staycation.

We all know the program: Due to incredible brokenness, we go to great lengths to fool ourselves into thinking that we're embarking on a festive pleasure trip while not actually traveling anywhere. Self-delusion as a budgetary exercise via local tourist escapading. A brave attempt to make lemonade out of surplus lemons infested with a greenish mold and spider mites.

The problem with most folks planning a Staycation, is they focus on all the high points of landmarks-visiting and unfrequented restaurant-frequenting but forget to include all the little moments that truly distinguish memorable holiday excursions. So allow me to help with a couple of handy hints to keep in mind when

replicating the ultimate resort experience from the comfort of your own couch.

How to Perfect Your Family's Fun-Filled Staycation:

- Pack luggage like you're really headed on a trip, and then pick a piece to misplace for the duration. Rip off one end of a handle to complete the simulation.
- Duplicate inevitable airport delay by wasting four hours at a 7-Eleven.
- Listen to Bjork's "Medulla" CD on headphones at high volume as if the airline sat you next to a screaming infant. Repeat.
- Sit on curb outside your house for 90 minutes because your room isn't ready yet.
- First night of Staycation, drink way too much upon arrival and pass out on bathroom floor by 10 p.m.
- Set alarm for 6 a.m. to receive wake-up call for room next to yours. Knock on door at half-hour intervals with cry of: "Housekeeping!"
- Remain in bed most of the first day because of third-degree sunburn received after falling asleep at the

beach.

- For full tropical experience, dump sand in your bed.
 - Watch a pay-per-view movie, then refuse to pay for it, citing lousy reception.
 - Ignore neighbors and friends by pretending you are your own long lost twin.
 - Eat at a strange restaurant and grunt and point at the menu, unable to speak the native language even if it's only Floridian.
 - Grind broken staples into your carpeting before walking around in bare feet.
 - Turn air conditioning off. It's broken. Call imaginary maintenance man who never comes.
 - Food poisoning. 3a.m. Sound like a match made in heaven? Oh, it is.
 - Every two hours, burn sixty dollars.
 - And finally, when time to end your Staycation, stuff all the soap and Kleenex and a towel into your bags.
- Will Durst is a San Francisco-based political comic who writes sometimes. This is one of them.

We welcome your letters

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 - E-mail submissions are welcome.

Emergency Services

PAMPA PD

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Civil matters were reported in the 1000 block of North Mary Ellen, and the lobby of the PD.

Traffic complaints were reported in the 1800 block of North Hobart, and the 300 block of North Hobart.

Domestic disturbances were reported in the 400 block of North Zimmer, and the 2200 block of North Wells.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 1200 block of North Charles.

Monday

Officers conducted five traffic stops.

A total of eight calls and/or stops concerning animals were reported.

A prowler was reported in the 800 block of East Francis.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1300 block of North Duncan, and the 1200 block of North Price Road.

Suspicious persons were reported in the 700 block of East Craven, and the intersection of Browning and Lowry streets.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 500 block of North Lowry.

Three attempts to serve papers were made.

Traffic complaint was received from the 200 block of South Anne, the intersection of Price Road and Highway 60, and the intersection of Nelson and Alcock streets.

Civil matters were reported in the 200 block of West Browning, and the 1000 block of South Varnon.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 900 block of Barnard.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 2500 block of Christine.

Burglary was reported in the 500 block of North Carr, where a playstation was stolen.

Assaults were reported in the 300 block of North Doyle, and the lobby of the PD.

Theft was reported in the 2100 block of North Banks.

Six alarms were investigated.

A suicide attempt was reported in the 1700 block of Christine.

A violation of a city ordinance was reported in the 600 block of North Faulkner.

Suspicious vehicles were reported in the 400 block of North Faulkner.

Domestic disturbances were reported in the 1100 block of West Alcock, and the 700 block of East Kingsmill.

A welfare check was made in the 100 block of North Warren.

Tuesday

Two alarms were investigated.

Officers conducted 14 traffic stops.

A total of six calls and/or stops concerning animals were made.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 100 block of North Hobart.

Motor vehicle accidents were reported in the 100 block of East Harvester, and the lobby of the PD.

Harassment was reported in the 100 block of East Harvester.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 300 block of West Albert, the intersection of Naida and Lincoln streets, and the 800 block of North Bradley.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 1200 block of East Darby.

Fraud was reported in the lobby of the PD.

Agency assistance was rendered in the 700 block of East Kingsmill.

A traffic complaint was received from the 1200 block of North Hobart.

A silent/abusive 911 call was received from the 1000 block of South Prairie.

Driving while intoxicated was reported in the 1600 block of North Hobart.

Civil matters were reported in the 1100 block of South Nelson, the 1300 block of North Charles, and the 1600 block of North Faulkner.

Harassment was reported in the 300 block of South Miami.

A suspicious person was reported in the 12000 block of East Frederic.

Wednesday

Officers conducted five traffic stops.

A suspicious person was reported in the 900 block of West Rham.

A silent/abusive 911 call was received from the 1100 block of North Russell.

SHERIFF

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests.

Friday

Travis Glenn Mask, 17, of Pampa was arrested by the GCSO for disorderly conduct — obscene language.

Antonio Webb, 41, of Oklahoma City, Okla., was arrested by the Department of Public Safety for no driver's license, violation of open container, alcohol.

Joshua Lee Rivas, 18, of Pampa was arrested by the PPD for possession of a controlled substance, burglary of habitation, and violation of a protective order.

Tony Medina, 22, of Pampa was arrested by the PPD for possession of a controlled substance, and four civil warrants.

Saturday

Johnny Kay Boland,

59, of Pampa was arrested by the Pampa Police Department for driving while intoxicated.

High Jackson Parman, 21, of Pampa was arrested by the GCSO for possession of a controlled substance, and possession of

drug paraphernalia.

Delbert Lynn Thompson, 42, of Pampa was arrested by the PPD for civil warrants for no driver's license.

William Rafael Maas Carrillo, 38, of Canadian was arrested by the PPD

for driving while intoxicated, third or more, harassment, and terroristic threat.

Saturday - Tuesday's emergency services will be continued in Thursday's issue.

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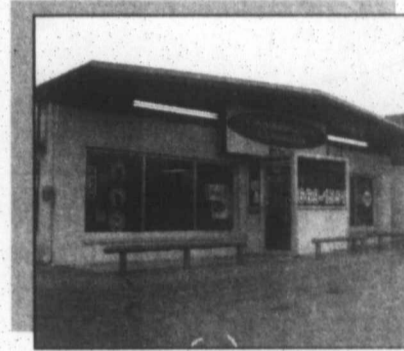
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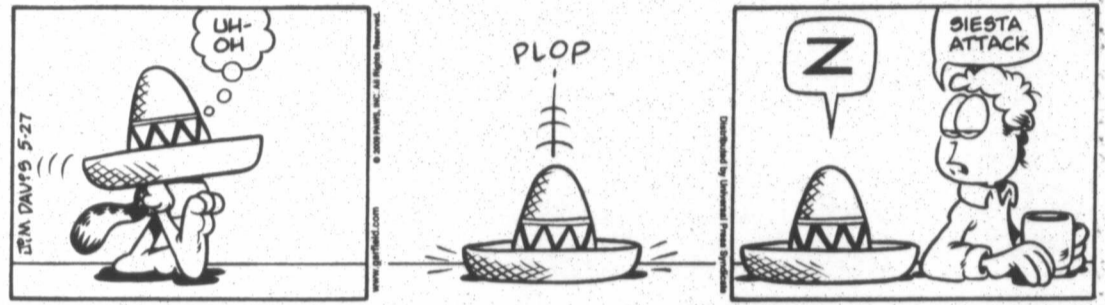
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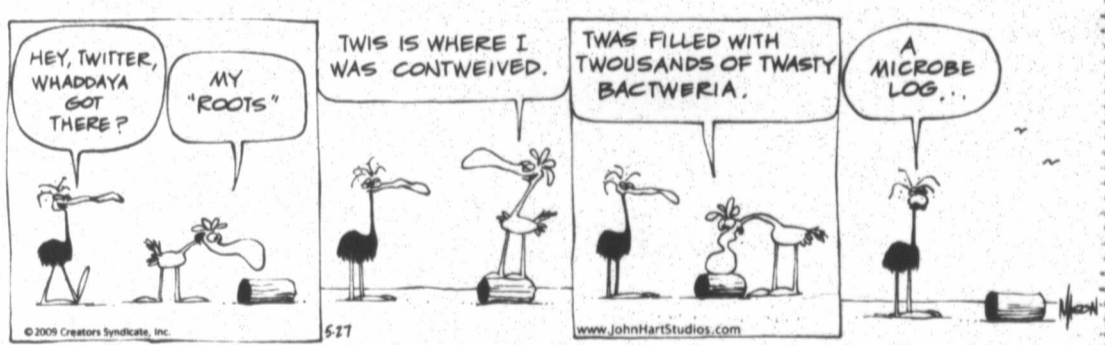
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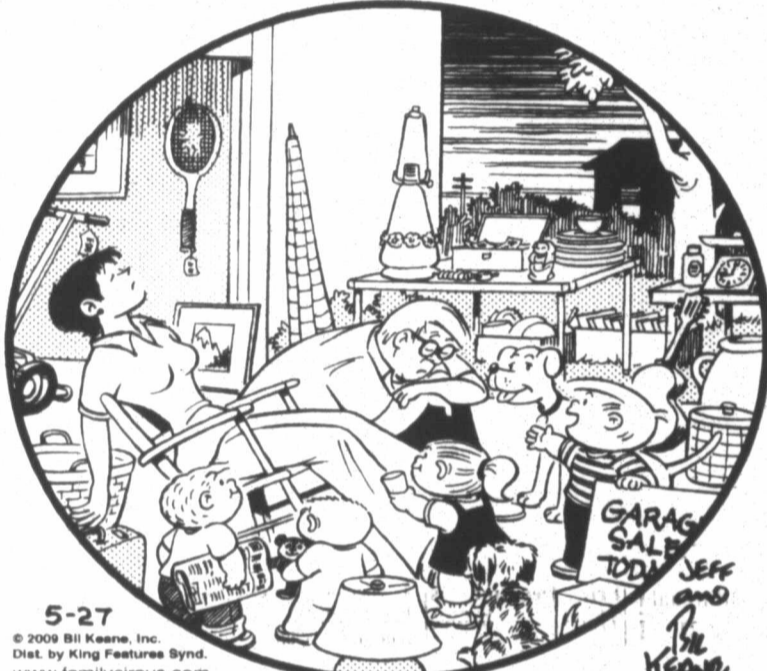


Flo & Friends



THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



"Oh boy! We have enough good stuff left to have another garage sale next week!"

Daily Crossword Puzzle

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
- 1 Hammed range
 - 7 Sacred coffee
 - 11 Lady of riding fame
 - 12 Poet Van Dуйn
 - 13 Starting bid
 - 14 Bob's "Road" buddy
 - 15 Fairy tale sister
 - 17 Yaks it up
 - 20 Caravan stop
 - 23 "Evil Woman" group
 - 24 Florida race site
 - 26 Pull along
 - 27 Flock female
 - 28 Moving truck
 - 29 Like blank paper
 - 31 Goal
 - 32 Nuisances
 - 33 Deuce beater
 - 34 "The Gift of the Magi" writer
 - 37 Stubbs of the Four Tops
 - 39 Nanny's kin
 - 43 Chef's need
- DOWN**
- 1 Swelled head
 - 2 Janitor's tool
 - 3 Poem of praise
 - 4 Small bell sounds
 - 5 Eternally
 - 6 Be bold
 - 7 Pooped person's utterance
 - 8 Loses one's temper
 - 9 Hostelry
 - 10 Slump
 - 16 Trifled
 - 17 Outfit
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 - 19 Stuns
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 - 22 Annie's pooch
 - 24 None too bright
 - 25 Reverence
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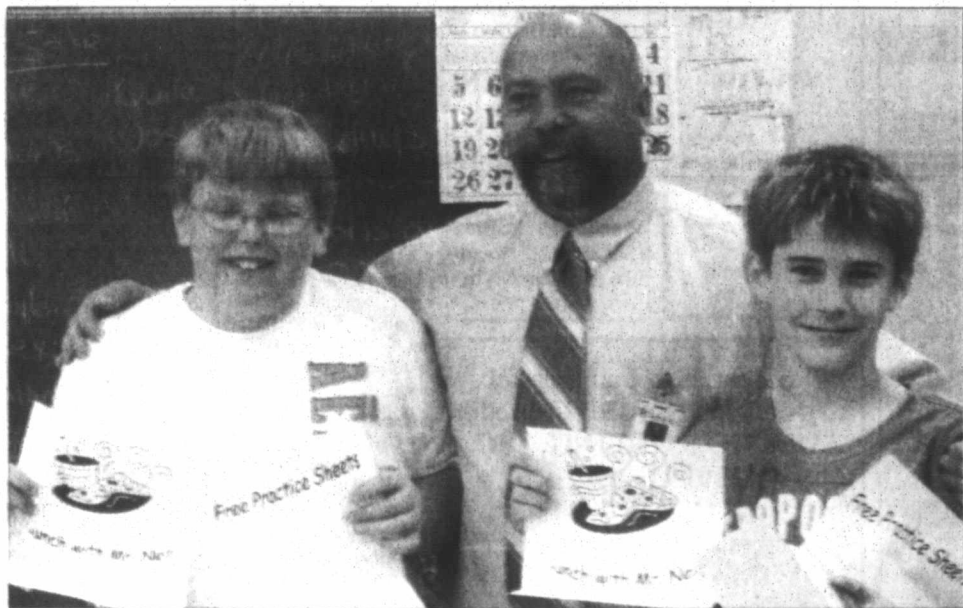
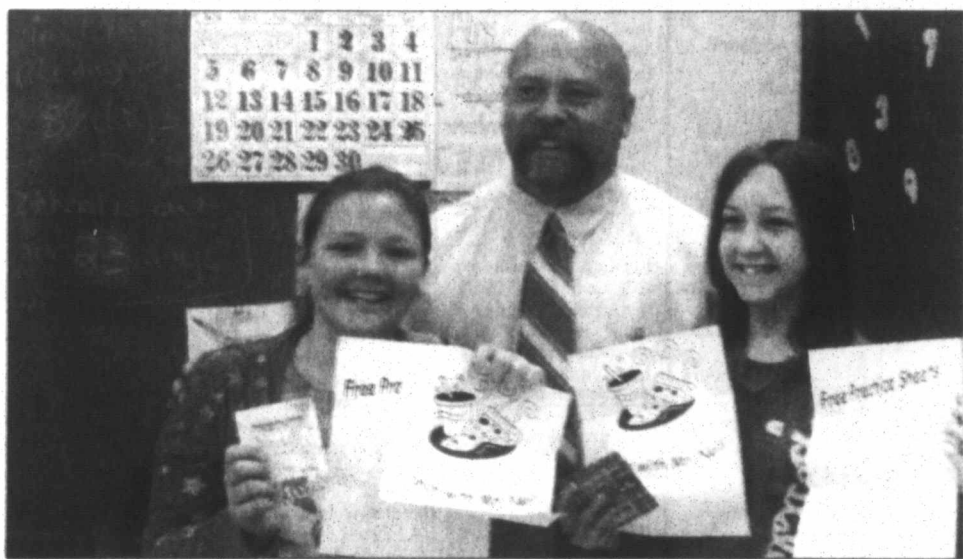
Around town

NEW MEMBERS



Tracy Bruce and Nicole Routh received Altrusa new member initiation at the Altrusa meeting on Tuesday, May 26.

TAKS RACE



The Amazing TAKS Race was an activity created by Tabatha Clark, student teacher with PJHS teacher Cheryl Free. Mrs. Free's sixth grade PreAp math classes had to read clues to get to certain places at PJHS, and then solve a TAKS problem when they arrived at their destinations. They raced around the building competing against their classmates. First place in first period classes were Mackenzie Parks and Emilee Frost who each won free worksheets for the rest of the year, a gift card to Hastings and lunch with PJHS Principal Paul Nies, pictured in the middle. First place winners from fifth period were JT Skinner and Braxton Maul.

Glo-Valve pitches no hitter

Glo-Valve Service prevailed over Panhandle Tuesday 7-0 when four pitchers combined for a no hitter at Optimist Park.

Ryan Powell won his fourth game of the Pampa Optimist 11-12 Cal Ripken season pitching the first two innings. He struck out four, walked one and hit a batter. Casey Martindale pitched the third inning. He struck out two and walked two. Aaron Allen struck out five and walked two in two innings of work. Colton Thompson finished up with a perfect sixth inning striking out two.

Powell aided his own

cause with a single in the bottom of the first inning to ignite a five-run rally. Powell stole second and went to third when Brody Gaines lined a hit off the pitcher's leg. Martindale drove Powell in with a groundout. Gaines scored when Chance Douglas was safe on an error. Douglas stole two bases and added a run when Zach Hill reached base on an error. Thompson stroked a two-run single, stole two bases and slid home on a wild pitch.

In the fifth inning, Powell doubled, stole third and scored on a groundout by Gaines. Martindale

singled, stole second, went to third on an error and completed the scoring on Douglas' second hit of the evening. Douglas, with two hits, one run and one RBI, and Powell, with two hits and two runs, were the leading hitters for Glo-Valve.

Powell scooped up a bunt and threw to Gaines at first base, who relayed to Allen at catcher for a 1-3-2 double play for an outstanding defensive play for Glo-Valve. Martindale picked a runner off third base, and Allen picked a runner off first base for other defensive gems for Glo-Valve.



Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have attended several weddings lately where we have waited up to an hour and a half for the bride and groom to arrive at their own reception. Can you enlighten me because, frankly, I am ... **ONE CONFUSED GUEST, LEWIS CENTER, OHIO**

DEAR CONFUSED: Sometimes there is a delay between the wedding ceremony and the reception so the wedding party can be photographed. Rather than being confused, use your imagination. These days there could be many reasons for a delay -- the limo ran out of gas, someone's zipper stuck, the bride went into labor....

According to Emily Post: "Any delay longer than 30 to 45 minutes becomes excessive, unless (the) invitation included a starting time for the reception. ... If there is likely to be a considerable delay, be sure that guests will be served beverages and hors d'oeuvres while they await your arrival."

DEAR ABBY: I teach at a privately owned after-school center. Recently, my boss asked me if I had any friends who could teach an extra class one day a week. I have a friend, "Cheryl," who I know would be great for the job. She's very smart and has past teaching experience.

I told my boss I would introduce her to Cheryl. What I didn't mention is that Cheryl is transgender. She was not born a biological female. I don't feel it is

my place to disclose that to my boss. However, I was shocked when Cheryl said she wouldn't tell, either.

I understand my friend's desire to be recognized as a woman. But I feel that I would be deceiving my boss if neither of us told her. I'm not entirely sure whether my boss, the other teachers and the children's parents would approve of Cheryl. I don't want to be blamed for not being truthful. If Cheryl doesn't reveal that she's transgender, should I? -- **NERVOUS IN NORTHERN**

CALIFORNIA

DEAR NERVOUS: Please do not allow yourself to be distracted by your friend's gender status. The question isn't whether Cheryl was born a woman. It's whether she can be a competent teacher. When all is said and done, what's going on between her ears is far more important than what's under her skirt. Jobs working with children require background checks. It's not your responsibility to be the town crier.

Sudoku

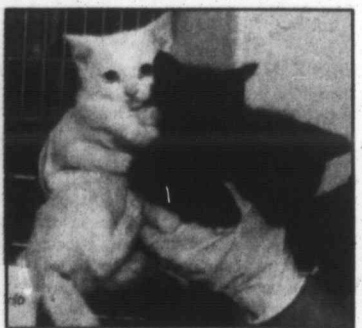
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