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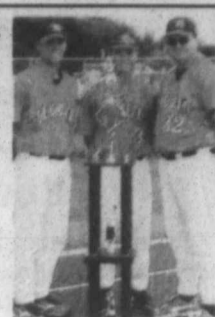
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Mayor Robbins touts Pampa's future

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

Pampa Mayor Lonny Robbins predicts a rosy and robust outlook for the future of Pampa, and he doesn't mind sharing it.

Robbins, speaking at the weekly Lions Club meeting Thursday, said there are a lot of positive things happening in the city.

Robbins said that with one month left in the city's fiscal year, sales tax receipts are up more than 22 percent for the year. For August, he said they

were up 13.5 percent from last year. Robbins said that by the time the fiscal year ends the city should have collected almost \$600,000 more than last year in sales taxes.

"And there are strong prospects for next year," he said.

With two new motels and a large building scheduled to be constructed on the north side of town near Walmart, Robbins said next year could be even better for the city.

He cited the new business incubator being established on East Foster in the old U.S. Bus building that it

will share with CentraMedia.

Robbins said that the city's water and waste water plant, which had been running in the red earlier this year, was \$28,000 in the black last month. The month before, it had a \$41,000 loss.

The mayor said that changes in water fees should keep the city's water and waste water operations in the black.

The city, which had based fees on a 2,000 gallon minimum for both water and waste water, is lowering the minimum to 1,000.

Robbins, referring to action taken at this week's city commission meeting, said he is in favor of a 4B economic development corporation.

"I feel very strongly about bringing this to the public again," Robbins said.

The city commission passed the first reading of an ordinance to establish a new half percent sales tax to support the new economic development corporation. If the ordinance is approved on the second and final

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Pampans to take quilt on a bittersweet journey

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

James "Whitey" and Gail White of Pampa are on a bittersweet journey to see their daughter in Austin.

They are delivering a quilt which was made to honor their grandson, their daughter's son, who was killed June 28 in Iraq while serving in the U.S. Army.

"Our daughter doesn't know about it yet. She's going to be surprised," Gail said. The Whites' daughter is Amy Tippie.

Army Spc. T.J. Carrillo, 21, of the 3rd Infantry, was killed by a roadside bomb as he was sitting on top of a Humvee, acting as gunner for his group, Gail said. A piece of shrapnel from the bomb hit Carrillo in the space between the bottom of his helmet and the top of his collar, and lodged at the base of his skull. He survived for about one hour before dying, she said.

The quilt came about as a result of family ties.

"My brother's wife is a member of the quilting group that made the quilt," Gail said.

Samia (Sam) Chisum, Gail's sister-in-law, is a member of the Ute Pass Social Club of Woodland Park,

Colo. The club includes a group that calls themselves the "Needle Nutz." Their activities have included making "fallen soldier" quilts for family members of U.S. soldiers who have been killed in Iraq, including the one honoring Carrillo.

The patriotic-themed quilt's reverse side is made of cloth on which the Pledge of Allegiance is repeated. A square sewn on the reverse side is embroidered with these words:

"To Amy, with gratitude for TJ's ultimate sacrifice and devotion to America's freedom."

Members of Carrillo's family will travel to Savannah, Ga., on Tuesday to plant a tree in memory of him. The tree will be planted on the grounds of Fort Stewart, where he was stationed, Gail said.

Other activities honoring Carrillo include a memorial service and presentation of a plaque to his mother.

He was a 17-year-old high school junior at Boys Ranch when he decided to join the Army. Because of his age, his mother had to give her per-

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▲ James "Whitey" and Gail White of Pampa, above, hold the quilt made to honor the memory of their grandson, Army Spc. T.J. Carrillo, who was killed June 28 by a roadside bomb in Iraq. ▶ Right, Army Spc. T.J. Carrillo, left, with Tielabdeen, an Iraqi child, giving a "thumbs up".

▲ Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS



County commissioners plan to talk about 2006 tax rate

BY MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

The proposed fiscal year 2006 tax rate will be discussed at Gray County Commissioners' meeting Monday, which begins at 9 a.m. in the second floor courtroom at Gray County Courthouse.

The starting point for the discussion will be to maintain the current tax rate, with no changes, said County Judge Richard Peet. However, the rate may need to be adjusted either up or down in order to generate the same revenues as were received for the current fiscal year, he said.

A request from the district attorney to supplement salaries of certain employees from forfeiture funds will be presented for a vote.

"We don't have any control over that fund, but when they do that, they have to

get our approval," Peet said.

A portion of the forfeiture fund has been used to pay for the special prosecutor appointed to investigate the possibility of state charges against former District Attorney Rick Roach, he said.

"Therefore, we're not having to use tax dollars to pay for it," Peet said.

Roads and streets account for three agenda items.

Commissioners will vote on whether to add County Road 26 1/2 to the current county road map. A street name change in Alanreed may be made, changing Main Street to Alanreed Avenue for 911 clarification. Other Alanreed street names will also be discussed.

Precinct 4 Commissioner James Hefley has requested permission to replace an employee. Commissioners will consider the request.

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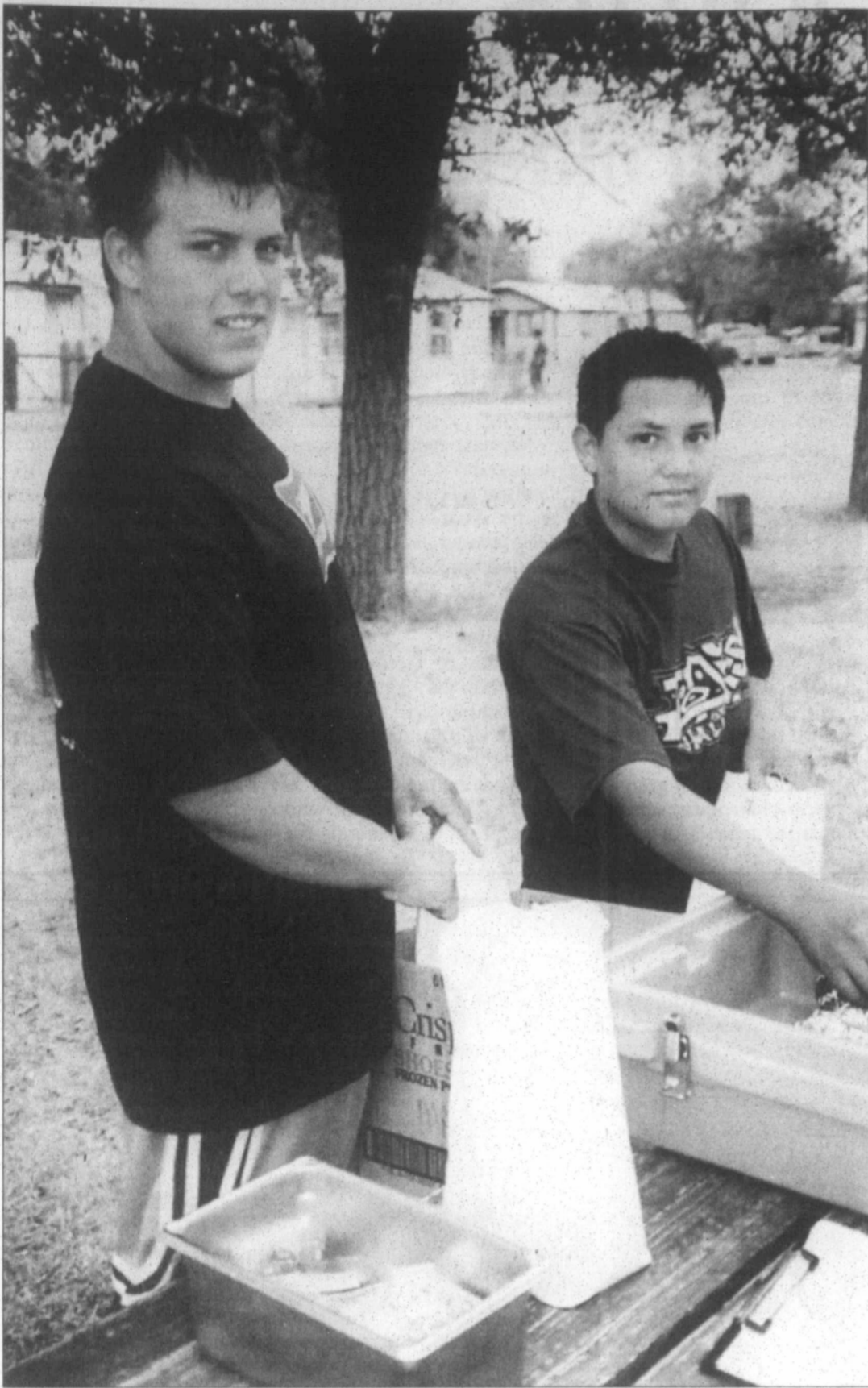
Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS
Valerie Rushing, left, and Katie O'Neal, right, both sophomores for the 2005-2006 school year, picked up their class schedules Thursday afternoon at Pampa High School. Pampa schools will hold their first day of class on Monday.

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Summer volunteers



Nick Millikan, left, and Bernardo Casanova recently volunteered with the local summer Lunch in the Park program. The two helped serve lunches every Friday at Marcus Sanders Park. Both are freshmen at Pampa High School and belong to ASTRA service club.

PPHM curator to present overview of clothing exhibit

CANYON — How did utilitarian work clothes become high fashion? Join curator Susan G. Denney for an overview of the exhibit "From Necessity to Fashion" to look at the development of humble work clothes of cowboys into stylized garb of the singing cowboys and, later, the glamorous outfits worn by country music stars.

At 2 p.m. Aug. 27, Holly George-Warren, award-winning writer, editor, producer and music consultant, will illustrate the evolution of western wear in a slide-lecture in the museum's Hazlewood Lecture Hall.

George-Warren is the author of "Cowboy! How Hollywood Invented the Wild West," "Honky-Tonk Heroes and Hillbilly Angels: The Pioneers of Country &

Western Music," "Shake, Rattle & Roll: The Founders of Rock & Roll," both children's books, and is the co-author of "How the West Was Worn," "The Working Woman's Guide to Stress Management" and "Musicians in Tune: 75 Contemporary Musicians Discuss the Creative Process."

George-Warren is currently at work on the biography of Gene Autry to be published by Oxford University Press in 2007.

The upcoming program will cost \$5 for members and \$8 for non-members. Reservations are not required, and tickets will be sold at the door.

For more information, call Mary Ann at (806) 651-2242 or e-mail maruelas@pphm.wtamu.edu.

Agriculture

Alfalfa Production seminar slated this month for Rolling Plains, High Plains producers

CLARENDON — Texas Cooperative Extension in Donley County will host an alfalfa production seminar on Aug. 26 for producers in the Rolling Plains and High Plains.

The seminar will be held at the Family Life Center in Clarendon one block south on Carhart Street off U.S. Highway 287.

Program topics will include the following: "Overview and Agronomics of Alfalfa Production," "Round-up Ready Alfalfa" and general weed control, variety selection and a field visit to discuss insects and alfalfa management.

Registration will begin at 9 a.m. and the program will conclude around noon.

Registration is \$5 and the Alfalfa Management Handbook can be purchased for \$15.

Producers attending can earn 2.5 continuing education units for their pesticide applicator license.

Reservations are required by Aug. 25. To make a reservation or for more information, contact the Extension office at (806) 874-2141.

Animal identification big topic at coming conference

ABILENE — The proposed National Animal Identification System will highlight Texas Cooperative Extension's Big Country Beef Conference. The event is set for 8 a.m. Aug. 25 in the Big Country Hall located on the Taylor County Expo Center grounds.

Robert Pritz, Extension agent for Callahan County and a coordinator for the biennial conference, said the program will focus on the identification program and ways beef producers can earn premiums for source-verified cattle.

"Due to demand by both consumers and foreign markets, retailers are beginning to pay premiums for beef from source-verified cattle," Pritz said. "Identifying cattle and managing the resulting information are key factors to ensuring that the nation's beef supply is a safe, wholesome, top-quality product. Our goal for this program is to equip regional beef producers with the latest beef cattle management information

available, so they can maximize profits on the current strong cattle market."

Program topics include: Maximizing Small Grains, Herd Health Management, Current Market Trends and Foreign Animal Disease Impacts, Premise Identification and Animal Identification Programs, Source Verification and ID Program - Working to the Producers Advantage, National ID Data Collection Process - Impacts/Concerns to Producers, and Facilities and Equipment - Making it Work at the Ranch.

The conference is sponsored by the Extension offices in Callahan, Fisher, Jones, Nolan, Shackelford and Taylor counties.

Individual registration by Friday is \$5. After Friday, the cost is \$15.

To register or for more information call the Extension office in Taylor County at (325) 672-6048, or any of the sponsoring county Extension offices.



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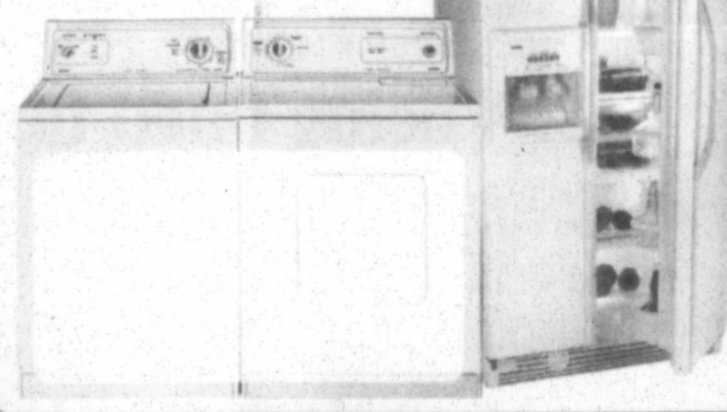
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Viewpoints

Chautauqua sound like good old-fashioned fun

The Chautauqua celebration held in Pampa on the Labor Day weekend is a chance for residents to get together and relax as summer winds down. The concept reminds me of the former Funfest held in Amarillo each year on Memorial Day. The Junior League organized it for a number of years. Lots of food booths, arts and crafts for the kids, bands, and just general fun.

It got to be too much for the Junior League. It was a daunting responsibility and a lot of hard work. But the results are what I remember most: listening to some good rock 'n' roll bands, visiting with friends and having a good time watching others have a good time.

Several years I helped cook steak on a stick for the

Amarillo Area Adult Literacy Council booth, and that was not work at all.

My wife Linda and I are dog lovers, she probably more so than I. After we lost our Golden retriever Calvin last year after 14 years, the house was empty. Linda was at Westgate Mall one Saturday a few weeks later and walked by the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals booth where volunteers try to get animal lovers to adopt stray dogs.

She saw this scraggly fellow, looked into his dark eyes and said to herself, "Someone's home." She brought him home. He's about 80 percent miniature Schnauzer and about 20 percent rat terrier or fox terrier, according to the veterinari-

an. It's taken some time for him to acclimate. I think he thought he might go back to the pound and he was afraid. But he has turned into a frisky and intelligent pet.

We named him Lucky, because he is lucky to be where he is.

He thinks he's a lap dog, and likes to jump into laps, although his long legs prevent him from being small enough to cuddle in a lap. Linda taught him to jump in her lap at the command, "OK." One day I stood up, getting ready to go somewhere, and said, "OK, let's get going." At the sound of

OK, Lucky was in Linda's lap, as quick as a flash.

He has survived, even being forgiven for tearing up an album my mother made for me that contained birthday cards and get well cards sent to me from the early 1940s into the mid 1950s. I salvaged some of them.

But, he's a good companion and doubles as an extra doorbell, welcoming any visitors with loud, howling barks.

I've told this story before, but it bears repeating.

When my oldest grandson was in elementary school, I began to teach him how to

play poker -- draw, stud and hold-em. He learned all the cards and was a good student. Report cards came out in that time period and I asked him how he did.

"Good," he replied. "I got almost all aces."

My last name is mispronounced daily. I have learned to live with it. It is also a great way to tell if a telemarketer is calling. It is spelled Spies, like the plural of spy. But it's actually pronounced Spees. I will tell you why.

Names of Germanic origin, when they have an ie or ei within, will take the sound of the second letter about 99 percent of the time. A good example of this is Richard Kleindienst, who was attorney general for

President Nixon.

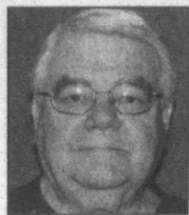
Spies is German word that means pike, a weapon used by foot soldiers. It had a metal spearhead on a long wooden shaft. It was used in wars by pikemen who carried them. In peaceful times the pike was used to spear fish in streams. Pike actually began as the French word pique -- to pierce, but somehow morphed into the German language hundreds of years ago.

That's why my father's nickname was Pike, and I have a grandson named Pike.

This is today's etymology lesson.

Pizza restaurants have proliferated since the first Pizza Hut was established in

Dennis Spies
Editor



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Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, Aug. 14, the 226th day of 2005. There are 139 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Aug. 14, 1945, President Truman announced that Japan had surrendered unconditionally, ending WWII.

On this date:

In 1848, the Oregon Territory was established.

In 1917, China declared war on Germany and Austria during World War I.

In 1935, the Social Security Act became law.

In 1947, Pakistan became independent of British rule.

In 1951, newspaper publisher William Randolph Hearst died in Beverly Hills, Calif.

In 1969, British troops arrived in Northern Ireland to intervene in sectarian violence between Protestants and Roman Catholics.

In 1973, the U.S. bombing of Cambodia came to a halt.

In 1980, workers went on strike at the Lenin Shipyard in Gdansk, Poland, in a job action that resulted in the creation of the Solidarity labor movement.

In 1980, President Carter and Vice President Walter Mondale were nominated for a second term at the Democratic national convention in New York.

In 2003, a huge blackout hit the northeastern United States and part of Canada; 50 million people lost power.

Ten years ago: Shannon Faulkner officially became the first female cadet in the history of The Citadel, South Carolina's state military college. (However, Faulkner quit the school less than a week later, citing the stress of her court fight, and her isolation among the male cadets.)

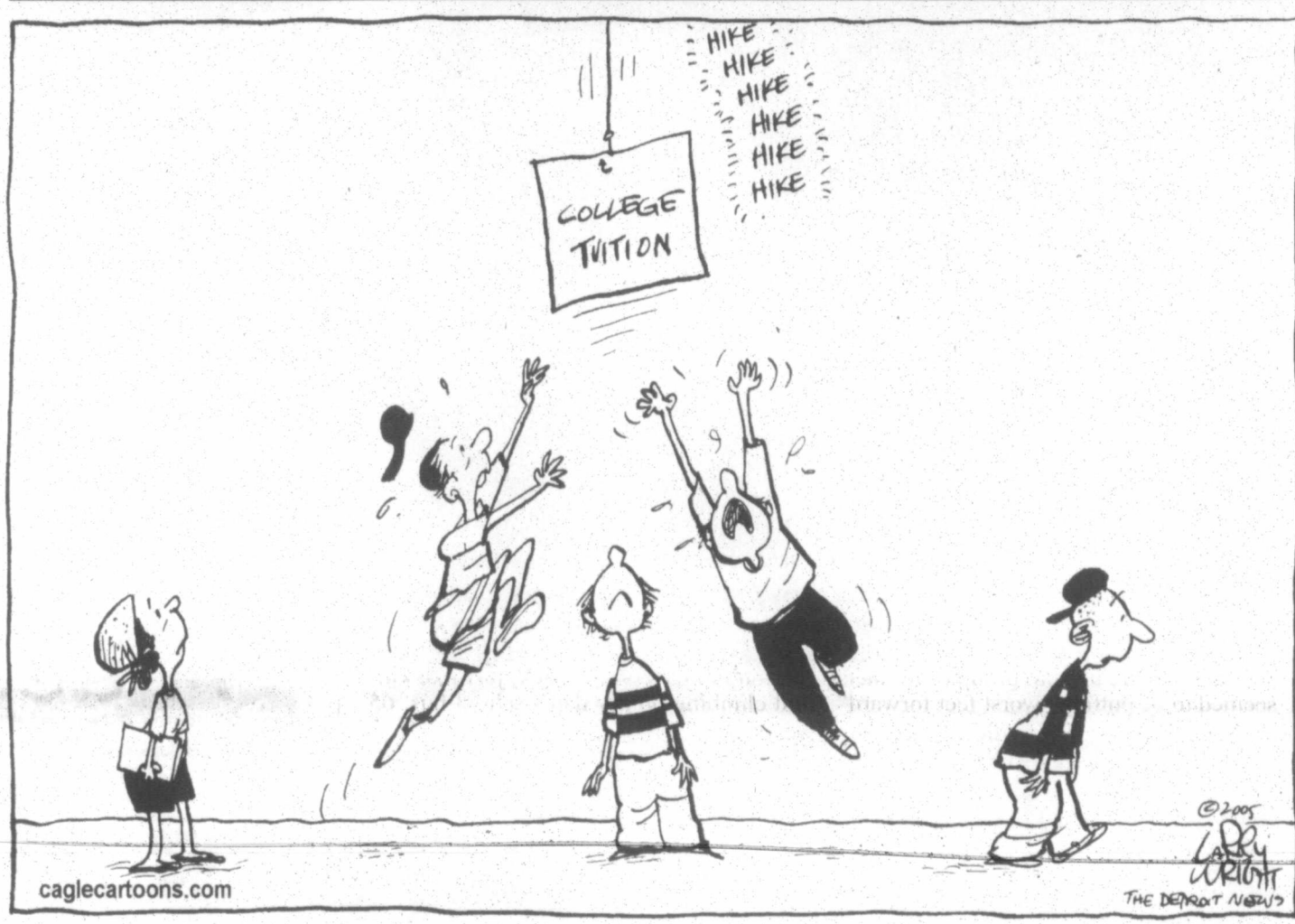
Five years ago: On the opening night of the Democratic National Convention in Los Angeles, President Clinton offered a triumphant review of his years in office, and exhorted delegates to propel Al Gore on the road to succeed him.

One year ago: A visibly weak Pope John Paul II joined thousands of other ailing pilgrims at a cliffside shrine in Lourdes, France, telling them he shares in their physical suffering and assuring them the burden is part of God's "wondrous plan." Nobel Prize-winning poet Czeslaw Milosz died in Krakow, Poland, at age 93. Fifteen-term congressman William D. Ford died in Ypsilanti Township, Michigan at age 77.

Today's Birthdays: Pulitzer Prize-winning author Russell Baker is 80. Singer Buddy Greco is 79. Actress Alice Ghostley is 79. Singer Dash Crofts is 65. Rock singer David Crosby is 64. Country singer Connie Smith is 64. Former jockey Robyn Smith Astaire is 61. Comedian-actor Steve Martin is 60. Actress Susan Saint James is 59.

'The old forget. The young don't know.'

— Japanese proverb



School houses waking up for another year

Conversationalists of every culture can always resort to small talk, even when so doing is not an improvement on silence. And, truth to tell, I compete with the best of them when talk gets truly tiny.

School personnel returning to campus at this time of year will engage in talking of all sizes as they "gear up" for another year. One common topic will be expressions of wonderment as to where the summer went, and they'll share dreams of what the new year may hold. They are dealing with a passing parade, not a standing army.

I'm an educational bystander most of the time these days, EXCEPT for a couple of weeks in August when mine is to motivate educators on the cusp of a

new school year. I'll make a dozen talks or so, hoping somehow to make school staffers glad to be who they are, where they are, doing what they do.

I arrive at a campus, early on day No. 1, soaking in animated conversations of educators who, despite funding challenges and ever-increasing student expectations, refuse to be beaten down. I'm glad that most educators are in the field because it is their passion. They will continue to show up at the school house, no matter how many challenges are added each fall to the long list already identified.

Invariably, I face the inevitable question that kick-starts my small talk response: "How long were you connected with education?" When asked this week, I'll respond "60 years."

Okay, so it isn't all report cards, transcripts, theses and dissertations. Much of life isn't documented on parchment. Admittedly, this is borderline "small talk."

My "connection" with education started in 1940. As a three-year-old, I often rode rural roads on the earliest of "yellow dog" school buses, when the seats all ran lengthwise with a double row in the middle.

I was "along for the ride" with my daddy -- the driver. He had a warm smile and kind word for each child coming on board. He complimented pretty dresses, asked if homework was done and praised good conduct.

Ever so rarely, it was his to "get tough" if rough-housing got out of hand. "Do you want me to stop this bus?" he'd ask.

I don't think it ever occurred to him that whether they wanted the bus stopped depended on which direction they were headed -- to or from school.

Mostly he thought one of his most important jobs was to make students feel good about themselves. Very early

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Don Newbury
Columnist



TEA being fined for not meeting national reg

The No Child Left Behind federal education legislation requires local districts in Texas to issue a rating of their schools based on the results of the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills test. The purpose of the law is to give parents the opportunity before classes start to transfer their children from a school rated failing for two consecutive years.

For the second year running, the Texas Education Agency has failed to provide that data to local districts before many of them resume classes. A TEA spokeswoman notes that the Aug. 11 release date is a big

improvement over 2004's Sept. 30, which caused the U.S. Department of Education to fine Texas more than \$444,000. It's not clear whether this year's late release date will result in another federal penalty.

This time around TEA officials justified the delay by citing negotiations with federal officials over the summer concerning the number of students at each school who could be exempted from TAKS testing. While Education

Secretary Margaret Spellings had enforced a limit of 1 percent of a student body, the average Texas school exempted 10 percent

of students from testing, citing individual disabilities or special needs. Texas Education Commissioner Shirley Neeley ignored the federal standards and granted exemptions to more than 1,000 schools that would have been given a failing designation under the more stringent federal rules.

For this year, Spellings is allowing Texas to exempt a

maximum 5 percent of the student body from testing. The TEA's DeEtta Culbertson says staffers had to refigure test numbers based on the 5 percent figure to designate which schools should be classified as failing, delaying the scores.

It's hard to believe that in the age of computers, the recalculation could delay by months the production of data required by federal law. The TEA received the test results from local districts in late May and had plenty of time to figure and refigure the numbers in order to alert parents of the status of their kids' schools.

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LOCAL ECONOMY

Sales tax receipts up again this month

By **DAVID BOWSER**
Staff Writer

Pampa City Manager John Horst said this past week that the city sales tax receipts were up again this month.

"Revenues were up for August over what we budgeted about \$36,000," Horst said. "We're up over what we collected in 2003 and 2004 by \$21,000."

He said that pushes revenues coming into city coffers over the budgeted amount for the year through August some \$464,000.

"That's 22.5 percent above what we budgeted," Horst said. "We're over last year by about \$356,000."

City sales tax receipts have consistently run above what the city com-

mission budgeted this year, leaving Pampa with a nice cushion, he said.

The latest receipts were 13.5 percent over what the city had budgeted for the month of August.

Beginning with the city's fiscal year last October, sales tax receipts have generally ranged 20 to 30 percent above what was expected.

"We had two months that were under 10 percent over budget, which was June and July," Horst said.

June, he said, was 9.94 percent over the expected income the city expected. July was 8.23 percent.

"What caused that to be low in July was that the state audited one or more retailers here and a refund was owed," Horst said. "That took away from what we would have received."

Horst said that the city was conservative last year in figuring its budget. He said city officials are maintaining a conservative approach again this year as they finalize their budget.

With one month left to go in this year's fiscal year, the city has received \$2,519,789.33, well above the \$2,055,689.58 that they had budgeted through August.

Last year, the city received \$2,163,935.61 in sales tax revenue. This year marks a \$355,853 increase over the same numbers last year, Horst said.

At the current rate, he said the city is estimated to have \$507,967.95 more money in the bank than it had counted on by the end of the fiscal year.

Fun

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1958 in Wichita, Kan.

Now, pizza coupons are all over. Does anyone buy pizza anymore without a coupon?

The recent "You pay what we pay" sales of the Big Three automakers, General Motors, Chrysler and Ford, got me to thinking -- If they are going to have sales like that, will anyone ever pay full price for a new vehicle again? Of course they will. Some people will have to purchase and will pay the asking price. But

for those who can wait a few months or a year, they will probably hold out for another sale or large rebate program.

I look forward to going to Houston today to visit my youngest daughter who I have only seen about once a year since she graduated from college about 12 years ago. She and her husband are taking me to several baseball games, the Astros and the Pirates today, and the Astros and my ever-suffering, snake-bitten, jinx-ridden Cubs on Monday.

The Cubs are in another of their famous slumps, and Cubs fans are already thinking about next year. But it is easy to do because we have so much practice.

School

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on, I realized the importance of all employees feeling that they are important cogs in the wheel of the educational enterprise.

I still do.

Years ago, I heard of a back-to-school assembly where a small group of teachers seemed to be putting "worst feet forward" conversationally. They didn't like the principals, custodians, parents, students or even fellow teachers. As words heated and voices raised, it was clear that they were flapping a big blanket of discontent.

A bystander asked one of them if he believed in reincarnation. "I don't know," he responded. "What does that have to do with it?"

"Well, it occurred to me that if you do, you could pray to come back as a childhood disease."

Some 2,500 years ago, Isocrates, a philosopher older than Plato and a student of Socrates, considered what it means to be educated. In part, he stated, "First, those who manage well the circumstances which they encounter day by day -- and who possess a judgment which is accurate in meeting occasions as they arise."

Don't the same needs still exist? ...

We simply can't thank educators enough. Thank some of them this week in your town. They are people, too, and respond to pats on the back, just like kids did climbing on my dad's school bus, 65 years ago.

There are, of course, repeated litanies about the cost of education. The best response I've heard is this: "True, but compare it to the cost of ignorance."

Dr. Newbury, a 40-year veteran of higher education, is an author and speaker whose column appears in 125 newspapers in several states. He welcomes comments and inquiries by email, newbury@speakerdoc.com.

Events calendar

- **The Texas Department of State Health Services** will be offering immunization clinics for vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases including polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps, HIB (haemophilus influenzae Type B) and chickenpox (varicella). Flu vaccines may also be offered at designated clinics. The TDH will charge money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay. The following clinics will be offered: 9:30-11:45 a.m. and 1-4 p.m., Aug. 3 and 17, TDH, 736 S. Cuyler, Pampa; 1-3 p.m., Aug. 10, McLean School, McLean; and 12:30-4 p.m., Aug. 15, City Hall, Canadian.

- **Carson County Historical Commission** will meet at approximately 8 p.m. Aug. 15 at Hazlewood Building located in Carson County Square House Museum. The meeting is scheduled immediately following a gathering of the board of trustees. Updates on ongoing programs and plans for future projects will be discussed during the gathering. The meeting is open to the public.

- **Coffee Memorial Blood Center** will conduct a blood drive between 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 16, at Clarendon College-Pampa Center, 1601 W. Kentucky. Each donor will receive a free T-shirt and hot dog. To schedule an appointment, call toll-free 1-877-574-8800.

- **Eric Andires** will perform "Jazz and Salsa Piano" from 6-9 p.m. Aug. 18 during Amarillo Museum of Art's next Third Thursday at the museum. Andires is one of eight professional musicians in residence in Amarillo for the month of August. His residence is part of Amarillo Opera's Apprentice Artist Program.

- **The next Pampa Area Singles Dance** is scheduled from 8-11 p.m.

Aug. 20 at the Sportsman's Club on South Barnes. Admission will be \$6 per person. No smoking or drinking is allowed. Please bring snacks. For more information, call 665-7059.

- **The City of Pampa will hold a non-commercial "Refrigerator Amnesty"** for Pampa residents only (bring ID with matching water bill) from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Aug. 20 at the landfill. The city will be accepting anything with a compressor such as refrigerators, etc. For more information, call 669-5750.

- **Clarendon College-Pampa Center will offer a CPR course** from 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 20. The class fee will be \$35. Size will be limited to 24 students. Registration deadline is Friday, Aug. 19.

- **To promote World Breastfeeding Month**, the local WIC office, 1201 N. Hobart, Suite I-1 (near Beall's) will host a celebration from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 23. The event will explore breastfeeding and other infant feeding topics and products with participants. The theme will be "Mother's Milk: It's more than just food." For more information, contact WIC at 665-1182. The event is being co-sponsored by Gray County Texas Cooperative Extension.

- **The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center** has announced the following upcoming breast cancer screening clinics: Aug. 30, Shepherd's Crook Nursing Agency, 916 N. Crest, both in Pampa. Participants will receive a low-cost self-exam mammogram and a breast health appraisal along with individual instruction by a registered nurse in breast self-examination. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are by appointment only. For more information, call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673.

Budget

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said next year's budget is very similar to this year's budget.

The city is still waiting

for the numbers from the tax appraiser's office before it can set a tax levy, but Horst said that sales tax revenues are up and are expected to be up next year.

Horst said the budget is very conservative.

General fund revenues for the next budget year are

expected to be \$9,185,158, about a half million dollars more than for the current budget year. Total general fund expenditures are budgeted at \$8,954,446.

After being passed by the city commission, the budget will be filed with the county clerk's office.

TEA

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The state agency has already paid substantial federal fines for its failure to comply with the No Child Left Behind Act and might lose yet more funding. Commissioner Neeley should stop flouting federal

requirements (which are based on Texas' pioneering accountability system) and improve her staff's efficiency at producing TAKS evaluations.

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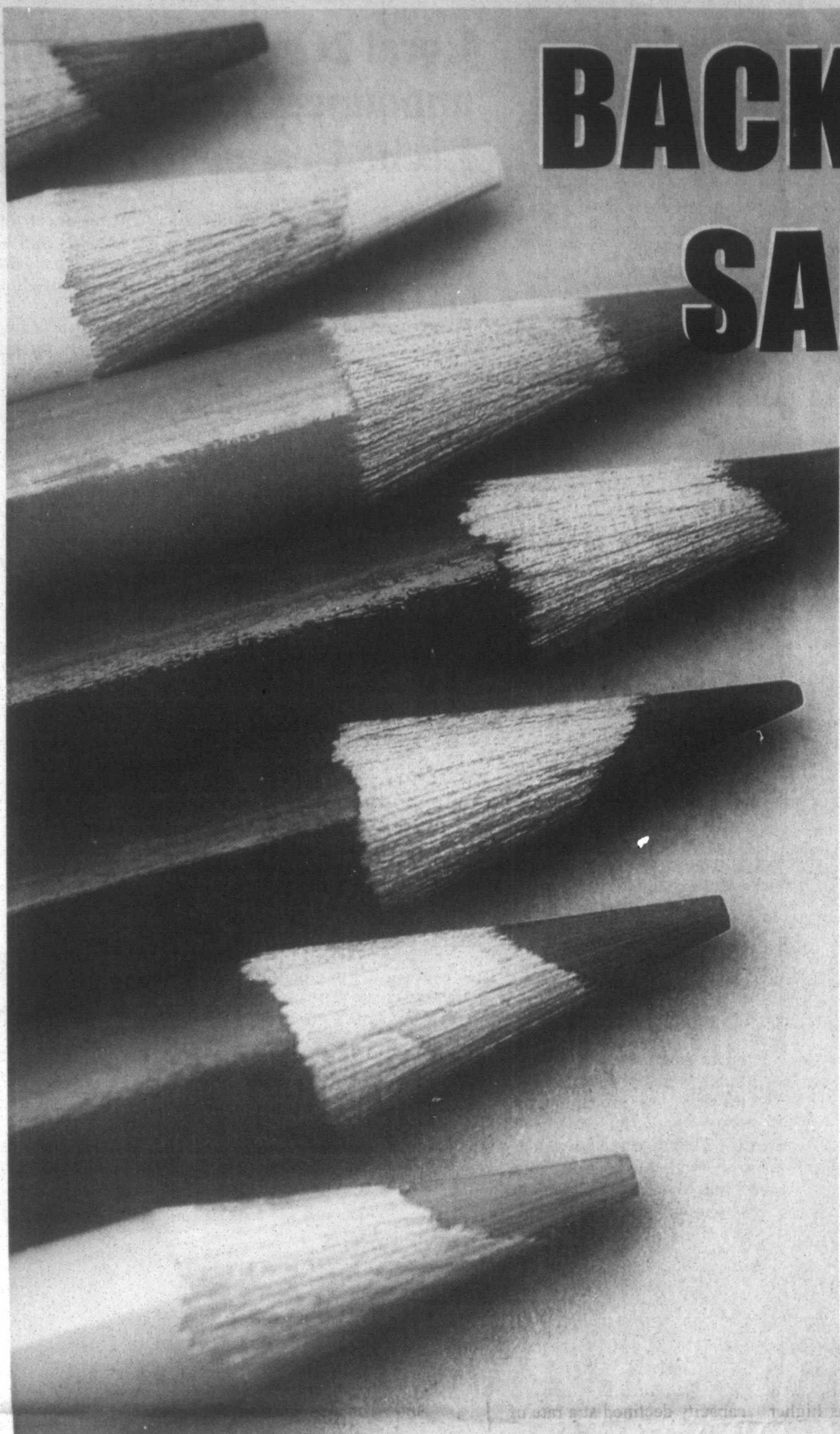
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2. Cross only at marked crosswalks and with the aid of school patrol guards.
3. Look carefully in both directions before crossing streets, obeying traffic signs and signals - this applies to bicycle riders as well.

Safety After School

1. Don't let strangers on the phone know if you are home alone.
2. Never accept a ride from a stranger, and never open the door for anyone when your parents are not home.
3. Learn how to use the telephone to call for help - know your parents' work and cell phone number.

Safety For Drivers

1. Never pass a stopped school bus when it's picking up or dropping off children.
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Diet: No obesity risk from early puberty girls, new study finds

CHICAGO (AP) — Overweight girls reach puberty earlier, but early puberty alone doesn't necessarily lead to being overweight in adulthood, accord-

ing to a new study. Instead, it's childhood pudginess that's linked with both early menstruation and adult weight problems.

Girls who were overweight before their first menstrual periods were almost eight times more likely to be overweight as women, the study found. But there was no link

between precocious puberty alone and being overweight later in life. "Given the epidemic of obesity in the population, it's important to know where best to intervene,"

said lead researcher Aviva Must, associate professor of Public Health and Family Medicine at

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Herbal health?

Green tea: What is all the hype about?

(NUC) — Green tea has been a staple for centuries in Asia, long touted for its health benefits. Today, it is fast becoming popular in Europe and the Americas and is increasingly valued as a possible cancer preventive.

The cancer-fighting properties of green tea are thought to come from compounds called polyphenols, or catechins, which are chemicals that naturally occur in plants. The catechin known as EGCG, or epigallocatechin gallate, is believed to be the most active component in green tea and is a close cousin to substances found in grapes and red wine, which have been shown to help prevent cancer.

The catechins found in green tea have potent antioxidant properties, said Dr. Sherry Chow, a researcher from the Arizona Cancer Center. This is important because antioxidants can protect the body from free radicals, compounds that can tamper with cell DNA and are believed to contribute to various health prob-

lems, including cancer and heart disease.



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Green tea has the highest antioxidant properties among teas because it is prepared from unfermented leaves. The more the leaves are fermented, the lower the antioxidant content.

In Chow's research, funded by the Cancer Research and Prevention Foundation, she examined how the body uses the catechins in green tea and how they are distributed to

organs. Her results show that the small intestine removes most of the active components in green tea before they can be distributed throughout the body. Changing this process could make green tea an even more effective cancer fighter, Chow said.

In the meantime, just how much green tea should people consume to benefit from its cancer-fighting properties? Although some studies suggest that three cups a day or more are beneficial, Chow said the answer to this question may be determined in future research.

"First, we have to understand how the cancer-fighting components in green tea behave and how the body absorbs the tea before we can determine a recommended dosage," Chow said.

For now, switching from a black to green tea may be a healthy first step. For more information on cancer prevention, log on to www.prevent-cancer.org.



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To stay fit, elderly should keep exercising

DALLAS (AP) — Exercise can't hold off the effects of aging, but it can improve an elderly person's chances of hanging onto an independent lifestyle, researchers said, citing a new study that brought both good and bad news.

A treadmill test given to different age groups showed that as people aged, their aerobic capacity — the amount of oxygen consumed while exercising — declined at higher rates with each passing decade whether they exercised or not.

The researchers knew the rate of decline would worsen with age, but they were surprised by the magnitude, said Dr. Jerome L. Fleg, a

'If I start higher, I'm going to end higher. Having a higher aerobic capacity translates into being more fit.'

— Dr. Jerome L. Fleg
Cardiologist

cardiologist who is lead author of the study and a medical officer at the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute in Maryland. "I guess we were a little

disappointed that regular exercise didn't make a difference in the rate of decline," he said.

However, he pointed out that those who exercise still end up ahead because their aerobic capacity was higher to begin with.

"If I start higher, I'm going to end higher," Fleg said. "Having a higher aerobic capacity translates into being more fit."

For the study published in a recent online edition of the American Heart Association journal *Circulation*, researchers analyzed treadmill tests from 435 men and 375 women ages 21, to 87 taking part in the Baltimore Longitudinal Study of

Aging. The aerobic capacity was measured in the tests about every four years for a median of 7.9 years.

During their 20s and 30s, the volunteers' aerobic capacity declined at a rate of 3 percent to 6 percent per decade. Those in their 70s and beyond faced a decline of more than 20 percent per decade, the researchers found.

Fleg said that participants filled out a detailed questionnaire on physical activities and they were divided into groups depending on the strenuousness of their exercise. He said that those who

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Peanut allergy research trial under way

(NUC) — Food allergies are on the rise, and the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases reports that approximately 6 percent to 8 percent of American children and an estimated 2 percent of adults struggle with them. Peanut allergy is most common in the United States, affecting 1.5 million people.

Researchers across the country are conducting a clinical research trial to determine if an investigational drug is safe and effective in reducing the risk of peanut-induced allergic reactions.

The Phase II trial will compare the investigational drug to a placebo in 150 participants at approximately 30 medical centers in the United States, Canada and Europe. Patients will be evaluated for 38 weeks.

As part of the initial screening, patients will be given an oral "food challenge" of capsules containing peanut flour and wheat flour. To qualify for the study, patients must react to peanut flour and not to wheat flour.

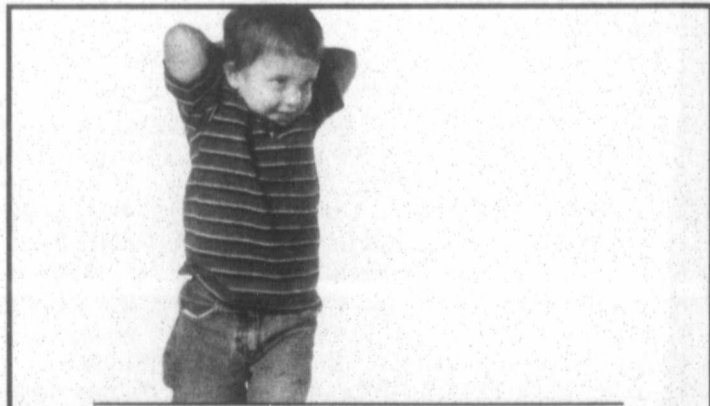
A food allergy develops when a person's immune system mistakes a certain food as foreign and harmful. Most reactions are not life threatening, but peanut allergy is the most common cause of food allergy-related deaths in the United States.

Patients with severe

peanut allergies often use epinephrine, which they administer if they suspect they are experiencing an allergic reaction. This may help reduce the severity of an allergic reaction, but avoidance of peanuts is currently the only option for

patients with peanut allergies. However, accidental ingestion still occurs, as peanuts are widely used in food products and some manufacturing equipment is used to process foods with and without peanuts.

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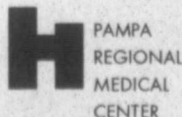
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Hunters reminded about mandatory education

The intent of the deferral is to encourage people to try hunting and recruit new hunters by pairing them with hunting mentors. A deferral may only be obtained once, TPWD says, and is only valid until the end of the current license year.

AUSTIN — Hunter education is more than a legal requirement in Texas — statistics show it saves lives. People getting ready for fall hunting are reminded of two things: those who purchased hunter education deferrals last year will need hunter education this year, and there are hundreds of courses scheduled across Texas where they can fulfill that requirement.

More than 10,000 people, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department reports, purchased \$10 Texas hunter education deferrals in the 2004-05 license period — the first year the deferral was offered.

The deferral allows a person 17 years old or older to defer hunter education completion for as long as one year. During this time they can hunt if they are accompanied by a person licensed to hunt in Texas who is at least age 17 and has passed hunter education or is exempt by age.

"Accompanied" is defined as "within normal voice control."

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A person who has been convicted or has received deferred adjudication for violation of the mandatory hunter education requirement is prohibited from applying for a deferral. Deferral participants who take a hunter education course by Aug. 31 each year receive a \$5 discount.

Every hunter (including out-of-state hunters) born on or after Sept. 2, 1971, must successfully complete a Hunter Education Training Course to hunt in Texas. Minimum certification age is 12 years old and cost is \$10.

There are some exceptions for youngsters. Youth younger than 12 can hunt but must be accompanied by a person licensed to hunt in Texas who has completed a hunter ed course, or is exempt by age. Youth ages 12-16 can hunt on their own if they have completed hunter education, but adult supervision is recommended.

There are three ways to take hunter education, traditional classroom instruction, home study, and skills trail testing and an on-line course with skills trail testing. Home study and on-line course participants, TPWD says, must come to a testing site to complete their training.

"There are 240 classroom courses scheduled across the state between now and next January, but it's good

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Pampa ISD will hold a public meeting at 6:00 PM, August 25, 2005 in the Carver Center Board Room, 321 West Albert, Pampa, Texas 79065. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

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Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$1.539800	\$0.016900	\$1.556700	\$3,984	\$2,081
Proposed Rate	\$1.50000	\$0.016900	\$1.516900	\$3,988	\$2,081

*The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence		
	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$32,699	\$33,601
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$17,699	\$18,601
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$1.556000	\$1.516900
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$275.40	\$282.16
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$6.76

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.650279. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.650279.

Fund Balances	
Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$500,000
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$0

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Diet

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Tufts University School of Medicine in Boston.

That intervention should start in childhood, she said.

For parents, she said, the study provides reassurance that early puberty is normal for some overweight girls, and there is no greater risk of being overweight as an adult for a slender girl who gets her first period early.

Findings by other researchers that early puberty in girls causes adult weight problems sparked her research, Must said. That supposed link threatened to rob attention from the real culprit: childhood obesity.

The study will stop doctors from trying to prevent obesity by suppressing early puberty with medications, said Dr. David Katz, director of the Prevention Research Center at Yale University School of Medicine.

"I think this is an important finding," Katz said. "In many ways, it corroborates common sense: Kids who struggle with their weight become adults who struggle with their weight."

The study will be published in the September issue of Pediatrics. It was recently released at the American Medical Association's and the National PTA's back-to-school briefing for reporters.

The study defined early puberty as a first period before age 12. During the past 25 years, the average age for a girl's first period hasn't changed much, but it has crept earlier by about 2.5 months, Must said.

The data were from 307 women who had participated 40 years ago in a prior study of their growth and maturation.

As girls, only 4 percent were overweight before their first period. In adulthood, 37 percent of the women were overweight or obese.

Researchers said that one limitation of the study was that participants were healthy and able to walk on a treadmill, making it hard to make comparisons with less fit people in poorer health.

Dr. Chuck McCauley, of the cardiology department at the Marshfield Clinic in Marshfield, Wis., said that clinically speaking, he's noticed that people who exercise throughout their lives seem to do a lot better physically at handling the daily activities of life as they head into older age.

"Those who just have sat their entire life seem to age a little bit prematurely," he said.

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Peanuts

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To be eligible to participate in the study, patients must have a physician-confirmed peanut allergy and be between the ages of 6 and 75. Parental consent is required for candidates 17 and younger.

Museum Mementoes: Peter Gray defended Emeline, a person of color

While filing newspaper clippings at the museum, Deborah Chambers found an interesting article about Peter Gray for whom Gray County is named. In 1847 at Houston, Gray was a prominent lawyer, city alderman and state representative when he agreed

Eloise Lane
White Deer Land Museum, Pampa



Emeline's case because he saw it as a case in which someone was being denied freedom and justice. Also he saw the court system he had helped to create as a way to right a wrong.

He made extraordinary efforts for Emeline, a process requiring hours of laborious writing and copying. He took a remarkable leap of faith in believing that Emeline's version of the facts was accurate and that witnesses would tell the truth in support of a black

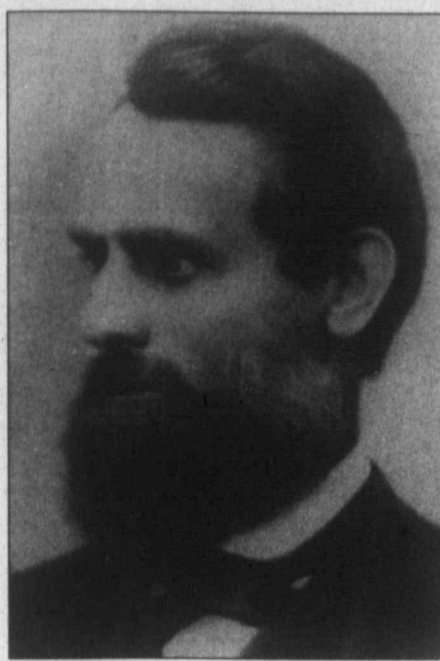
person's claims of freedom from a white person.

Eighteen months after it was filed, Emeline's case was called to trial in November 1848. The jury was extraordinary because not one of the normal jury pool of 35 members was chosen to listen to the testimonies. Apparently, Gray was convinced that a normal jury would be unpredictable, and he managed to have 12 prominent men hand-picked for the trial.

The stakes were high. If Emeline had lost the case, at the very least, Bolls could have been expected to separate her from her two sons by selling them in one of the weekly slave auctions. If Bolls had lost, he would have been disgraced for losing a lawsuit brought by a woman he regarded as a slave.

The jury behaved as Gray thought it would and decided that Emeline should remain free and that Bolls should pay a fine of \$1.

It would be appropriate for Peter Gray's portrait to be returned to hang on the wall of the courthouse of the county named for him.



Peter W. Gray (1819-1874), a native of Virginia, was a member of the first Texas Legislature, the Texas Confederate Congress and Justice of the Supreme Court. Gray County was named for him on Aug. 21, 1876, when 54 counties were created from Bexar District.

Note: This article is taken from "Slave's victory in court found in documents" by Harvey Rice in the Houston Chronicle for Feb. 24, 2004. A synopsis of Emeline's case was written by State District Judge Mark Davidson who selected it from thousands of decaying papers that the Harris Co. district clerk's office is trying to preserve.

Hunters

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to complete the course early," said Terry Erwin, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department hunter education coordinator. "Experience shows some people wait until the last minute, and these courses are subject to change as they fill up daily. There are also 106 home study courses currently offered."

A complete listing of hunter education courses is on the TPWD Web site.

Since 1972, more than 685,000 Texans have completed the hunter education course, which is mandatory in 50 states and 10 Canadian provinces. Hunter education became a legal require-

ment in 1988. Partly as a result of hunter education, Texas hunting accident rates have steadily decreased from a high of more than 12 accidents per 100,000 hunters in 1966 to below five accidents per 100,000 hunters in recent years.

"Texas is always looking for responsible individuals who would like to give something back by becoming a hunter education instructor," Erwin said.

Volunteer instructors must be at least 21 years old, have taken the hunter education course, filled out an application, and been through a game warden interview and an instructor course. Anyone interested can contact TPWD at (800) 792-1112, Ext. 4999 or see the TPWD Web site.



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Intents

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East line, Sec. 56, A-4, H&GN, PD 6000'

Oil Well Completion
OCHILTREE (DUTCH-ER Atoka) Latigo Petroleum Texas, L.P., #4 Parnell '475', Sec. 475,43,H&TC, spud 5-7-05, drlg. compl 5-23-05, tested 6-22-05, flowed 162 bbl. of 45 grav. oil + no water thru 10/64" choke on 24 hour test, GOR 1975, TD 8600' —

Gas Well Completions
GRAY (EAST PANHANDLE) Gruy Petroleum Mgmt. Co., #4 Hess, J. Siebel Survey, spud 4-17-05, drlg. compl 4-20-05, tested 6-9-05, potential 470 MCF, TD 2750' —

GRAY (EAST PANHANDLE) Gruy Petroleum Mgmt. Co., #2 Miller, Sec. 180,E&P, spud 4-9-05, drlg. compl 4-11-05, tested 6-9-05, potential 670 MCF, TD 2715' —

GRAY (EAST PANHANDLE) Gruy Petroleum Mgmt. Co., #3 Miller, Sec. 29,R, A. Rowe, spud 4-13-05, drlg. compl 4-15-05, tested 6-9-05, potential 555 MCF, TD 2617' —

HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Encore Operating, L.P., #1234 Bouchier, Sec. 234,C, G&MMB&A, spud 4-7-05, drlg. compl 5-4-05, tested 7-7-05, TD 13200', PBDT 13141' —

WHEELER (B&B Granite Wash) Chesapeake Operating, Inc., #402 Reed, Sec. 2,—,C&M, spud 3-24-05, drlg. compl 4-16-05, tested 6-15-05, potential 818 MCF, TD 13200', PBDT 13156'

WHEELER (B&B Granite Wash) Chesapeake Operating, Inc., #602 Reed, Sec. 2,—,C&M, spud 4-18-05, drlg. compl 5-6-05, tested 6-16-05, potential 701 MCF, TD 13200', PBDT 13154'

WHEELER (LOTT RANCH 14500') Chesapeake Operating, Inc., #1021 O'Brien, Lot 21,A-3,CSL, spud 3-21-05, drlg. compl 4-15-05, tested 6-14-05, potential 664 MCF, TD 13100',

PBDT 13055' —
WHEELER (STILES RANCH Granite Wash) #1 Stiles '18', Sec. 18,A-3,H&GN, spud 4-3-05, drlg. compl 5-7-05, tested 6-21-05, potential 5999 MCF, TD 14062', PBDT 13939'

WHEELER (STILES RANCH Granite Wash) Chesapeake Operating, Inc., #6021 Bryant, Sec. 21,A-3,H&GN, spud 3-21-05, drlg. compl 4-21-05, tested 6-16-05, potential 972 MCF, TD 13750', PBDT 13707' —

WHEELER (STILES RANCH Granite Wash) Chesapeake Operating, Inc., #7021 Bryant, Sec. 21,A-3,H&GN, spud 3-27-05, drlg. compl 4-20-05, tested 6-15-05, potential 1221 MCF, TD 13940', PBDT 13893' —

WHEELER (STILES RANCH Granite Wash) Zepher Lone Star Operating, L.L.C., #2020 Armstrong, Sec. 20,A-3, H.E. Harris, spud 1-21-05, drlg. compl 3-11-05, tested 4-5-05, potential 2196 MCF, TD 13850' — Form 1 filed in Chesapeake Operating

Plugged Wells
CARSON (PANHANDLE) Northern Oil & Gas, Inc., Burnett, Sec. 17,5,I&GN, spud unknown (oil) — for the following wells:

#1017, plugged 7-15-05, TD 3015' — Form 1 in Burns L. Kingston
#2017, plugged 7-8-05, TD 33200' — Form 1 in

Jay Dee Producing #3017, plugged 7-5-05, TD 3150' — Form 1 in Jay Dee Producing

#4017, plugged 7-12-05, TD 3348' — Form 1 in Northern Oil & Gas HUTCHINSON (PANHANDLE) C&C Oil Producers, Kingsland, Sec. 8,M-21,TCRR (oil) — Form 1 in A.E. Herrmann Corp., for the following wells:

#3, spud 2-17-05, plugged 7-8-05, TD 3023' —
#4, spud 9-4-59, plugged 6-2-05, TD 2998' —

#5, spud unknown, plugged 7-13-05, TD 3045' TD 2998' —

#8, spud 9-22-60, plugged 7-19-05, TD 3020' —

#12, spud 10-10-61, plugged 7-15-05, TD 3010' —

HUTCHINSON (PANHANDLE) C&C Oil Producers, Pei-Jaten, Sec. 57,46,H&TC (oil) — Form 1 filed in Petroleum Exploration, Inc. of Texas, for the following wells:

#C6, spud 7-27-62, plugged 6-30-05, TD 2890' —

#C7, spud 8-3-62, plugged 7-5-05, TD 2888' —

#C8, spud 8-3-62, plugged 7-6-05, TD 2907' —

#C9, spud 8-7-62, plugged 7-12-05, TD 2894' —

#C10, spud unknown, plugged 7-12-05, TD

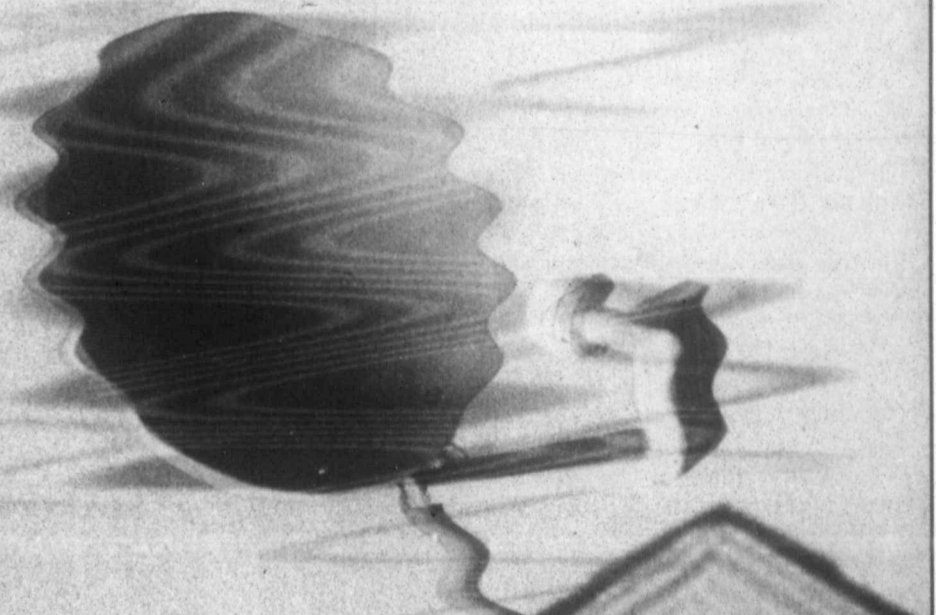
2861' —
CC15, spud 11023-62, plugged 7-19-05, TD

2812' —
#C16, spud 11-27-62, plugged 7-18-05, TD

2821' —
#C17, spud unknown, plugged 7-14-05, TD

2831' —

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Sports Day

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2005 Pampa Harvester graduate Shea Brown (behind trophy) picked up where he left off as a member of the Harvester baseball team by earning his way onto an elite team of college prep players called the Oklahoma Travelers, who ended the summer with a record of 62-13 and an Elite Amateur World Series title. The team holds open tryouts beginning in late April for any high school student 18 or younger. Additional information can be found at www.elkcitytravelers.com. Pictured are (left to right)- head coach Mark Ward, bench coach Slade Ohmstead, assistant head coach Heath Ritchie, Brown, team manager Kevin Parr and pitching coach Butch Schoenhals.

Drive for three straight titles a forbidden topic in Foxboro

FOXBORO, Mass. (AP) — Tom Brady didn't use the words "Super Bowl." Nor did he say "three straight," "threepeat" or anything suggesting the New England Patriots are on the cusp of history.

Just the same, he alluded to his team's quest to become the first to win three consecutive Super Bowls. You just wouldn't know it from reading the team's transcript of his chat on a practice field with a small group of reporters — that part was excised, either by Bill Belichick or someone acting on the coach's orders.

'We haven't even played an exhibition game yet, we haven't played a regular-season game, we haven't made the playoffs yet. That's when you start thinking about it.'

— Tom Brady
Quarterback, New England Patriots

Here's what the Patriots' star quarterback said on a pleasant August morning:

"Everyone knows what the goal is. But you're so far away from that goal, you can't begin to think about it. We haven't even played an exhibition game yet, we haven't played a regular-season game, we haven't made the playoffs yet. That's when you start thinking about it."

Think, yes. Talk about it, no — a point made clear when the transcript of Brady's interview was e-mailed to the media a few hours later.

Zap!
Verboten!

At least Brady said something. Anyone who asks Belichick about it gets, at best, a dismissal and a nasty look. Lesser players won't even broach the subject.

In truth, trying to forget February's goal in August isn't a bad idea.

When the Buffalo Bills went to consecutive Super Bowls from 1990-1993, Marv Levy would tell his players at the start of each camp to wipe the slate clean.

They were starting from scratch and whatever they had done the previous season was forgotten.

But the Bills lost all four of those Super Bowls, three of them badly. The Patriots don't have the stigma of losing.

Not only can they become the first team to win three straight Super Bowls, but if they capture the Vince Lombardi Trophy again, it will be their fourth in five years, something not even the great Steelers of the '70s did. Pittsburgh won four in six years: 1974, '75, '78 and '79.

The others to win two straight: Green Bay in the first two Super Bowls after the 1966 and '67 seasons; Miami, which went unbeaten in 1972 and then won the title again in '73; San Francisco in 1988 and '89; Dallas in '92 and '93 (and again in '95); and Denver in 1997 and '98.

All were great teams, all dynasties of a sort, although the Packers of the late 1960s were an aging team without some of the players on Vince Lombardi's great teams that won NFL titles in 1961, '62 and '65.

In fact, Lombardi temporarily retired after the second Super Bowl win and the Pack went 6-7-1 under Phil Bengtson, his hand-picked successor.

The first five did it without the limitations of a salary cap.

The Cowboys won at the start of the salary cap era, when teams could still keep their best players.

BARRY SORELY MISSED FOR MANY REASONS

Bonds' absence impacts more than standings

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Baseballs launched into McCovey Cove float untouched in the water now. The kayakers who once fought for Barry Bonds' splash hits have found better things to do.

Nearby boats don't blow their horns in celebration anymore. And the rubber chickens that fans waved during intentional walks are mostly collecting dust.

It doesn't take a glance to left field, the scoreboard, or the standings to realize something's missing around the San Francisco Giants.

From depressed television ratings to ticket scalpers giving away seats at cut-rate prices, signs of Bonds' season-long absence are everywhere.

"It's been disastrous," said Ted Choi, the owner of City Kayak, which rents boats for fans to take to McCovey Cove. "Basically, the kayak rentals are down to practically none."

When Florida's Carlos Delgado splashed a homer into the cove last month, there was nobody in the bay to retrieve it — and with good reason, since Michael Tucker is the only Giant with a splash hit all season. When Bonds is healthy, fans arrive hours before first pitch to find a place in the water.

With Bonds now saying his knee injury will keep him out of the lineup until 2006, this has turned into a rough year for all the people who have made money off the slugger's home run records and the victories he brings the

Giants. Game tickets are one indicator — on the Internet, they're selling for as little as one-quarter of their face value.

"When you've got the excitement I've created — my home runs are a lottery ticket — then you've got a city that's excited," Bonds said earlier this season during a particularly demoralizing losing stretch. "If you win, you're going to create excitement, but you've got to win games. You can't not win and expect people to come to baseball games."

As for Bonds himself, the financial impact of his absence has been mixed. He's been hugely successful in licensing and memorabilia, ranking among the top five off-field earners in baseball, according to a recent study by Forbes magazine.

But while Bonds has publicly denied using steroids, he told a federal grand jury investigating steroid distribution by the Bay Area Laboratory Cooperative that he used substances prosecutors believe were illegal performance enhancing drugs, according to the San Francisco Chronicle. Bonds' off-field income has dropped since then, according to Forbes, and he has lost opportunities for national endorsement deals that typically come to an athlete of his stature.

"He's gone from someone who has never gotten a lot of endorsements to someone who's likely not to get any more and likely lose some that he already had," said Steven Levitt, the

president of Marketing Evaluations Inc., which tracks the "Q rating" popularity of athletes and other celebrities.

"He doesn't make advertisers comfortable, that's for sure. He is not necessarily a fan favorite these days and that certainly makes some advertisers very leery."

Bonds' Q rating, a number advertisers use to help decide who should pitch their products, has dropped to where it was before he broke Mark McGwire's single-season home run record in 2002. His negativity rating in the general population has increased substantially, with three times as many people disliking him as liking him, according to the study.

In recent years, Bonds' endorsement deals with MasterCard Inc., Charles Schwab Corp. and KFC have expired. The deals he has now are almost entirely with sports equipment and licensing companies.

"He had a good one-year or two-year run and has fallen off from that level," said Kurt Badenhausen, the head of sports statistics at Forbes magazine.

Forbes recently estimated that Bonds' income from endorsements, licensing and memorabilia fell from \$4 million to \$3 million over the last year.

Bonds still makes the bulk of his income on the field — he's in the fourth year of a \$90 million, five-year contract.

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Brown closes practice to both fans and media

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas coach Mack Brown closed football practice to fans and reporters for the rest of the preseason on Friday, citing concerns that player injury information was being posted on the Internet.

Brown asked fans not to bring cell phones to practice after some used their phones to take pictures of injured wide receiver Jordan Shipley at practice Thursday night. The Austin American-Statesman also posted an online report within 15 minutes of the injury.

Brown closed practice outright after Friday's session. The only practice that will be open to fans and the media will be a scrimmage on Aug. 20 which is designated as Fan Appreciation

Day.

"A parent should never have to read on the Internet or hear through the media that their son has been hurt before we can even get off the practice field and call them," Brown said in a statement released by the school. "It's our responsibility to protect the privacy of our student-athletes with regard to injuries."

Shipley limped off the field after injuring his right hamstring. One of Texas' prized recruits in 2004, he missed last season with a knee injury suffered in pre-season practice.

Brown had warned that he saw "way too many" fans getting shots of the injured player and that he might close practice.

Mavs eyeing Christie as Finley replacement

DALLAS (AP) — Although Michael Finley is still technically part of the Dallas Mavericks, the team already is getting ready for a roster featuring a new veteran swingman — probably longtime rival Doug Christie.

The Mavs have until Monday night to decide whether to waive Finley, their longtime leader and captain, under an amnesty clause that could save them about \$51 million in luxury taxes. The club may go all the way to the deadline while exploring trades and other options.

His departure, one way or another, creates the need for someone else capable of playing shooting guard or small forward. Christie is available, and both he and the team have shown mutual interest.

"We're definitely looking at Dallas, no doubt," agent Bradley Marshall said Friday. "We're going to be coming into town to get a feel for the organization and the city."

Christie was waived Thursday by the Orlando Magic under the same amnesty clause. If no team claims him by Thursday, he'll be a free agent. The Mavs would wait at least

until then to sign him.

Because Christie will still get about \$8 million from Orlando, he's expected to accept a relatively small, one-year contract from Dallas, which only has about \$5 million left for free agents.

"He's really looking to win a championship," Marshall said. "That's what his goal is. He wants to do that with a quality, class organization."

Dallas fans may remember Christie from his days with the Sacramento Kings, especially playoff series in 2002, 2003 and 2004. A strong defender, the lanky Christie would fit Mavs coach Avery Johnson's scheme.

Christie, 35, has averaged 11.4 points and 1.9 steals per game over his career. The Kings traded him to Orlando in January. He's also played for the Los Angeles Lakers, New York Knicks and Toronto Raptors.

He's also well known for his close relationship with his wife, Jackie, whom he signals with his hands during games. The two reportedly have explored being the focus of a reality television show.

Cardinals meet old foe in exhibition opener

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) — The Arizona Cardinals want to get their running game going. The Dallas Cowboys are antsy to find out how their new 3-4 defensive alignment holds up against real opposition.

It's a classic clash of question marks.

Of course, the renewal of an old rivalry Saturday night is still an exhibition opener. The only certainty is that the stands at Sun Devil Stadium will be filled with as much silver and blue as Cardinals regalia, a carry-over from the decades when the Cardinals were still in St. Louis and the Cowboys were the team of choice for Phoenix NFL watchers.

But at least the first quarter of this matchup should be more even than most games in a series dominated by Dallas.

Each team tried to atone for a 6-10 season by hiring a quarterback with Pro Bowl and Super Bowl experience — Drew Bledsoe for Dallas, and Kurt Warner for Arizona.

"I'm looking for us to go out and execute and kind of get started in a game situation, the first offense, and show that we've done some work through this training camp," said Bledsoe,

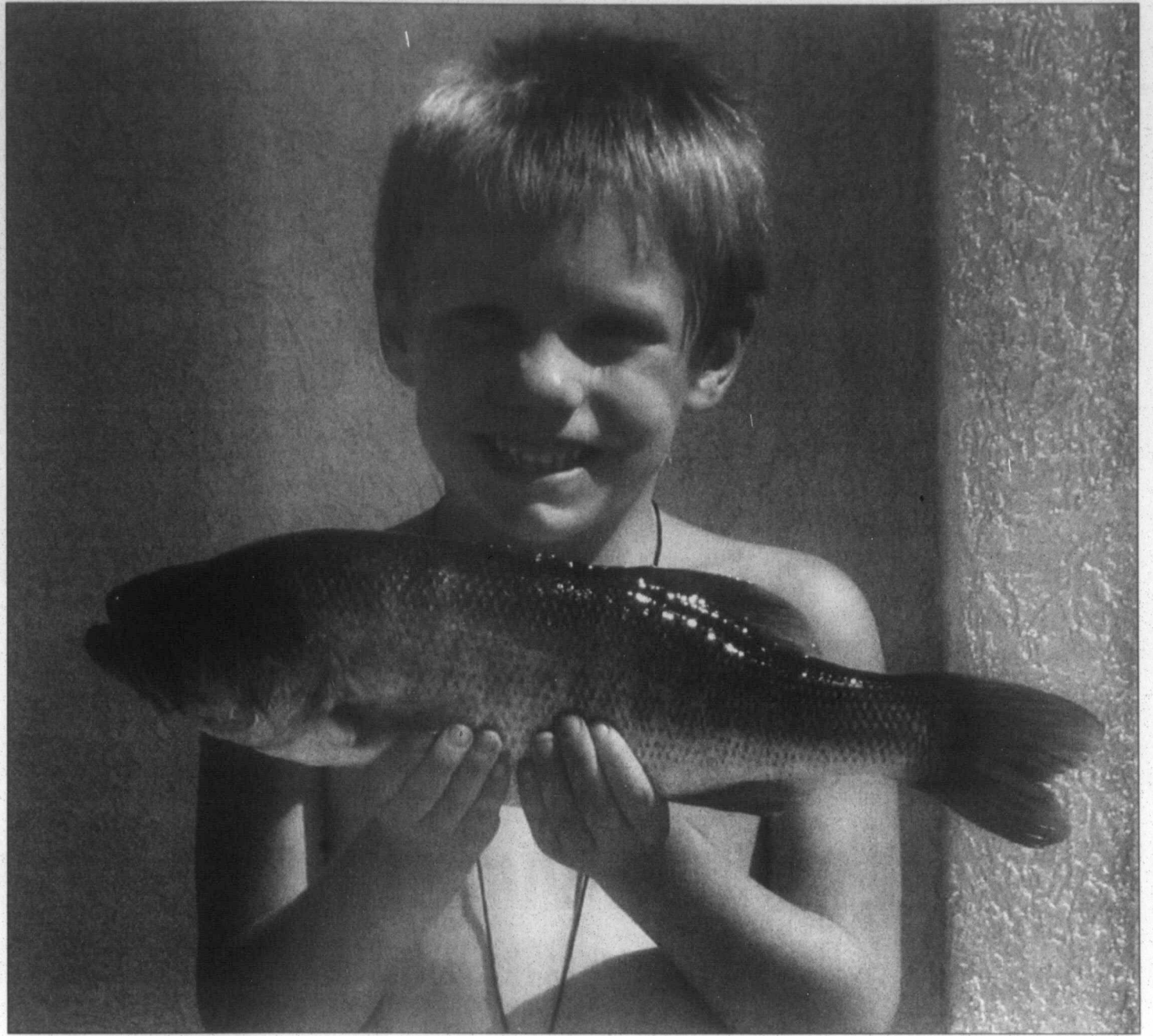
reunited with coach Bill Parcells for the first time since Parcells left to coach the New York Jets in 1997.

Bledsoe has hooked up well with Pro Bowl tight end Jason Witten and Terry Glenn, his former teammate in New England. The chemistry is still developing with Keyshawn Johnson, with Parcells taking the trouble to speak to both about getting used to each other.

Warner's work with a strong trio of young wide receivers process was slowed when Anquan Boldin broke his nose four days into camp. Boldin, outfitted with a clear shield inside his faceguard, was cleared late this week to go through practices but will sit out this game.

"I'm fit to do all that stuff," he said. "They just don't want me to get hit in the nose."

Coach Dennis Green went into camp wanting to beef up the running game, which was 22nd in 2004. That's even more imperative now to take the heat off Warner, given the injuries to first-stringers on offense. In addition to Boldin, center Alex Stepanovich (hand) and right tackle Oliver Ross (knee), a key free-agency acquisition, are sidelined for this game.



Nice catch

Six year old Christopher Chandler proudly poses with the largemouth bass he took from a small pond in Allison. The fish weighed in at nearly 2.5 pounds.

Panhandle, West Texas Fishing Report

AUSTIN (AP) — Here is the weekly fishing report as compiled for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for Aug. 10. (Report also available on Web as www.txfishing.com.)

PANHANDLE

BAYLOR: Water lightly stained; 85 degrees. Black bass are slow. Crappie are slow. Catfish are slow.

GREENBELT: Water lightly stained; 84 degrees; 17.35' low. Black bass to 64 pounds are good on Chartreuse/white soft jerkbaits or spinnerbaits and Pop-R's worked along grass lines, main lake points and timber. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs. White bass are good on live bait and Pop-R's. Smallmouth bass are good on chrome jerkbaits and live bait. Walleye are good on live bait. Catfish are good on chicken liver and minnows.

MACKENZIE: Water lightly stained; 80 degrees; 60.65' 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; 82 degrees; 14.65' low. Black bass are fair on white spinnerbaits or soft plastics along brush lines and rocky points. Crappie are good on jigs and minnows. White bass are good on live bait and small crankbaits near rocky points. Smallmouth bass are fair on jerkbaits near north main lake points. Walleye are fair on minnows along main lake points. Channel Catfish are fair on minnows and chicken liver.

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

WEST

ALAN HENRY: Water lightly stained; 83 degrees. Black bass are

good on shad-colored soft jerkbaits and watermelon jigs near the brush or spinnerbaits along brush line. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs.

ARROWHEAD: Water stained in upper end; 83 degrees; 5.8' low. Black bass are fair to slow on spinnerbaits and Carolina rigs 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; 71 degrees. Black bass are fair on green worms near Crappie House. Crappie are fair on minnows in Crappie House. Hybrid strippers are fair on yellow crankbaits near dam and perch near cattails on NE shores. Catfish are good on chicken liver and cut silver shad near dam.

COLORADO CITY: Water clear; 82 degrees. Black bass are slow. Crappie are slow. White bass are slow. Redfish are slow. Catfish are slow.

FT. PHANTOM HILL: Water clear; 83 degrees; 5' low. Black bass are slow. Crappie are fair on live bait and jigs. White bass are fair on live bait. Catfish are fair on cut baits.

HUBBARD CREEK: Water lightly stained; 81 degrees; 11.6' low. Black bass are fair on white spinnerbaits along main points and watermelon red soft plastics in the reeds. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. White bass and hybrid striper are fair on live baits. Catfish are good on chicken liver and prepared baits.

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

OAK CREEK: Water lightly stained; 82 degrees; 22.6' low. Black bass are fair on live baits. Crappie are fair on jigs and minnows. Catfish are fair on live baits. No boat ramps open.

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

OH. IVIE: Water lightly stained; 85 degrees; 15.5' low. Black bass are fair on white spinnerbaits and shad-colored 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 shad or minnows.

POSSUM KINGDOM: Water clear; 84 degrees; 5.5' 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; 47.5' low. Black bass are fair on chartreuse/white soft plastics and live bait. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs. White bass are fair on live baits and small crankbaits. Striped bass and hybrid striper are fair on live baits. Catfish are fair on cut baits and minnows.

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; 84 degrees; 29.75' 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; 84 degrees; 16.5' low. Black bass are fair on white spinnerbaits and live baits along tree lines. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. Walleye are fair on live baits. Channel catfish are good on cut and worms.

WICHITA: Water clearing; 84 degrees; 5' low. Crappie are slow. White bass and hybrid striped bass are fair on large minnows, white twister-tails and silver spoons along dam and near Lake Wichita Park. Channel catfish are fair on bait shrimp or punch-bait. North side public ramp is closed for maintenance.

income actually increased in the period.

Bonds has deals with more than 20 companies, according to Bernstein, including Topps, New Era, Danbury Mint, Getty Images and Sam Bats. He does much of his selling on his own Web site, www.barrybonds.com, which has often been the place to go to get news of his rehabilitation, but also allows the slugger to sell collectibles directly to his fans.

Bonds is successful in the memorabilia market because while advertisers might be wary of him, collectors aren't.

"Controversy is not fatal for our hobby," said T.S. O'Connell, the editor of Sports Collector Digest. "People are

buying historical material and a significant portion of the dollar value involved can be attributed to that historical, museum quality aspect of it. For middle range collectibles, the popularity of a player will have an effect. But when you're talking 700-plus homers, that's history. The scandals, or however you describe them, won't change that."

Brandon Steiner, the head of Steiner Sports Memorabilia, said he estimates Bonds used to get paid between \$100 and \$150 for each autograph when outside companies sold his memorabilia. Now that Bonds sells autographs directly to fans, he's charging \$400 for pictures, \$600 for baseballs; and \$5,000 for an unused glove.

NFL PRESEASON

Clarett-less Broncos face Texans

HOUSTON (AP) — Maurice Clarett's hiatus from game action has spanned more than two years, seven months and one week.

And it will stretch at least seven more days.

The former Ohio State star and third-round draft pick was expected to headline Denver's preseason opener on Saturday against the Houston Texans, but he didn't make the trip because of a sore groin.

"The MRI was negative," Broncos coach Mike Shanahan said. "It's nothing serious. It's not torn. He is getting rehab right now, working out a couple of times a day in the weight room, getting treatment about four times a day. Hopefully when we get back, he will be ready to go."

But there will be plenty of other action. While Clarett awaits his first NFL game, Jerry Rice will begin his 21st season.

Rice, who sat out practice Wednesday morning with a sore heel, participated in the remainder of the team's workouts in Houston. He's listed as second-string at one of the receiver positions behind Ashley Lelie.

Saturday's game also will give the Texans a first look at their revamped defense, including first-

round draft pick Travis Johnson. Coach Dom Capers moved Kailee Wong from outside to inside linebacker in his 3-4 defense and picked up speedy free agent Morlon Greenwood to play middle linebacker in an attempt to generate a pass rush.

They got Phillip Buchanon from Oakland in the offseason, and he'll join last year's defensive rookie of the year runner-up Dunta Robinson at cornerback.

Johnson, a defensive tackle who missed one day of training camp before signing, said he's up to speed and ready to play his first game. As for what will be in his head when he lines up for his first play, Johnson answered quickly. "Violence," he said with a laugh. "It's always controlled violence. I'm going to go out there and work hard."

The Broncos will get to test that defense with their high-powered offense. Denver was fifth in the league in total yards per game last season with 395.8 yards and quarterback Jake Plummer threw for a Bronco's single-season record of 4,089 yards.

Plummer said practicing with Houston all week gave his offense a good chance to get reacquainted with the 3-4.

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Tues. Aug 30	7:00pm	Texas Rangers vs White Sox
Thur. Sept 1	7:00pm	Texas Rangers vs Royals
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Sat. Sept 3	6:00pm	Texas Rangers vs Royals
Sun. Sept 4	1:00pm	Houston Astros vs Cardinals

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Bonds

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"He's still doing better than he had during most of his career," Badenhausen said. "He's not necessarily a beloved superstar that advertisers want to attach their ride to. The BALCO stain certainly affected it. But a lot of the lack of interest in Barry as a corporate spokesman has to do with his 20 years antagonizing media and fans."

Jeff Bernstein, Bonds' marketing agent, wouldn't disclose any financial numbers, but disputed the Forbes analysis and said that Bonds' off-field

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- 1 pound pork tenderloin
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- 2 tablespoons Dijon mustard
- 2 green onions, sliced

CUT pork into 1-inch-thick slices. Place pork between 2 pieces of plastic wrap. Flatten to 1/4-inch thickness using meat mallet or rolling pin. Season with salt and pepper. HEAT oil in large skillet over medium-high heat. Add half the

pork; cook on each side 2 minutes or until browned and cooked through. Remove from skillet; set aside and keep warm. Repeat with remaining pork. REDUCE heat to low. Add evaporated milk; stir to loosen brown bits from bottom of skillet. Stir in mustard and green onions. Return pork to skillet. Cook 1 to 2 minutes (do not boil) or until sauce is lightly thickened, turning pork to coat with sauce.

Nutritional analysis per serving: 200 calories, 26g protein, 7g fat (70 calories from fat), 4g carbohydrate, 75mg cholesterol, 0g fiber, 280mg sodium, 10% Daily Value calcium

What qualities turn a good dish into a great dish? If a recipe has family-pleasing flavor and appearance, offers sound nutrition and lower fat, and is easy to make, it should go to the head of the class. If not, that recipe could benefit from a little "family dinners" homework.

But relax, this is easy. Simply switching to evaporated fat-free milk is great way to increase nutritional benefits *and* flavor! If your soup, bread, casserole, main dish or dessert recipes call for refrigerated milk, using evaporated fat-free in place of low-fat or fat-free refrigerated milk means getting twice the calcium and protein, zero fat and a richer taste. One-half cup of evaporated fat-free milk has only 100 calories, yet 35% of the Daily Value of calcium and 25% of the Daily Value of vitamin D.

For more information and great recipes, visit VeryBestBaking.com.



Shrimp and Corn Chowder

Makes 4 servings

- 3/4 cup water, divided
- 1 small chopped onion
- 1/2 cup chopped red bell pepper
- 1 can (15 to 17 ounces) cream-style corn
- 1 package (16 ounces) loose-pack frozen whole-kernel corn, thawed
- 1 can (12 fluid ounces) Nestlé Carnation Evaporated Fat Free Milk
- 3 low sodium chicken bouillon cubes
- 1 package (8 ounces) frozen shrimp, thawed, cooked and peeled
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh basil

BRING 1/4 cup water to boil in large saucepan. Add onion and bell pepper; cook over medium heat 5 minutes or until tender. Add remaining water, corn, evaporated milk and bouillon. Bring to boil; reduce heat to low. Cook, stirring frequently, 15 minutes or until heated through. Stir in shrimp; cook 3 minutes. Sprinkle with basil.

Nutritional analysis per serving: 330 calories, 25g protein, 2.5g fat (25 calories from fat), 60g carbohydrate, 115mg cholesterol, 5g fiber, 600mg sodium, 30% Daily Value calcium

Individual Chocolate Espresso Soufflés

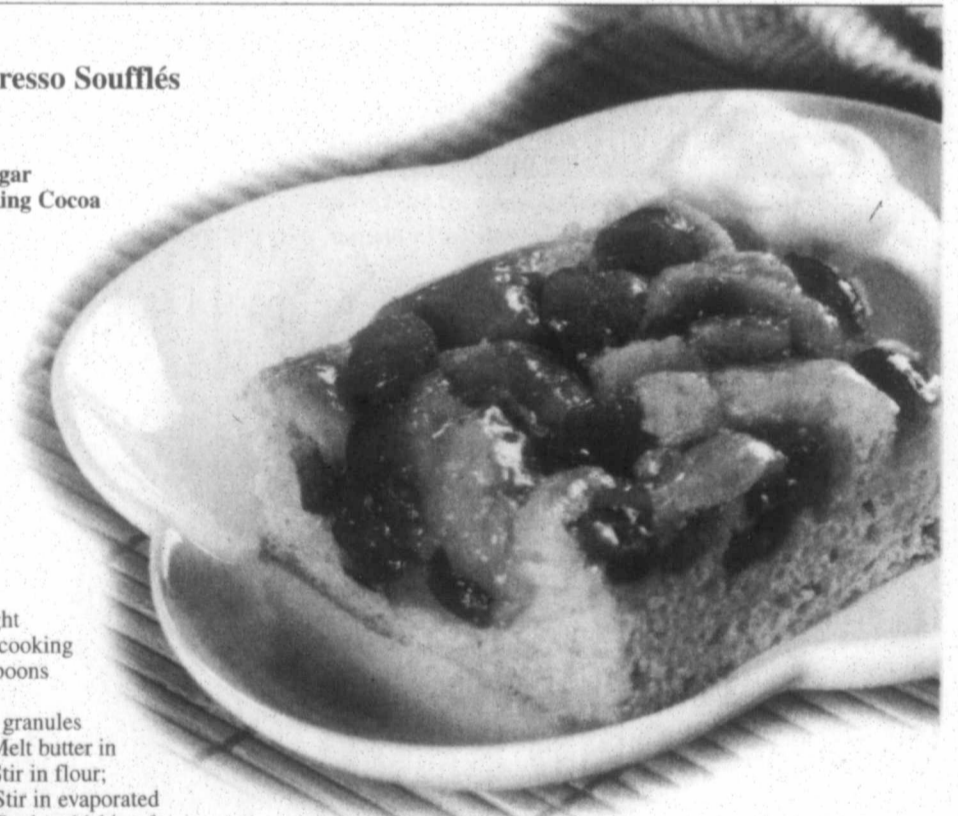
Makes 8 servings

- Nonstick cooking spray
- 2 tablespoons granulated sugar
- 1/2 cup Nestlé Toll House Baking Cocoa
- 1/2 cup hot water
- 3 tablespoons instant coffee granules
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 2/3 cup (5 fluid-ounce can) Nestlé Carnation Evaporated Fat Free Milk
- 3/4 cup granulated sugar, divided
- 4 large egg whites
- Pinch of salt
- Powdered sugar

PREHEAT oven to 375°F. Spray eight 6-ounce custard cups with nonstick cooking spray; sprinkle evenly with 2 tablespoons granulated sugar.

COMBINE cocoa, water and coffee granules in medium bowl; stir until smooth. Melt butter in small saucepan over medium heat. Stir in flour; cook, stirring constantly, 1 minute. Stir in evaporated milk and 1/2 cup granulated sugar. Cook, whisking frequently, 2 to 3 minutes or until mixture is slightly thickened. Remove from heat. Add to cocoa mixture; stir until smooth. BEAT egg whites and salt in small mixer bowl until soft peaks form. Gradually beat in remaining granulated sugar until stiff peaks form. Fold 1/4 of egg whites into chocolate mixture to lighten. Fold in remaining egg whites gently but thoroughly. Pour mixture into prepared cups, filling 3/4 full. Place on baking sheet. BAKE 18 to 20 minutes or until wooden pick inserted in center comes out moist but not wet. Sprinkle with powdered sugar. Serve immediately.

Nutritional analysis per serving: 180 calories, 5g protein, 3.5g fat (30 calories from fat), 34g carbohydrate, 10mg cholesterol, 1g fiber, 110mg sodium, 6% Daily Value calcium



Apple-Cranberry Cobbler

Makes 12 servings

- 1 cup Nestlé Carnation Evaporated Fat Free or Lowfat 2% Milk
- 1 3/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 2/3 cup granulated sugar
- 3 tablespoons butter or margarine, melted
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 cups (21-ounce can) apple pie filling
- 1 cup sweetened dried cranberries
- 3/4 cup hot water
- Nondairy fat-free whipped topping (optional)

PREHEAT oven to 350°F. Grease 13 x 9-inch baking dish. COMBINE milk, flour, sugar, butter, baking powder, cinnamon and salt in medium bowl; stir until just blended. Spread into prepared baking dish. Combine apple pie filling and cranberries in medium bowl; spread evenly over batter. Carefully pour hot water over fruit. BAKE 45 to 50 minutes. Serve warm with whipped topping.

Nutritional analysis per serving: 230 calories, 4g protein, 3.5g fat (30 calories from fat), 49g carbohydrate, 10mg cholesterol, 2g fiber, 230mg sodium, 10% Daily Value calcium

TAKE THE RECIPE CHALLENGE

How many can you answer correctly?

1. What is evaporated milk?
2. Where did the name "Carnation" in Carnation Evaporated Milk come from?
3. How do you substitute fat-free evaporated milk for refrigerated milk?

Answers:
 1. Real, fresh milk that has been gently heated to remove half the evaporated milk.
 2. A cigar. Carnation's founder thought it was an odd name for a milk.
 3. If your recipe uses 1/2 cup milk, substitute 1/2 cup fat-free evaporated milk.

Couple celebrate 50 years together

Jack and Dorothy Chisum celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a family trip to Colorado earlier this month.

Dorothy Benham married Jack Chisum on Aug. 12, 1955, at First Christian Church in Pampa.

Jack has owned and operated Thurmond McGlothlin for the past 48 years.

They enjoy traveling for business and pleasure in their plane piloted by Jack and co-piloted by Dorothy.

They have two daughters, Carla Chisum of Amarillo and Dana and Ken Cargill of Pampa. They have two grandchildren.



Mr. and Mrs. Jack Chisum

Restaurant Club helping students find career opportunities

By **BLAIR FANNIN**
Texas A&M News/Public Affairs

COLLEGE STATION — Peyton Carter dreams of the day when he can open his own café after graduating from Texas A&M University.

He has visions of serving sandwiches, a variety of coffees — and filling a niche market in The Woodlands of north Houston.

The senior agricultural economics major from Willis jumped at the chance to join a newly formed restaurant and

hospitality management club at Texas A&M. The club is spearheaded by Dr. John Siebert, an agricultural economist with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station and A&M professor.

Siebert's research has identified opportunities for students to pursue restaurant management positions and make as much as \$40,000 a year right out of school.

Consolidation throughout the agriculture industry has slimmed down job opportunities for new graduates, according to Siebert. But his research

has discovered a new trend in the restaurant industry that's sparked the interest of several agribusiness majors.

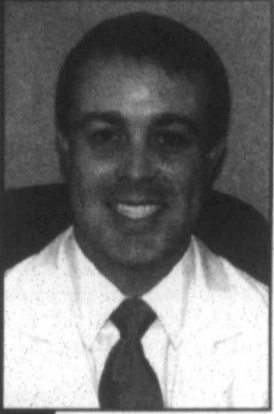
Young, up-and-coming restaurant chains are aggressively expanding and seeking bright, hard-working graduates, Siebert said. They are training recent graduates to manage new restaurants popping up throughout Texas and the southwest.

Companies such as Fired Up Inc., parent company of Johnny Carinos, and

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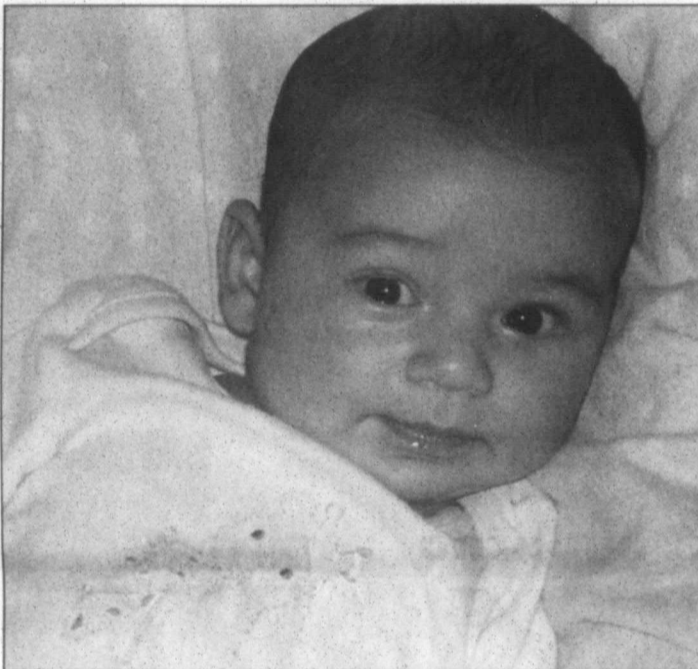
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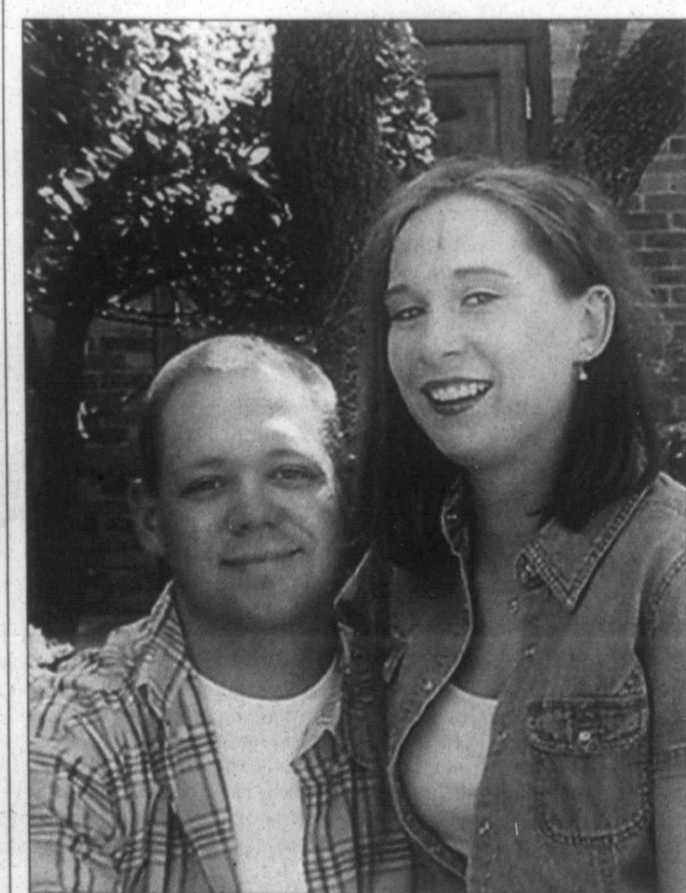
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Cradle call



Tyler Don Reed

Tyler Don Reed was born at 8:01 a.m. May 31 at BSA Hospital in Amarillo, to Lynn and Amy Reed of Pampa. At birth, the infant weighed 9-pounds, 8-ounces and was 22 1/2-inches long. Relatives include sisters, Rachael and Christie Reed of Edmond, Okla.; and grandparents, the late Don and Terry Harrison, Christa Reed of Lakeview and the late Jerrell Reed.



Ray/Gafford

Candid Ann Ray and Joshua Beau Gafford, both of Pampa, plan to wed Sept. 24 at First Baptist Church in Lefors. The bride-elect is the daughter of Cheryl Bockmon of Shamrock and Tom Ray of Pampa and is the granddaughter of James Ray of Pampa. She is a Lefors High School graduate and attended Clarendon College. She is currently employed with Texas Department of Criminal Justice. The groom-to-be is the son of Geneva Hoyne of Amarillo and Scotty Gafford of Chehalis, Wash., and is the grandson of Floyd and Bettie Gafford of Amarillo. He graduated from Pampa High School and is also currently employed with TDCJ.

Menus

Week of August 15-19

<p>Pampa Schools MONDAY Breakfast: French toast. Lunch: Mini burritos or steak fingers, corn, spinach, pineapple.</p> <p>TUESDAY Breakfast: Biscuits. Lunch: Ham/cheese sandwiches or chicken nuggets, green beans, carrot sticks, fruit, pudding cup.</p> <p>WEDNESDAY Breakfast: Breakfast pizza. Lunch: Chicken strips or macaroni cheese, mashed potatoes, blackeyed peas, applesauce, hot rolls.</p> <p>THURSDAY Breakfast: Biscuits, egg patties. Lunch: Barbecue on a bun or beef/cheese nachos, western beans, salad, peach cups.</p> <p>FRIDAY Breakfast: Cereal, toast. Lunch: Egg rolls or hot dogs, French fries, broccoli/cheese, fruit.</p> <p>Lefors Schools MONDAY Breakfast: Muffins, cold cereal, toast, juice, milk. Lunch: Corn dogs or Hot Pockets, potato smiles, peas, fruit cocktail, salad bar.</p> <p>TUESDAY Breakfast: Biscuits, cold cereal, toast, juice, milk. Lunch: Baked potatoes or chicken fajitas, steamed broccoli, beans, cheese, applesauce, salad bar.</p> <p>WEDNESDAY Breakfast: Pop Tarts, cold cereal, toast, juice, milk. Lunch: Turkey/dressing or ham, sweet potatoes, green beans, mashed potatoes, gravy, rolls, fruit salad, dessert, salad bar.</p> <p>THURSDAY Breakfast: Breakfast pockets, cold cereal, toast, juice, milk. Lunch: Ribaque or chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, pinto beans, biscuits, pears, salad bar.</p> <p>FRIDAY Breakfast: Cold cereal, toast, juice, milk. Lunch: Cheese pizza or peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, corn, oranges, salad bar.</p> <p>Kid's Cafe-Wilson MONDAY Frito pie, pinto beans, salad, dessert, treat.</p> <p>WEDNESDAY</p>	<p>Chicken nuggets, macaroni cheese, green beans, biscuits, dessert, treat.</p> <p>Kid's Cafe-Lamar TUESDAY Taco bake, Spanish rice, corn, dessert.</p> <p>THURSDAY Ham and cheese sandwiches, potato casserole, salad, dessert.</p> <p>Senior Citizens MONDAY Chicken fried steak or chicken pot pie, mashed potatoes, Italian green beans, beets, beans, marble cake or coconut cream pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.</p> <p>TUESDAY Meatloaf or teriyaki chicken/rice, cheese potatoes, fried okra, buttered squash, beans, lemon bundt cake or chocolate pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.</p> <p>WEDNESDAY Roast beef brisket/brown gravy or cook's choice, mashed potatoes, spinach, broccoli casserole, beans, black forest cake or peach cobbler, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.</p> <p>THURSDAY Chicken strips or barbecue beef/onion rings, potato salad, corn cobbles, carrots/peas, beans, peaches and cream cake or lemon icebox pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.</p> <p>FRIDAY Catfish/hushpuppies or tamales/chili/cheese, potato wedges, Mexican rice, beans, strawberry cake or tapioca cups, slaw, tossed or jello salad, garlic bread sticks, hot rolls or cornbread.</p> <p>Meals On Wheels MONDAY Steak fingers, gravy, broccoli casserole, carrots, cookies.</p> <p>TUESDAY Roast, mashed potatoes, green beans, peaches.</p> <p>WEDNESDAY Oven-fried chicken, corn, baked potatoes, Waldorf salad.</p> <p>THURSDAY Turkey, rice pilaf, English peas, yam apple bake.</p> <p>FRIDAY Catfish, pinto beans, cole slaw, apricots.</p>
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- 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.
- Two anniversary pictures may be placed for a \$25 charge or four extra lines may be added to announcements for \$25 (\$50 for both).

Couple tie knot in local Briarwood Full Gospel Church

Jera Skinner and Josue Salazar, both of Pampa, exchanged wedding vows July 16 in Briarwood Full Gospel Church in Pampa with Lynn Hancock officiating.

The maid of honor was Erika Skinner of Amarillo. The bridesmaids were Nerissa Perry, Amber Freeman, Tamara Gutierrez, Miranda Woodruff, Bailey Beck and Clarissa Salazar, all of Pampa, and McKinley Miller of Amarillo.

The flower girl was Alyson Gutierrez of Pampa.

Standing up as best man was Johnny Salazar of Pampa. The groomsmen were Julian Salazar, Junior Morales, Cameron Seger, Austin Beck, Rhett Skinner and J.T. Skinner, all of Pampa, and Randy Ellis of Amarillo.

The ring bearer was Cade Engle of Pampa.

The ushers were Heath Skinner, Hayden Skinner, Sergio Salazar and Eric



Josue Salazar and Jera Skinner

Morales, all of Pampa. The candlelighters were Halei Skinner, Jade Skinner, Delissa Salazar and Chrystal Blanco, all of Pampa.

Katie Kidd of Pampa registered the guests.

Music was provided by vocalist Jade Skinner of Pampa.

A reception in Knights of Columbus Hall followed the ceremony. Toni Engle and Debbie Skinner, both of Pampa, and Andra Canaday of Skellytown served the guests.

The bride is currently attending Clarendon College and works at FirstBank Southwest and Dyer's Bar-B-Que.

The groom graduated from ATI technical school and is currently employed at Titan Specialties.

The newlyweds visited

the Bahamas and Disney and intend to make their World for their honeymoon home in Pampa.

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Help your student put their best foot forward

(NUC) — It's time for back-to-school shopping, and parents around the country are preparing to help their children put their best foot forward with new shoes.

The American Podiatric Medical Association advises parents wading through the countless styles and fashion trends in children's footwear to remember that comfort should always come first. The APMA offers parents the following shoe-shopping tips.

- Shop later in the day. Feet expand when bearing weight, so they tend to swell throughout the day. Therefore, it's best to buy shoes in the afternoon or evening, when your children's feet have already increased in size.

- Always measure the feet. Every shoe fits differently, and sizes tend to vary by style and brand.

- Take socks. If your children aren't wearing socks already, take a spare pair. It's important that your children try on shoes with the same type of socks or stockings they'll wear with the shoes.

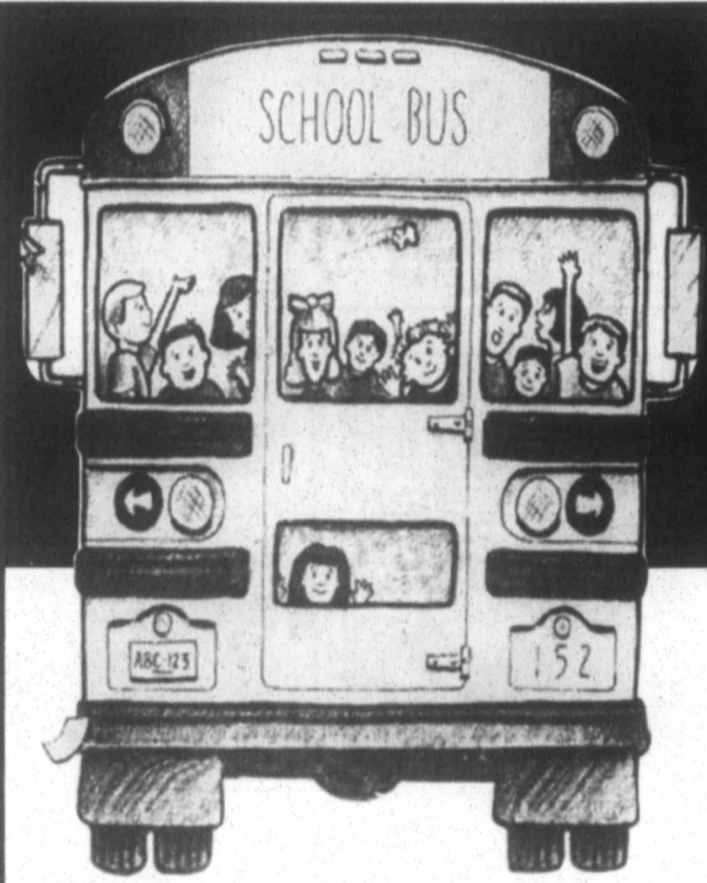
- Examine the shoes for quality. First, check the heel to make sure it is stiff. Press on both sides of the heel; it should not collapse. Then, check toe flexibility. The shoes should bend with the toes; they shouldn't be too stiff or bend too much. Finally, look to see if the shoe is rigid in the middle. It should not twist.

- Buy for the larger foot. It is common for one foot to be larger than the other, so be sure the shoes fit both feet comfortably.

- Choose shoes that do not need a "break in" period. The shoes you buy should be comfortable immediately. If the shoes are too tight or pinch the toes, your children could wind up with corns, calluses or blisters.

The APMA advises against handing down footwear from an older sibling. Just because a pair of shoes fits one child comfortably doesn't mean it will fit another child the same way. Furthermore, hand-me-down shoes can spread athlete's foot and other fungi.

For more information about finding the right shoes for your child, visit www.apma.org.



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DEAR ABBY: An ex-girlfriend from three years ago has asked me to help her work on a project that will further her career.

I am already established, and have been known to help people on occasion. I want her to succeed, but the problem with this particular charity case is the reason we broke up. It happened just days before I planned to propose to her, when I found out that she had been unfaithful to me.

Originally, I didn't want to help her and told her I thought the situation would make me uncomfortable because I would have to spend a lot of time with her. However, when I related this to a friend, he told me to get over it and help her. (My other friends thought I was a sucker for even considering it.)

I am over the heartbreak I once felt with her, although it took a while. I'm dating now, but have yet to meet someone I click with.

How should I handle this? My initial response was "No -- I think I'd feel too uncomfortable." But I keep second-guessing myself. -- **WOBBLY BOUNDARIES IN TEXAS**

DEAR WOBBLY: I think the woman had a lot of nerve asking you to help her, considering the terms of your breakup.

Please stop second-guessing yourself; listen to your gut and "pass." Because if you don't, MY gut tells me you are going to get emotionally involved and get hurt again.

DEAR ABBY: Our daughter, "Brooke," is nearly 7 and very attached to our family dog, "Tuffy." Tuffy is 13, deaf, going blind and has difficulty walking. We have spent a fortune keeping Tuffy with us, including tumor removals, but it has reached the point where we don't want him to suffer anymore. We are considering having him euthanized.

We have discussed what will happen to Tuffy with Brooke. We asked her whether she would like to come with us when we

take Tuffy to the vet, or if she'd like to say goodbye and stay with a friend while my wife and I go. She voted for the latter, but in discussing it further she gets very upset. The alternative is to lie to her and have Tuffy put down while Brooke is at school, and tell her that he passed away during the day. Either way, she will be very sad. All I want is to spare my daughter as much grief as possible. What do you think? -- **FEELING GUILTY IN SAN JOSE**

DEAR FEELING GUILTY: First of all, please stop feeling guilty. When a pet can no longer be active and enjoy life, its owner is doing it a favor to give it an easy way out. (Human beings should be so fortunate!) It's normal for your daughter to be upset at the idea her pet will die, and she should not be present when it is put to sleep. That's too big a dose of reality for a child her age. While some might not agree with me, I also feel that it would be a kindness not to tell her exactly when you plan to take Tuffy to the vet.

DEAR ABBY: My 7-year-old son almost always ends up in my bed in the middle of the night. I am a single mother, so this doesn't really bother me, but I'm beginning to wonder if I should start discouraging this. What do you think? -- **THINKING TWICE IN BATTLE CREEK, MICH.**

DEAR THINKING TWICE: I think it's important that you find out why your son isn't able to make it through the night in his own bed. If you can't get to the bottom of it, then schedule an appointment for the two of you with his pediatrician.

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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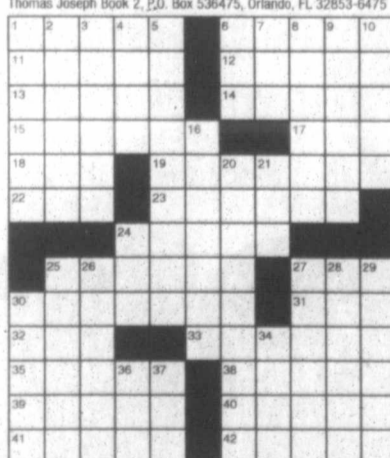
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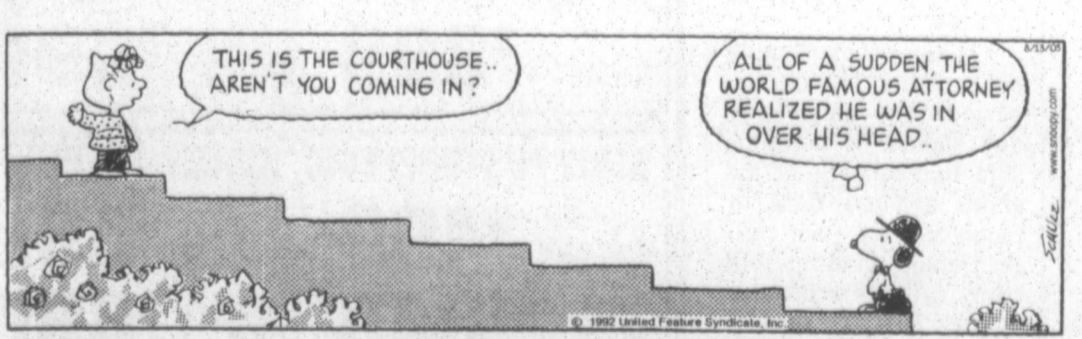
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Automotive Trends

From soccer moms to gearheads: Auto owners get personal

(NAPSA) — At first glance, a soccer mom in a minivan may not seem to have much in common with a hipster in a souped-up El Camino. However, chances are they share at least one trait: They both personalize their cars.

Auto accessories, from chrome rims to backseat DVD players and Surround Sound systems, have helped drive the auto market as a growing number of consumers realize they can turn their cars into personal statements, personal offices or family fun rooms.

Experts say just about any car can be accessorized from bumper to bumper and today's accessories don't just improve form, they improve function as well. Drivers can find easy ways to improve their car's performance, looks and storage capacity. The Web site EnjoyTheDrive.com offers a look at some of the hottest accessories for different groups:

- **Soccer Moms.** Moms can make their vehicles more useful and spruce them up at the same time. New rims, paint and eye-catching floor mats can change the look of a car or van, while cargo nets can increase the amount moms can store

in their vehicles. Moms can keep kids entertained on road trips with DVD players and monitors. A cooler installed in the console may help keep kids happy, too.

- **Teens.** Young people driving mom and dad's old car can make their hand-me-down hip with the right accessories. Teens can add spoilers and ground

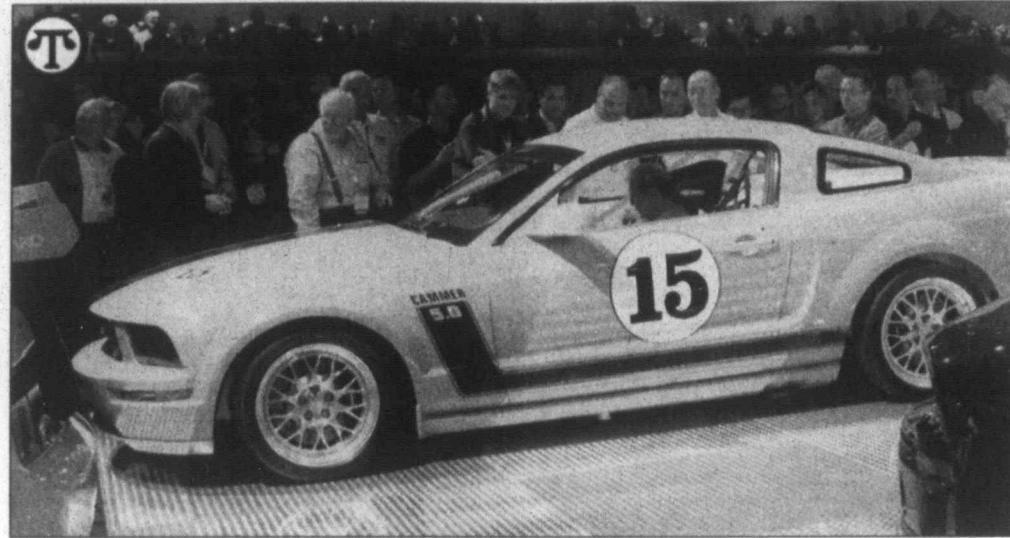
effects to make their autos sportier. Bumper covers are available, too, and are common on sport compacts. Teens looking for a little more power and a racier sound can use add-ons such as cat-back exhaust, which is an exhaust replaced from the catalytic converter back to the tailpipes. Cold air intakes improve power

as well.

- **Commuters.** Installing a navigation system can help make the drive to work easier. The systems help you know where you are at all times — and some even help reroute you past traffic jams. People can also use wireless accessories to connect their phones to their cars.

- **Outdoor Enthusiasts.** Suspension add-ons and tires made for dirt and sand can give a truck a better feel when it's riding through the rough. Off-roaders can protect trucks with headlight covers and adhesive films that prevent scratches. Shell caps protect things stored in the bed of a truck and bed spray liners can protect the bed itself. Camping fans can find pickup bed tents and install DC outlet adapters on their receiver hitches to run small stoves or other appliances. Other practical truck accessories include roll-out toolboxes, tailgate lifts and running boards that help them get in and out of larger vehicles. GPS technology and backup cameras are also available.

For information on more than 1,100 auto accessories, visit www.enjoythedriver.com.



From DVD players to chrome wheels and sunroofs, auto owners are personalizing their vehicles.

Finance: Smart moves for retirement readiness major concern

(NUC) — With health care costs continuing to increase, the future of Social Security unclear and pension plans available to fewer and fewer workers, America's retirement readiness is a major concern for both individuals and the nation as a whole.

Since June 2004, Fidelity Investments has completed about 200,000 income plans for retirees and pre-retirees

who faced the daunting task of gauging their preparedness for retirement. Fidelity learned that some simple, yet often ignored, investment strategies can help ensure a more comfortable retirement. Here are some basic strategies to consider.

- **Make it work while you're still working.** Investors in their peak earning years should take full advantage of employer-

sponsored retirement plans, individual retirement accounts and deferred annuities.

Asset allocation should be age appropriate and investors should avoid two common retirement savings mistakes: being overly cautious or taking excessive risks when deciding how much of their assets to invest in cash, stocks or bonds. Remember, though, that this

does not ensure a profit or protect against a loss.

Individuals also may want to take into account simple tradeoffs that can reduce expenses and increase savings, such as holding on to the family car a few extra years once it has been paid off.

- **Make it last as long as you do.** Once you reach retirement, stretching retirement savings to make it last

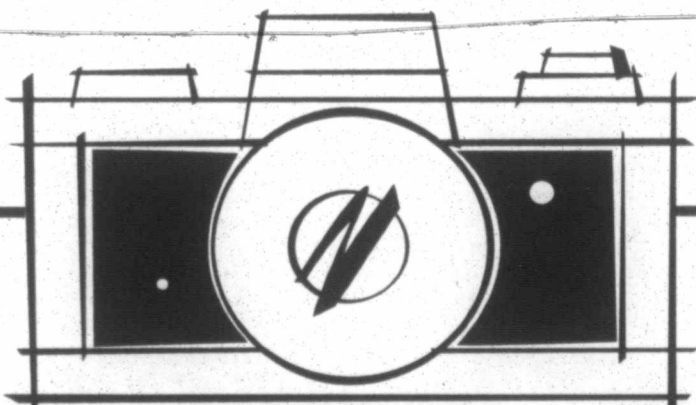
is very important. Some investors are planning to work in retirement while others are postponing retirement to take advantage of added income and continued health care benefits.

Pre-retirees may want to consider putting their salaries into income annuities, which some call "self-made pensions" because they provide guaranteed lifetime income.

Finally, given that Americans are living longer, and that market returns are unpredictable, smaller withdrawals in the early years of retirement could lead to greater long-term financial security.

- **Make it count to live the lifestyle you want.** Typically, investors who are able to achieve the retirement lifestyle they want have cre-

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Electronics

Video tips to bring out inner 'Spielbergs'

(NUC) — Whether you want to capture your child's birthday party, a wedding or the sites from your summer travels, making a home video is one of the most popular ways of preserving the memories.

Nearly 54 percent of Americans own a camcorder, according to the Consumer Electronics Association. As digital video cameras have become increasingly popular and much more affordable — average prices have decreased about a third in the last several years — many people are taking the magic of home videos one step further by doing their own editing and adding special effects and music.

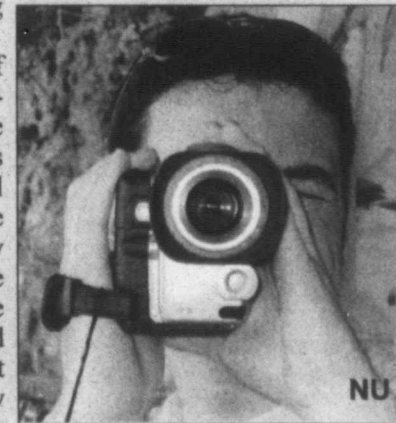
Here are some tips to help bring out the Hollywood director in you the next time you turn on your camcorder.

- **Be prepared.** Learn as much as you can about your camera before shooting footage. Familiarize yourself with its zooming capabilities and other features. Also, don't forget to charge the battery and have a spare one handy.

- **Practice makes perfect.** Take some practice footage with your camera using different features. This is the best way to

learn the ins and outs of your camera.

- **Focus on the stars.** Most of us go to the movie theater to see our favorite actors in action, right? Remember: It's the people, not the places, who will keep you coming back to watch home videos 10 years from now.



- **Cut and polish.** Once you've captured the footage, the real fun begins. With the help of easy-to-use video-editing software, you can make home movies that the whole family will enjoy.

Ever wonder how to add music, create transitions from one scene to another and remove dead footage? Adobe Premiere Elements is a favorite among amateur videographers for editing their videos, adding music, splicing in still images, creating slide shows, and even adding bits of old home movies to a new video.

The software is an all-in-one home-video studio. With a little practice, you can add fun effects as well as Hollywood-style titles and credits, and burn your own DVDs or save your home movie to a Web format and post it online for your friends and family to download.

Did you know?

(NAPSA) — Pets teach children that all animals are individual and unique, just as people are. In "Because of Winn-Dixie," the outcasts and recluses of a little Florida town are brought together by a most extraordinary dog, Winn-Dixie, and a little girl. The DVD is available now.

Now your music can look as good as it sounds. A cultural and aesthetic shift is occurring in which consumers select their electronics devices the same way they choose their clothes: by design, not just function.

Companies like Plantronics, Seagate and Rio, for example, are paying attention to the desires of their style-conscious customers by delivering products that excel in style and substance.

David Brown was a local Scottish golfer and a chimney sweep by trade when he was called down from his labors to fill out a pairing in the 1886 Open. He won the championship, of course. This fact and others were discovered by the Royal Bank of Scotland Group through its support of Jack Nicklaus and

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Moon 'shine'



Community Camera photo by SHIRLEY NICHOLSON
 Bill Hulse, Betty Tackett and Don Reed are seen here recently admiring a Moon Plant. The large trumpet-shaped blooms of the plant start opening at sunset, bloom throughout the night and start closing at sunrise.

Energy funds now available through Rural Development

TEMPLE — USDA Rural Development recently announced in a press release that up to an estimated \$200 million in guaranteed loan funds are now available for investments in renewable energy systems and energy efficiency improvements by agriculture producers and rural small businesses.

The \$200 million (\$1.4 million in actual cost to the government) is part of the \$22.8 million that was announced earlier in the year by Agriculture Secretary Mike Johanns.

"USDA Rural Development will focus efforts to bring together agricultural producers and rural businesses to spur the development of our renewable energy options. Rural Texans have ideas and solutions that make a difference in the rural economies in which they farm, ranch and do business," said Bryan Daniel, state director of Rural Development.

In the earlier announcement, Johanns indicated that the \$22.8 million would be made available in two stages. In March 2005, USDA would begin receiving grant applications while the remaining \$11.4 million, which will convert into an estimated \$200 million in guaranteed loan funds, would be delayed pending the publishing of the appli-

cation guidelines for the guarantee loan program.

The period for receiving grant applications closed on June 27.

Section 9006 of the 2002 Farm Bill established the Renewable Energy Systems and Energy Efficiency Improvements loan and grant program to encourage agricultural producers and small rural businesses to create renewable and energy efficient systems.

The funds announced most recently will be available to support a wide range of technologies encompassing biomass (including anaerobic digesters), geothermal, hydrogen, solar, and wind energy, as well as energy efficiency improvements. To date, the Bush administration has invested through this program nearly \$45 million in 32 states.

The \$200 million will be set aside through Aug. 31 for renewable energy and energy efficiency guaranteed loans. Final details on how to apply for these funds will be published in the Federal Register this month. Any funds not obligated under the guarantee loan program by Aug. 31 will be reallocated to the competitive grant program as of that date.

To learn more about the program, call USDA Rural Development in Temple at (254) 742-9780.

TDA announces stricter cotton stalk destruction program

AUSTIN — Texas Department of Agriculture recently implemented a stricter corn stalk destruction program to enhance the effectiveness and success of boll weevil eradication across Texas. The new procedures will begin with the 2005 cotton crop.

Producers who were sent a warning letter, notice of noncompliance or notice of violation in any of the previous three years will no longer have seven days to comply with the zone's stalk destruction deadline without a penalty.

When these producers are in violation of a deadline, they will be issued a notice of violation and be assessed a minimum \$250 base penalty for each field not in compliance.

If a field is still in violation seven days after TDA mails an official notice letter, the agency will assess the producer the base penalty plus 50-cents per acre for every day the field is out of compliance.

Any producer still in violation seven days after receiving an official notice will receive an estimate of the

penalty accrued to date and the estimated costs the producer will incur if TDA must destroy the field.

'The success of the state's boll weevil eradication programs means that Texas cotton farmers are winning the war against one of the most devastating pests in American agriculture.'

— David Kostroun
 TDA official

Seven days after the estimates are sent, TDA will destroy the field and charge the producer 1 1/2 times the cost of destruction.

A cotton producer will continue to incur fines until the field is in compliance, and TDA verifies destruction

with an inspection.

"The success of the state's boll weevil eradication programs means that Texas cotton farmers are winning the war against one of the most devastating pests in American agriculture," said David Kostroun, assistant commissioner for TDA's Regulatory Programs. "It is important for all Texas cotton producers to comply with the state's stalk destruction program to protect the investments and achievements made in eradication."

Stalk destruction deadlines have been established to combat overwintering populations of boll weevils, pink bollworms and other pests. After the deadline, cotton stalks must not be allowed to develop buds, squares, blooms or bolls and must remain without fruiting structures until the zone's next planting date.

For a list of Pest Management Zones with counties and stalk destruction deadlines, visit TDA's Web site at www.agr.state.tx.us/license/regulatory/cotton/reg_stalkmap.htm.

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ated a detailed, realistic budget for retirement living expenses. Investors should

plan for rising health care costs and other financial contingencies. To help stay on track, individuals and their spouses should review their plans annually, including expenses, investments and asset allocation.

Creating a successful

retirement takes more than a one-step solution. Whether it's finding a "fun" part-time job, eliminating one of the family cars or taking a vaca-

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