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PISD takes aim at old school buildings

By BEN BRISCOE
Staff Intern

The Pampa Independent School District Board of Education, at its Thursday night team training meeting, took steps to address June's facilities report by Paul Trautman of the Texas Association of School Administrators.

Trautman's report said that the Pampa Junior High School building is economically and educationally obsolete, that Pampa High School has significant needs, and that the elementary school buildings will need to be either replaced or rede-

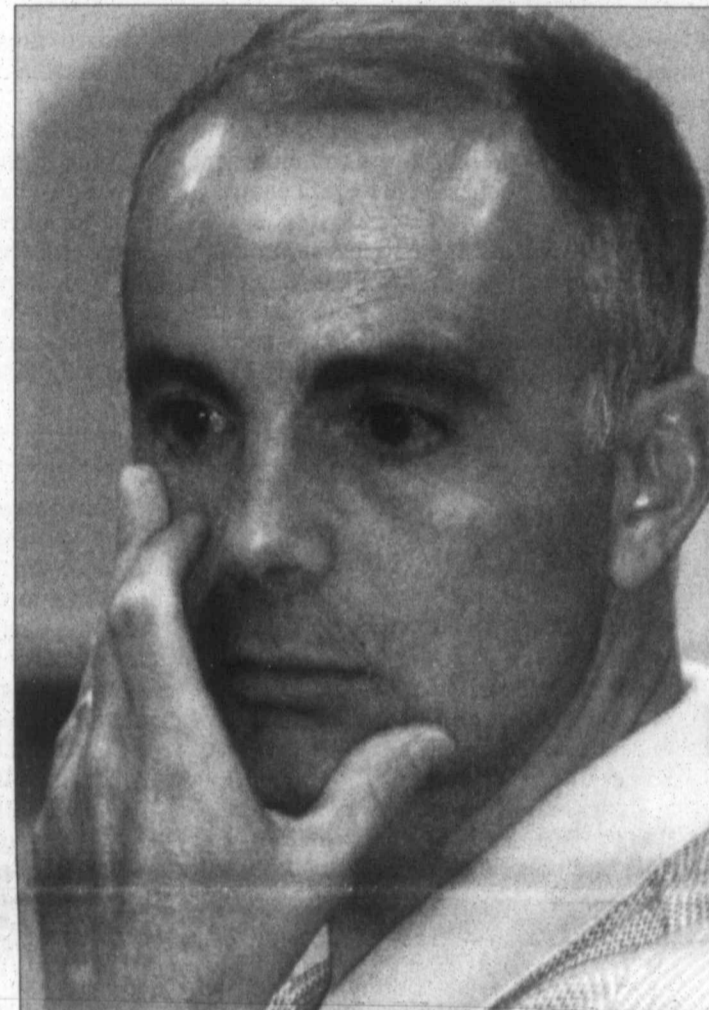
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— Derrell DeLoach
School board member

veloped in five to 15 years. In order to establish a plan that met the board's goal of educating its students in a safe and comfortable environment, a task force on the issue will be established by Oct. 1.

"By forming a task force on this issue with people in the community, we can get the word out about the state of our facilities and see what we can come up with to fix them," Board Member Derrell DeLoach said. "I

also think we need to hold a series of public meetings." Board member Joe Martinez feels the public See **SCHOOL**, Page 2



Pampa News photo by BEN BRISCOE
Region 16 agent John Bass helps the board plan out their goals.

Street-wise

City contractor to begin seal-coating some streets

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

Approximately 15.5 miles of paved city streets will be patched and spot sealed beginning Monday, Aug. 1, according to a news release from Kim Lincycumb, Pampa public service superintendent.

Seal coating will follow the patching and spot sealing, which will be done by city employees. The seal coating will be done by Lewis Construction, Lincycumb said.

Residents are asked to remove their vehicles from the targeted streets on Monday, she said.

"The patching consists of milling the projected repair site, digging out the failed asphalt, tacking the hole, placing the new hotmix material, leveling it and rolling it into place," Lincycumb said.

"Spot sealing bad areas of road is completed by city crews before the contractor performs his single seal. Spot sealing is more cost effective than a full-depth repair," she said.

Spot sealing consists of applying hot liq-

uid asphalt to the street surface, placing a thin layer of rock on top of the asphalt, and then rolling the rock into place.

"It is a very quick process and should not inconvenience the citizens for more than 30 minutes," Lincycumb said.

Work will begin Monday on the following streets: Finley street from the north side of Murphy to the south side of Frederic.

Francis street from the east side of Hobart to the west side of Purviance.

23rd Avenue from the east side of Price Road to the west side of Primrose.

Duncan Street from the south side of Georgia to the east side of Perryton Parkway.

Ballard Street from the south side of Georgia to the north side of Kingsmill.

South Farley Street from the north side of McCullough to the south side of Oklahoma.

Sumner Street from the north side of Bond to the south side of Crawford, from

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Officials say White House intends to bypass Congress for Bolton nomination

WASHINGTON (AP) — Administration officials say President Bush is preparing to use constitutional powers rarely employed for major appointments to bypass the Senate and install — if only temporarily — John Bolton as U.S. ambassador to the United Nations.

Bush intends to use a recess appointment to put the controversial conservative in the post

before leaving Washington on Tuesday to spend August at his Texas ranch, said two officials who spoke on condition of anonymity because Bush has not made the announcement.

Recess appointments, allowed only while Congress is on breaks, let presidents get around the required Senate confirmation of

nominees. The House and Senate recessed on Friday until Sept. 6.

Under the Constitution, a recess appointment during the lawmakers' August break would last until the next Congress, which begins in January 2007.

In Bolton's case, a recess appointment would culminate a bitter, five-month battle between the White

House and Democrats that had left his nomination stalled in the Republican-run Senate.

Among the most contentious nominations Bush has made as president, Bolton was criticized for bad-mouthing the very world body where he would be the nation's chief diplomat. Democrats also accused him of mistreating subordinates

and intimidating intelligence analysts who didn't support his hawkish ideology.

Investigations ended with no proof of improper actions. The White House argued that Bolton, the former undersecretary of state for arms control and long one of Bush's most conservative foreign policy advisers, is exactly the man to whip into shape a

United Nations badly in need of reform.

Democrats objected strenuously to the president's plans.

"It's the wrong thing to do. John Bolton is the wrong person for the job," said Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., a member of Foreign Relations Committee. "The president is entitled to take that action,

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Texas Cooperative Extension

Regional Beef Quality Training to be offered in Floyd County

MUNCY — Beef producers can get free training to help them become more competitive by attending the Texas Quality Beef Producer Program Aug. 31 in the Floyd County Unity Center at Muncy. Muncy is located north of Floydada. This educational event, co-sponsored by Texas Cooperative Extension Service, Floyd County, is one of four being conducted throughout the state.

Registration will begin at 7:30 a.m. The first segment of the program will last from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. A complimentary lunch will be served. The second segment of the program will begin at 3 p.m. and conclude at 5 p.m.

Producers attending will receive three CEUs for all private applicators.

The program is a collaborative effort of Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association, Texas Beef Council, and TCE.

The program will teach the principles of Beef Quality Assurance, a proven system, according to Dick Sherron, president of TSCRA, of sensible management practices that help improve the quality and safety of beef.

"In addition, the program updates ranchers on changes occurring in the

industry and what we must do to increase demand for our cattle. It clearly demonstrates how a producer's actions on the ranch have a huge impact on the final beef product," Sherron said.

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sive eight hours of training, divided into two levels. Level I covers BQA principles, industry updates, marketing strategies, record keeping, environmental stewardship, and proper

management practices associated with genetic selection, cattle handling, culling, vaccine, and drug use.

Level II provides a detailed explanation of the requirements needed to receive and maintain full certification as a Texas Beef Quality Producer.

"Certification recognizes an elite group of cattle producers who do things right," said Sherron.

Cattle producers must embrace BQA methods if they plan on staying in business, a TCE press release said.

"Consumers, the people who buy our beef to eat, are telling us they want their food, not only delicious, but safe, wholesome and raised responsibly. We must respond if we want a place for our beef to go," Sherron said.

Although the program is free, persons planning to attend the training are asked to RSVP by Aug. 24 so organizers can prepare for the right number of participants. Only those individuals who RSVP are guaranteed lunch.

To RSVP or for more information, call TSCRA at 1-800-242-7820, ext. 118, and ask for Mark Perrier or e-mail mperrier@texas-cattleraisers.org.

Winning hat



Starr Fontenot, of Beach City, won the hat contest while attending the wives luncheon held recently during the Tri-State Seniors Golf Tournament at Pampa Country Club.

Feed yard earns CAB recognition

Heritage Feeders, L.P., a feed yard in Wheeler, recently won the Certified Angus Beef Feedlot of the Month award for June after only 16 months in the program, a press release from Certified Angus Beef said.

"Heritage Feeders," the release said, "is near the top nationally in volume partici-

pation, and was chosen for the award out of more than 80 feedlots in 16 states. The award is given for commitment to the program and producing cattle that meet the Certified Angus Beef® brand specifications."

Monthly winners, the release said, qualify for Feedlot of the Year award.

TWC: Unemployment rate drops 5.1 percent

AUSTIN — The unemployment rate dropped four-tenths of a percentage point to 5.1 percent in June. Seasonally Adjusted Nonagricultural Employment in Texas grew by 12,700 jobs in June, the tenth consecutive month of job growth. Texas employers have added 115,500 jobs over the year, for an annual growth rate of 1.2 percent. Eight of nine industry sectors reported job growth for the year.

"The Texas labor market

continues to make positive strides with sustained job growth and a significant drop in the unemployment rate," said Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) Chair Diane Rath. "In the last two years, employers have added almost a quarter of a million jobs and the unemployment rate has fallen to its lowest level since July 2001."

Over the year, virtually every industry sector showed job growth. Construction gained 9,200 jobs, representing a 1.7 per-

cent increase over the year. Education & Health Services had the highest annual growth rate of any sector at 2.6 percent with the addition of 29,800 jobs. Employment in Trade, Transportation & Utilities (TTU) expanded by 2,200 jobs in June, extending four straight months of employment growth. The sector has added 22,500 jobs since June 2004.

"Employers have added jobs in nearly every major industry over the year, as demand for business servic-

es and products increased," said TWC Commissioner Representing Employers Ron Lehman. "For example, increased activities in oil and gas operations are being reflected as an expansion in Natural Resources & Mining, now showing 1.7 percent job growth over the year."

There were 69,951 initial claims for unemployment compensation for June 2005, down 17.6 percent from June 2004 and 31.2 percent from June 2003.

Texas Railroad Commission sets monthly gas production allowables

AUSTIN — The Texas Railroad Commission recently set July 2005 natural gas production allowables for prorated fields in the state to meet market demand of 22,156,054 Mcf (thousand cubic feet).

For these fields, the July 2005 allowable represents a decrease of 5,509,617 Mcf when compared to actual production of 27,665,671

Mcf in July 2004. In setting the July 2005 allowable, the Commission used historical production figures from July 2004 and producer forecasts for the July 2005 demand, and then adjusted the figures to account for such factors as well capability, new wells in a field, etc.

Texas natural gas storage reported by the Commission for May 2005 is

264,759,430 Mcf compared to 248,664,450 Mcf in May 2004. The June 2005 gas storage estimate is 274,416,029 Mcf.

Gas well gas from prorated fields accounts for six percent of total gas well production in Texas.

Preliminary statewide production reported for April 2005 is 27,078,977 barrels of crude oil and

346,102,598 Mcf of gas well gas.

The Commission's estimated final production for this month can be obtained by multiplying these preliminary production totals by a production adjustment factor of 1.0345 for crude oil and 1.1041 for gas well gas. (These production totals do not include casinghead gas or condensate.)

State commission seeking volunteers

AUSTIN — The Texas Residential Construction Commission is in the process of establishing an advisory committee to review proposed changes to the adopted warranties and building and performance standards, a press release said.

During a recent meeting, the commission proposed the rules and guidelines for the committee, and is now accepting applications from individuals who wish to serve on the advisory panel. The rules will be considered for approval during the commission's hearing on Aug. 18.

The commission will use the warranties and standards to evaluate alleged post-construction defects identified in a home. The new State-sponsored Inspection and Dispute Resolution Process (SIRP) is a formal process that provides a homeowner and a builder/remodeler a technical review of the alleged defect by a neutral, certified, third-party inspector or engineer.

These neutral inspectors use the objective warranties and standards to provide an expert assessment of the alleged defects. Since these

warranties and standards will affect Texas homeowners across the state, the commission is seeking interested people statewide to volunteer and assist in the regular review and update of the warranties and standards.

The advisory committee as proposed would consist of nine volunteer members, including:

—Two persons who have experience representing consumers or homeowners;

—Two homeowners who are not employed or involved in residential construction;

—Two registered builders/remodelers or registered agents of a builder/remodeler;

—One representative of a builder/remodeler trade organization;

—One professional engineer certified by the commission;

—One third-party inspector certified by the commission;

—One attorney who primarily represents consumers; and

—One attorney who primarily represents builders/remodelers.

Each committee member will be selected by the commission in open meeting and

cannot, by law, be reimbursed for any travel expenses or compensated in any way. Members that are chosen to serve in this advisory capacity will truly be providing a public service to their fellow Texans. A faculty member from the Texas A&M University, Construction Sciences Department will be chosen to chair the committee meetings.

Commission Executive Director Stephen D. Thomas said the committee's duties will be vital to the commission when evaluating possible amendments to the warranties and standards.

"The building and performance standards are expected to evolve as they become tested and as the science of building progresses through the introduction of new materials and construction practices," he said.

For more information or to apply to be a member of the advisory committee, Texans can contact the commission toll free at (877) 651-TRCC or download the application form at http://www.trcc.state.tx.us/brochures/forms_index.asp.

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I was back in Pampa Monday morning for a wreck near Skellytown. I checked to make sure city hall was still there, then I headed south to the Mexican-New Mexican border and the scorching desert.

I'd planned to go down there this fall when it had cooled off a little. I had not planned to go in July.

At least the air conditioner in my car works.

Farmer

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week. And maybe has hired hands for the heavy lifting.)

"Folks like for you to think they know more about farming than they do," he volunteered. "So I let 'em." He spoke of a woman who bought a passel of produce the previous week. She wanted to know what variety of peas he had.

"What kind do you want?" he countered. She said she was mighty partial to Crowders. He joked that she was in luck; his peas had been on the vines just the day before. He didn't mention whether "in luck" meant they were Crowders, or just plain peas.

"Within a few seconds, I can spot the thumpers from the clueless at the melon tub," he laughed. "They can thump away the morning, finally choosing one no better than another selected randomly. Or if they want, I'll thump for them. Either way, my melons are almost always good."

He talked about the importance of "three-fers." He believes produce priced at 65 cents a pound moves better if offered at "three pounds for

two dollars."

The farmer never bragged, really, but came close when he claimed to be a near expert on "guestimating" amounts before ever placing produce on the scales. "If people ask for about three pounds of potatoes, I take advantage of the 'about, part,' getting

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'about,' three and a half pounds on the scales." (In the same manner, if they ask for "about \$3 worth," the scale points to \$3.50.)

"Not one in a hundred asks me to be exact," he joked, emphasizing that he CAN get within an ounce or a cou-

ple of pennies every time. With his tactic, many extra tons have been sold.

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About that time, a little girl, maybe eight years of age, walked up, her mom in tow. "Young lady, in a couple of weeks, my Q's are going to be ready to harvest. Oh, you may not know what Q's are — that's what I call cucumbers. And the new cucumbers will be the cutest ever grown. I turned the seeds inside out before planting, so the Q's will have dimples instead of warts!"

The youngster let out a loud laugh, and a big smile splashed across her mom's face. Though originally headed for the courthouse, they decided to buy produce instead. They might even hear another joke from a guy who minds his peas and Q's.

—Dr. Newbury is a speaker and author. His weekly column appears in 125 newspapers in several states. He welcomes comments and inquiries via email at newbury@speakerdoc.com.

Events calendar

• **Clarendon College-Pampa Center** will offer a certified nurse's aide course Aug. 1-12 with Francis Sims, RN. The class fee is \$275 plus the cost of a textbook (\$43.56) and NACES testing fee (\$76). To find out more or to register, call 665-8801.

• **Panhandle Regional Planning Commission** and other sponsors will present "Bridging the Gap Between State and Federal Programs," a free business seminar open to the public, on Aug. 3 at Amarillo Civic Center Grand Plaza in Amarillo. Registration deadline is Aug. 5. To register or to find out more, call (806) 372-3381 or e-mail eesparza@prpc.cog.tx.us. The seminar will explore the following topics: Government contracting, registration requirements, and other programs for small businesses, veteran-owned/service disabled veteran-owned business, women-owned businesses, and minority-owned businesses.

• **Texas Panhandle Library System** will sponsor the workshop "Introduction to Building Web Sites Using FrontPage" between 1 and 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 4 at Pampa's Lovett Memorial Library. Ed Pine, owner of epin technolo-

gies, inc., of Amarillo, will facilitate the free workshop which will cover several topics including "making your Web site user-friendly," "hyperlinks," and "graphics." Participants must register before Aug. 4. To register, call the library at 669-5780.

• **The 13th Annual Dallam 4-H Arts & Crafts Bazaar** will be held Friday and Saturday, Aug. 5 and 6 at Ranch Market Building in Dalhart during the 69th Annual XIT Rodeo and Reunion Celebration. Hours will be 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday and 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call (806) 244-4434.

• **The next Cowboy Poetry Breakfast** at the Big Texan in Amarillo will be Aug. 13 with Bill Crenshaw, a former Matador cowboy, as the headliner. For more information, contact the Big Texan.

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Ebbers

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As was pointed out by defense attorney Reid Weingarten, Ebbers had a previously "unblemished record" and contributed much to charity. And Ebbers has already forfeited all his assets in a civil suit, except \$50,000 and "a modest home in Jackson, Miss.," for his wife, AP

reported. Ebbers' sentence is akin to those for heinous violent crimes.

In California from 1978-2004, paroled first degree murderers served an average time of 24 years, according to the state Department of Corrections. It's also worth contrasting Ebbers' punishment with that meted out to politicians committing similar offenses. In 1996, former House Ways and Means Chairman Dan Rostenkowski, D-Illinois, was found guilty of misusing federal

funds in a mail fraud case.

He was sentenced to 17 months in prison, of which he served 15 months. In 2000, he was pardoned by President Bill Clinton. Did Bernard Ebbers defraud thousands of investors? Yes. Should he be punished? Yes.

But 25 years is just too much. Justice must be served. But it must be, well ... just. Ebbers, a man of 63 with a heart condition, effectively has gotten a death sentence.

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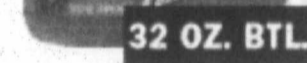
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Texas Plains Trail meeting in offing

CANYON — The public is invited to next month's Texas Plains Trail Regional board meeting in Canyon, a press release said, to learn about the Texas Historical Commission's partnership grants program. The heritage region is part of the Texas Historical Commission's Texas Heritage Trails Program, a regional tourism initiative that helps Texas communities promote tourism, revitalize local economies and foster community leadership through historic preservation.

The Texas Heritage Tourism Partnership Grant Program helps communities fund projects that enhance the visitor experience to cultural and historic sites in the heritage region. The THC will award a total of \$30,000 with a maximum of \$5,000 per project in Texas Heritage Tourism Partnership Grant funds to the top scoring applicants in the heritage region. Government and nonprofit

organizations in counties within the Texas Plains Trail Region are eligible to apply.

The heritage region encompasses 63 counties: Armstrong, Bailey, Borden, Briscoe, Carson, Castro, Childress, Cochran, Collingsworth, Cottle, Crosby, Dallam, Dawson, Deaf Smith, Dickens, Donley, Floyd, Foard, Gaines, Garza, Gray, Hale, Hall, Hansford, Hardeman, Hartley, Hemphill, Hockley, Howard, Hutchinson, Kent, King, Knox, Lamb, Lipscomb, Lubbock, Lynn, Mitchell, Moore, Howard, Hutchinson, Kent, King, Knox, Lamb, Lipscomb, Lubbock, Lynn, Mitchell, Moore, Motley, Ochiltree, Oldham, Parmer, Potter, Randall, Roberts, Scurry, Sherman, Swisher, Terry, Wheeler and Yoakum.

Allison Thompson, partnership grants coordinator for the THC, will speak at the board meeting to explain how the grant

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Top producers

Mike Keagy and Judi Edwards, owners of Quentin Williams, REALTORS, recently presented bonus checks to their top producers for the first six months of 2005 at the Pampa Country Club. The winners were Roberta Babb, 1st place; Joan Mabry, 2nd place; and Rod Donaldson, 3rd place. Quentin Williams, REALTORS, was involved in \$4.7 million in sales, which represents 49 percent, the firm said, of the dollar volume sold in Gray County through the Pampa Multiple Listing Service the first six months of 2005.



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HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Samson Lone-Star, L.P., #1254 G. Meek, 2100' from South & West line, Sec. 54,M-1,H&GN, PD 14000'.

ROBERTS (WILDCAT & LARD RANCH Granite Wash 'C') Axio Production Co., L.P., #4061 Lard, 760' from South & 1980' from East line, Sec. 61,C,G&M, PD 10000'.

ROBERTS (WILDCAT & RED DEER CREEK Granite Wash) Questar E&P Co., #6025 Christie Tipps, 2122' from South & 990' from East line, Sec. 25,B-1,H&GN, PD 11000' (BHL: 1700' from South & 467' from East Sec. line) Directional well

WHEELER (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Dominion Oklahoma Texas E&P, Inc., #14 Zybach '65', 2400' from South & 467' from East line, Sec. 65,M-1,H&GN, PD 14450'.

WHEELER (MILLS RANCH Morrow) Chevron USA, Inc., #1 Ruth Ledbetter, 1867' from South & West line, Sec. 21,L, J.M. Lindsey, PD 21139'. Recompletion

Oil Well Completions
ROBERTS (ALPLAR-LIPS Atoka) Range Production Co., #4140 Courson Ranch, Sec. 140,C,G&M, spud 11-10-03, drlg. compl 11-27-03, tested 8-27-04, pumped 2 bbl. of — grav. oil + no water, GOR —, TD 9250', PBDT

8200' —
ROBERTS (COURSON RANCH Upper Morrow) Range Production Co., #3 Courson Ranch/O.T. Brown, O.T. Brown Survey, spud 6-23-04, drlg. compl 7-7-04, tested 9-5-04, flowed 0 bbls. of — grav oil + no water thru 1" choke on 24 hour test, GOR —, TD 9250', PBDT 9174' —

ROBERTS (LIPS Mississippian) Latigo Petroleum Texas, L.P., #7 Courson Ranch '135', Sec. 135,C,G&M, spud 7-22-04, drlg. compl 8-04, tested 1-16-05, flowed 153 bbl. of 38 grav. oil + 35 bbls. water thru 24/64" choke on 24 hour test, GOR 1372, TD 11040', PBDT 9430' —

Gas Well Completions
HUTCHINSON (WEST PANHANDLE) Kat Energy, Ltd., #1R Albertson, Sec. 31,Y,A&B, spud 2-26-05, drlg. compl 3-2-05, tested 6-23-05, TD 2725' —

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PPHM offering 'Back to School Special'

CANYON — It's time for educators to resume their important role in molding the minds of tomorrow's leaders. In honor of their commitment, the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum in Canyon is offering a "Back to School Special" for anyone in the field of education, a museum press release said.

During the weekend of Aug. 13 and 14, educators can buy one ticket to "Capturing Western Legends: Russell and Remington's Canadian Frontier" for regular price and buy another (of equal or lesser value) for half-price.

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area educators to promote exceptional educational experiences, the museum is offering a special admission for regional teachers," said PPHM Director Guy C. Vanderpool.

Educators will need to show a valid identification of their affiliation. "Capturing Western Legends" showcases many paintings from rarely seen collections, bringing to light new knowledge about these artists. These artists captured a moment in time in a period of transition with the western frontier, and achieved unparalleled success in the genre of western art.

The PPHM is the only venue west of the Mississippi to host this exhibit, organized and circulated by the Glenbow Museum in Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

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HANDLE) Pogo Panhandle 2004, L.P., #50 Ethel Smith, Lot 2,6,Wm. Heath, spud 1-26-05, drlg. compl 3-3-05, tested 4-27-05, TVD 3214', MD 5955' — Horizontal — Form 1 in Stallion Energy

HUTCHINSON (WEST PANHANDLE) Pogo Panhandle 2004, L.P., #54 Ethel Smith, Lot 43,6, Wm. Heath, spud 3-7-05, drlg. compl 3-29-05, tested 4-21-05, TVD 3236', MD 5189' — Horizontal — Form 1 in Stallion Energy

HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Brigham Oil & Gas, L.P., #1 Hobart '59', Sec. 59,A-1,H&GN, spud 4-10-05, drlg. compl 5-4-05, tested 6-6-05, potential 6743 MCF, TD 12860' —

HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Noble Energy Production, Inc., #1315P Carr '13', Sec. 13,4,AB&M, spud 2-24-05, drlg. compl 3-14-05, tested 6-23-05, TD 11953', PBTD 11858' — Form 1 in Patina Oil & Gas

HEMPHILL (N.W. CANADIAN Lower Morrow) Washita Oil & Gas, L.L.C., #3100 Frass, Sec. 100,42,H&TC, spud 1-24-05, drlg. compl 2-11-05, tested 6-23-05, potential 584 MCF, TD 11764', PBTD 11764' —

ROBERTS (WILDCAT) Range Production Co., #22 Courson Ranch TEW, Sec. 2,44,T.E. White, spud 12-9-04, drlg. compl 12-30-04, tested 2-19-05,

potential 871 MCF, TD 10618', PBTD 8357' —

ROBERTS (ALPAR-PEARSON Brown Dolomite) Range Production Co., #3153 Wood, Sec. 153,13,T&NO, spud 8-26-04, drlg. compl 8-30-04, tested 9-17-04, potential 1948 MCF, TD 3600', PBTD 3555' —

ROBERTS (ALPAR-PEARSON Brown Dolomite) Range Production Co., #5 Woods Gas Unit 'A', Sec. 153,113,T&NO, spud 1-22-05, drlg. compl 1-26-05, tested 2-20-05, potential 853 MCF, TD 3600', PBTD 3510' —

ROBERTS (LARD RANCH Granite Wash 'C') Axio Production Co., L.P., #2061 Lard, Sec. 61,C,G&M, spud 3-7-05, drlg. compl 3-22-05, tested 4-22-05, TD 8070' —

ROBERTS (LARD RANCH Granite Wash 'C') Grayhawk Operating, Inc., #1060 Lard Ranch, Sec. 60,C,G&M, spud 1-21-05, drlg. compl 3-9-05, tested 4-29-05, potential 7822 MCF, TVD 8529', MD 10175' — Horizontal

SHERMAN (TEXAS HUGOTON) BP America Production Co., #D55 Price, et al, Sec. 36,2-B,GH&H, spud 7-30-04, drlg. compl 3-10-05, tested 3-10-05, TD 3404' —

WHEELER (B&B Granite Wash) Chesapeake Operating, Inc., #101 Reed, Sec. 1,—,C&M, spud 2-2-05, drlg. compl 2-22-05, tested 4-20-05, potential 1143 MCF, TD 13200', PBTD 13155'.

WHEELER (STILES RANCH Granite Wash) Chesapeake Operating, Inc., #3021 Bryant, Sec. 21,A-3,H&GN, spud 11-21-04, drlg. compl 1-10-05, tested 1-27-05, potential 1388 MCF, TD 13800', PBTD 13759' —

WHEELER (STILES RANCH Granite Wash) Chesapeake Operating, Inc., #5021 Bryant, Sec. 21,A-3,H&GN, spud 3-1-05, drlg. compl 3-25-05, tested 5-25-05, potential 1540 MCF, TD 13792', PBTD 13749' —

Plugged Wells

GRAY (PANHANDLE) MK Operating Co., #1076 Cabot-Sidwell Kirby, 330' from South & 1650' from East Lease line, Sec. 76,B-2,H&GN, spud 1-17-85, plugged 6-6-05, TD 2980' (oil) —

GRAY (PANHANDLE) MK Operating Co., #2075 Cabot-Sidwell Kirby, Sec. 75,B-2,H&GN, spud 1-8-85, plugged 4-8-05, TD 3500' (oil) —

GRAY (PANHANDLE) MK Operating Co., #1-W R<E<Gill, 330' from South & 232' from East Lease line, D.B. Hill Survey, TD 2857' (oil) —

GRAY (PANHANDLE) Mon Corp., #17 Lovett, Sec. 36,B-2,H&GN, spud unavailable, plugged 4-27-05, TD 3056' (oil) —

GRAY (PANHANDLE) Taylor Clayton Hawley, #15 Taylor Ranch Fee "A", Sec. 7,B-2,H&GN, spud unavailable, plugged 5-3-05, TD 3030' (oil) —

GRAY (PANHANDLE) Taylor Clayton Hawley, #22 Taylor Ranch Fee "A", Sec. 7,B-2,H&GN, spud

unavailable, plugged 5-5-05, TD 3040' (oil) —

GRAY (PANHANDLE) Conoco Phillips Co., #1 Ethel "C", 2534' North and 2541' East of Lease line, Sec. 134,B-2,H&GN, spud 2-28-49, plugged 2-25-05, TD 2861' (gas) —

HEMPHILL (FELDMAN DOUGLAS) Canyon Exploration Co., #1 LaDonna, Sec. 64,032,Lander, spud unavailable, plugged 6-11-05, TD 8300' (oil) —

HEMPHILL (TWISTER DOUGLAS) Conoco Phillips Co., #3 Humphreys "D", 1980' South & 660' West of Lease line, Sec. 45,1,G&M, spud 12-26-92, plugged 1-12-05, TD 7140' (gas) Form 1 filed in P h i l l i p s Petroleum

ROBERTS (WILDCAT) Apache Corp., #3139 Fields & Sullivan, 900' North & 660' West of Lease line, Sec. 139,42,H&TC, spud 2-10-04, plugged 3-10-04, TD 12100' (dry), Form 1 filed in Michele Hanson.

ROBERTS (WILDCAT) Latigo Petroleum Texas, LP, #1 Jane Jacobs, 1491' North & 1351' West of Lease line, Sec. 3,D,H&GN, spud 12-13-04, plugged 1-3-05, TD 9700' (dry).

ROBERTS (WILDCAT) Range Production Co., #1078 Frances Lowe, 1190' from South & 1074' from East Lease line, Sec. 78,2,T&GN, spud 4-20-05, plugged 5-1-05, TD 6704' (dry).

ROBERTS (WILDCAT) RPM Petroleum, LLC, #1-126 Maddox, Sec. 126,M-

2,BS&F, spud unavailable, plugged 3-22-05, TD 10470' (gas).

ROBERTS (WILDCAT) J.M. Huber Corp., #1072A Smith, 900' North & 1110' East of Lease line, Sec. 72,M-2,H&GN, spud 7-7-03, plugged 3-22-05, TD 13720' (gas).

ROBERTS (NW MEN-DOTA GRANITE WASH) BP American Production Co., #43 Flowers Trust "B", 467' South & 2100' East of Lease line, Sec. 3,BS&F, spud 5-18-97, plugged 5-11-05, TD 10852' (oil), Form 1 filed in Maxus Exploration Co.

ROBERTS (NW MEN-DOTA GRANITE WASH) BP America Production Co., #63 Flowers Trust "B", 2500' North & 2300'

East of Lease line, Sec. 3,BS&F, spud 11-01-98, plugged 5-17-05, TD 10798' (gas), Form 1 filed in Crescendo Resources, LP.

ROBERTS (MORRI-SON RANCH LOWER MORROW) Questa Energy Corp., #1 Angela, 467' from North & East of Lease line, Sec. 185,42,H&TC, spud unavailable, plugged 12-9-04, TD 10700' (gas).

WHEELER (PANHAN-DLE) Pablo Energy, Inc., #3W Worley Heirs, 990' North & 1650' West of Lease line, Sec. 39,24,H&GN, spud unavailable, plugged 3-2-05, TD 2363' (injection), Form 1 filed in Dunaway Bros.

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Helpful hints:

Diabetes testing around meals may help improve control

(NAPSA) — For a person with diabetes, is a large bowl of lentil soup or a plate of pasta, for example, a healthy meal choice?

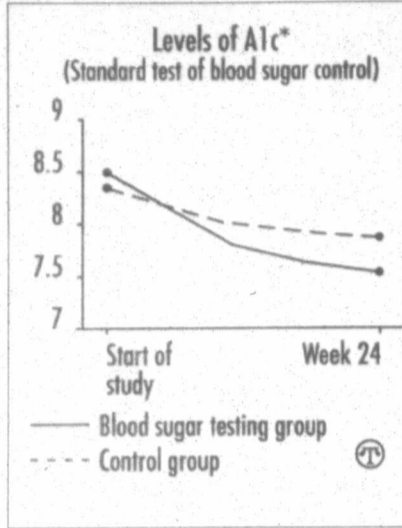
Depending on several different factors, such as whether the patient is taking diabetes medication and what other carbohydrate foods will be eaten at the same meal, the answer could be yes or no.

One of the best ways a patient can tell is to perform a blood sugar test about 2 hours after starting the meal, and find out if the level is higher than what his or her health-care professional recommends.

Today, nearly two-thirds of the 12 million Americans diagnosed with type 2 diabetes have blood sugar levels that are out of control, putting them at risk for serious complications.

Testing and controlling blood sugar, however, can help people with diabetes feel better and reduce their risk for complications like eye, nerve and kidney damage.

Recommending that patients test and control their blood sugar levels before meals is an important and common approach to helping manage diabetes. However, some doctors believe that testing and controlling after-meal blood sugars can be just as important for patients whose blood sugar is not under control.



A study published in Diabetes Care showed that testing blood sugar before and after meals on just two days a week — combined with standardized counseling and keeping a blood sugar/food diary — improved the patients' A1c levels (the major test for good diabetes control) significantly better than those not following such a program. The American Diabetes Association recommends that patients keep their A1c levels at 7.0 or lower.

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Dental health

Experts: Millions of Americans over 50 at-risk for oral disease

(NAPSA) — Millions of 50-plus Americans fail to realize that their oral health is directly linked to their overall health, according to two of the top oral health care experts in the United States.

A growing body of evidence from ongoing studies has shown a potential link between periodontal (gum) disease and other "systemic" maladies, such as cardiovascular disease, respiratory disease and stroke.

"There are those who say a person's eyes are a window into their soul, but a person's mouth is a window into their state of overall health," said Barbara J. Steinberg, DDS, a nationally and internationally invited lecturer in the areas of dental treatment of medically compromised patients.

Although more studies are needed, researchers suspect that the oral microbial infections and inflammation associated with periodontal disease play a role in systemic problems — meaning they can affect the body as a whole, according to Harold C. Slavkin, DDS, one of the chief architects of the landmark Surgeon General's Report on Oral Health, released in 2000.

Dr. Slavkin, dean of the University of Southern California School of Dentistry, said it is possible that periodontal disease might contribute to, or worsen, several maladies including:

- Diabetes
 - Stroke
 - Heart disease
 - Microbial Pulmonary Diseases and Disorders
 - Respiratory diseases
 - Dry and Burning Mouth
- "It is essential that older Americans monitor their oral health,



Dr. Barbara Steinberg says, "A person's mouth is a window into their state of overall health."

paying particular attention to their gums," said Dr. Slavkin. "Gum disease is a serious infection that can release bacteria into the bloodstream, and because there are often no symptoms of gum disease in its early stages, consistent oral evaluation is an extremely important component in the monitoring of a person's health. This becomes more and more important as we age."

Additionally, regular dental visits might provide early prognosis of oral cancer, a particularly virulent form of the disease that kills more than 9,000 people per year.

"About 50 percent of those diagnosed with it die within five years," Dr. Slavkin said.

Clearly, the health implications for post-retirement dental care are

significant.

Recent studies by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) show that 72 percent of the population older than 50 have periodontal disease, the leading cause of tooth loss.

Only about 60 percent of those 50 and older have dental insurance, and most face losing this coverage when they retire.

According to U.S. Census statistics, the 50-plus population was about 27 percent in 2000; by 2020, that number will jump by more than 115 million to approximately 35 percent.

"Medicare does not cover routine dental services and, in most states, neither does Medicaid," Dr. Slavkin said. "With continued dental care, those who are 50-plus can avoid a myriad of health problems, including tooth loss, gum disease and mouth cancers. With continued care, we can all enjoy a robust lifestyle and a wide range of foods, communicate effectively, maintain self-esteem and meet our social responsibilities within our family and community."

There are affordable options for Dental Coverage: the AARP Dental Insurance Plan from Delta Dental offers dental insurance for AARP members.

The AARP Dental Insurance Plan provides immediate coverage for most preventive, diagnostic and basic restorative services, as well as endodontics (root canal treatment) and oral surgery (extractions).

After 12 months, coverage expands to include major restorations, periodontics (gum treatment) and prosthodontics (dentures).

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Program pairs scientists with Alzheimer's patients

By LINDSEY TANNER
AP Medical Writer

CHICAGO (AP) — Peering through a microscope at brain cells from mice with Alzheimer's disease was about the closest scientist Sarah Cole had been to the mind-robbing illness — until she met Jenny Knauss.

Picturing a debilitated shut-in, Cole instead found a vibrant, active Oxford-educated grandmother who has become a cherished friend.

The partnership is thanks to an unusual educational program that pairs researchers and medical students with early-stage Alzheimer's patients, a group growing in numbers whose needs the medical community is just starting to address.

Over nachos and beers with her husband and Cole at a Chicago restaurant, Knauss, 68, said the program has helped keep her active and avoid focusing on the

downside of Alzheimer's. Cole, 29, said meeting Knauss has introduced her to the human side of the disease and shown her that the diagnosis doesn't have to stop patients' lives from being fulfilling.

"We don't really worry about what she can't do," Cole said. "We just worry about what she can do."

Increased awareness about Alzheimer's disease has led to earlier diagnoses, and many if not most of the more than 300,000 Americans diagnosed yearly are in the early stages of the disease, according to Kathleen O'Brien of the Alzheimer's Association.

These patients might have difficulty using cell phones, navigating automated telephone menus or making change but can live several years before becoming incapacitated by the mind-robbing illness.

Day care or residential centers for patients already debilitated by Alzheimer's

'It's really, really important for people my age to interact with younger people. I've found it absolutely terrific to, for example, spend a lot of time with you.'

— Jenny Knauss
Patient

spotlighted at an Alzheimer's Association conference running Wednesday through Friday in Chicago.

Across town, the University of Chicago has a similar "buddy" program with dual goals — to give the medical community better insight into Alzheimer's and keep patients engaged in activities that help them cope.

A rare, familial form of the disease that can strike when people are in their 30s and 40s is called early onset Alzheimer's. Early stage patients have the most common form of the aging-related disease.

Dr. David Bennett, an Alzheimer's specialist at Chicago's Rush University Medical Center, said that when he began seeing Alzheimer's patients almost 20 years ago, "it wasn't unusual for people to come in for their first evaluation."

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Sun safety tips

(NAPSA) — Despite growing initiatives to educate the public, the number of Americans using sunscreen has gone down and the number of Americans — including children — being diagnosed with skin cancer is going up.

"Public awareness is not translating into action," said Philip Schneider, executive director of the non-profit Sun Safety Alliance.

To provide encouragement, the alliance has partnered with the Cancer Research and Prevention Foundation to form the Mothers & Others Against Skin Cancer initiative.

The initiative hopes to mobilize a million mothers and others to embrace sun safety practices and volunteer to promote sun safety in their communities. Membership is free.

For more information, visit www.SunSafetyAlliance.org.

Kiwanis Month



Pampa Mayor Lonny Robbins recently presented Jamilou Schaffer Garren with a proclamation establishing August as Kiwanis Month.

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to explain how the grant process works. She will also be available to answer questions from the public. The meeting will be held from 11 a.m. to noon on Aug. 18 at the Cole Community Center, 300 16th St.

For additional information on the Texas Plains Trail Region, contact Glenn Barnett at (806) 273-0920. For more information about the THC's partnership

grant program, contact Allison Thompson, program specialist for the THC's Texas Heritage Trails Program at (512) 463-2630.

For additional information on Texas travel events and vacation destinations, visit www.TravelTex.com or for a free Texas State Travel Guide call 1-800-8888-TEX.

The Texas Historical Commission is the state agency for historic preservation. The agency administers a variety of programs to preserve the archeological, historical and cultural resources of Texas.

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When the exhibit closes in Canyon on Aug. 21, the artifacts will be returned to the Glenbow Museum, the Sid Richardson Museum, the Amon Carter Museum, Buffalo Bill Historical Center, the C.M. Russell Museum, the Frederic Remington Art Museum, and to private collectors.

This exhibit brings together the art and stories of the Canadian western frontier in an exhibition featuring the works of Charles M. Russell and Frederic Remington.

Additionally, the museum has chosen "The American West" as the exhibit theme for 2005. Textile, firearms, art, and history exhibits explore the many facets of the American West.

In the textile area, "From Necessity to Fashion: Clothing of the American West" opens July 30. "The Art of the Ride: Bits, Spurs and Stirrups" and "Saddle Up: Saddles from the Permanent Collection" are on exhibit through Oct. 30.

Educational programming also focuses on the history and the influence of the

West. Each Saturday at 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., and Sundays at 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. visitors are invited to "Visiting with Charlie."

This 15-minute presentation by actor Jonathan Mobley is a portrayal of artist Charles M. Russell. The program is free with paid museum admission and will continue until the exhibit closes Aug. 21.

Each Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday during "Capturing Western Legends" the museum is hosting "Cowpokes and Other Folks." This walk-in workshop, from 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., is suitable for elementary age children.

Make-and-take activities are based on the Western images of artists Russell and Remington. The workshop is free with paid museum admission. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

The PPHM is open Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. and Sundays from 1-6 p.m. Tickets for the Western art exhibit are \$15 for adults, \$14 for seniors 65 and over, and \$7.50 for children ages 4-12. Price includes general museum admission.

For additional information, call (806) 651-2244 or visit the museum's website at www.panhandleplains.org.

Cattle on feed up 7 percent from last year

AUSTIN — Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in Texas feedlots with capacity of 1,000 head or more totaled 2.95 million head on July 1, up 7 percent from a year ago.

According to the monthly report released by the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service, the estimate was up 2 percent from the June 1 level.

Producers placed 550,000 head in commercial feedlots during June, up 21 percent from a year ago, but down 27 percent from the May 2005 total.

Texas commercial feeders marketed 480,000 head during June, down 3 percent from last year and the same number as last month.

On July 1, there were 2.45 million head of cattle and calves on feed in the Northern High Plains, 83 percent of the state's total. The number on feed across the area was up 7 percent from last year, and up 2 percent from the June total.

June placements in the Northern High Plains totaled 461,000 head, down 26 percent from the May total. Marketings were up 1 percent from last month to

405,000 head. Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States in feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 head or more totaled 10.4 million head on July 1, 2005. This inventory was 3 percent above July 1, 2004.

Placements in feedlots during June totaled 1.77 million head, 7 percent above June 2004.

June placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds totaled 412,000 head; 600-699 pounds totaled 347,000 head; 700-799 pounds totaled 480,000 head; 800 pounds and greater totaled 530,000 head.

Marketings of fed cattle during June totaled 2.07 million head, 1 percent below 2004.

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very severely impaired. Now it's actually quite unusual."

Most Alzheimer's drugs, designed to improve mental function, are designed for use in early stages but do not slow the underlying course of the irreversible disease, Bennett said.

Some scientists believe mind-stimulating activities like crossword puzzles and taking classes might help prevent — but not treat — Alzheimer's. Researchers are studying whether more structured memory-stimulation programs might help early stage patients learn tasks that might help keep them independent longer, said Neil Buckholtz, head of the dementias of aging branch at the National Institute on Aging.

In the meantime, Bennett said programs that keep patients engaged in the community, like the buddy program, "are good things to do even if they don't impact the course of the disease."

Darby Morhardt, a social worker who helped create the program at Northwestern, said it is indirectly therapeutic for patients by providing educational and social support.

Knauss headed the Illinois' Caucus for Adolescent Health when frustrating memory lapses began slowing her work and made her increasingly agitated.

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direct impact of the food they've just eaten on their blood sugar. This, in turn, can help patients make healthier food choices.

In addition, while some patients test and keep their pre-meal blood sugars well controlled, their overall control of their blood sugar, as measured by a lab test known as an A1c, may be too high.

In these cases, because high after-meal blood sugar levels may be contributing to the poor A1c averages, the American Diabetes Association suggests that such patients may benefit from incorporating some after-meal blood sugar testing into their treatment plan.

According to the ADA, diabetes patients should aim for an A1c level of 7 percent or lower.

"Testing blood sugar around a meal — both before and two hours after — can really help diabetes patients better understand the true impact their food choices have had on their blood sugar," explains Lance Porter, editor of the monthly magazine Diabetes Positive! and author of the book, "28 Days to Diabetes Control!" "When patients learn which foods are most likely to cause after-meal spikes in their blood sugar levels, they can become better at preventing those spikes and keeping their sugar levels in a safe and healthy range."

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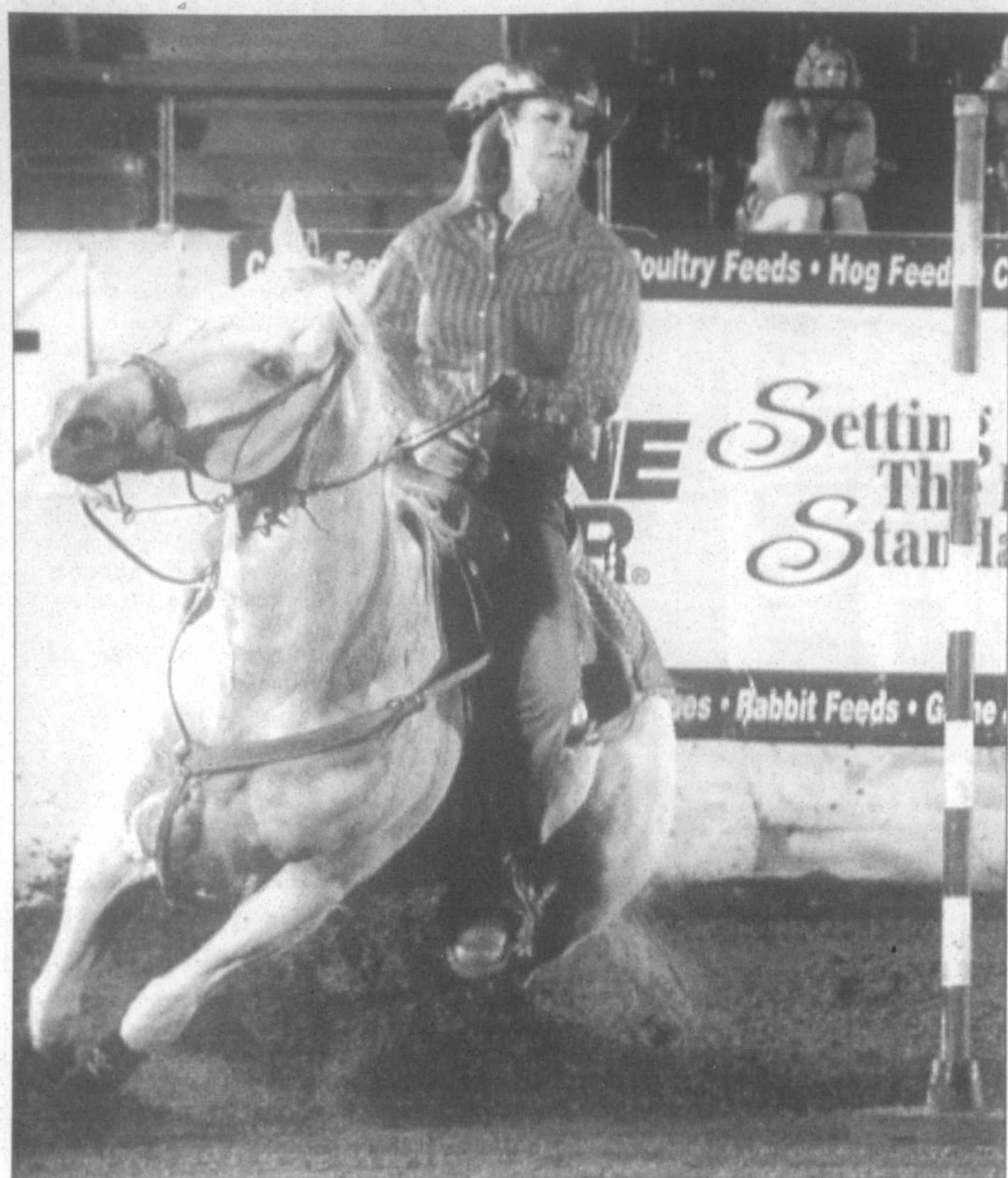
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Sports Day



Rodeo gal

Kaylynn Jones competed in the Texas High School State Finals in Abilene last month, taking 17th overall in Barrel Racing and 19th in Pole Bending. Jones will be a Pampa High School freshman this year. The PHS Rodeo Club will hold a meeting in the Bull Barn Tuesday, Aug. 2 at 7 p.m.



McDougle shooting the talk of Eagles camp

BETHLEHEM, Pa. (AP) — The Philadelphia Eagles' chaotic offseason got worse hours before training camp opened Friday.

Defensive end Jerome McDougle was shot in the stomach by armed robbers late Thursday night, Miami police said. The Eagles said McDougle was in good condition after surgery, and coach Andy Reid was optimistic the former first-round pick would play this season.

"We're told it (the bullet) didn't hit any major organs and that's a plus," Reid said. "From the indication we have now, he will be able to come back."

This was just the latest distraction for the defending NFC champions, who've dealt with Terrell Owens' bitter contract dispute since losing to New England 24-21 in the Super Bowl almost six months ago.

Rookies and some other players

reported to Lehigh University for the start of camp Friday. McDougle was due on Monday with the rest of the team.

"It's crazy," linebacker Mark Simoneau said. "You don't ever expect that to happen to someone you know, especially a teammate. Our prayers are with him and his family. It's got to be tough on him. It seems like it's been one thing after another since he's gotten here."

Selected with the 15th pick in the 2003 draft, McDougle's first two seasons in Philadelphia were marred by injuries. But he was expected to move into a starting role in place of Derrick Burgess, who signed with Oakland.

McDougle's absence leaves the Eagles thin on the defensive line. Hugh Douglas, a part-time player last year, and N.D. Kalu, who missed last season with a knee injury, are the most experienced backups at the end spots.

"I'm glad he's alive and doing well," Reid said. "You don't ever want to see anybody get shot, particularly someone close to you. He spent a lot of time up here this year. He was in good shape."

McDougle's shooting took the focus off Owens, who dominated the headlines the past few months by loudly protesting because he wants a new contract just one season into the seven-year, \$48.97 million deal he signed after coming to Philadelphia in March 2004.

Owens already said he plans to be at camp, even though he skipped all the minicamps. Reid said he spoke to Owens earlier in the week, and doesn't expect the All-Pro wide receiver to cause problems.

"I expect T.O. to be here. I expect T.O. to help us win a Super Bowl," Reid said.

Garrison takes first place at Wyoming NHSR finals

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

Channing, Texas freshman Haley Garrison won the Barrel Racing Championship at the National High School Rodeo Finals in Gillette, Wyo. The event was held the week of July 18.

Garrison, granddaughter of Willaird and Janis Moore of Pampa, qualified for the finals by placing third in the Barrel Racing competition at the Texas High School State Finals in Abilene last month.

At the National Finals, she was among

the more than 1,500 contestants from 40 states, five Canadian provinces and Australia.

About 180 competed in each event. The rodeo itself consisted of two runs and a short go.

Garrison and her horse, Suitcase, have been partners since April 2004. Suitcase is owned by Amanda Albritton of Hereford, a long-time family friend.

For her efforts in Gillette, Garrison was awarded a championship saddle, Gist belt buckle, college scholarships as well as jackpot money.

DALLAS COWBOYS

Parcells has something to prove

OXNARD, Calif. (AP) — Before the start of each training camp, Bill Parcells makes it clear to his veteran players that they still have to show him they've got what it takes.

He applies the same rule to himself, especially after going from 10 wins to 10 losses in his second season with the Dallas Cowboys. It doesn't matter that the coach has been to three Super Bowls.

"You're always judged in this business by what you did in the most recent season," Parcells said Friday. "So I certainly feel challenged myself, and I certainly feel that I do have something to prove. ... That can be a good thing. I would hope it can."

What should also help are all those free agents the Cowboys signed and the defensive players they picked in the draft, though their top three choices remained unsigned a day before the first practices of training camp.

Despite his disappointment about what happened last season, Parcells seems rejuvenated and optimistic after spending the offseason restructuring much of Dallas' roster.

So does owner Jerry Jones, who opened his wallet for more than \$32 million in signing bonuses during free agency.

"Probably as big a reason as any I'm excited is because Bill is here," Jones said. "I have always believed that the biggest measure of working with anyone is how they work in adversity, and how they work when things aren't going good, and when we're disappointed. I know the kind of effort and the work he's put in this offseason. ... We've got a chance to have some good things happen."

The Cowboys open camp with two practices Saturday.

Parcells demands that his players show up at camp in good shape, and the coach slimmed down himself. He said he has been

doing more flexibility exercises and running harder than he has in many years, even running 15 miles since arriving Monday in California.

"I want to be able to stay on (them) every day," he said. "I did want to make an effort to increase my energy level during the season."

At the end of last season's final game, Parcells talked about how tired he was — and he looked it. He was mostly worn out by inconsistent play on defense and an offense that couldn't score enough points.

"When things don't go well, you evaluate, you scrutinize more closely," Parcells said. "We wouldn't stop people and couldn't produce enough offense. We could stay in games, but we couldn't win enough of them."

Within the first two days of free agency in March, the Cowboys had spent \$28 million in signing bonuses to add defensive tackle Jason Ferguson, guard Marco Rivera and cornerback Anthony Henry. That was after quarterback Drew Bledsoe had reunited with Parcells, to be followed by cornerback Aaron Glenn.

The Cowboys' two first-round picks were used on defensive ends Demarcus Ware and Marcus Spears, big players who fit the mold of what Parcells likes, as does second-round pick Kevin Burnett, a linebacker from Tennessee.

Ware, Spears and Burnett were unsigned when the Cowboys held their first offensive and defensive meetings and went through conditioning tests Friday. Those players can't participate until they sign a contract.

Defensive end Chris Canty agreed to terms and was in camp Friday. The rest of the draft picks were already signed: running back Marion Barber, safety Justin Beriault, offensive tackle Rob Petitti and defensive tackle Jay Ratliff.

Padres, Rangers await trade OK

SAN DIEGO (AP) — The Texas Rangers plan to trade pitcher Chan Ho Park to the San Diego Padres for slugger Phil Nevin, a deal that awaited approval from the commissioner's office.

"If the league OKs it, then it's a done deal," Padres manager Bruce Bochy said Friday before his team played the Cincinnati Reds. "Obviously, we've talked to Texas. There's nothing official yet. Nev's aware of it. Chan Ho's aware of it."

Rangers spokesman Gregg Elkin also said the trade was pending approval from the commissioner's office. Park was scratched just before his scheduled start in Toronto on Friday night and left the ballpark.

Approval was needed because the deal involves the Rangers sending cash to San

Diego to help offset the money remaining on the \$65 million, five-year contract Park signed with Texas before the 2002 season.

Less than an hour after Bochy spoke, Nevin told reporters he expected to be a member of the Rangers by Saturday.

"I'm going to go in and say goodbye to my teammates and start packing and get my stuff ready to go to Toronto," Nevin said. "I'm excited. I honestly am. It's an opportunity to play, it's a great organization, there's some great people there that I do know from a long time ago. I'm just excited to get over there."

Nevin blocked a proposed trade to Baltimore for pitcher Sidney Ponson on Monday. But the slugger's limited no-trade clause did not include the right to refuse a deal to Texas.

Hamilton to work out of home in next year

HOUSTON (AP) — Longtime Houston Astros radio play-by-play man Milo Hamilton announced Friday that he will work only home games starting next season.

While the team is on the road, Hamilton plans to help the club with community relations. Team officials said the announcement was being made now to help begin the search for Hamilton's road replacement and so he can have somewhat of a farewell tour at the ballparks he visits the rest of the season.

Hamilton, 77, has been calling baseball games since 1950 and has been with the Astros since 1985. He and the club will revisit the arrangement after next season.

Hamilton also has worked for the Cardinals, Braves, Pirates and both Chicago teams. He's called games in 51 stadiums and worked 11 no-hitters. His most famous call is Hank Aaron's record-breaking 715th home run in 1974.

He joined the broadcasters' wing of the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1992.

"We feel fortunate to have had a Hall of Famer like Milo as a part of the Astros family for such a long time, and we hope to have him on our airwaves for many seasons in the future," team owner Drayton McLane said.

Panhandle, West Texas Fishing Report

AUSTIN (AP) — Here is the weekly fishing report as compiled for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for July 27. (Report also available on Web as www.txfishing.com.)

PANHANDLE
BAYLOR: Water lightly stained; 86 degrees. Black bass are slow. Crappie are slow. Catfish are slow.

GREENBELT: Water lightly stained; 85 degrees; 17.25' low. Black bass to 5 pounds are good on white/chartreuse or watermelon red soft jerkbaits or shad-colored spinnerbaits worked along grass lines and along timber. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs. White bass are good on live bait. Smallmouth bass are good on jerkbaits and small crankbaits. Walleye are good at night on live bait. Catfish are good on chicken liver and live bait.

MACKENZIE: Water lightly stained; 81 degrees; 60.5' low. Black bass are good on shad-colored spinnerbaits and jerkbaits. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs. White bass and striped bass are good on live bait and chrome jerkbaits. Smallmouth bass are fair on live bait and silver spoons. Walleye are fair on live baits. Catfish are good on live bait.

MEREDITH: Water lightly stained; 84 degrees; 14.65' low. Black bass are fair on white spinnerbaits or soft plastics along brush lines. Crappie are good on jigs and minnows. White bass are good on live bait. Smallmouth bass are fair on jerkbaits near north main lake points.

Walleye are fair on minnows suspended in 10-12 feet along main lake points near dam. Channel Catfish are fair on live bait.

PALO DURO: Water lightly stained; 82 degrees; 36.5' low. Black bass are fair on shad-colored spinnerbaits and soft jerkbaits. Crappie are fair on jigs and minnows. Smallmouth bass are fair on minnows. Walleye are fair on live baits. Catfish are good on minnows and cut shad.

WEST
ALAN HENRY: Water lightly stained; 86 degrees. Black bass are good on white soft plastics near the brush and spinnerbaits along brush line. Crappie are fair on minnows and

jigs in the brush.
ARROWHEAD: Water stained in upper end; 84 degrees; 5.4' low. Black bass are fair to slow on spinnerbaits around rocky areas and flooded brush. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs suspended about 15' around derricks. White bass are good to excellent on shad-imitation baits and silver spoons with some topwater bites early and late in day. Blue catfish are good on cut shad and prepared baits.

BUFFALO SPRINGS: Water lightly stained; 68 degrees. Black bass are good on live bait; perch near cattails on NE banks and minnows below the dam. Crappie are fair on minnows and cut silver shad in and near Crappie House.

Hybrid strippers are fair on crankbaits, Rat-L-Traps and perch near cattails and dam. Channel catfish are good on chicken liver, green worms and punchbait near Crappie House, dam and North banks.

COLORADO CITY: Water clear; 83 degrees. Black bass are slow. Crappie are slow. White bass are slow. Redfish are slow. Catfish are slow.

FT. PHANTOM HILL: Water clear; 82 degrees; .45' low. Black bass are slow. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. White bass are fair on minnows and small crankbaits. Catfish are fair on minnows and cut baits.

HUBBARD CREEK: Water lightly stained; 84 degrees; 11.8' low. Black bass are fair on white soft jerkbaits and spinnerbaits along main points and humps, and watermelon red or red soft plastics in the reeds. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. White bass and hybrid striped are good on live and cut baits. Catfish are good on chicken liver.

NASWORTHY: Water lightly stained; 82 degrees. Black bass are fair on white spinnerbaits and live bait. Crappie are good on jigs and minnows. Redfish are fair. White bass and striped bass are good on live baits or cut shad. Catfish are good on live baits.

OAK CREEK: Water lightly stained; 83 degrees; 22.5' low. Black bass are fair on live baits. Crappie are fair on jigs and minnows. Catfish are fair on cut shad and minnows. No boat

ramps open. 4x4 vehicles can unload on the dirt road near the dam.

OH. IVIE: Water lightly stained; 83 degrees; 15.45' low. Black bass are fair on watermelon pepper or green pumpkin soft plastics, white/chartreuse spinnerbaits or soft jerkbaits along brush lines. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs. White bass are fair on live baits. Smallmouth bass are fair. Channel catfish are good on cut or live baits.

POSSUM KINGDOM: Water clear; 84 degrees; 5.2' low. Black bass are fair in Rock Creek and Caddo Creek areas. Crappie are fair on live bait. White bass are good and Striped bass are fair near lighted piers at night. Blue and channel catfish are fair in the upper part of reservoir.

SPENCE: Water lightly stained; 83 degrees; 47.4' low. Black bass are fair on shad-colored soft plastics and white spinnerbaits. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs. White bass are fair on live baits. Striped bass and hybrid striped are fair. Catfish are fair on cut baits.

STAMFORD: Water lightly stained; 83 degrees; 4.5' low. Black bass are fair. Crappie are fair on jigs and minnows. White and striped bass are fair. Catfish are fair.

SWEETWATER: Water lightly stained; 83 degrees; 29.6' low. Black bass are fair on live bait and white/blue spinnerbaits. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. White bass are fair on live bait. Catfish are good on live bait and cut baits.

WHITE RIVER: Water lightly stained; 86 degrees; 16.35' low. Black bass are fair on white/chartreuse jigs, June bug soft plastics, and white spinnerbaits along grass and tree lines. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. Walleye are fair. Channel catfish are good on cut and live baits.

WICHITA: Water clearing; 85 degrees; .5' low. Black bass are slow. Crappie are slow. White bass and hybrid striped bass are good on large minnows, white twister-tails and silver spoons along dam and near Lake Wichita Park.

Channel catfish are fair on shrimp, punchbait and shad. North side public ramp is closed for maintenance.

WATCH YOUR LANGUAGE

Umpire bans Methuen youth team from speaking Spanish

METHUEN, Mass. (AP) — An umpire ordered players on local Little League team to stop speaking Spanish during a state tournament game this week, a decision the coach said demoralized the team and cost it the game.

"This never should have happened," head coach Chris Mosher told the Eagle-Tribune newspaper. "These are 14-year-old kids who should not have to deal with any of this, especially in Little League baseball."

National Little League spokesman Lance Van Auken said there's no rule against players speaking Spanish or any other language on the field. But he said it's too late to reverse the decision or the outcome of the game.

Mosher said he tried to file a protest after the game, but under league rules, protests must be filed before the game ends.

"It appears the umpire was concerned that the coach or manager may have been using a language other than English ... to commu-

nicate potentially 'illegal' instructions to his players," Van Auken said in an e-mail to The Associated Press Friday. "The umpire simply overstepped his authority, and there was no malicious intent."

Mosher said the incident happened Tuesday night during a Junior Little League game against Seekonk in Lakeville.

Methuen was winning 3-1 when assistant coach Domingo Infante instructed the pitcher in Spanish to try to pick off a runner at second base. After the unsuccessful attempt, the umpire called time-out and spoke with the local tournament director. The unidentified umpire then decreed that only English could be spoken.

"All I could hear was, 'We cannot allow this,'" Mosher said. "At this point I was baffled why we could only speak English."

Mosher said he challenged the ruling, but kept his team on the field after the tournament director said it would stand.

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Texans will open camp without top pick

HOUSTON (AP) — It looks like the Houston Texans will start camp without their top draft pick.

The team still hadn't signed defensive tackle Travis Johnson on Friday afternoon — less than 24 hours before the start of camp.

"You'd always like to have the guy there from Day 1," Texans coach Dom Capers said. "I've always believed that once you report and start in, you focus on the guys that are there. You work with them and you don't waste a bit of energy on anything you don't control and we don't have any control over that right now."

Johnson, the 16th pick in the draft from Florida State, participated in all the Texans coaching sessions and their minicamp. A message left with Johnson's agent Gary Wichard was not immediately returned Friday.

Johnson is the final draft pick yet to be signed after the team agreed to contracts with third-round pick Vernand Morency and Jerome Mathis, a fourth-round choice, on Thursday.

The Texans assembled Friday for conditioning tests where they ran 14 40-yard dashes at different intervals. Capers said Johnson was the only player not in attendance. The team opens camp with two practices Saturday.

Punter Chad Stanley (knee injury) and defensive end Gary Walker (sore hamstring) did not participate in the tests, but Capers said both should practice Saturday.

Capers said he was impressed with the team's mind-set coming off a six-week break.

"I think there is a sense of purpose," he said. "Hopefully that will lead to

us being a more mature team and understanding what a fine line it is between winning and losing on Sunday."

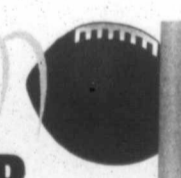
The Texans won seven games last season but lost three by a touchdown or less.

Capers looks forward to the franchise's fourth training camp being the most competitive so far.


The deepest position entering camp appears to be receiver. The returning group is led by Pro Bowler Andre Johnson and includes

Jabar Gaffney, Corey Bradford and Derick Armstrong. Capers said speedy rookie Jerome Mathis should compete for playing time with the veterans.

Johnson morphed into a star last season, catching 79 passes for 1,129 yards and six touchdowns. He's the lone Houston player on the cover of the recently unveiled Texans media guide, shown in two images — catching a pass and without his helmet at the Pro Bowl.



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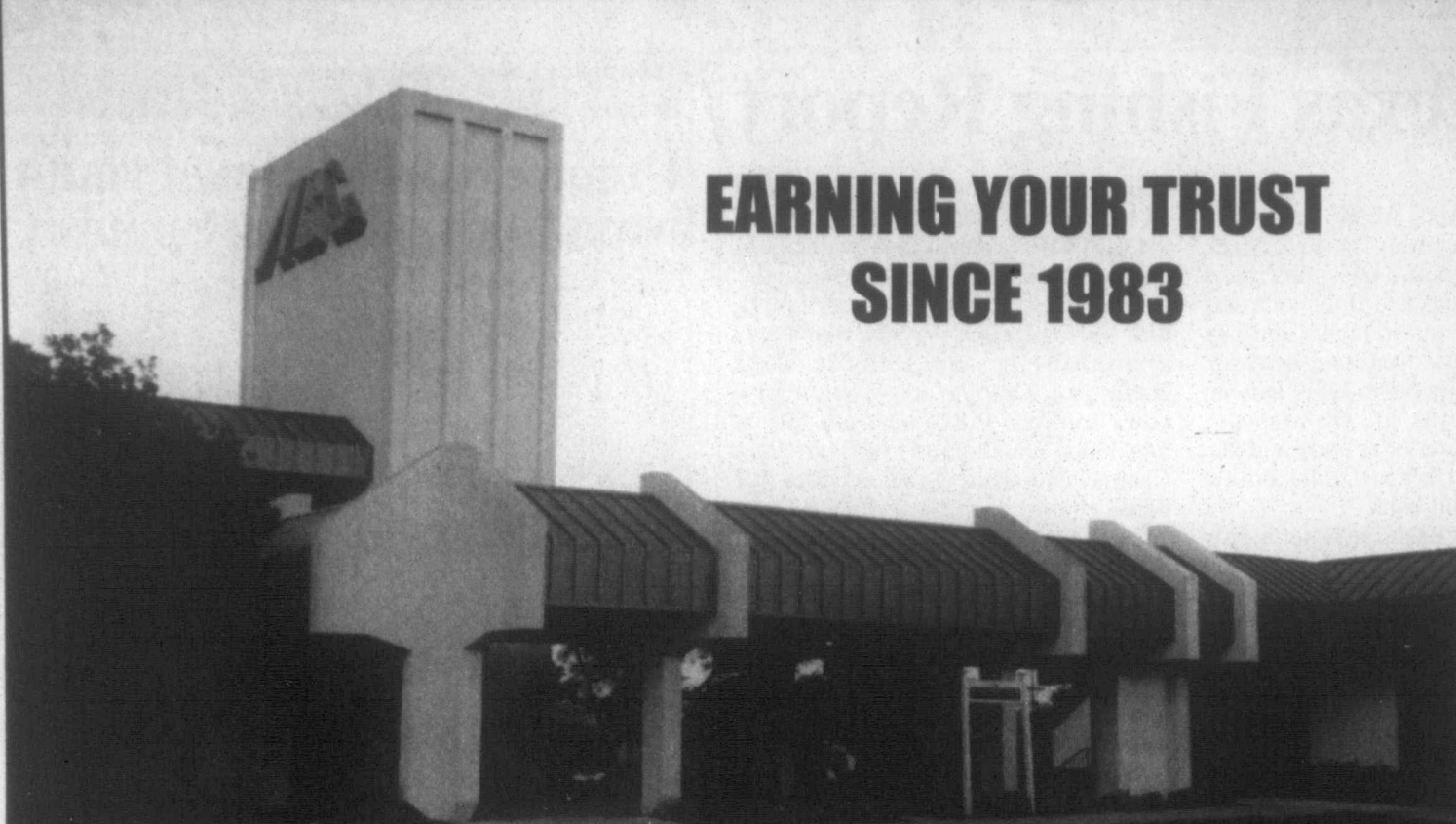
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NEWSMAKERS

DENTON — Tatum Brown, a sophomore at the University of North Texas, was recently named to the Dean's Honor Roll of Scholars by the university's College of Arts and Sciences for the 2005 spring semester.



Brown

To be eligible for the Dean's Honor Roll, a student must maintain a 3.5 or higher grade point average while enrolled in 12 or more semester hours.

Brown, a 2004 Pampa High School graduate, is majoring in psychology and minoring in pre-med at UNT.

She is the daughter of Don and Darla Brown of Pampa and is the granddaughter of Jeane and Joe Autry of Pampa and Morris Brown and Lee and Margaret Ashley, all of Amarillo.

Textiles/Intermediate. Emily Jackson, Gray Co., 3rd place; Tammy Syfrett, Gray Co., 5th place. **Junior.** Macy Cochran, Gray Co., 6th place.

Consumer Education/Critique. Meagan Crawford, Gray Co.

Energy Management/Senior. Drake Jackson, Gray Co., 1st place.

Goat/Senior. Ashlee Lucas, Gray Co., 3rd place; and Katie Baggerman, Roberts Co., 4th place.

Sheep/Intermediate. Braden Moore, Wheeler Co., 2nd place; 5. Nick Hardcastle, Wheeler Co., 5th place; and Josh Hardcastle, Wheeler Co., 6th place. **Junior.** Stormy Moore, Wheeler Co., 1st place.

Swine/Intermediate. Ty Youree, Gray Co., 3rd place.

Veterinary Science/Intermediate. Jessica Baggerman, Gray Co., 1st place.

BORGER — Frank Phillips College in Borger recently announced students named to its President's and Dean's honor rolls for the 2005 spring semester.

More than 120 chronicles of 4-H activities were submitted for judging recently in the District 1 4-H record-book contest.

Youth submitted recordbooks, a press release said, in 24 different categories and three age divisions. Senior level winners will advance to state competition on Aug. 17 in Weatherford.

District 1 placings include the following 4-Hers in their respective categories:

Aquatic Science/Intermediate. Gabriel Miller, Gray County, 1st place.

Beef/Senior. Courtney Crawford, Gray Co., 1st place. **Intermediate.** Ty Baggerman, Gray Co., 4th place.

Swine/Intermediate. Peter Cunningham, Misty Ivey, Kevin Kidd, Lorrie Knutson, Katherine Taylor, and Jacob Trevathan, all of Pampa.

To be eligible for the President's Honor Roll, a student must maintain a 4.0 grade point average while enrolled in 12 or more semester hours at FPC. Students named to the list include Amber Adkins of Pampa.

To be eligible for the Dean's Honor Roll, a student must maintain a 3.5 to 3.99 GPA while enrolled in 12 or more semester hours at FPC. Students named to the list include

Clothing & Peter Cunningham, Misty Ivey, Kevin Kidd, Lorrie Knutson, Katherine Taylor, and Jacob Trevathan, all of Pampa.

Deadline nearing for Buff Branding

CANYON — It's the road trip of a lifetime for students new to West Texas A&M University when buses head to Ceta Canyon for the University's 24th annual Buff Branding Aug. 26-27.

Buff Branding is a unique overnight orientation event designed to introduce new students to the campus and its traditions as well as to new friends and opportunities.

Dr. Rick Rigsby, faculty member and chaplain for the Texas A&M University football team, will speak, and representatives from Monster.com will present "The Ultimate Road Trip: Campus2Career." Deadline to register for Buff Branding is Friday, Aug. 12.

"It's one of the best ways for new students to make friends and be part of the WTAMU family," Skip Chisum, director of the Jack B. Kelley Student Center, said. "We want all new students — incoming freshmen and transfer students — to come and be a part of Buff Branding."

Buses will leave campus from Terrill Lawn at 1 p.m. Friday, Aug. 26 and return at 4 p.m. the following day. During the overnight stay, students will have the opportunity to meet WTAMU faculty and staff members, learn more about campus life and how to become involved in the campus community.

Rigsby, a motivational speaker, lecturer, pastor and educator, will make his fifth trip to the event. "He's one of the most dynamic speakers I've ever heard," Chisum said. "He'll catch the students' attention and motivate them to make the best of their college years."


Representatives from Monster.com will make a return trip to Buff Branding to talk to students about the importance of academics, time management and goals. The presentation will be delivered to first-year students on college campuses across the country.

WTAMU's residence halls open Aug. 24, and classes begin Aug. 29. The two-day Buff Branding gives students time to move into the residence halls before leaving for Ceta Canyon. And they get back to campus in time to take part in the University's Thunder Days welcoming activities for all students.

Students can register for Buff Branding at the Jack B. Kelley Student Center or registration forms are available at www.wtamu.edu/administrative/ss/sds/bb/WhatisBuffBranding.htm. Cost is \$65. For more information, call 806-651-2394.

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It's a dog's life during dog days of summer

By LINDA ANDERSON
Texas A&M News

HUTTO — If it's true that every dog has his day, then a recent Saturday in July must have been "the day" for dozens of dogs from 28 Texas counties.

The occasion was the 35th annual Texas 4-H Dog Show at the Triple Crown Dog Academy in Hutto.

One hundred and fifty-one canines were put through their paces — and their sits, says and several other commands — by their 129 young trainers. Kids and dogs were accompanied by parents, adult leaders, volunteers and Texas Cooperative Extension agents and specialists.

The dogs represented 50 different breeds — 49 pure breeds as well as All-American or mixed breed. They were a variety of colors, sizes and shapes; they had hair that was long or short, or even styled.

Entrants were judged on showmanship, conformation and obedience, said Marty Vahlenkamp, Extension agriculture agent for Hood County and co-chairman of the state 4-H dog project committee.

Showmanship marks are based on the trainer in the ring, he explained. Conformation judging is related to how the dog looks, and obedience is based on how the dog behaves.

The show is open entry, Vahlenkamp said, which means "you don't have to win a district show." Any 4-H member who is interested in training a dog and entering the show is eligible to participate, he said.

The program also has broad appeal for urban as well as rural 4-H'ers, he said.

After all, he said, "everybody has a dog."

That's true of Tristan Wilson, 13, of Weatherford, who was at the show with Ava, an 8-year-old Irish setter. Both are dog show veterans, Wilson said.

"I trained our golden (retriever) in obedience and conformation," he said, "and I trained our setter in conformation. Our golden was Top Dog three years in a row in my age group."

Not only that, showing dogs runs in his family. His mother, Jeanine Wilson, is state dog show chairman for 4-H and a long-time participant in American Kennel Club dog shows. That's where Tristan got his start.

"My mom was working a dog show one time," Wilson said. "I asked if I could show a dog because I was bored. I took him in the ring and got third."

Irish setters are his favorite breed because they are so easy to care for and get along with, Wilson said. "You could be mad at them one second and they still love you even though you just yelled at them."

"Except for her," he said, grinning and nodding at Ava. "She holds a grudge."

Paige Robinson of Tolar, 14, was showing her mother's dog, 9-year-old Gus, a schipperke.

Robinson started showing dogs after working with horses for six years, she said.

"I started out with an Anatolian shepherd," she said.

In addition to the shepherd and the schipperke, she also shows her own dog, a Doberman. However, this year her dog was not at the show because he was recovering from an illness and was recuperating at home.

All three dogs have their own personalities and quirks, she said.

Gus "is pretty smart," Robinson

said. "My Doberman is extremely easy to work with and the shepherd is sweet and loveable; he's really smart and easy to train."

But show dogs aren't the only ones she works with. She also trains family pets who might need a little help.

"I taught a little beagle who just needed to learn house manners," Robinson said. She also used hand signs to train a deaf English setter.

At the dog show, judging categories are broken down to age and skill level, Vahlenkamp said. Participating 4-H'ers compete in three age levels — seniors age 14-19, juniors age 11-13, and sub-juniors age 8-10. The dogs compete based on skill level.

Ann Horton, along with her daughters Rayshel and Mashala, brought six dogs to the show, including 11-week-old Justice, a golden retriever. Justice was too young to go into the show ring, but he was not too young to be in the audience.

"I'm socializing him to get him used to the noise and people," said Mrs. Horton, who has shown and trained dogs for several years.

A dog show can be a stressful situation for the animals, Vahlenkamp agreed, and once in a while emotions run high, but usually those situations are easily soothed.

"There can be cases where the dog gets a little cranky and irritable, but probably no more than the kids and parents," he said with a laugh.

Justice and his young owners were enjoying the show. Already Justice has learned how to sit, said Mrs. Horton's daughters.

"Showing dogs is fun,"

Rayshel said.

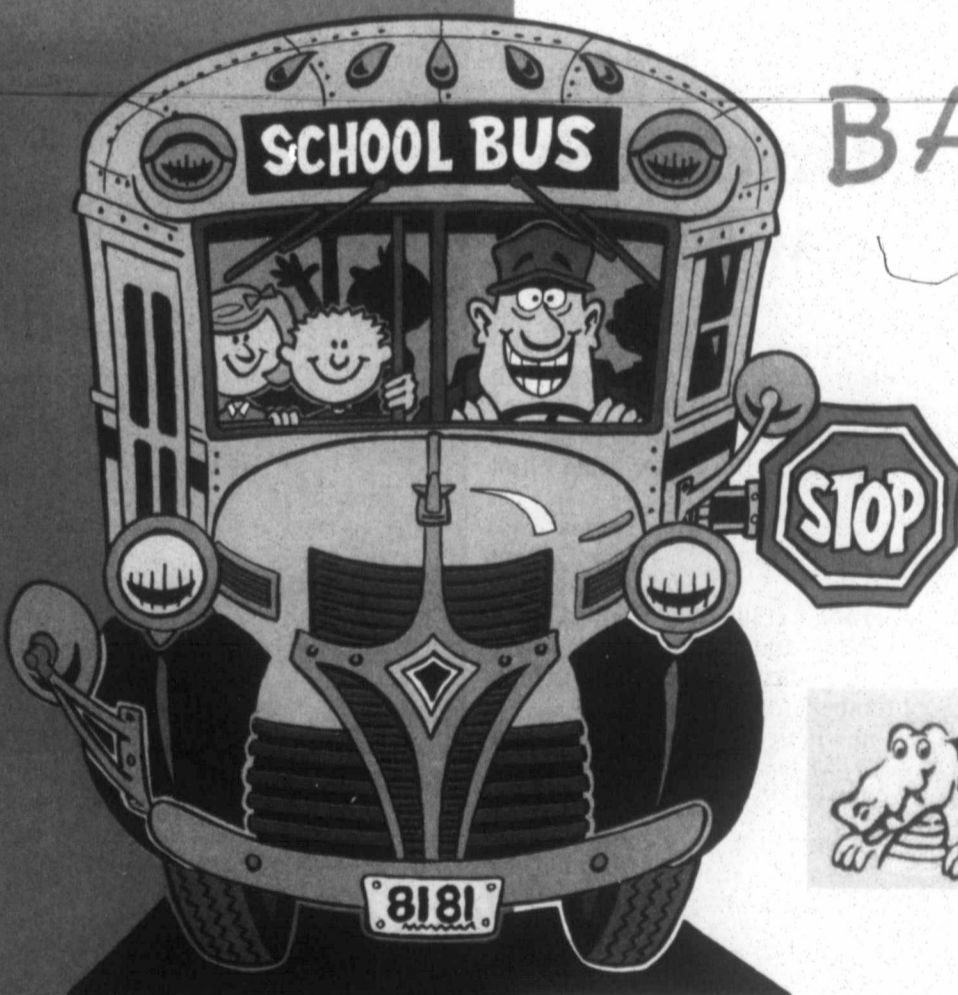
To help other 4-H'ers learn that for themselves, Texas 4-H will host a dog workshop Oct. 28-30 at the Texas 4-H Center in Brownwood. Any 4-H member who is enrolled in a dog project or interested in starting a dog project or club is invited to attend.

For more information contact Courtney Felder, Extension program specialist for 4-H, at (361) 265-9203.

For information about participating in next year's Texas 4-H Dog Show contact Vahlenkamp at (817) 579-3280 or by e-mail at Mvahlenk@ag.tamu.edu.



(TCE photo by Linda Anderson) Paige Robinson, 14, of Tolar, puts Gus through his paces. Gus, a schipperke, and Robinson were a team at the recent Texas 4-H Dog Show in Hutto.



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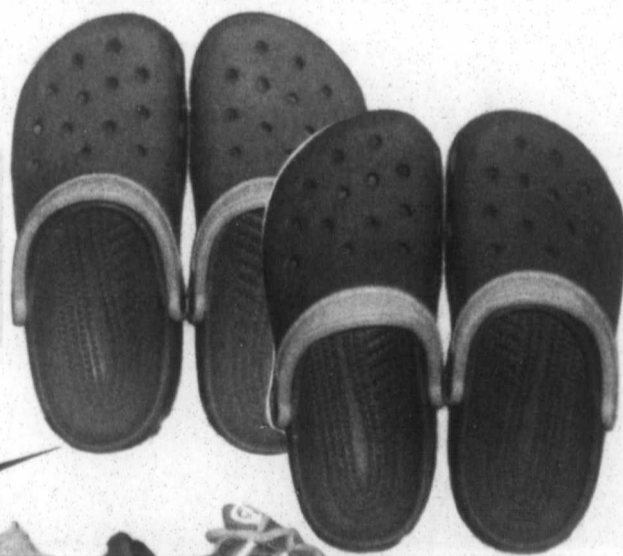
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 2. All information must be submitted by 5 p.m. Wednesday (12 noon Tuesday before a holiday such as Thanksgiving or Christmas), prior to Sunday insertion.
 3. Engagement, wedding and anniversary news only will be printed on Sunday.
 4. Engagement announcements will be published if the announcement is submitted at least one month before the wedding, but not more than three months before the wedding.
 5. Bridal photos and information will not be accepted in The Pampa News office later than one month past the date
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Couple honeymoon in parts of Colorado and New Mexico

Kendra Raber of Pampa married Nathan Jackson of Colcord, Okla., on June 4 in First United Methodist Church at Pampa with Stuart Pederson, of Valleyview Bible Church in Cimarron, Kan., officiating.

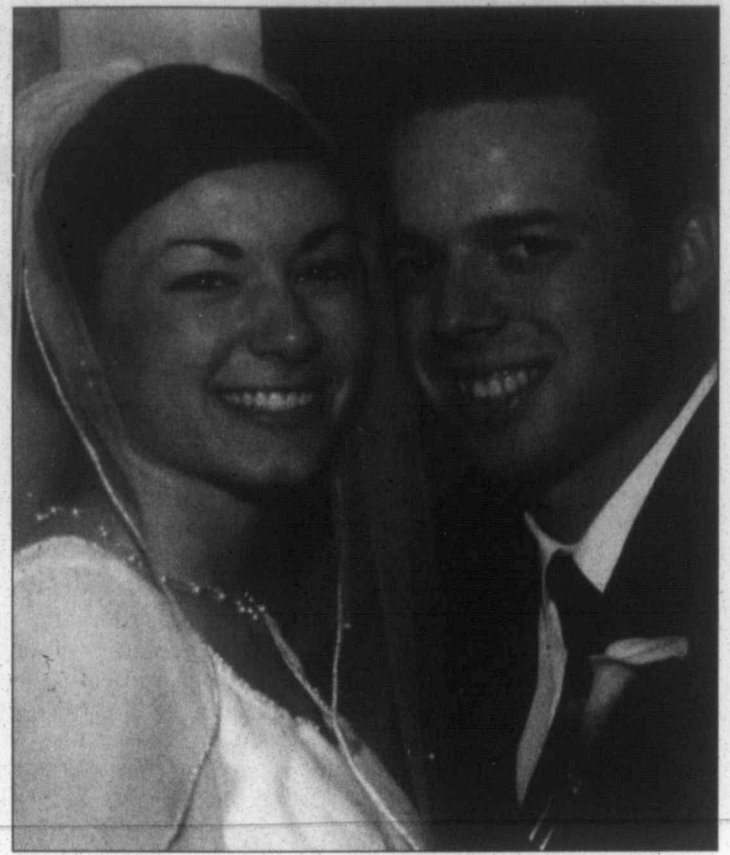
The maid of honor was Erin Raber of Pampa. The bridesmaids were Kellie Mullican of Pampa, Rebeca Pederson of Cimarron, and Tamara McCarren of Spicewood.

The flower girl was Alexandria Penner of Peoria, Ariz.

Danni Brucks of Wichita and Ashleie Helmley of Kiowa, Kan., registered the guests.

Music was provided by pianists Karen Penner of Peoria and Corinne Penner of Wichita, cellist Elizabeth DeLong of Pampa, flutist Jennifer Jackson of Siloam Springs, and vocalist Danina Kennedy of Pampa.

A reception was held following the service with Sue Fatheree, Michelle Mullican, Laura Green, Rusty Tapp, Guy Green, all of Pampa, Rhonda Chapman of Hillsboro, and Beth Kissell of Midlothian acting as servers.



Kendra Raber and Nathan Jackson

Standing up as best man was Jason Herrman of Siloam Springs, Ark. The groomsmen were Ben Caldwell of Siloam Springs and Luke Raber. The candlelighters were Gina Jackson of Siloam Springs and Corinne Penner of Wichita, Kan.

The bride is the daughter of Craig and Ronna Raber of Pampa. She has been attending Tabor College in Hillsboro, Kan., and is transferring to John Brown University in Siloam Springs

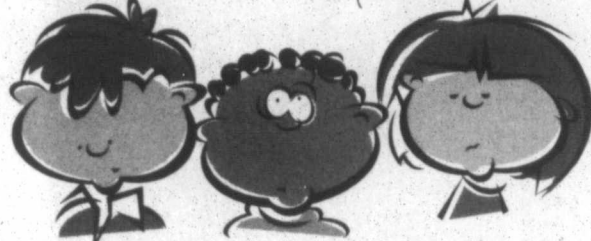
where she is majoring in biochemistry. She is currently employed by New Life Ranch.

The groom is the son of Dwight and Marilyn Jackson of Siloam Springs. He holds a degree from John Brown

University and is currently employed with New Life Ranch in Colcord.

The newlyweds honeymooned in Colorado and New Mexico and intend to make their home in Colcord.

Community Christian School



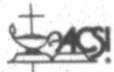
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Courthouse backdrop for nuptials

On July 14, Judy S. Young and Kenneth L. Ridenour exchanged wedding vows at Gray County Courthouse with Justice of the Peace Joe Martinez officiating.

Present as maid of honor was Tammy Knight of Lefors. Jaysun Calfy, son of the bride of Pampa, served as best man.

Others in attendance included the maid of honor's son, Robby Wallen.



Young-Ridenour wedding

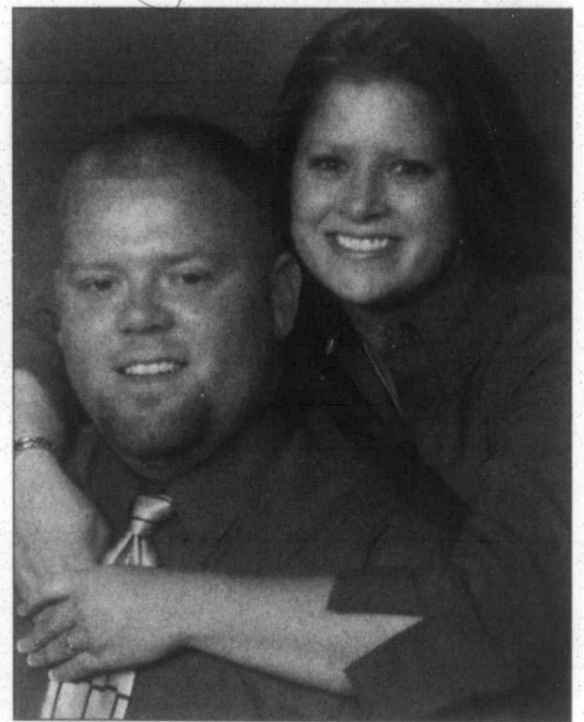
Cobb, Allen wed in church in New Mexico

The marriage of Erin Cobb, daughter of Ken and Bernice Gipson of Fritch, and Cody Allen, son of Mike and Tracy Allen of Artesia, N.M., and Pam Allen of Midland, took place July 2 at Faith Baptist Church in Artesia with Pastor Mike Elliot officiating.

The bride graduated from Pampa High School and from Tarleton State University.

The groom graduated from Artesia High School and from Eastern New Mexico University. He is currently a high school football coach.

The newlyweds honeymooned in Ruidoso, N.M., and intend to make their home in Artesia.

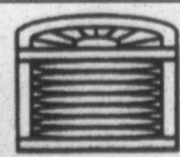


Cody Allen and Erin Cobb

Menus

Week of August 1-5

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| PISD Summer Nutrition Program | potatoes, English peas, pineapple, rolls. | ham sandwiches, vegetarian beans, carrot sticks, peaches. |
| MONDAY | WEDNESDAY | FRIDAY |
| Breakfast: French toast bagel, syrup pizza. | Breakfast: Sausage, biscuits. | Breakfast: Cereal, toast. |
| Lunch: Soft tacos or ham sandwiches, pinto beans, salad, fruit. | Lunch: Spaghetti or ham sandwiches, green beans, corn, applesauce, bread sticks. | Lunch: Hamburgers or ham sandwiches, French fries, lettuce/tomatoes, pickles, pears, pudding. |
| TUESDAY | THURSDAY | Lunch in the Park MONDAY |
| Breakfast: Egg patties, toast. | Breakfast: Breakfast pizza. | Hot Pockets, cheese portion, baby carrots, peach cups. |
| Lunch: Chicken nuggets or ham sandwiches, mashed | Lunch: Chicken salad or | TUESDAY |

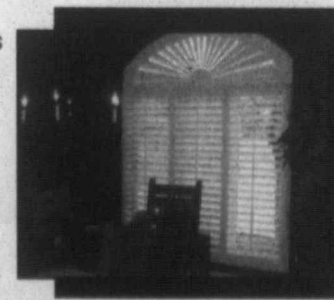


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WEDNESDAY
Hamburgers, cheese portion, pickle spear, peach cups.

THURSDAY
Chicken salad sandwiches, cheese portion, baby carrots, applesauce cups.

FRIDAY
Bean/cheese burritos, cheese portion, peach cups.

Kid's Cafe-Wilson MONDAY
Soft tacos, Spanish rice,

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Vacation Bible School 2005

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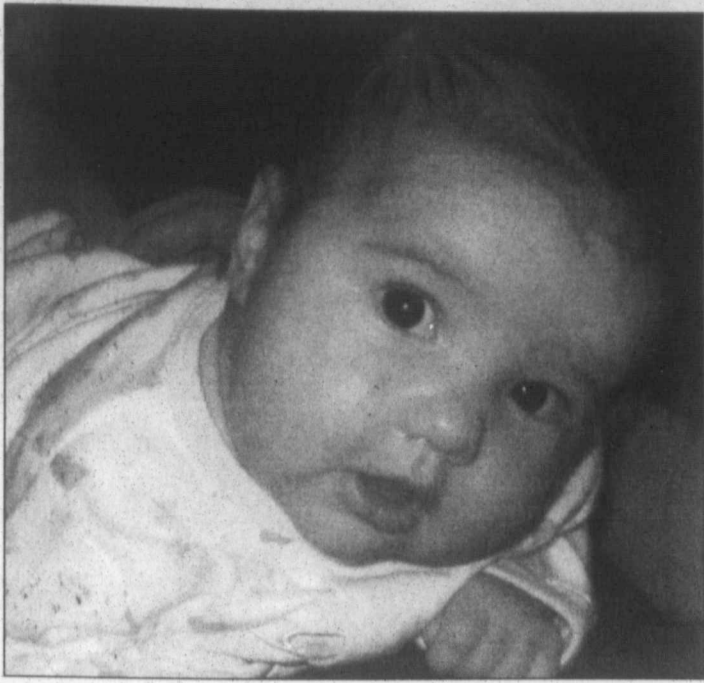
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Audrey Grace Mullen

Audrey Grace Mullen was born April 29 at Community Hospital of Monterey Peninsula, Monterey, Calif., to Ryan and Maggie Mullen of Monterey. At birth, the infant weighed 7-pounds, 13-ounces and was 21-inches long. Relatives include grandparents, Michael and Karen Handley of Pampa, Dave and Mary Alice Mullen of Minehill, N.J., and Bruce Cowan of Schenectady, N.Y.; and great-grandparents, Margaret Mullen of Washington TSP, N.J., Lawrence and Margaret McKearney of Pearl River, N.Y., and Faye Colbert of Falconhead, Okla.



Makala Rose Jaramillo

Makala Rose Jaramillo was born at 3:40 p.m. April 19 at Penrose Community Hospital in Colorado Springs, Colo., to Lucas and Ashley Jaramillo of Colorado Springs. At birth, the infant weighed 7-pounds and was 19-inches long. Relatives include grandparents, Willy and Doris Jaramillo of Pampa, and Gary and Diane Graf of Colorado Springs. The infant is wearing a dress hand-sewn by her great-grandmother, Lavana O'Steen, Borger, for the infant's grandmother, Doris Jaramillo, in 1951.

Country Doctor Award nominations being sought

IRVING — Do you know a great country doctor? The kind of physician who still makes house calls and accepts the occasional apple pie or roast turkey for a fee? If so, he or she may qualify as the national Country Doctor of the Year, a press release from Staff Care, Inc., said.

to shine a light on the great work that rural physicians continue to do even as their numbers dwindle."

Award nominations will be accepted for physicians who practice in communities

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Presented by Staff Care, a health care staffing firm based in Irving, the Country Doctor of the Year award honors the spirit, skill, and dedication of America's rural medical practitioners. Now in its 13th year, past recipients of the award have included the late Dr. Claire Louise Caudill, a Kentucky physician who delivered more than 10,000 babies in her career, and Dr. Elton Lehman, of Mount Eaton, Ohio, who is known for his unique treatment of Amish patients.

The winning physician will be presented a signature plaque, and Staff Care will provide the recipient with a "fill-in" doctor for one week at no charge. According to Staff Care Executive Vice President Joe Caldwell, rural doctors often cannot find physicians to cover their practices and so have difficulty taking vacations.

"We hope the award winner enjoys some time off," Caldwell said, "but our real intent is to honor an outstanding country doctor and

Lefors site of Friona couple's wedding

Heather Maples and Houston Gass, both of Friona, Texas, were married Saturday, June 18, at Lefors First Baptist Church in Lefors with Joe Zillmer, of Amarillo, officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Virginia and Robert Maples of Lefors. Grandparents of the bride are Earl and Ella Maples of Lefors.

The groom is the son of Kathy and E.J. "Sonny" Gass of Claude.

The maid of honor was Lindsay Duckworth, cousin of the bride of Lefors. The matron of honor was Michelle Irwin of Amarillo. The bridesmaid was Mindy Park of Pampa.

Standing as best man was Kevin Coffman of Claude. The groomsmen were James Bobbitt and Jarrett Thompson, both of Amarillo.

Ushering the guests to their seats were Jeff Miller, uncle of the bride of Lefors, and Bill Taylor, brother-in-law of the groom of Grandbury, Texas.

Carol Watson, organist, of Lefors and Kevin Mayfield, brother of the



Heather Maples, Houston Gass

bride of Beeville, Texas, provided music for the ceremony. Casey Irwin, of Amarillo, attended to the lights and sound system. Photography was done by John and Marilyn Wilson, aunt and uncle of the groom of Hammon, Okla. Registering and greeting guests was

Shenice Taylor, niece of the groom of Grandbury, Texas. Lighting candles was done by Matt Taylor, nephew of the groom of Grandbury, Texas.

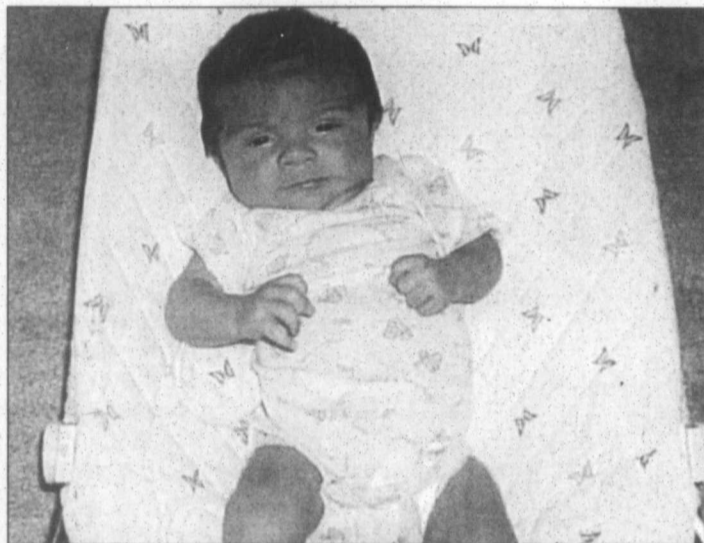
Special candlelighting was performed by the mothers of the couple before the ceremony.

The wedding reception was held in the fellowship hall of the church. Reception attendants were Kathy Miller, aunt of the bride of Lefors, Jodi Mayfield, sister-in-law of the bride of Beeville, Texas, Stacey Taylor, sister of the groom, and Shenice Taylor, niece of the groom, both of Grandbury, Texas.

The bride graduated from Lefors High School in 1996 and is currently employed with Parmer County Implement in Friona.

The groom graduated from Claude High School in 1997 and is currently employed with the Friona Police Department as a police officer.

After a honeymoon trip to Oklahoma City, Okla., the couple will reside in Friona, Texas.



Dante Matthew Batman

Dante Matthew Batman was born at 8:19 p.m. May 28 at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo, to Chris and Martha Batman of Amarillo. At birth, the infant weighed 5-pounds, 3.7-ounces and was 18 3/4-inches long. Relatives include grandparents, Melvin and Ellen Batman of Pampa; and great-grandparents, Donna Sturgill of Fort Worth, the late George Sturgill, the late Marie Batman, and the late George Batman.

Bridal Registry

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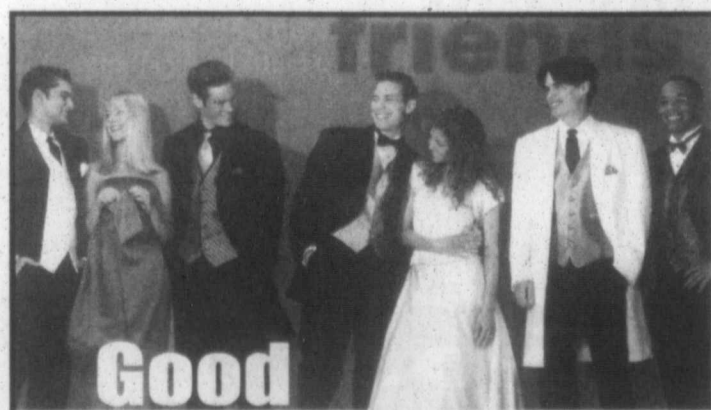
Show A. Kelby Rucker, champion Angus; Kellan Quarles, fourth place, Shorthorn; Courtney Crawford, second place, Chi; Meagan Crawford, third place, Chi; and Ashlee Lucas, second place, Simmental.

Show B. Rucker, champion Angus; Quarles, fourth place, Shorthorn; Courtney, first place, Chi; Meagan, second place, Chi; and Lucas, second place, Simmental.

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6. Anniversary announcements will be published for celebrations only of 25 years or more and will not be published more than four weeks after the anniversary date.

7. Birth announcements will only be published for 0- to 3-month-olds. (See form for more details.)

8. Forms are available from the office 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday thru Friday, or by sending a SASE to The Pampa News, P.O. Box 2198, Pampa, TX 79066-2198.

9. Two anniversary pictures may be placed for a \$25 charge or four extra lines may be added to announcements for \$25 (\$50 for both).

Broaddus, Robertson ceremony held at First Baptist of Pampa

Shauna Broaddus and Josh Robertson, both of Pampa, were married July 2 at First Baptist Church of Pampa. The Rev. Rick Parnell, of Central Baptist Church of Pampa, presided over the nuptials.

The maid of honor was Tess Kingcade of Pampa. The bridesmaids were Callie Ruth of Liberal, Kan., Katy McEwen of Canyon, Kelly Tripplehome of Fort Worth, and Brittany Brizile of Lubbock. Harley Nokes was flower girl.

The best man was Tyler Howard of Pampa. The groomsmen were Kevin Youree, Adrian Alva, Matt Robertson and Adam Robertson, all of Pampa. Matthew Worley, of Santa Fe, Texas, served as ring bearer.

The ushers and candle-lighters were Kevin Youree and Jason Pike of Shamrock.



Josh Robertson and Shauna Broaddus

Registering the guests was Leilani Oloughlin of Miami.

Music was provided by Anita Grice of Pampa.

A reception was held following the service at the

church. The bridesmaids acted as servers.

The bride is the daughter of Terri and David Broaddus of Santa Fe. She is employed at Hoagies Deli.

The groom is employed at United Supermarket. He is the son of Lynn Robertson of Pampa.

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WEDNESDAY

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Kid's Cafe-Lamar

TUESDAY

Corndogs, macaroni cheese, corn, dessert.

THURSDAY

Mexican casserole, pinto beans, salad, dessert.

Senior Citizens

MONDAY

Chicken fried steak or chili rellenos, mashed potatoes, Italian green beans, cheese hominy, pintos,

German chocolate cake or cherry cream pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

TUESDAY

Salisbury steak or baked cod fish/garden blend rice, potatoes/vegetables, peas, broccoli/cauliflower, beans, red velvet cake or butter-scotch icebox pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

WEDNESDAY

Roast beef brisket/brown gravy or cook's choice, mashed potatoes, carrots, fried okra, beans, tomato spice cake or cherry cobbler, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

THURSDAY

Chicken strips or ham/fruit sauce, scalloped potatoes, spinach, chuck-wagon corn, baked beans, brownies or lemon pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

FRIDAY

Catfish/hushpuppies or lasagna, potato wedges, zucchini squash, beans, strawberry cake or tapioca cups, strawberry cake or tapioca cups, slaw, tossed or jello salad, garlic bread sticks, hot rolls or cornbread.

Meals On Wheels

MONDAY

Barbecue chicken, baked beans, cole slaw, peach cobbler.

TUESDAY

Polish sausage, cheese grits, mixed greens, cake.

WEDNESDAY

Tater tot casserole, cabbage, blackeyed peas, pumpkin bars.

THURSDAY

Ham, breaded okra, pinto beans, cornbread, pudding.

FRIDAY

Spaghetti, meat sauce, green beans, bread sticks, salad, peaches.

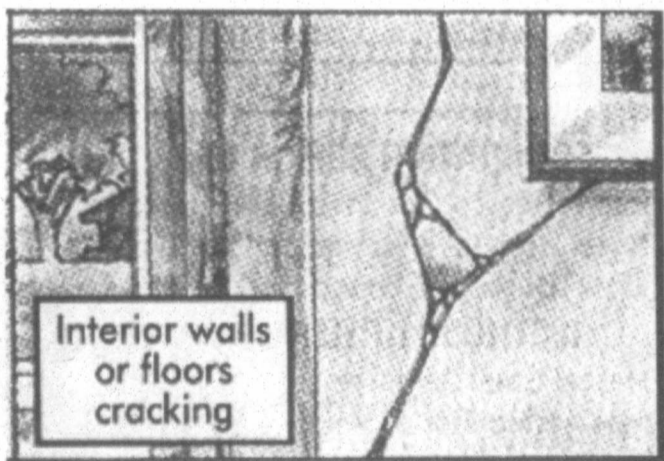


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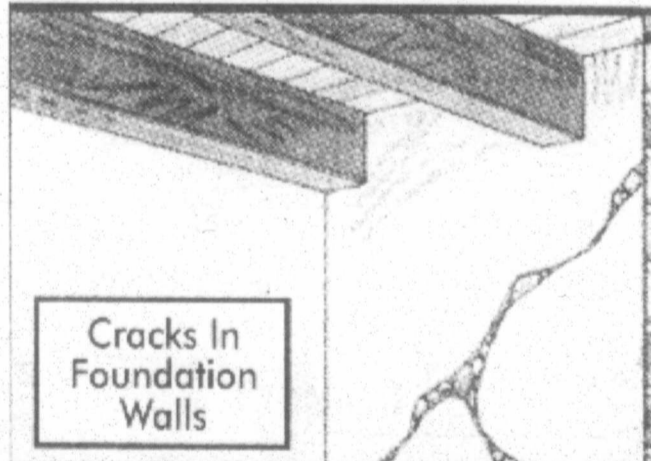
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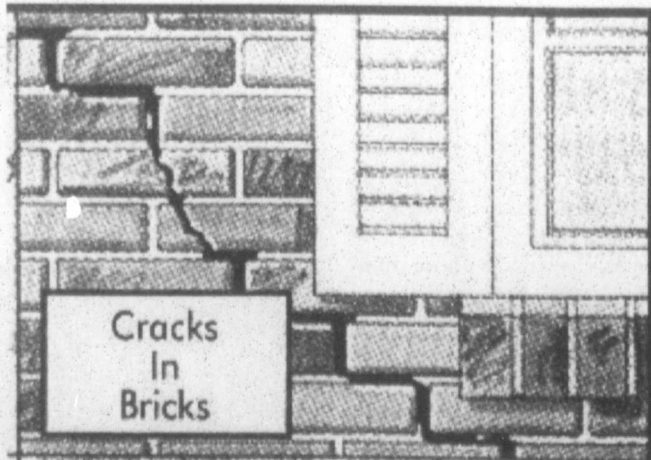
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By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I love my mother very much; however, during the past few years she has changed drastically. My siblings and I are at a loss as to what to do.

A few years ago, my parents found a new hobby — motorcycling. My 50-something parents are now the proud owners of a Harley Davidson, and they're having the time of their lives.

The problem is my mother has changed her physical appearance. She now wears her hair halfway to her waist, permed and bleached a strange shade of yellow. She wears only clothing that says "Harley Davidson" on it. These shirts are designed for girls in their 20s, not women in their 50s. Mom may be happy, but she looks like a classic Motorcycle Mama — and it's embarrassing.

Should I say something? Should I tell her I want to see her dress like my mother, not some leather biker queen? It has reached the point that I don't invite her places because I'm afraid she'll show up wearing her HD gear. How can I ask her to dress more appropriately?

Please don't mention my name or state. Mom would kill me if she knew I wrote about her. — EMBARRASSED IN THE NORTHWEST

DEAR EMBARRASSED: Look at the bright side. You are blessed with parents who are active and in good health. Many families are not so lucky.

That said, because your siblings are in agreement, approach your mother as a group and have a "mini-intervention." Tell her you love her and you're happy she and your father are enjoying themselves, but when you invite her places with you, you wish she'd dress more conservatively. You're entitled to your feelings — and your preferences.

DEAR ABBY: I have been dating a wonderful man I'll call "Zack" for nearly a year. Zack is smart, funny, attractive, well-edu-

cated, and has a well-paying job that could provide us with a very good lifestyle if our relationship becomes permanent.

Several months ago, after a few drinks, Zack confided in me that he had always fantasized about me spanking him. Having had a few myself, I decided to make his fantasy come true. Afterward, we had the most amazing night.

I have indulged Zack once a week ever since, and I'm a little ashamed to admit this, but I rather enjoy it. It gives me a feeling of power.

Should I continue in this relationship? I don't think I'm being abusive because Zack has requested the spankings. We are both in our late 20s. He was never spanked as a child and seems to have a wonderful relationship with his folks. — QUESTIONING IN CANADA

DEAR QUESTIONING: Because you both enjoy it, I see no reason not to continue the relationship. Whatever happens between consenting adults in the privacy of their bedroom, as long as it hurts neither one, is no one else's business, including mine.

DEAR ABBY: I was recently at a party where I felt very uncomfortable. The guests were all speaking fluent Spanish and I could barely understand a word they were saying. The party was hosted by a close friend and was being held for a mutual acquaintance. How could I leave the party without ruffling anyone's feathers? — UNEASY IN RANCHO SANTA FE

DEAR UNEASY: It's easy! Just smile and say, "Gracias y adios."

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

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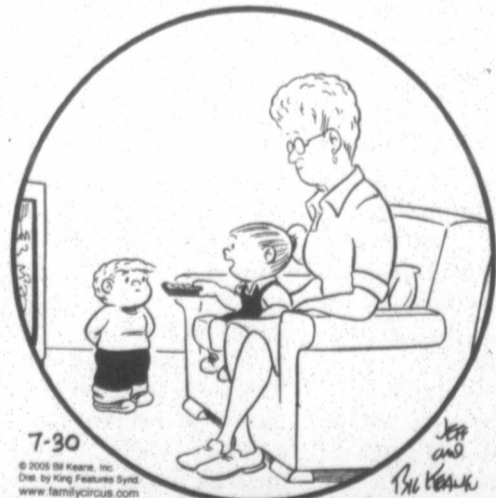
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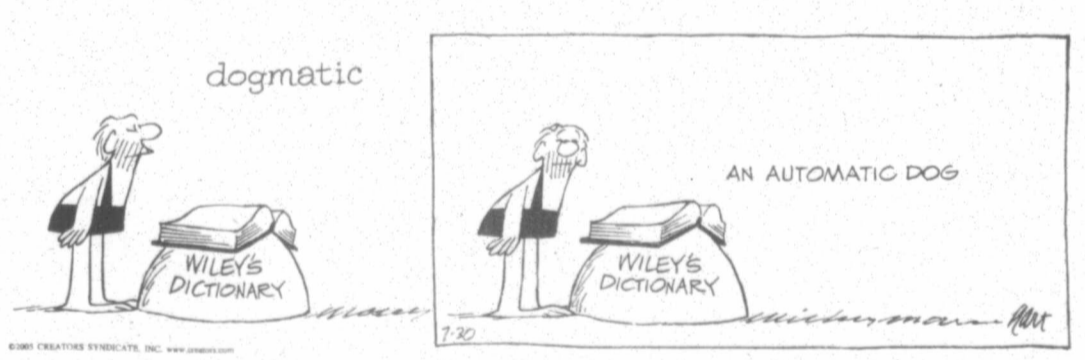


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THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane



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This odd-looking individual is called a "Century Tree" because it only blooms once every 100 years. This tree is found in the yard of Bill and Donna Moreland of Skellytown.

Agency extends nomination deadline for county committee

Gray County farmers have an extra two weeks to decide if they would like to serve on the FSA County Committee or nominate one of their neighbors to run for election.

According to Matthew C. Street, FSA county executive director, the county committee nomination period has been extended to Aug. 15 to ensure producers have sufficient time to nominate candidates.

"The extension will give agency personnel, community-based groups, farmer organizations, and others more time to continue their outreach efforts," Street said.

The committee is charged with establishing allotments and yields, deciding county price-support loan eli-

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— Matthew Street
County FSA executive director

gibility, and overseeing some conservation programs, disaster programs, and employment as well as other federal farm program-related issues.

Individuals may nominate themselves or others. In addition, eligible candidates can be nominated by community-based and other organizations within the county.

Nomination forms (FSA-669A) are

available at the county FSA office or may be downloaded from www.fsa.usda.gov/pas/publications/elections/.

Ballots will be mailed to eligible voters by Nov. 4. The deadline to return ballots will be Dec. 5. Elected committee members and alternates begin their terms Jan. 1, 2006.

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IRS e-file available

WASHINGTON

Taxpayers and tax professionals who filed for an extension can use e-file to file their 2004 tax returns, the Internal Revenue Service announced recently.

The IRS expects some 10 million taxpayers to file after the April 15 deadline. Among them are those who received an automatic four-month filing extension to Aug. 15 and those granted an additional two-month extension to Oct. 17 because of certain hardships.

"Extension filers should take a few minutes and look into the benefits of IRS e-file," said IRS Commissioner Mark W. Everson. "IRS e-file is the preferred method for taxpayers who want their taxes done fast. It's accurate, secure and easy to use."

E-file is also the best option for taxpayers who need to file, but did not get an extension. E-file speeds the return to the IRS, reducing penalty and interest amounts for those who owe taxes.

In addition to e-file, several private companies participating in the Free File program will provide free return preparation and e-filing services to eligible taxpayers through mid-October. Almost all taxpayers qualify for Free File, which is available on IRS.gov.

Aug. 15 is also the last time that TeleFile can be used to file tax forms of any kind. The IRS is discontinuing the TeleFile system — using a telephone to file basic tax returns and extensions — because of declining use and the growth of other electronic filing alternatives, such as Free File.

Of the more than 126 million tax returns filed through early July, more than 67 million were filed electronically — 11 percent more than last year. Of those, more than 5 million came through Free File, a 46 percent increase from last year.

This year marks the first time that more than half of all taxpayers filed electronically, with paper filers now in the minority. More than 53 percent have filed electronically so far this year.

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