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## WARM WEATHER FUN



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Destinee Ford and Jade Honeycutt display the latest in shaving cream hairdos from the Create-a-Beat outdoor playtime during the summer program at Hi-Land Christian Church.

## Grant will help town use wind power to cut wastewater treatment costs

AUSTIN—The small northwest Texas town of Crowell will reduce electricity costs for its wastewater treatment plant by an estimated 30 percent with the help of a state grant to install a wind turbine. The Office of Rural Community Affairs (ORCA) announced today that Crowell, population 1,111, will receive \$323,000 through the agency's Renewable Energy Demonstration Pilot Program to install a 50-kilowatt wind turbine

at its wastewater treatment plant. The agency's renewable energy grant program utilizes federal Community Development Block Grant funds to help low-income rural communities install renewable energy projects tied to treating drinking water or wastewater. "Our goal is to help eligible rural communities across Texas reduce their energy costs by using wind power, solar power and other renewable energy," said Remelle Farrar, a

member of ORCA's governing board and also a resident of Crowell. Farrar said that for many rural communities, their highest electricity costs come from treating water or wastewater. Under the grant, Crowell will have two years to install the wind turbine. The city spends about \$19,000 annually for electricity at its wastewater treatment plant. ORCA has funded two

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## Chisum says stimulus funds kept Texas in the black

BY DAVID BOWSER  
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Chisum

Pampa's state representative said federal stimulus money kept the state's budget in the black for this biennium. The Texas Legislature meets in odd-numbered years for 140 days. The 2009 session ended earlier this month. State Rep. Warren Chisum, who represents Pampa, told Gray County Commissioners that when the Texas Legislature convened last January, they thought they might have a budget shortfall, but with stimulus money from the federal government, Chisum said they were able to balance the budget and still put about \$9 billion in the bank for the next session in two years.

He said they anticipated a \$170 billion budget, a population growth rate of five percent and inflation of 1.5 percent. "It looked like the toughest of times," he said, "and then we begin to have this stimulus package come down from the feds."

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## PISD board has busy agenda for tonight

BY DAVID BOWSER  
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The average daily attendance report the Pampa Independent School District board of trustees will be reviewing when they meet Thursday evening indicates that Austin Elementary had the best attendance rate at 96.48 percent. The Pampa Learning Center had the lowest with 67.69 percent. The other campuses had between 94 and 96 percent attendance for the year. The school board will also hear reports on accidents at the different campuses, federal grant applications, instruction and student performance, curriculum and staff development and the district's budget. They will also consider bids for weight room supplies and equipment, contracts for services with the Region XVI Education Center in Amarillo, fund-

raisers for the 2009-2010 school year and a trip to New York City by the Pampa High School Drama Club. The board will also consider district policy updates suggested by the Texas Association of School Boards, appointment of delegates for the Texas Association of School Board convention in October, a memorial plaque for the Campbell family that donated the land for the new Pampa Junior High School, a mascot and logo for the junior high, a change in school board meeting times and a revised policy for commencement activities. The school board will also discuss the 70 year-old concrete fence across the south side of the high school. They will also consider hiring new teachers and evaluating the superintendent.

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## 10th annual Christian rodeo camp starts Sunday

BY LESLI ABBOTT  
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The Top of Texas Fellowship of Christian Cowboys Texas Rodeo Bible Camp starts on Sunday, June 21 and ends with a rodeo and award ceremony on Wednesday, June 24 at Clyde Carruth Pavillion and arena next to Recreation Park. The camp is for boys and

girls age 13-18 interested in rodeo sport training and is faith based. Kathleen Greene, chair of the committee said, "Last year there were more than 40 youth participants in the four day event with 11 team leaders, mostly former camp students themselves." Events taught for girls will include: barrel racing, goat tying, and breakaway

roping. Boys events include: bareback/saddle bronc riding, bull riding, cowboy protection, calf roping, team roping, and steer wrestling. Afternoon activities include swimming and bowling. Meals are provided and donated by various organizations and churches. The cost to participate is

\$175 for those not previously registered. The organization has a limited number of scholarships that are available. Campers need to apply in writing and have the document ready at camp check in on Sunday, June 21 from 3-5 p.m. The Web site for information is www.texasrodeobiblecamp.com, members of the team can be contact-

ed at 806-383-2733 and 806-665-8067. Spectators are invited to attend each day at no cost. Campers will participate in a rodeo at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday with an awards banquet to follow. Buckles and prizes will be distributed in an unusual format. The fastest time or highest score may not

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## PAMPA FORECAST

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		
High 84 Low 65	High 84 Low 69	High 91 Low 70

**Tonight:** Isolated showers and thunderstorms before 1 a.m. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 68. South wind between 10 and 15 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20%.

**Friday:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1 p.m. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 84. Southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

**Friday Night:** Showers and thunderstorms likely, mainly after 1 a.m. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 65. South wind 5 to 10 mph becoming east. Chance of precipitation is 60%.

**Saturday:** A 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 86. North wind around 5 mph becoming calm.

**Saturday Night:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 69. North wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south southwest.

**Sunday:** Mostly cloudy, with a high near 91. South southwest wind between 5 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

**Sunday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 70. South wind between 10 and 15

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## Grain prices

The following grain quotations are provided by Atterbury Grain of White Deer. Prices quoted for the close of the last market day.

Wheat	\$5.38
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Com	\$7.19

## Daily 4 results

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Wednesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order:  
9-4-1-3. Sum It Up: 17  
(nine, four, one, three. Sum It Up: seventeen)

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## Obituaries

### Billy K. "Bill" Potts, 74

Pampa— Billy K. "Bill" Potts, 74, died June 16, 2009, in Amarillo, Texas.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, June 19, 2009, at First Presbyterian Church, with Rev. Kenny Rigoulot, pastor, officiating.

Entombment will be in Memory Gardens Mausoleum under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.

Mr. Potts was born March 12, 1935 in Paradise, Texas to Joseph Tatman Potts and Anna Atkins Potts. He was a 1953 graduate of Paradise High School and received a B.S. degree from TCU

in 1958. He later received an M. Ed. Degree in 1971 from West Texas State University. He was an algebra and math teacher for 25 years, including years at Pampa Junior High, Robert E. Lee Junior High and Pampa High School. At Pampa High School, Bill was student council sponsor for 6 years and finished his career as chairman of the math department. He also coached junior high basketball for several years. He married Jane Cheyne on June 1, 1961 in Amarillo and they have lived in Pampa for more than 30 years. He was a life member of NEA and

TSTA where he worked as a regional consultant for 8 years in Plainview. Bill was an active member of First Presbyterian Church and was a veteran of the U. S. Army and Texas National Guard for 6 years.

Survivors include his wife, Jane Potts of the home, a son, Parrish Kelley Potts and wife Kathryn of Heath, Texas, four grandchildren, John Brennan, Michael, Andrew, and Caroline Potts, all of Heath, a brother, Bob Potts and wife Mary of Paradise and numerous nieces and nephews. Bill was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers and three sisters.



Potts

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to First Presbyterian Church Book of Remembrance, 525 N. Gray, Pampa, Texas 79065.

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

## Emergency Services

### FIRE

The Pampa Fire Department responded to the following call between 7 a.m. Wednesday, June 17 and 7 a.m. Thursday, June 18.

9:07 p.m.—One unit and three personnel responded to a smoke scare in the 1300 block of Farley.

### AMBULANCE

Guardian EMS responded to the following calls during the period between 7 a.m. Wednesday, June 17 to 7 a.m. Thursday, June 18.

3:09 a.m.—An MICU unit responded to the 1100 block of south Dwight and transported one patient to Panhandle Regional Medical Center.

5:29 a.m.—An MICU unit responded to the 2200 block of west Kentucky and transported one patient to Panhandle Regional Medical Center.

### PAMPA PD

The Pampa Police Department responded to

the following calls during the period between 7 a.m. Wednesday, June 17 to 7 a.m. Thursday, June 18.

Wednesday  
Animal Control Officers responded to 17 calls or stops.

Pampa Police Officers made 8 traffic stops, have 9 ongoing investigations, and responded to 2 requests for information.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 600 block of north Christy and in the 1200 block of north Hobart.

A suspicious person was reported in the 500 block of east Foster, the 1500 block of north Hobart, and in the 300 block of north Sumner.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 400 block of north Lefors street.

Theft was reported in the 100 block of south Starkweather, in the 2800 block of north Charles, 1300 block of east Terrace, and in the 300 block of north Roberta.

A burglary was reported in the 504 block of east Foster, in the 900 block of east Brunow, and in the 700 block of north Lefors

street.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1800 block of north Fir.

A welfare check was made in the 300 block of north Perry.

A report of found property was made in the 400 block of north Ballard.

Forgery was reported to the PPD.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1200 block of Wilcox.

A sexual assault was reported in the 1500 block of north Banks.

A warrant was served in the 2200 block of Mary Ellen.

Identity theft was reported in the lobby of the Pampa Police Department.

A runaway was reported in the in the 600 block of north Wells.

Thursday  
Pampa Police Officers made 1 traffic stop.

An assault was reported in the 1100 block of south Dwight.

A traffic complaint was reported in the 1400 block of north Hobart.

### SHERIFF

The Gray County Sheriff's Department made the following arrests during the period between 7 a.m. Wednesday, June 17 and 7 a.m. Thursday, June 18.

Wednesday  
Charles Dale Williamson, Jr., 37, of Pampa, was arrested on a warrant for theft.

Thursday  
Rod Lamont Donnell, 33, of Pampa, was arrested for interference with public duties and evading arrest and detention.

## Pick 3 results

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order:  
3-5-9. Sum It Up: 17  
(three, five, nine. Sum It Up: seventeen)

## Cash Five Texas results

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Results of the Cash 5 drawing Wednesday night:  
Winning numbers drawn: 1-13-32-34-37.  
Number matching five of five: 0.  
Matching four of five: 70. Prize: \$509  
Matching three of five: 2,228. Prize: \$12  
Matching two of five: 22,217. Prize: \$2

## Lotto Texas

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night:  
Winning numbers drawn: 15-24-35-46-47-54.  
Number matching six of six: 0.  
Number matching five of six: 8. Prize: \$4,857.  
Number matching four of six: 919. Prize: \$63.  
Number matching three of six: 19,495. Prize: \$3.  
Estimated jackpot for Saturday night drawing: \$16 million

## High court rules in favor of ex-Enron executive

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court on Thursday sided with a former Enron Corp. executive in a ruling that makes it unlikely he can be tried a second time on charges related to financial fraud at the one-time energy giant.

The court, in a 6-3 vote, threw out an appeals court ruling that would have allowed a retrial of F. Scott Yeager, a former executive at Enron's failed broadband venture, on charges for which a jury could not reach a verdict at his first trial.

But Justice John Paul Stevens, writing for the majority, did not completely shut the door to another trial.

Yeager sold Enron stock for more than \$54 million before the company began a downward spiral that ended in bankruptcy

in 2001.

In his first trial in 2005, Yeager faced 125 counts and was acquitted of five, including four counts of wire fraud and one of conspiracy to commit wire and securities fraud. The jury couldn't reach a verdict on the remaining counts, which alleged insider trading and money laundering.

Yeager was later reindicted on 13 counts of insider trading and money laundering.

The issue for the court is whether a variation on the Constitution's guarantee against double jeopardy applies in this situation: The jury votes not guilty on some charges, but fails to reach a verdict on others that are based upon the same essential facts as the charges that resulted in acquittal.

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## Oil rises above \$71 amid falling inventories

Oil prices rose above \$71 a barrel Thursday, halting this week's decline as falling U.S. crude inventories suggested demand is improving in the world's largest economy.

Benchmark crude for July delivery was up 14 cents to \$71.17 a barrel by mid-afternoon in Europe in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. On Wednesday, it rose 56 cents to settle at \$71.03.

Earlier in the session, the Nymex contract peaked at \$71.73, but fell back as the dollar strengthened and drew investors out of commodities, usually a safeguard against inflation and dollar weakness.

Prices dipped below \$70 a barrel earlier this week from an eight-month high near \$73 the previous week on investor concern that the economy may not recover as fast as some traders anticipate.

The Energy Information Administration said Wednesday that crude inventories fell last week by 3.9 million barrels, or 1.1 percent, and have dropped 10.8 million barrels over the last four weeks.

## Wind

other projects, both in 2009, through its renewable energy program. The city of Seminole in West Texas was awarded \$500,000 to help finance a project using wind power to desalinate brackish groundwater and provide a new source of drinking water for the town's residents. Drilling of the well for this \$1.6 million project is expected to be completed this summer.

The agency also granted \$488,714 to the city of Lometa in Lampasas County to install 50 kilowatts of solar panels at the wastewater treatment plant that serves the town. That installation is expected to

reduce electricity costs at the plant by 50 percent.

"Innovative projects such as the ones in Crowell, Seminole and Lometa can be a blueprint for rural communities in Texas to save money by using renewable energy," said Charles S. Stone, ORCA executive director. "Texas is on its way to being the nation's renewable energy leader, and rural Texas can benefit tremendously from that development."

ORCA is the state agency dedicated solely to rural Texas and is a provider of rural-focused state and federal resources for community development, disaster recovery, economic devel-

opment, housing and rural health. The agency serves as the state's primary liaison with HUD and manages the federal disaster

For more information, visit ORCA online at [www.orca.state.tx.us](http://www.orca.state.tx.us).

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## PISD

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dent's performance.

The school board will meet beginning at 6 p.m., Thursday, in the Carver Center Administrative Office, 321 W. Albert.

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## Camp

necessarily win an award. The coaching staff, team leaders and the local chapter will distribute awards based on how much the child has improved, their willingness to learn, and their ability to assist others.

One camper will be presented with the Jim Greene Memorial Buckle, named for the late Gray County Commissioner and charter member of the Top O' Texas Fellowship of Christian Cowboys.

The Fellowship of Christian Cowboys was founded in 1972 by Wilbur Plaugher, the famous rodeo clown, and Mark Schrickler, National Finals Rodeo Calf Roping and Steer Wrestling Champion.

Rodeo Bible Camps are a unique blend of biblical teaching and rodeo instruction geared towards encouraging a young per-

son to deepen their personal relationship with Jesus Christ while improving their rodeo event skills.

Their goal is to raise up a generation of young people who will walk in integrity, to be committed to Jesus Christ, and promise nothing at all cost. The national membership is over 60,000.

Participants are encouraged to pre register by completing the downloadable form or contact that camp directly. Each camper is required to provide proof of adequate insurance with your registration form. Each form must be signed by a parent and/or legal guardian and notarized.

The youth participants will have the opportunity to learn skills from some of the best competitors in the rodeo business.

The instructors for the rough stock, which includes bareback broncs and saddle broncs will be Texas Cowboy Hall of Famer, Monty "Hawkeye" Henson. Henson is a three time world champion in the Professional Rodeo Cowboy Association. Henson is somewhat of an ambassador for the American rodeo sport. He became famous for inventing the flying dismount during his competition years.

The bull riding rough stock instructors will be Kody Lostroh, 21, of Longmont, Co. and Josh Koschel, 24, of Greeley, Co.

Lostroh is currently rated number one in the Professional Bull Riders Association. Koschel, is currently ranked at number 17 in the standings out of

some 12,000 members.

Canadian native Tamara Reinhardt will be coaching the girls events. She is a member of the Women's Professional Rodeo Association and is a multiple National Finals Rodeo Association Qualifier.

The Top O' Texas chapter needs donations for meals, prizes, and arena assistants for the rodeo during the camp. Kathleen Greene said, "It takes a lot of work to put this on every year. We need a sponsor for the barbecue dinner for the awards banquet, helpers in the kitchen for every meal, and rodeo people to assist with the competition. And of course the public is invited to attend, any time they'd like to". The E-mail address for the chapter is [txrodebiblecamp@aol.com](mailto:txrodebiblecamp@aol.com).

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## Money

Chisum said the Legislature was facing a \$9 billion shortfall, but the federal government gave the state \$13 billion in stimulus money.

"We were able to pass a budget that kept up with the growth in the population and the inflation," he said.

They ended up with a \$180 billion budget.

"That's the most important thing that we have to pass," Chisum said.

He said that was below inflation and population growth estimates.

"We feel like we passed a good budget," he said.

Chisum said the Legislature went into the budget with a \$3 billion surplus from the last budget cycle.

He said the State of Texas continues to grow at a pretty good clip.

"It's not near what it was," Chisum said, "but when you look at all the other states, we're doing better than most."

He said he hopes the Legislature didn't pass anything to the detriment of county governments in the state.

"We did pass a bill so that if counties that are over 100 in population, which there's only one that's below that, and it's more than 50 miles from the Mexican border, you can actually do county ordinances," Chisum said. "You can have a plumbing code or an electrical code in the county. It's strictly optional on the county's part."

Loving County in Far West Texas has 67 people.

Chisum said the reason the Legislature passed that bill is because in some of the more heavily populated counties in the state, colonias have started popping up outside incorporated areas with no

"They build houses or shacks with no water, no sewer, no roads," Chisum said. "Then later on, the counties have to come along and pick that up."

He said the Legislature increased the amount need-

ed for a bidding process from \$25,000 to \$50,000.

"Unfortunately," he said, "we did that in five different bills, all of which are on the governor's desk right now. He hasn't signed any of them, but he hasn't vetoed any of them, either."

Chisum said he expects the governor to sign those bills into law.

The reason for the bills, he said, was that the Legislature wanted local governments, cities and counties, to be able to buy vehicles from local dealerships.

"We understand the desire to use the local market and local suppliers," he said.

He said the \$50,000 should cover trucks and cars, but not bulldozers or maintainers.

Chisum said things got interesting late in the session as one group started to

filibuster legislation.

"You can only talk 10 minutes on each bill," Chisum said, "but unfortunately we had over 250 bills on the calendar. Ten minutes times 250, it took up about five days of our time not doing anything."

Consequently, he said there was a scramble at the end of the session to get things done.

He said a bill was introduced that expanded a \$6 million surplus materials allotment from the

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Texas Department of Transportation to counties in the state to \$16 million.

"That would have been a fine thing for us to get done," Chisum said, "but unfortunately that bill didn't get passed."

He said in the end, the Legislature didn't significantly change anything.

"The tax structure is about the same," Chisum said. "Other than that it was business as usual," he said.

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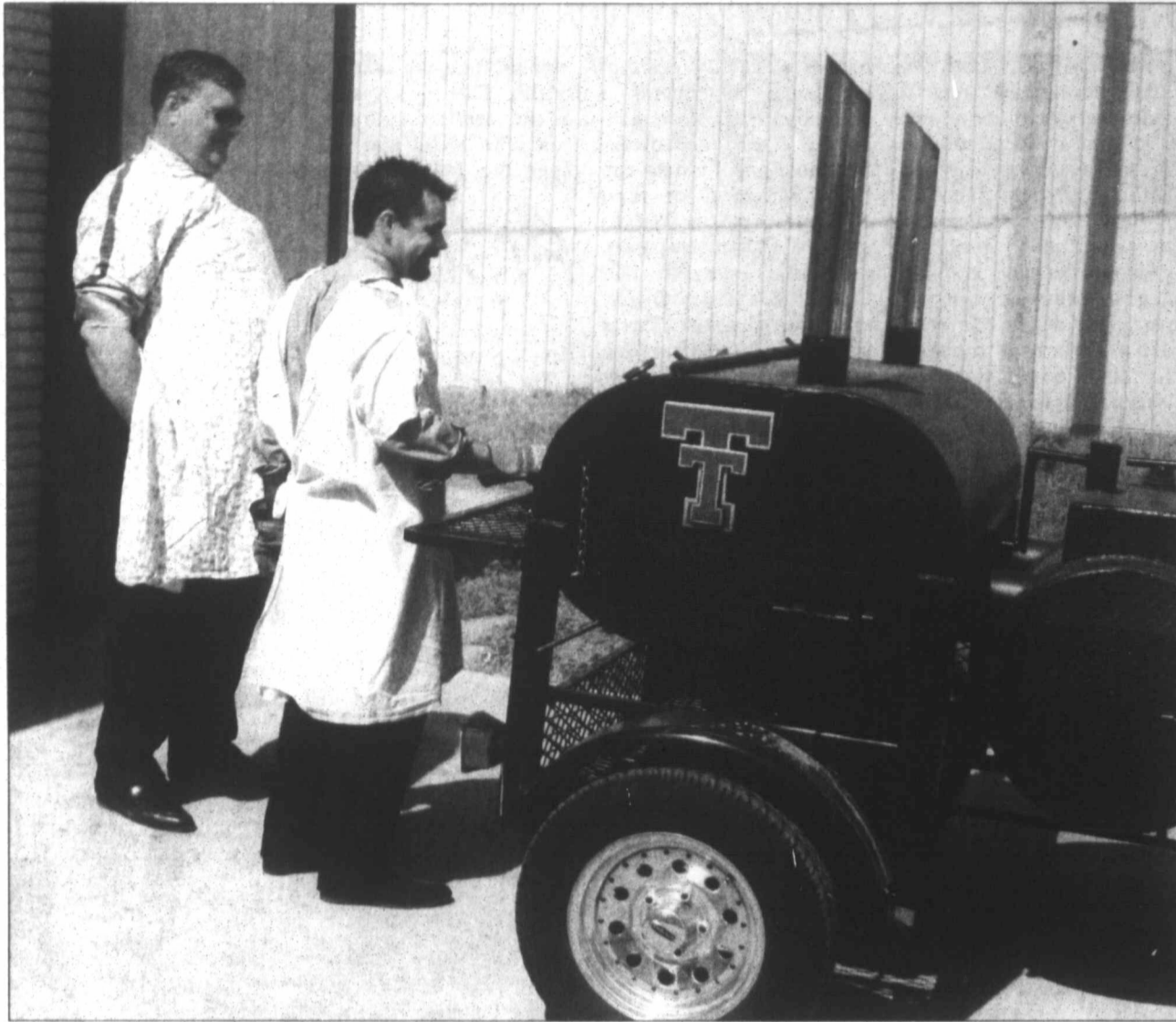
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## JUST WHAT THE DOCTOR ORDERED



Lions Club cooked hamburgers for the Pampa Sheltered Workshop on Tuesday, June 16 outside of J. A. Johnson DDS office. Lance DeFever and Brad Pingel wore their hospital gowns to cover their suits.

## Girls get a little rock 'n' roll at camp

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas (AP) — Asenet Torres wants to rock 'n' roll.

She's 10. On Monday, she wore black capri pants and a ponytail. She talked bubbly about playing drums at Chicas Rock, an all-girls rock camp set up in an old photography studio.

"You can express your feelings with them (the drums)," Asenet said. "When you play drums, you play with your heart."

The camp, run by La Conquista, an all-female, cumbia/pop band from Monterrey, Mexico, is designed to teach girls how to be a rocker while still being a girl.

Surrounded by sound equipment and a tangle of power cords, 11 camp-

ers chattered excitedly as they strapped on guitars, stepped up to the microphone or sat behind a drum set. They paid \$300 each for the two-week camp.

"They're learning quick," said La Conquista's bass player, Cecy Trevino. "No matter where they came from, it doesn't matter. Here, we're all going to learn the same."

By learning, she means jamming but also getting some history on musicians that have paved the way for girls, such as Joan Jett and the Go-Go's. Campers also are tutored in management 101 and how to keep a band together.

"We want to teach them how ... to keep with it," Trevino said, shouting to be heard while some campers played "I Love Rock 'n' Roll," a hit for Joan Jett

and the Blackhearts.

"We want them to learn how to have fun," she said.

The atmosphere is free of boy pressure, something Trevino said she didn't have.

"Back in the day we had to learn how to play with the boys," she said.

The camp is the first of what La Conquista hopes to be many rock band camps for girls.

Some boys' parents called to get into the camp, but La Conquista wasn't having it, they said.

The idea for the camp came after parents who attended their concerts asked the band where their daughters could be taught to play like the band.

"By having this camp, we can give them a little of what we have," Trevino said.

One of the more experienced rockers, 13-year-old Audrey Garza has played guitar for more than a year.

"I came here from Houston just for this camp," she said.

Garza wasn't the only one who traveled to attend Chicas Rock.

Nicole Mercado, 20, drove from Orange Grove.

Nicole sang when she was younger and is picking it back up.

She wanted to see how the process worked.

"I never had voice lessons," she said.

Of the 11 girls, they were as young as 6 and as old as Mercado.

Age didn't matter, Trevino said, but jamming did. "We're all here," she said, "to rock."

## EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

• **The American Cancer Society Relay For Life Survivor Banquet** will be held at the First United Methodist Church on Monday, June 22 at 6:30 PM. The Altrusa Club of Pampa is hosting the meal. To attend, RSVP no later than Friday, June, 19 to Pam Dalton at 665-035.

• **The sixth annual High Plains Off Road Mud Bog** will be held Saturday, June, 20 at Pampa's Recreation Park. Free admission if offered to the public. Technical check-in starts at 7 a.m. and will conclude at 9:30 a.m. All entries must be completed by the 9:30 deadline, no exceptions will be allowed.

The race begins at 10:00 a.m. sharp. Entry fee is \$30 per class. Nine classes are scheduled to compete with first, second, and third place trophies. Proceeds from the event will go to the Shane "Catfish" Kennedy Memorial Fund. For more information, contact Nick Harvill at 806-664-0327 or Jeremy Hill at 806-662-7671.

• **Cross Texas Transmission** will be conducting a community information session from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 23, at the Trinity Fellowship Activity Center, 2225 N. Hobart Street in Pampa.

Cross Texas Transmission is a subsidiary of LS Power and was selected by the Public Utility Commission of Texas to be the transmission service provider for several counties in the eastern part of the Texas panhandle. Please join us as we introduce ourselves and our transmission project to the community.

• **The Las Pampas Koi and Watergarden Society of Pampa** will be conducting their 12th Annual Pond and Garden Tour on Saturday, June 27. Featuring 12 homes on the tour this year, there will be 10 available for viewing on the daytime tour and 8 on the twilight tour. Times for the tour are 10 am -5 p.m. for daytime and 7:30 p.m. -10:30 p.m. for the twilight tour. Admissions is \$5 for adults, with children admitted free. Profits from the annual tour are used for scholarships to Clarendon College, Pampa Center, Christmas baskets, Angel Tree participation and other projects in the community.

Advance tickets will be available at all local nurseries and the Chamber of Commerce office. Tickets may also be purchased the day of the tour at any of the participating sites. For additional information, contact Debbie Davis at 665-0123 or Jack Chisum at 665-2878.

• **The Pampa Community Concert Association 'Live On Stage' 2009-2010 Membership Drive** has begun... Join now! Concerts scheduled include "Buffalo Roam," October 5, 2009; "Project," November 16, 2009; and "Presidio Brass," April 15, 2010. All to be staged in the M. K. Brown Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. For ticket information call 665-0343 or 669-7934. Pampa Book Club will meet at 10 a.m. the second Wednesday of each month in the Texas Room of Lovett Memorial Library. The 2009 reading schedule is as follows: April 8, "The Glass Castle" by Jeannette Walls. The May 13 book for review will be announced at a later date. Public welcome.

• **Fawn Lake Press** is offering free "Proud to be an American" flag decals to anyone sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to Fawn Lake Press, 54 Fawn Lake Rd., Durango, CO 81301. Active servicemen and women need not send a SASE to receive the free 2 x 3-inch color decals. Fawn Lake will pay their postage.

• **T.O.P.S. Club**, a weight loss group, is seeking new members. The club meets from 5:30-6:30 p.m. each Monday at 513 E. Francis. New members welcome.

• **T.O.P.S. Club**, a weight loss group, meets at 11:30 a.m. at noon each Monday at St. Paul's Methodist Church, 511 N. Hobart.

## Police told to give attorney fight videos

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas (AP) — A judge ordered police on Wednesday to provide an attorney in a civil suit against the state the video clips of staged fights involving residents of the Corpus Christi State School.

Attorney Bob Hilliard said he planned to review 16 video clips to see if Armando Hernandez Jr. or any of his other clients are in the footage. The Corpus Christi Caller-Times reported that Hernandez wasn't in four clips released earlier of fights at the state school for the mentally and developmentally disabled.

Hilliard has filed a neg-

ligence lawsuit against the state Department of Aging and Disability Services, claiming the department failed to protect the residents or properly screen or supervise employees.

Wednesday's order to release the videos instructs police not to release the videos to anyone else. The earlier cell phone videos allegedly taken by an employee of the school were widely distributed and showed disturbing scenes of mentally disabled students fighting each other in bouts that prosecutors say were organized by the employees.

In one of the videos released last month, two of

the students at the Corpus Christi State School fight on the ground while a third person kicks them. A male voice can be heard egging on the residents.

Assistant Attorney General John Giberson has filed a motion to dismiss the lawsuit. He said the state has sovereign immunity and cannot be sued. He argued against the release of the videos and said he wanted the identities of those residents in the videos protected.

District Judge Jose Longoria said that attorneys for the defendants in the criminal cases resulting from the fights were given copies of the videos.



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# Report: US not doing enough against gun smuggling

WASHINGTON — Two federal agencies are being faulted for not coordinating their efforts against border gunrunners, a failure one lawmaker says made it easier for Mexican drug cartels to smuggle illegal weapons from the United States.

The Government Accountability Office criticized Immigration and Customs Enforcement and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives for not working together to stop the flow of guns into Mexico.

In testimony prepared for a House subcommittee hearing Thursday, the GAO noted that the two agencies only recently stepped up their coordination with each other and with their Mexican counterparts to stop gunrunning along the border.

Rep. Eliot Engel, who chairs the subcommittee, said there should have been an anti-gunrunning strategy in place since October 2007, when the U.S. and Mexico agreed to the joint cartel-fighting Merida initiative.

"It is mind-boggling that for a year and a half, we have had no interagency

strategy to address this major problem, but instead have relied on uncoordinated efforts by a variety of agencies," Engel, D-N.Y., said in a statement issued ahead of Thursday's hearing.

Engel said the firearms flowing illegally from the U.S. into Mexico have made the drug cartels' jobs easier.

Citing ATF data, investigator Jess T. Ford said that over the past three years, more than 90 percent of the firearms traced after being seized in Mexico have come from the U.S. The figure is slightly less over a five-year period.

"While it is impossible to know how many firearms are illegally trafficked into Mexico in a given year, over 20,000, or around 87 percent, of firearms seized by Mexican authorities and traced over the past five years originated in the United States," the GAO's Ford said in testimony prepared for Thursday's hearing.

The GAO is the investigative arm of Congress.

In a draft of the GAO report, investigators cited several examples of miscommunication between

ICE and ATF, including:

— During one operation, an ICE agent unknowingly covertly kept watch on the activities of an undercover ATF agent who was investigating a suspected trafficker.

— ATF did not tell ICE about a covert operation where ATF agents delivered weapons across the border in an attempt to ferret out the Mexican organizations receiving illegal arms. ATF should have notified ICE about the controlled attempt to export weapons illegally, the GAO said. Lack of coordination raised the chances that the weapons could end up in the wrong hands.

— In some cases, ICE and ATF refused to give each other required documentation for investigations.

The two agencies were working under a 1978 agreement about dual investigations, which the GAO cited as a major obstacle to coordination. An updated agreement to address the coordination problem is in the works, the report said.

## WARRIORS QUALIFY FOR STATE



The Warriors baseball team of Pampa participated in The Battle of the Bats Tournament held in Amarillo and placed 2nd overall qualifying them for the State Tournament in Odessa. They defeated a team from Hereford called the Young Guns 7 to 4 and a team from Amarillo called the Patriots 12 to 5 to advance to the Championship. They met up with the Young Guns again in the Championship game and lost 12 to 3. Pictured are: Jordan Green, Isaiah Casanova, Braden Keown, Matthew Wheeler, Garrett Mullican, Bryce Gordon, Clay Lee (coach), Brody Gaines, Kolton Jefferis, Joseph Radke, Ashton Robinson, Brayden Roberson, Ryan Lee, Kolton Dyson, Dusty Roberson and Steve Gordon, Kevin Jefferis (coaches). Not pictured is Colton Lesly.

## Vets Hall of Fame deadline nearing

July 1 is the deadline to nominate a deserving veteran for the Panhandle Veterans Hall of Honor. If you know someone you believe should be included, send the nomination to Panhandle Hall of Honor, Attn: John Tripplehorn, 600 N Hobart, Pampa Texas, 79065

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## Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips



DEAR ABBY: Please tell "Privacy Please in Santa Clara, Calif." (March 16) that she does not have to pump her breast milk in the bathroom! Depending on the laws in her state, she may be entitled to request that her employer create a dedicated pumping location for new moms.

Pumping in the restroom could endanger her baby's health. That new mom needs a clean, private space to pump and should ask her boss for help in establishing a special room.

Kudos to "Privacy Please" for doing the very best thing for her baby. Hopefully her employer will realize what a valuable, dedicated individual she is and accommodate her needs so she can continue her high-quality work performance while also taking care of her little one. -- NURSING MOM IN TEXAS

DEAR NURSING MOM: Thank you for raising the issue about the laws pertaining to new nursing moms. Several states have expanded their breast-feeding laws to include provisions that protect a mother's right to express milk in the workplace. California requires

employers to provide break time for employees to do this and to make reasonable efforts to provide a location other than a toilet stall, with a penalty for non-compliance. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I, too, was the first new mom in my office who faced the challenges of pumping in order to continue providing my baby with breast milk. It makes me cringe to think that "Privacy" has to resort to using an unsanitary bathroom stall for this task.

There is legislation in her state that requires her employer to supply her with a room other than a toilet stall for privacy. The La Leche League Web site at [www.lalecheleague.org](http://www.lalecheleague.org) is an excellent resource for breast-feeding moms and provides links to this legislation as well as laws in other states. -- ALICIA IN DULUTH, MINN.

DEAR ABBY: The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) has put together a tool kit to help employers understand and take the necessary steps to support breast-feeding employees. Recent studies show that there are many advantages,

including lower absenteeism rates and improved productivity. An information booklet titled, "Easy Steps to Supporting Breastfeeding Employees" can be accessed online at [www.ask.hrsa.gov](http://www.ask.hrsa.gov). -- HELEN IN CHICAGO

DEAR ABBY: My employer suggested that I pump in the women's restroom. I replied that I would be happy to do that if the CEO would like to prepare his lunch there as well. It's ridiculous for a nursing mom to go through the process of sterilizing every part of the pumping apparatus and then have to finish the process in a public bathroom. I hope her company will change its policy because it has been proven that breast-fed babies are healthier -- and as a result, parents are less likely to miss work to stay home caring for sick children. -- CONTENT MOM IN VIRGINIA

DEAR ABBY: I am proud that I am still able to provide my baby with breast milk after nine months while working full-time. I posted a sign on my office door that reads: "Food prep! Door will be unlocked at (insert time)." It gives my co-workers a chuckle. -- STILL NURSING IN NASHUA, N.H.

DEAR ABBY: My wife hangs a sign in her office that reads: "I make milk. What's your superpower?" -- MARRIED TO A SUPERMOM

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## Sudoku

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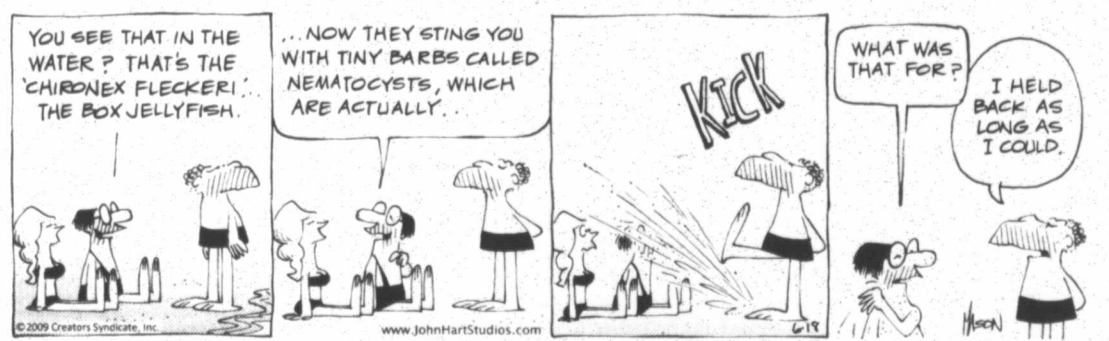
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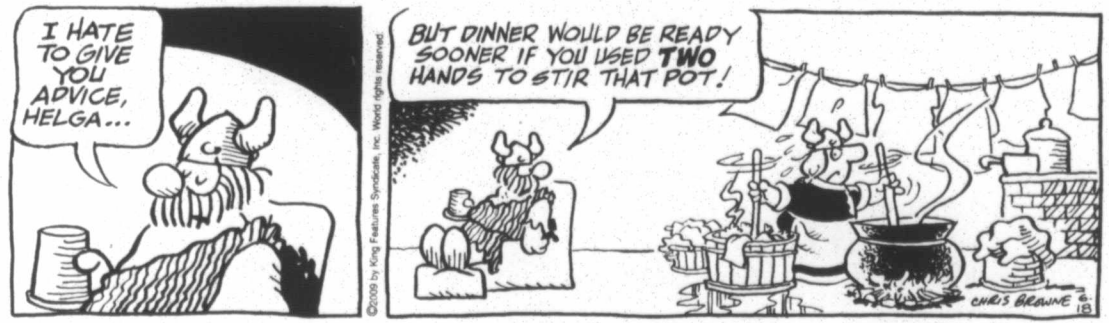
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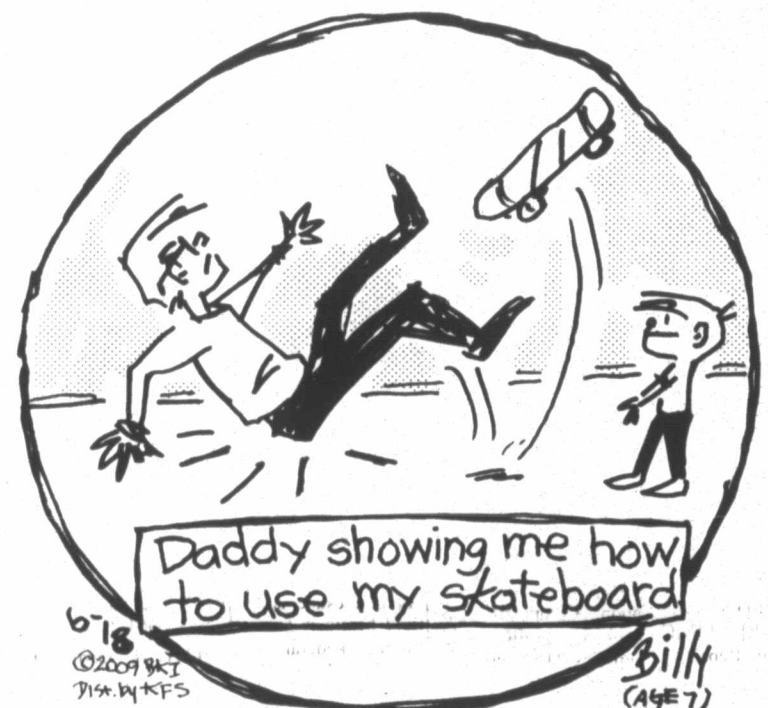


Flo & Friends



## THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



While Daddy takes this week off, Billy continues his look at the family.

### Daily Crossword Puzzle

#### CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS DOWN

- 1 Strike
- 5 Conform
- 10 Colossal
- 11 2006
- Winter Games setting
- 12 Heaps
- 13 Fix one's bearings
- 14 Wanted poster sights
- 16 Virtuosi
- 20 Pioneer carriers
- 23 Misery
- 24 Waive one's rites?
- 25 Door part
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Yesterday's answer

- 18 Fast-food request
- 19 Appear
- 20 "Dragnet" star
- 21 Jai —
- 22 Dinner signal
- 25 Toppers
- 26 Concisely
- 28 Traveler's stop
- 30 Left over
- 31 Golfer Ben
- 33 Poet Khayyam
- 34 Clock reading
- 35 Order to Rover
- 36 Music's Yoko
- 37 Trip segment
- 38 Failure

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6-18 CRYPTOQUOTE

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Yesterday's Cryptoquote: A TORN JACKET IS SOON MENDED; BUT HARD WORDS BRUISE THE HEART OF A CHILD. — H.W. LONGFELLOW

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Friday, June 19, 2009: This year, you smile, and others respond. You might understand too much of what is going on with others. Allow them to work through their stuff. Use your understanding and ability to go deep within to increase your creativity. Understanding yourself is important. If you are single, check out someone you meet this year with care. This person might not be all he or she projects. If you are attached, scheduling private time together will enhance your mutual understanding and caring. TAURUS pushes your buttons at times.

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) \*\*\* Expenses mount. Listen to a co-worker who keeps lumping more work hopefully not on yours but his plate. This person is detail-oriented, which does have a place, as you hang in the world of ideas and actions. Tonight: Treat time. TAURUS (April 20-May 20) \*\*\*\*\* End Friday on a high note. Sometimes others are amazed by your even, steady walk, which proves to be a winner and draws success. It is unique to you. Listen to news that heads in your direction. Tonight: Follow your heart. GEMINI (May 21-June 20) \*\*\* Your ability to move past an issue adds resilience. Listen to what is being shared, and understand what might need to be done. You could opt to do more behind the scenes. Touch base with your core. Slow down. Tonight: Just for you. CANCER (June 21-July 22) \*\*\*\*\* Zero in on what you want.

Don't hold back. Meetings could bring substantial gains. Friends point in one direction. Listen to their suggestions, but own your feelings and desires. Then decide and move on. Tonight: Where the action is. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) \*\*\* Recognize that often others want to imitate your leadership style. A direct approach draws strong reactions. Remember what others want. Financial gain becomes possible if you step forward. Weigh the pros and cons. Tonight: Out and about. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) \*\*\*\*\* An overview will push you toward the right decision. Know that there might not be one path but many. Nothing replaces work and focus. No one knows that better than you. What appears to be a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity is not all that easy. Tonight: Use your imagination. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) \*\*\*\*\* Don't back off from what appears to be a successful partnership. Your inner voice could be negative. Remember, not everything comes quickly. Listen to news that points to a different end result. Someone might need to take credit. Tonight: Hook up with favorite people. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) \*\*\*\*\* Others come forward and share. You have more options than you were originally aware of. However, others don't seem to be flexible, so working with the situation could be difficult. You have choices. Tonight: Just don't be alone, which could be a reaction to being overloaded. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) \*\*\*\*\* Are you feeling overwhelmed? Just dig in and get the job done. Even though accomplishing one little chore might seem like nothing, it isn't. It is the first step in a process of elimination. Know that it is worth the extra effort to clear out your work. Tonight: Put your feet up. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) \*\*\*\*\* While others bully their way through problems, you ease yourself through. In fact, problems don't appear to be problems if you tap into your high level of ingenuity. Knowing how to appease a key player will help. Tonight: Christen the weekend in style. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) \*\*\* Consider staying close to home. If you have difficulty really motivating yourself to work, honor those feelings. Understand you have limits. A partner or associate could be quite dominant or difficult. Remember that ultimately you need to please yourself. Tonight: At home. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) \*\*\*\*\* Return calls and stay on top of your work. What seems to be close to impossible might not be if you can enlist the help of others. An older person or partner is hard to move. Leave him alone. He will join in only when he is ready, not when you are. Tonight: Run errands, and perhaps visit with a friend.

BORN TODAY Mathematician Blaise Pascal (1623), bandleader Guy Lombardo (1902), actress Kathleen Turner (1954) \*\*\*

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## Perry signs law to help Texas universities

RICHARDSON, Texas (AP) — Sitting outside a lab filled with stainless steel instruments and winding cables, Gov. Rick Perry on Wednesday signed into law a bill that creates an incentive program to award seven Texas universities millions of dollars in an effort to help them become top U.S. research institutions.

Perry signed the bill in the natural science and engineering building at the University of Texas at Dallas, one of the campuses that would benefit from the legislation. The other schools that would receive matching funds from the state for grants, scholar-

ships and endowment are: Texas Tech University, the University of Houston, the University of North Texas, UT-Arlington, UT-San Antonio and UT-El Paso.

"Out of this lab will come world-changing technology," Perry said.

As part of the program, Texas would match gifts universities receive toward boosting them to "tier one" level. The state also would give schools incentive funding based on their research expenses.

The money will give the state an edge at a time when public universities in other states are struggling financially, Perry said.

The funding will have

immediate impact on schools, said UTA president James Spaniolo said.

"We've got a number of active projects. It will allow us to expand what we're doing at a more active pace," he said.

Lawmakers and university officials say the new effort will help the state add 2 or 3 more top research universities within a decade.

Texas currently has three tier one schools — Texas A&M University, the University of Texas at Austin and Rice University — fewer than other large states like California, which has nine such universities.

## Gas prices rise for 50th straight day

NEW YORK (AP) — Retail gas prices climbed for the 50th straight day Wednesday, and crude prices that had slumped all week bounced back.

Historically, filling station prices tend to rise during the summer as millions of Americans take to the road. But a surge in crude prices during the past few months and less production from the refiners that make gasoline has added pressure on prices.

"Refiners slowed production and did a lot of maintenance on the expectation that this was going to be a lousy year for demand," said Fred Rozell, retail pricing director at Oil Price Information Service. "It turns out it wasn't so bad."

Yet it's still pretty bad. Before the most recent government report on demand, gasoline supplied to the market was down 3 percent, and prices have still been cheaper than they were three years ago.

Pump prices added a half cent overnight to a new national average of \$2.679 a gallon, according to auto

club AAA, Wright Express and Oil Price Information Service. A gallon of regular gas has jumped nearly 37 cents in a month.

Meanwhile, oil rose above \$70 a barrel after a key government report said that crude held in U.S. storage houses fell for the third straight week.

Benchmark crude for July delivery added 56 cents to settle at \$71.03 on the New York Mercantile Exchange. Most of the trading already has switched to the August contract, which added 54 cents to settle at \$71.70 a barrel.

The Energy Information Administration report said gasoline reserves grew last week by 3.4 million barrels, or 1.7 percent, to 205 million barrels. Analysts expected stockpiles of the motor fuel to rise by 650,000 barrels.

Demand for gasoline was up 1.1 percent from last year, averaging nearly 9.3 million barrels a day over the four weeks ended June 12.

Crude inventories fell last week by 3.9 million

barrels, or 1.1 percent, to 357.7 million barrels, the report said. Despite the drop, U.S. inventories are still bloated with the most oil than they've held in nearly 16 years.

Oil prices this week have come off eight-month highs near \$73 a barrel amid some signs that the U.S. economy, while past the worst of a severe recession, is still weak. Crude prices have dropped with equities markets this week, and they continued to fall Wednesday though the dollar was weak.

Because barrels are priced in U.S. currency, oil tends to rise when the dollar falls.

In other Nymex trading, gasoline for July delivery tumbled 3.85 cents to settle at \$2.0326 a gallon and heating oil added 3.8 cents to settle at \$1.863.

Natural gas for July delivery gained 12.4 cents to settle at \$4.253 per 1,000 cubic feet.

In London, Brent prices added 61 cents to settle at \$70.85 a barrel on the ICE Futures exchange.

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