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Local group forms to back proposed EDC

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

John Curry is recruiting people who are willing to invest in Pampa. Curry acted as facilitator Thursday afternoon as 17 city residents gathered at the Pampa Chamber of Commerce to organize a committee supporting an economic development corporation.

The Pampa City Commission last month voted to put the issue on the Nov. 8 ballot.

The new proposed Pampa Economic Development Corp. will differ from the previous one in its organization, according to City

Manager John Horst.

The PEDC, which was finally dissolved earlier this year, was formed under Section 4A of the Texas Development Corporation Act. The proposed PEDC would be formed under Section 4B.

"There has been some new legislation concerning 4B corporations," Horst said. "For a city our size, we can do things larger cities cannot do."

Under the 4A incorporation, Horst said, cities could not expand infrastructure. Under 4B, they can.

"It opens up the possibility for the city to use funds within certain restrictions," said Chuck White.

Curry said that under 4B, the city could build a sewage lift station on the north side of town, enabling further expansion and construction north of the hospital.

Horst said the money could also be used to update aging water and sewer mains.

A 4A corporation, Horst said, is generally more restrictive in the type of expenditures that are authorized.

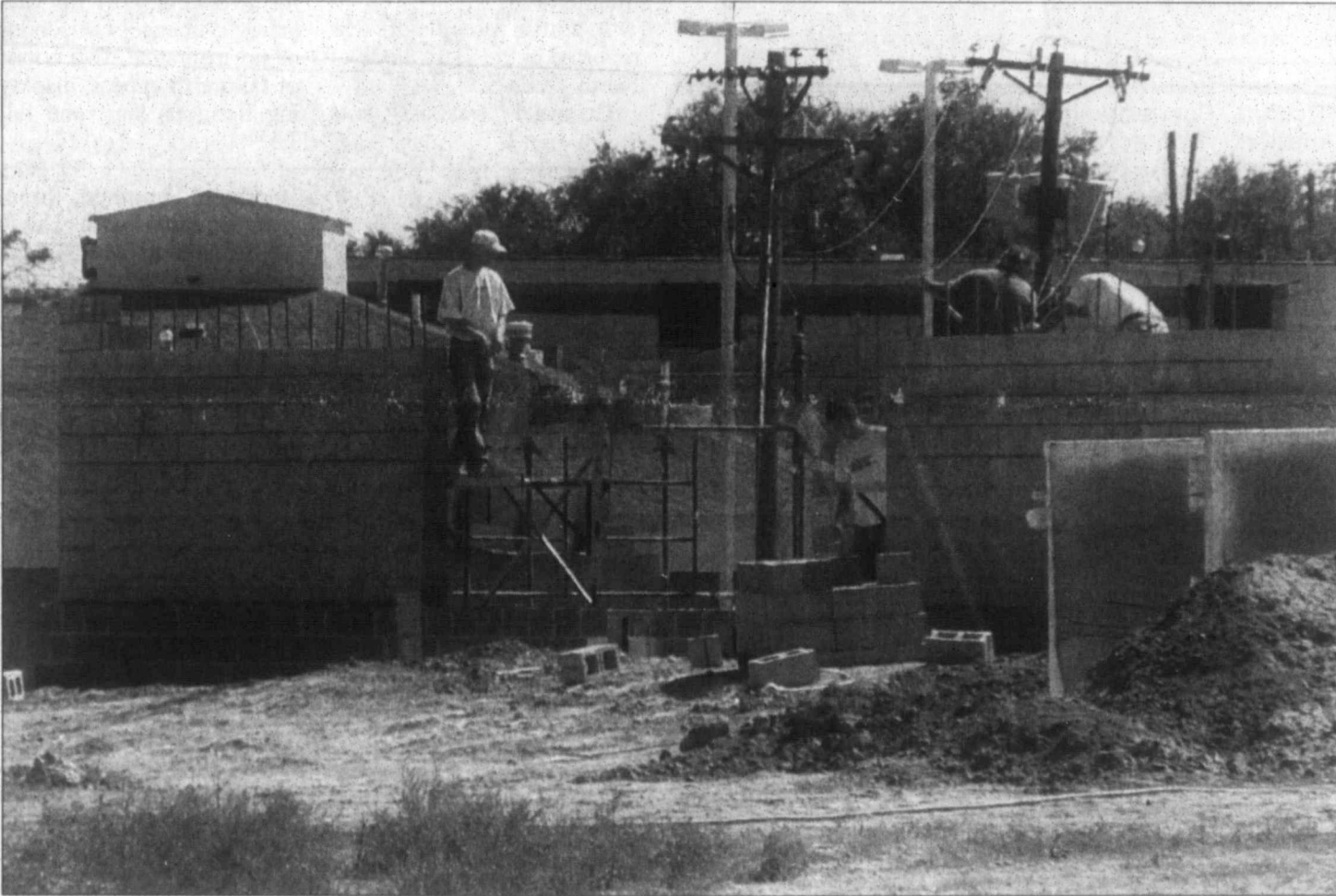
Under the old 4A PEDC, funds could only be spent on manufacturing and industrial activities.

A 4B PEDC would allow funds to be spent on manufacturing and industrial activities, but funds could also be spent such things as amateur

and children's sports facilities, park facilities and events, entertainment, convention and tourist facilities, museums, stores, restaurant and concession facilities, water and sewer facilities, affordable housing, job training facilities and infrastructure improvements required for the projects, and maintenance and operation expenses for any of the projects. Under 4B regulations, the PEDC could also fund projects involving retail businesses.

Any expenditures exceeding \$10,000 would have to be approved by the city commission at two separate public hearings.

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Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS

The cinderblock walls are going up at the AmericInn, which is being built on the site of the demolished Coronado Inn at the corner of Somerville and Hobart streets. The rooms will feature fireplaces, hot tubs and wireless Internet connections, and some will have plasma television sets. Groundbreaking was Aug. 2; the facility is scheduled to open in January.

Public tax hearing a no show

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

For the second time in a row, no one showed up to speak at a public hearing for or against the city's tax rate.

"No one showed up for the public hearing," said Pampa City Manager John Horst.

"There wasn't any opposition," said Richard Morris, the city's public works director.

The Pampa City Commission, in a special meeting Friday afternoon at city hall, held a public hearing concerning the city's property tax rate and an increase in taxes.

The city is required to hold two public hearings before setting the tax rate when there may be an increase in taxes. At the first public hearing, held Monday afternoon, no one showed up to speak.

Horst said the tax rate would remain the same as it had been for the last several years, and the projected increase in taxes was because of new businesses and increased inventories.

Unless the appraised value of a homeowner's or business owner's property has gone up, Horst said, the individual's tax bill for fiscal year 2005-2006 should remain the same as for 2004-2005.

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Local EMTs aid in disaster

By DENNIS SPIES
Editor

Guardian EMS in Pampa has sent two EMTs and one truck to downtown New Orleans to aid in rescue efforts.

Peggy Coleman, operations manager, said Brandon Standerfer and Brent Aaron left Thursday to join other Guardian employees from

the company.

The crews are involved in search and rescue in downtown New Orleans.

Guardian has four crews and four trucks in the effort. The crews stay in Baton Rouge overnight and at 5 a.m. are escorted into New Orleans by a military convoy.

"Monday and Tuesday we

got word that our crews had rescued 40 people," Coleman said.

"We are fortunate to have the military there to help out," she said.

Coleman said the crews will rotate about every 5 or 6 days to avoid too much stress involved in the rescue

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PEGGY COLEMAN

Veteran fire marshal retires after 26 years

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

Gary Stevens, a 26-year veteran of Pampa Fire Department, retired from his post as city fire marshal on Sept. 2.

Stevens was an appliance repairman when he made a

career move to join the fire department in February 1979.

"Another appliance repairman I knew worked on the fire department part time and asked if I'd be interested," Stevens said. "I decided to try it."

He started his firefighting

career under former Chief Paul Jones, and proceeded to work for four more chiefs before retiring last week.

Stevens was named assistant fire marshal in 1990, and marshal in 1997.

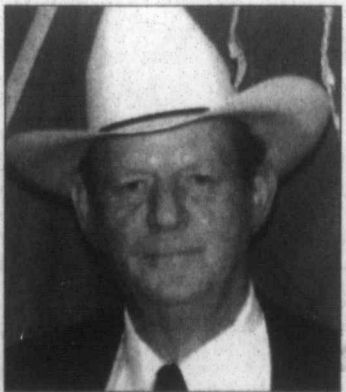
The fire marshal's job is all about fire safety for the city, Stevens said. It also

involves police work to investigate intentionally set fires.

"I had to be a certified arson investigator, peace officer, and fire inspector," he said.

"I've investigated all

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GARY STEVENS



Join Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs
For A Town Hall Meeting
Wednesday, September 14 at 10:30am in the MK Brown Room
Pampa Chamber of Commerce - 200 N. Ballard

Obituaries

Services tomorrow

CROCKER, Ruby Christine — 10 a.m., Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

Ruby Christine Crocker, 100

Ruby Christine Crocker, 100, of Pampa, Texas, died Sept. 9, 2005, at Grapevine, Texas.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, Sept. 12, 2005, at Carmichael-Whately Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Barry Owens, associate pastor of the First Baptist Church, officiating.

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

Mrs. Crocker was born March 9, 1905, in Ardmore, Okla. She married Herman E. Crocker on April 10, 1921, in Wichita Falls. He preceded her in death in 1969.

She had been a resident of Pampa since 1931.

She worked as a teller at Security Federal Savings & Loan for 25 years and then worked at Pampa Hardware Company well

into her 90s. She had been a member of the First Baptist Church since 1931. She was a member of the Pampa Chapter #65 Order of the Eastern Star, the American Association of Retired People, and the Business and Professional Women's Club.

Survivors include one daughter, Frankie Hamilton of Dallas; one brother, Jake Johnson of Tulsa; one sister, Billie Ward of Fort Worth; one granddaughter, Cindy Hamilton of Dallas; and one grandson, Dr. Bill Hamilton and wife Debbie of Dallas.

She was preceded in death by a son, H.E. Crocker, Jr., on Dec. 12, 2003; and a sister, Ruth Combs.

The family requests memorials be to First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 621, Pampa, TX 79066-0621.

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

Mary Jean Hoover Mayfield, 76

Mary Jean Hoover Mayfield, 76, died Pampa, Sept. 5, 2005, at Levelland.

Memorial services were Saturday in Head Duarte Funeral Home in Levelland with the Rev. Steve Vernon, of First Baptist Church, officiating.

Mrs. Mayfield, a homemaker and a native of Marionville, Pa., came to Texas in 1935, moving to Levelland in 1982. She met her husband Gene Mayfield while attending West Texas State College in Canyon.

The couple married in January 1950 in



MAYFIELD

Mrs. Mayfield was preceded in death by three brothers and one sister.

Survivors include her husband, Gene; a daughter, Rhonne Gary of Amarillo; two sons, Steve Mayfield of Grapevine and Stan Mayfield of Lubbock; a sister, Katie Bryant of Pampa; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Cal Farley's Boys Ranch or to a favorite charity.

Events calendar

• **An open house is slated** at 6 p.m. Monday at Pampa High School. The open house will begin with a parent meeting in the auditorium.

• **Texas Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs** will host a town hall meeting at 10:30 a.m. Sept. 14 in the M.K. Brown Room of Pampa Community Building (Chamber of Commerce), 200 N.

Ballard. For more information, contact Ryan O'Neal, TDA producer relations specialist, at (512) 463-4879.

• **Pants Mandolin will perform** from 6-9 p.m. at Amarillo Museum of Art on Sept. 15. The group was formed about two years ago and consists of five West Texas A&M University students and a Canyon High School senior.

• **A reception is scheduled for Pampa High School "Harvester" veterans** at 1:30 p.m. Sept. 16 in the school library. Individuals who played football for the Harvesters are invited to attend.

Refreshments will be served and photographs will be taken. Harvester veterans who plan to attend are asked to call Eric Kingcade at 662-0975 or Callie Cobb at 664-0893 to RSVP.

Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department on Saturday reported the following incidents.

Friday, Sept. 9

Officers conducted 16 traffic stops and responded to one business alarm in the 2800 block of Charles St.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 200 block of West Craven Avenue.

Suspicious persons were reported at Tyng and Houston, in the 1300 block of Hamilton St., the 100 block of East 18th St., the 600 block of North Cuyler St., and the 400 block of West Louisiana Ave.

An assault was reported at the PD.

A hit and run accident was reported in the 2300 block of Comanche.

Theft was reported at Pampa High School, 111 E. Harvester Ave.

Criminal mischief was reported at the PD.

Disorderly conduct-fighting was reported at Pampa High School, 111 E. Harvester Ave.

A vehicle accident was reported at Pampa High School, 111 E. Harvester Ave.

Found property was reported on the street in the 2500 block of Perryton Parkway.

A civil matter, criminal trespass, was reported in the 600 block of North Magnolia St.

A traffic complaint was reported in the 2100 block of North Wells St.

Criminal trespass was

reported in the 1000 block of South Faulkner St.

Disorderly conduct-other was reported in the 600 block of North Magnolia St.

A possible incidence of driving while intoxicated was reported by Gray County Sheriff's Office in the 1400 block of North Hobart St.

Sheriff

Gray County Sheriff's Office on Saturday reported the following arrests.

Friday, Sept. 9

Ira Lee Smith, 46, 1145 Prairie Drive, was arrested by GCSO for terroristic threat.

Robert Leon Snowden, 48, 457 Hughes, was arrested by GCSO on a bond surrender for unlawful carrying of a weapon and on a bond surrender for driving while intoxicated, second offense.

Minnie Lue Winegeart, 49, of Shamrock, was arrested by GCSO for theft by check.

Saturday, Sept. 10

Randy Glenn Stover, 47, 124 S. Wells, was arrested by GCSO for fictitious registration and on a bond surrender for manufacture and delivery of a controlled substance.

Billy Ray Swanson, 37, of Pampa, was arrested by Pampa Police Department on a bond forfeiture for theft, for two counts of no valid driver's license, two counts of no insurance, two counts of failure to appear, displaying fictitious tags, and fail-

ure to yield right of way.

Martin Edward Tidwell, 41, 1948 Nelson, was arrested on a grand jury indictment for aggravated assault, enhanced.

Fire

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

Friday, Sept. 9

12:16 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to McCullough and Hobart streets on a broken gas line. The firefighters plugged the line and stoodby for Atmos Energy officials to arrive at the scene.

Ambulance

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

Friday, Sept. 9

10:19 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to a local nursing facility and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

1:39 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 400 block of Carr and transported a patient to PRMC.

6:53 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to Harvester Stadium on a football standby.

11:08 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to Jordan prison unit and transported a patient to PRMC.

Tax

Continued from Page 1

The commission is expected to approve a tax rate of 69.5 cents per \$100 valuation at its regular meeting Tuesday afternoon.

In other business, the commission unanimously

approved another three-year contract with David Teichmann to run Hidden Hills Golf Club.

"He's the golf pro out there," Morris said.

Morris said there were minor changes to the previous contract. The hours of play at the golf course would be expanded, he said.

Under the new contract, the club will remain open from sun up to sun down, seven days a week.

"We're not shutting down on Tuesday's any more," Horst said.

The Pampa City Commission will meet at 4 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 13, in the commission chambers at city hall.

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Gray County Weather

Today: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high around 86. South wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Tonight: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low near 63. South wind around 15 mph.

Monday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly after noon. Partly cloudy, with a high near 84. South wind around 15 mph.

Monday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly before midnight. Partly cloudy, with a low around 63.

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• **2 Timothy 4:7-8** I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness.

• **Proverbs 18:24** A man who has friends should shew himself friendly; and there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother.

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WT to host Math and Science Conference

CANYON — Registration is under way for the 12th Annual Panhandle Area Mathematics and Science Conference "Teaching the TEKS, Acing the TAKS" on Saturday, Sept. 24 from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. at West Texas A&M University.

The conference is the largest regional mathematics and science conference in the state and gives area instructors an opportunity to learn from master teachers and presenters. More than 500 mathematics and science teachers

from the Panhandle, South Plains, Eastern New Mexico and surrounding areas are expected to participate in the day's activities.

"Conferences like these are becoming more vital for our teachers as they face the TAKS test," Gilbert Antunez, conference chairman, said.

The conference will feature specialized sessions and presentations designed especially for K-12 math and science teachers. The sessions begin at 9 a.m. and the final

session is set for 2 p.m. Sessions will be held in the Classroom Center, the Agriculture and Natural Sciences Building and the Hastings Electronic Learning Center. Professional development hours will be available for those attending.

Vendors, publishers and special exhibits will be set up in the Jack B. Kelley Student Center for teachers to see the new textbooks and various other resources available.

Early registration is \$20 per person. Full-

time undergraduate university and junior college students may attend free but will not receive lunch. Online registration and mail-in registration is available through Thursday. Registration also will be available at the door the day of the conference for \$25 per person.

For more information about the conference and registration, visit www.wtamu.edu/academic/ess/edu or contact Gilbert Antunez at gantunez@mail.wtamu.edu or 806-651-2610.



Nicky Lawley, left, was recently awarded a scholarship from National Bank of Commerce. Seen here presenting the scholarship to Lawley, an office technology student at Clarendon College-Pampa Center, is Gladys Vanderpool.

BIT playbill for 46th season full of variety

CANYON — Theatre patrons will enjoy a bit of comedy, a few show tunes and a touch of love when the Branding Iron Theatre celebrates its 46th season at West Texas A&M University.

This year's theatre season features a full calendar with four very different plays that promise to provoke the imagination while offering an evening of pure entertainment.

The BIT opens its 2005-2006 season Oct. 13-15 and Oct. 20-22 with Thornton Wilder's "The Skin of Our Teeth." Perry Crafton, assistant professor of theatre, will direct this Pulitzer Prize winning play about survival and the human spirit. Performances for "The Skin

of Our Teeth" are set for 7:30 p.m.

In February, the BIT will stage the musical "Gypsy" by Arthur Laurents, Jule Styne and Stephen Sondheim. Crafton will direct the production, and Dr. Bob Hansen, professor of voice, will lead the musical direction.

"Gypsy" tells the story of life in the theatre with the ultimate stage mother. Musical numbers include "Everything's Coming Up Roses" and "You Gotta Have a Gimmick." Some material in the production may not be suitable for children.

The play will run Feb. 15-18 and Feb. 22-25 at 7:30 p.m.

Will Grayson, a junior theatre major from Roanoke,

will direct "The Maiden's Prayer" March 23-25. The play, by Nicky Silver, examines the love and friendship between friends, siblings and in-laws. "The Maiden's Prayer" contains adult themes and strong language that might not be suitable for children. Performances are at 7:30 p.m.

The 46th season will close out with "Black Snow" April 20-22 and April 27-29. Royal R. Brantley, professor of theatre and head of the Department of Art, Communication and Theatre, will direct this comedy by Mikhail Bulgakov and adapted by Keith Reddin. It tells the funny story of a Russian writer and his determination to become Russia's William

Shakespeare. Performances are at 7:30 p.m.

The 2005-06 playbill sets a demanding pace for WTAMU students and requires hours of rehearsal and production time throughout the season. Each production features student actors as well as student involvement in production, set design, costuming and props.

Tickets for the BIT productions are priced at \$10 each for general admission and \$7 each for senior citizens and children 12 and under. Season tickets also are available and offer ticket holders convenience and savings. Group rates are available. For more information, call the BIT box office at (806) 651-2798.

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BUSINESS

Deadline for SBA Economic Injury Loans approaching

FORT WORTH — Businesses in some Texas counties including Gray, Hemphill, Roberts and Wheeler have until Oct. 3 to file applications for low-interest disaster loans available through the U.S. Small Business Administration. SBA's Economic Injury Disaster Loans are available for businesses dependent on farmers and ranchers sustaining crop losses due to excessive rain occurring Jan. 1 and continuing. Agricultural producers are not eligible for these SBA loans. Applications and further information is available by calling SBA's toll-free number, 1-800-366-6303.

The loans are intended to assist businesses in offsetting working capital losses suffered as a result of severe weather reducing crop income in the applicable areas. Small businesses claiming to have been physically damaged by the disaster do not qualify for the loans.

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Viewpoints

Almanac no doubt more often right than wrong

I picked up a copy of 2006 edition of The Old Farmer's Almanac the other day and glanced through it, mindful that a lot of folks swear by its predictions.

In the weather section, Pampa and the Panhandle area are situated in Region 12, the High Plains. Region 12 also includes Billings, Mont., Bismarck, N.D., Rapid City, S.D., Cheyenne, Wyo., and Denver, Colo.

According to the summary, winter temperatures in our area will be near normal, and precipitation and snowfall will be above normal, with the snowiest periods being late November, mid December, late February and mid to late March.

Coldest temperatures should come in mid December, January and

February.

It's hard to fathom being included in the same region as Bismarck, N.D., but the Almanac folks have probably been right more than they've been wrong.

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The Associated Press reported the other day that oil futures fell. Good news for consumers? Of course. It should mean lower prices at the gasoline pumps.

But wait! There's more! (To borrow a phrase from Ron Popeil's gadget factory, Ronco Products). The AP also quoted Refco Group Inc. oil analyst Marshall Steeves, who said the drop in wholesale gasoline prices "will take time to filter down."

Ain't that a kick in the head.

When oil futures go up, or something comes up that increases the price of gasoline, the vultures waste little time in hiking the prices overnight, or within hours. But when oil futures go down, or something comes up to make prices come back down, we are stuck with the bureaucratic morass of paper shufflers who bump into walls.

It's just simple greed, as far as I can see. Greed on the part of those who profit the most from keeping prices high.

• • •
Did you hear about the

Department of Army demoting Bunnatine H. Greenhouse? You probably never heard of her. According to reports from

The New York Times and The Associated Press, Greenhouse was the chief overseer of contracts at the

Army Corps of Engineers, the agency that has managed most of the reconstruction work in Iraq.

Congress has mandated that her job was to get the best quality and the cheapest price from the most qualified supplier.

Her responsibilities included awarding billions

and billions of dollars of taxpayers' money to private contractors hired to rebuild Iraq's war-torn zones, and to feed, clothe, shelter and aid the U.S. troops stationed there.

She first questioned contracts awarded to Kellogg, Brown & Root, a Halliburton subsidiary, saying costs were spiraling out of control from a 2000 Bosnia contract to service U.S. troops.

Then she questioned why Halliburton was getting billions of dollars in contracts without competitive bidding.

Vice President Dick Cheney, former Halliburton CEO, said his former company has not received preferential treatment from the government.

Halliburton denies any

wrongdoing.

Greenhouse continued to question both the amounts and reasons for the contracts. Soon she was ignored and then cut out of the decision-making process. Eventually she was demoted to midlevel management because of poor performance, despite having exemplary performance evaluations.

Retired Gen. Joe Ballard, who hired Greenhouse, said, "What Bunny is caught up in is politics of the highest damn order. This is real hardball they're playing here. Bunny is a procurement officer, she's not a politician. She's not trained for this."

Indeed. How can anyone be trained for something like that?



Dennis Spies
Editor

Texas Thoughts

Fort Worth Star-Telegram

Surely life would be simpler if everyone ordered their personal relationships in neat, simple ways.

But they don't. Instead, people complicate their lives, often not intending or anticipating some of the resulting consequences. Then they ask the courts to sort out their disputes by applying laws that weren't necessarily written with their situations in mind.

Thus, courts have been asked to decide, for instance, who legally is a child's mother when a husband and wife donate sperm and egg to fertilize an embryo that is carried to term by a surrogate mother who doesn't want to relinquish rights to the child.

Who's the legal father when a man donates semen for the

artificial insemination of a woman who is married to someone else? What if that woman isn't married but isn't the donor's girlfriend, partner or significant other?

The California Supreme Court waded into the murky waters of modern-day parentage and ruled that when lesbian couples plan for and raise children as a family, both women have rights and responsibilities

that continue even after the adults' relationships end.

In one case, K.M. provided the eggs, and E.G. provided the womb to produce twin girls. After the couple split, K.M. sued for parental rights, but E.G. argued that she had intended to be the twins' only parent. The state Supreme Court, by a 4-2 vote, ruled that K.M. should be considered one of the twins' parents.

In another case, Elisa and Emily both were artificially inseminated. Emily had twins four months after Elisa gave birth. Emily stayed home with the children while Elisa worked. After the couple separated, Elisa stopped paying support, and Emily applied for public aid, so the county attorney sought a court order requiring Elisa to pay.

The court unanimously found that Elisa was a parent to the twins and would have to help support them.

In a third case, Kristine and Lisa obtained a pre-birth court declaration that they both would have custody of Kristine's child. When they split in 2002, Kristine asked the court to negate the joint custody agreement and deny Lisa visitation.

The Supreme Court said Kristine could not challenge a judgment that she had requested. The court's finding that, under California law, a child legally can have two mothers no doubt will generate considerable debate.

But the trio of rulings uphold these important values: It's preferable for a child to have the support of two parents rather than one; parents have a continuing obligation to the children they deliberately help bring into the world; and equal rights also carry responsibilities.

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San Francisco is a paradise for diners

San Francisco Convention and Visitors Bureau is a "class act." Contact these folks when planning visits there, warned in advance that they provide information by the reams. Try to digest it all at once, and expect to choke.

First, let me suggest that one of their stats is, well, wrong! They claim that the number one reason some 16 million people visit each year is for "atmosphere and ambiance," followed by "restaurants, scenic beauty and diversity." If allowances are made for fibbing, "restaurants" zoom to the front, finishing ahead by several lengths.

Most people go there to "chow down," like the wife and I did. Diners surveyed at each restaurant agreed. We were all there to eat, with options of taking in the "atmosphere/ambiance/scenic beauty/diversity"

between meals — or between bites.

Letting down of hair in SF is optional; letting out of belts is non-negotiable. It is a city with only a few "good" restaurants. These are all in transition, on their way to greatness — or closure.

Late TV chef Julia Child asked, "Who couldn't become ravenous in such a place?" Emeril Lagasse flatly claims, "You can't have a bad meal in this town."

Granted, restaurateurs may have seen the celebrity chefs coming, with much fawning following. For us — a couple of gawkers from Texas — it seemed like all diners were treated like royalty.

We signed up for the

"Local Tastes of the City" tour, a thinly-disguised excuse for four hours of continuous nibbling at a dozen stops. We learned that "fresh and local" is preferable to "frozen and imported."

And that sourdough bread must be baked in "just so" brick ovens — and that the BEST cup of coffee is no accident. "Musts" are Columbian beans, then "just right" roasting and grinding.

Getting around the city is half the fun. It has a sophisticated public transportation system, and if it rolls, floats or flies, it can be bought, rented or jumped on.

We loved the cable cars, thankful for straps to "hold on" as we inched along the tracks. The car operators, with maneuvers limited to

starting and stopping up and down the hills amongst the traffic, are colorful and observant — particularly of motorists. "Born in the shallow end of the gene pool," they joke.

One woman balked, fearing electrocution if "her foot touched the rail." "You'll be fine, lady," a resident advised, "If you don't swing your other leg over that wire above the cable car."

The 132-year-old system is now the only remaining "rolling national monument" in the country. Formerly, there were two — according to the Department of the Interior — but Hurricane Katrina's deadening number on New Orleans stopped the streetcars there.

Now, the only operative cable cars in the world are in the city by the bay.

Ah, watching and listening. See **FOOD**, Page 5

Don Newbury
Columnist



Will somebody say thank you, already?

Turn on TV, read the local newspaper or listen to your local radio station and all you are going to hear, see and read are accounts of people knee-deep in playing the blame game. What you don't hear is anybody saying "thank you."

From the safety of France, Pierce Brosnan took the time to tell the world: "This man called President Bush has a lot to answer for. I don't know if this man is really taking care of America. This government has been shameful." Instead of lifting a finger to help Katrina's victims, this was the make-believe 007's response to the tragedy.

Hollywood celebrity Sean

Penn raced to New Orleans with his leaky boat in what became a Keystone Kops effort to rescue flood-stranded victims. He failed, but the cameras were there to record for posterity his galantry in coming to their aid.

Having lost that photo op, he launched into his usual leftist rhetoric to castigate the president, accusing the administration of criminal negligence, while his boat's engine sputtered to a stop.

At a Labor Day rally, with his AFL-CIO union collaps-

ing all around him, John Sweeney assured his members that what he alleged was the government's slow response was a sign of hostility to workers. No kidding, he actually said that.

Can you just picture George Bush waking up in the morning and saying to Laura: "The hell with those workers. We're not going to send help to New Orleans because we hate 'em."

As these bozos were collectively venting their liberal spleen at the president, huge

caravans of trucks carrying thousands of tons of food and water and clothing and other vital supplies were pouring into New Orleans from as far away as California and New York. Army and National Guard troops were arriving by the thousands, all sent under orders from the president. Did it occur to any of his critics to take a moment out to say "thank you" to George Bush?

Harry Connick Jr., a native resident of New Orleans, was there, but unlike his fellow celebrities he wasn't spending his time making political speeches.

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Michael Reagan
Columnist



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Food

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ing are predictable delights around the world, and the best sights and sounds cost nothing. In 'Frisco, we hear the voices of many cultures in a paradise where thermometers seem stuck on 70 degrees.

I admit it; it was fun thinking of friends back home, sweating out 100-plus degree days.

We needed sleeves by day and sweaters by night. As fog swirled in each evening, we thought of Carl

Sandburg, who wrote of his "catlike" entry.

"The coldest winter I ever spent was a summer in San Francisco," said Mark Twain — or somebody! Some credit the quote to H.L. Mencken or Will Rogers. I dunno.

Upon arrival at the Hotel Mark Twain, a quaint place a couple of blocks from Union Square, we spotted two gigantic lobby photos — head shots of Twain and soloist Billie Holiday. The former liked to write in 'Frisco; the latter enjoyed singing there. (She was featured in the nation's best-known showrooms around the world for a

quarter-century starting in the 30's.)

Her fondness for the Mark Twain, though, was deep. Early in her career, Black persons, no matter how famous or talented, found most hotels to be "off limits." Not the Mark Twain, however. She felt welcome there, and so did we.

We have sweet dreams of returning to San Francisco to "see and do," but mostly to eat. In the meantime, we'll visit Web sites of world-class eateries, salivating at recollecting expertly-prepared delectables at such places as Tommy Toy's, La

Suite, Tonno Rosso, Café Claude and Cortez.

We also remember zany street entertainers, happy people in the parks, and a sign posted in front of huge bins of organically-grown fruit: "Shoplifters will be composted."

Before you ask, yes, we completed the SFCVB's survey, tellin' 'em it was the best food we ever lapped our lips over. Author Rudyard Kipling got it right: "San Francisco has just one drawback — tis hard to leave."

—Dr. Newbury is a speaker and author. His column appears weekly in 125 newspapers in several states.

Grandparent's Day



Gage Kennedy and his "NaNa" Brenda Cook enjoy a "tea brunch" Friday morning at For Heaven's Sake Daycare & Preschool. The brunch was held in honor of Grandparent's Day which is today.

EDC

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rate meetings. All projects would also require city commission approval.

Under 4B rules, there would have to be a public hearing on projects.

Curry said there is also a petition provision under 4B rules. Residents would have 60 days in which they could petition to have a project they oppose brought to a public vote.

Horst said having a PEDC would also make the city eligible for a variety of grants.

"We've lost close to \$1

million in grant money," said Katherine Taylor.

Horst said that the city missed bringing two new businesses, a cardboard company and an ink cartridge company, to town because there was no PEDC nor any funds to offer the businesses incentives to come to Pampa.

"We couldn't offer them a thing except a cut in their water rates for five years," Horst said.

The group plans to meet again at 5:30 p.m. Thursday at the Pampa Chamber of Commerce offices after exploring the legal issues of forming an organization to support the passage of a 4B economic development cor-

poration.

"This is just the first meeting," Curry said.

Curry said he would like to see a large cross section of the community involved in the effort.

"We want to bring more people in," Curry said.

They discussed holding a town hall meeting, talking to service clubs, erection of yard signs and launching a direct mail campaign.

The city compiled numbers concerning the previous PEDC projects and impact on the community. Those numbers showed 21 projects that offered about \$6.7 million in incentives with a payroll impact of \$28.5 million that increased taxable values

by \$5.4 million.

Of the 21 projects, the PEDC lost money on only four.

Dan Redd, who will head up the new business incubator in Pampa, told the group that any economic development corporation is going to lose money at some time.

Gary Sutherland said the community has learned a lot from the 10 years that it had a PEDC before voters took to the polls to shut it down three years ago.

"In the past three years," White said, "we've accomplished nothing."

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effort.

"Kim (Powell, fire marshal) was kind enough to donate Tyvek suits to us," Coleman said. "She gave us six or eight. They're used in case of contamination or hazardous material. We're

glad to have those."

Jeremy Lyman and Alan Price are among those who will probably be on the next crew to go down.

The truck that came from the Pampa office was one that Coleman was supposed to bring back to Pampa from Bryan. She said she was at a training class there when Katrina hit the Gulf Coast.

"It wasn't brand new, but

it was new to us," she said. "It had just come out of the paint shop."

She said her crews were looking forward to using the truck. They will have to wait and see how the rescue effort turns out.

Guardian's home office is in Bryan, and it has branches in Pampa, Huntsville and Brownwood.

Stevens

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structure fires in Pampa since 1989," he said. "That was our standard operating procedure, to determine if a fire was accidentally or intentionally set."

A number of convictions have been reached on criminal charges against persons involved in arson, Stevens said. Those convictions included one life sentence for a fire that occurred in the early 1980s.

The suspect had thrown a

Molotov cocktail through the window of a house, which resulted in the death of a teenager. The teen's family was also at home at the time of the incident, but they were all in another part of the house and were able to get out safely, Stevens said.

Another fatal fire which has never been solved also happened in the early 1980s, he said.

"Someone poured an accelerant in the house," Stevens said. "There was a young child in a crib in the house. The mother had gone to a neighbor's house for just a minute, and the house was set on fire. The baby died."

Retirement wasn't the only milestone for Stevens last week. He and his wife Donna celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary two days later, on Sept. 4. Three days after that, on Sept. 7, was Stevens' birthday.

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Storm

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said "thank you" to Harry Connick Jr.?

From almost the moment the 17th Street dike broke, members of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers have been laboring day and night to repair the breach and stop any more of the lake waters from gushing into the streets of New Orleans — a job they have now completed. Has anybody said "thank you" to these dedicated and weary men? Not that I've heard.

All across the nation the left-wing wackos are squinting to find something they can complain about and blame on the president for alleged failures in the massive federal effort to cope with the worst natural disaster in American history. They can't bring themselves to admit that a lot of good things are being done by the federal government and the horde of good people who are pitching in to help their fellow Americans. If they did they might have to say "thank you," a phrase they don't seem to have in their vocabularies.

When my wife asks me to vacuum the house, I inevitably miss a spot. She doesn't jump all over me because I messed up, but, understanding what klutzes husbands are when it comes to domestic chores, she simply thanks me.

These liberal scoundrels don't have it in them to thank those police, firemen, National Guardsmen, regular army soldiers, relief workers from FEMA and the Red Cross and all the others and the people in the Bush administration whose efforts are above and far beyond the call of duty.

They are too busy looking for the motes in the administration's eyes to see the huge planks in their own.

All together now, let's hear it: "Thank you President Bush, thank you Harry Connick Jr., thank you police and firemen and National Guardsmen and members of the Red Cross and Salvation Army and all you other heroes."

—Mike Reagan, the eldest son of the late President Ronald Reagan, is heard on more than 200 talk radio stations nationally as part of the Radio America Network.

Instead, he was in his boat — which didn't leak — surrounded by toxic water and rescuing those mostly black folks trapped by the flood. Has anybody

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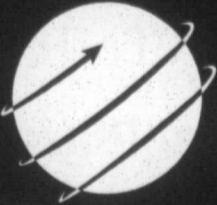
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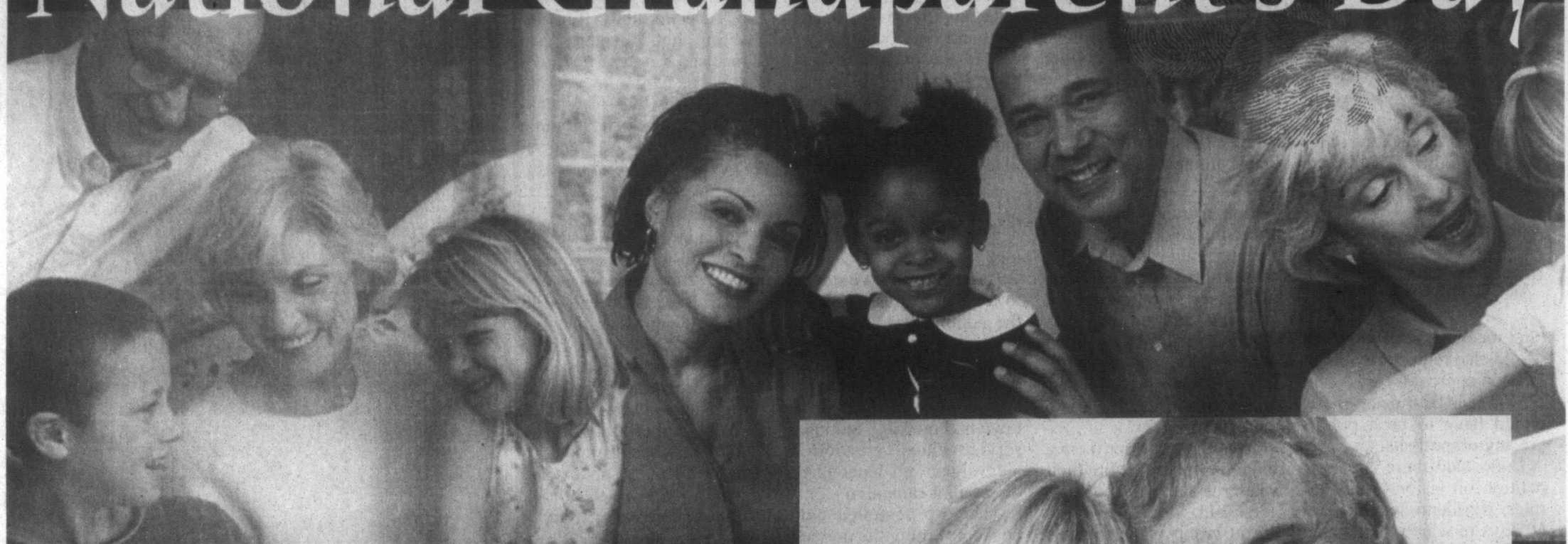


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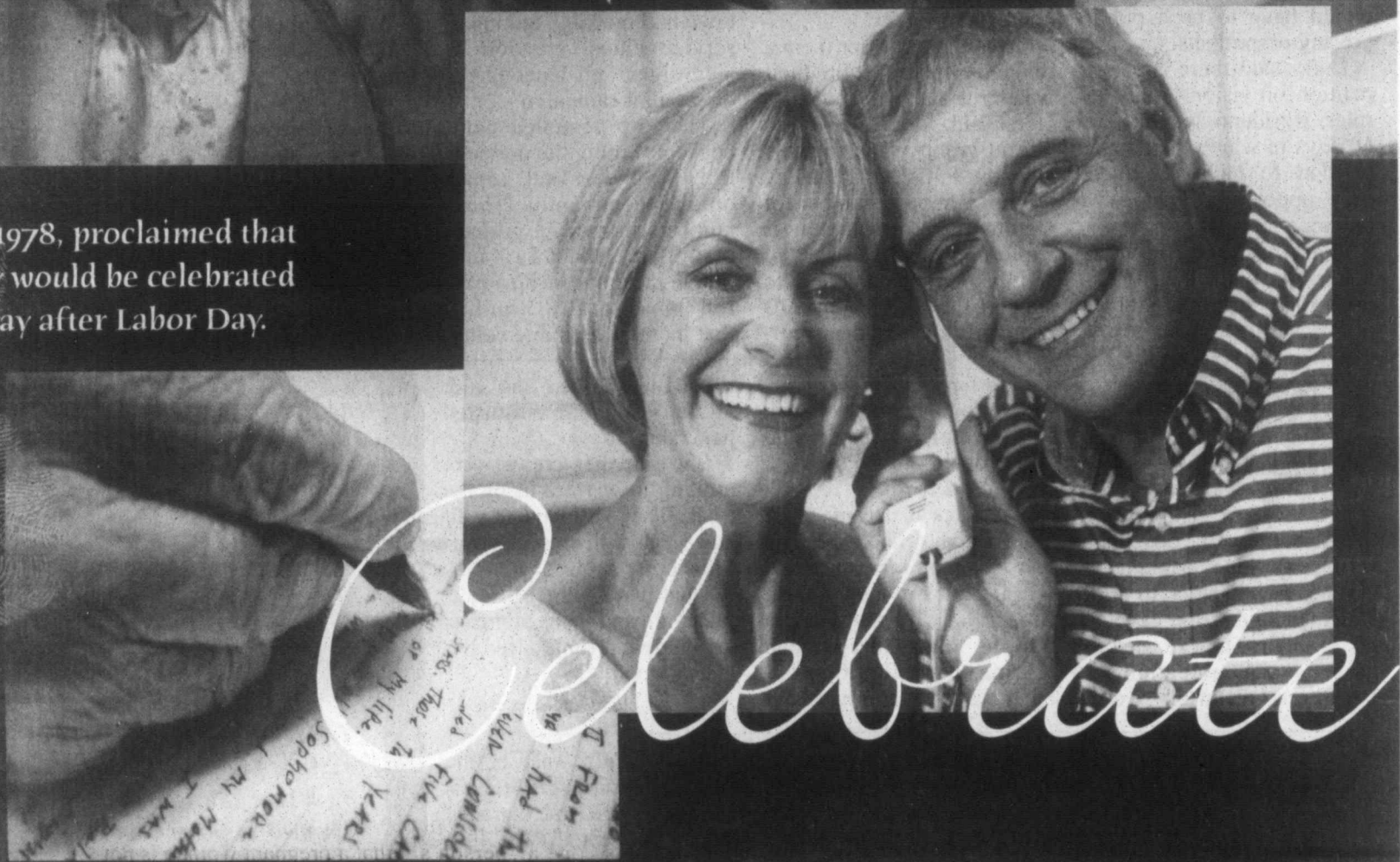
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Medical

How much sweat is too much?

(NAPSA) — When the hot weather ends, most people don't sweat as much. But did you know that nearly 8 million men, women and children in the U.S. sweat profusely all year?

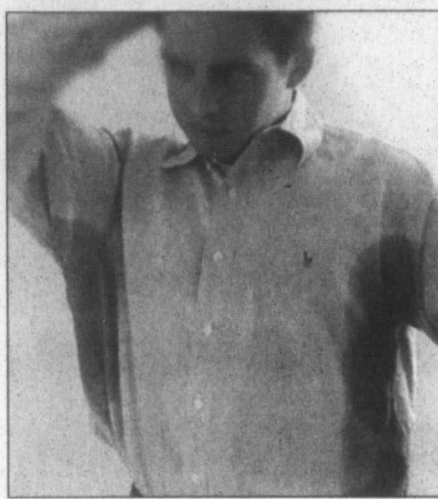
The International Hyperhidrosis Society (IHHS) has kicked off a campaign to raise awareness of the huge impact excessive sweating can have on quality of life and distinguish between "normal" sweating and hyperhidrosis, a serious medical condition that often leads to ridicule, embarrassment and even social isolation and anxiety.

"The millions of people who suffer from severe excessive sweating of the underarms, hands, feet and face sweat all day, every day, no matter what the situation," explained Lisa J. Pieretti, Executive Director of the IHHS. "Many of these people think their sweating is just something they have to live with, and we want people to realize that if they think they sweat too much, they should locate a qualified dermatologist that can help them explore treatment options."

The embarrassment caused by hyperhidrosis can significantly damage quality of life and have devastating effects on relationships, career choices and mental well-being.

For many people it leads to social isolation and anxiety and, for some, depression. At the least, it renders many people incapable of performing daily activities.

Physicians who are unaware of the condition can add to the debilitation, and many people are misdiagnosed or told that the problem is psychological.



The "Know Sweat!" campaign raises awareness of a serious medical condition.

"I am always saddened when I learn what people have gone through because they don't know that effective treatment options exist," said David M. Pariser, M.D., President of the IHHS and Secretary/Treasurer of the American Academy of Dermatology. "From children who wrap paper towels around their pencils so they can write and teenagers who wear three layers of clothes in the summer to hide their sweating, to an architect who changed careers because his work plans were always smudged and a policeman who believed that a criminal literally escaped from his hands."

Highly Effective Treatment Options Can Provide Relief

There are several options that can effectively treat hyperhidrosis. For

some, high-powered antiperspirants, which work by blocking the sweat ducts when applied under the arms or on the hands and feet, can be effective.

Another option for hands and feet that sweat excessively is a procedure called iontophoresis, which uses a water bath to conduct an electrical current through the skin's surface from an electronic device.

When antiperspirants are not effective enough, physicians will often administer botulinum toxin type A injections, most commonly known as Botox(r), into the area that is sweating excessively.


Botulinum toxin type A treats hyperhidrosis by blocking the nerves that stimulate the sweat glands. If these conservative treatments, which are usually administered by a dermatologist, fail to control excessive sweating, surgery may be an option, although it is a rarely used and aggressive option that can carry serious side effects.

Liposuction is also sometimes an option for underarm sweating.

More information about hyperhidrosis and treatment options can be found through the International Hyperhidrosis Society at www.SweatHelp.org.

This unique site has up-to-the-minute information on hyperhidrosis and features a number of exclusive services like a Physician Finder and a monthly electronic newsletter.


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Women's Health Update: Protecting pregnancies

(NAPSA) — New studies show pregnant women should know their immune status from a common and sometimes dangerous condition: Fifth disease.

Fifth disease is a viral illness caused by parvovirus B19. The disease, which is characterized by the appearance of red, "slapped cheeks," is a common illness in children and adults and has no lasting effect on healthy people.

However, if contracted during pregnancy, Fifth disease may cause complications to the health of a fetus. In fact, the condition is estimated to account for 3,000 fetal deaths in North America every year.

According to a recent study conducted by Labor

Enders, Stuttgart, Germany, Fifth disease is a serious threat to the health of unborn babies—particularly in the first 20 weeks of pregnancy.

"Getting a blood test can tell a woman if she is immune to Fifth disease or if she has been recently infected by the virus that causes it," says Dr. Amanda Corcoran, Ph.D., the author of a recent review on Fifth disease. A simple FDA-cleared test for the disease is available from the company Biotrin International.

People who are not immune to Fifth disease can contract it through contact with infected people. Infections often occur as outbreaks, usually at schools. Often, a clinician can diagnose Fifth disease

by simply observing its symptoms on a person's face.

In a recent study, however, 73 percent of pregnant women who tested positive for Fifth disease infection did not have a rash. In these cases, the only way to diagnose it is by a blood test.

Pregnant women who do not know if they are immune to Fifth disease — and especially women who believe they have been exposed to the virus — should see a doctor. If the virus is detected, treatment options are available to protect the fetus.

Dr. Corcoran says that not every woman who is susceptible will develop an infection when exposed to the virus.

If a blood test (called a

serological screening) shows that a pregnant woman is not immune to Fifth disease and she has been exposed to the virus, weekly ultrasounds will most likely be carried out to determine the presence of the disease.

If the virus is detected in the unborn baby, the fetus can be treated with a process known as intrauterine transfusion.

"Until a vaccine is developed, the best way to protect your baby is to find out if you are immune to Fifth disease, to avoid situations where outbreaks are possible and to monitor your pregnancy and initiate treatment for your unborn baby if needed," says Dr. Corcoran.

For more information, visit www.fifthdisease.org.

Ways cancer patients can find out all about their disease

(NAPSA) — Today, 2,700 people in the United States will be diagnosed with cancer. For these people, life changes forever in a single instant.

Upon diagnosis, patients experience a range of new emotions—from fear and anger to disbelief and, ultimately, frustration due to unanswered questions.

In addition to the emotional and lifestyle changes cancer entails, the treatment itself can be stressful.

Cancer patients undergoing chemotherapy treatment may experience side effects that can make it difficult to follow their most basic routines.

One such side effect, anemia, or a low concentration of red blood cells, affects up to two-thirds of chemotherapy patients and can leave them feeling tired, weak or dizzy.

There are several ways for cancer patients and their caregivers to get the infor-

mation they need about side effects, and tips and tools to help get their lives back on track.

Cancer.com, a Web site dedicated to providing information about all aspects of cancer to patients and their caregivers, offers the following tips:

- Change external surroundings. A change in scenery, such as reading in the park or having a meal outdoors, may be rejuvenating.

- Set aside time monthly, weekly or even daily to do something enjoyable—and stick to it.

- Find or resume a hobby. Releasing expression

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Alzheimer's Walk scheduled in Amarillo

By **MARILYN POWERS**
Staff Writer

The Star Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association will hold its annual Memory Walk on Sept. 24 at Sam Houston Park in Amarillo.

Since 1989, the Memory Walk has raised more than \$149 million, and is the largest national fund-raising event for Alzheimer's disease.

All walkers will participate for free, after completing an entry form. Walkers may collect donations in order to earn prizes.

Walkers who raise at least


\$50 will receive a T-shirt commemorating the event.

Walkers who raise at least \$100 will receive a commemorative event cap.

Walkers collecting more than \$150 will receive both a

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Participants can register online at www.alztexas.org, or may call Ken Branum, development coordinator, at 806 372-8693 for more information.



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AGRICULTURE

Texas upland cotton down from last year, TASS predicts

AUSTIN — The 2005 Texas Upland cotton crop is expected to total 6.1 million bales, 21 percent lower than in 2004, but 41 percent higher than 2003, the Texas Agriculture Statistics Service says. This year's crop is expected to be the second largest ever. Yield is expected to average 532 pounds per acre, compared with 694 pounds last year. Acreage expected for harvest is estimated at 5.5 million acres, up 3 percent from 2004.

Corn production is forecast at 223.2 million bushels, down 4 percent from last year, but 15 percent more than in 2003. Based on Aug. 1 conditions, statewide yield is expected to average 124 bushels per acre, 15 bushels less than in 2004. Acres to be harvested for grain, at 1.8 million, is up 7 percent from last year.

Texas peanut production is up 18 percent from last year, at 912 million pounds. Statewide yield, at 3,800 pounds per acre, is up 500 pounds from last year and harvested acreage is up 2 percent to 240,000 acres.

Sorghum production is forecast at 62.7 million hundredweight (cwt), 12 percent less than last year. Acres to be harvested are estimated at 2 million acres, down 2 percent from last year. Yield, at 3,136 pounds per acre, is down 336 pounds from last year.

The 2005 Texas soybean crop is forecast at 7.4 million bushels, down 14 percent from last year's production. Harvested acreage, at 275,000, is up 2 percent from last year, and yield is expected to average 27 bushels per acre, compared with 32 bushels last year.

Oat production is forecast at 6.72 million bushels, up 5 percent from last year. Yield is forecast at 42.0 bushels per acre, down 3 bushels from 2004.

Texas grape production is forecast at 10,000 tons, up 14 percent from last year's 8,800 tons.

United States corn production is forecast at 10.3 billion bushels, down 12 percent from last year's crop. A yield of 139.2 bushels per acre is forecast, down 21.2 bushels from last year's record high. The sorghum crop is expected to be down 16 percent to 213.0 million cwt.

The U.S. Upland cotton crop is expected to total 20.6 million bales, down 9 percent from last year. Soybean production is forecast at 2.79 billion bushels, down 11 percent from last year. The U.S. peanut crop is estimated at 5.14 billion pounds, up 21 percent from a year ago.

Researchers help cotton take cover from whipping Panhandle winds

By **KAY LEDBETTER**
Texas A&M News

VERNON — Winds sweeping across the Texas plains mow down almost 10 percent of the state's cotton annually, according to a researcher at the Texas A&M University System Research and Extension Center here.

Damage to seedling cotton can be prevented with cover crops, without loss of moisture needed to make cotton lint, said Dr. Todd Baughman, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station/Extension agronomist.

Baughman's cotton cover crop research will be featured at the centennial anniversary of the Chillicothe Research Station on Sept. 29.

For the past five years, he has experimented with wheat and rye as cover crops, including when to plant, where to plant and when to terminate the cover crops. A cover crop is planted in the fall and remains standing until the new cotton is about a month old.

In addition to protecting the young cotton, the cover crop can reduce the labor required to hold the soil in place during the winter, Baughman said. It also allows producers to work under no-till conditions.

"If you were to leave that ground bare after cotton harvest, without doing some kind of tillage, we'd have a tremendous amount of blowing sand," he said. "This gives us the potential



Texas Agricultural Experiment Station/Texas Cooperative Extension photo by DR. TODD BAUGHMAN

A modified grain drill is used to plant wheat or rye as a cover crop into standing cotton. The cover crop planted in the fall will help tender cotton plants survive harsh spring winds.

to do some no-till without (the soil) blowing during the winter time."

Three years of study looked at spacing: planting two rows of cover between each row of cotton; planting in every other row of cotton; planting in every fourth row; and in every eighth row. The spacing study is trying to determine a pattern to limit wind damage, but minimize the amount of moisture required to maintain the cover crop.

Baughman also looked at terminating the wheat or rye before the head came out or when 50 percent of the heads emerge. More

emerged heads means better wind protection, he said, but as it matures, it uses more moisture.

For no-till applications, he ran a strip till unit, tilling between the wheat or rye prior to planting cotton. That was the only tillage to those plots for a three-year period.

The initial three years of research found:

— There was no difference in cotton yield found between use of rye or wheat cover, but rye was much better for wind protection.

— Terminating at different stages resulted in no difference in cotton lint

yield, but the 50 percent headed cover crop provided better wind protection.

— There was no difference due to row pattern in lint yield, but the every-row pattern performed best for wind protection.

In the past two years, the study examined termination timing of the cover crop. Terminations were made at the boot stage and 10 percent, 25 percent, 50 percent, 75 percent and 100 percent heading stages, as well as two weeks prior to planting cotton, Baughman said.

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Club news

Club news is published strictly on a first come, first serve basis due to space limitations.

The deadline each week for Sunday's paper is Wednesday at 5 p.m. This changes to 12 noon Tuesday on holidays such as Thanksgiving and Christmas. Meeting the deadline does not guarantee publication that week. Thank you.

CattleWomen
Top O' Texas CattleWomen met Aug. 8 at Lone Star Restaurant in

Pampa. The following business was conducted and announcements made: —Members voted to send beef to area troops serving overseas. Anyone wishing to contribute should contact a member or call Berklee Clements, president, at (806) 274-6073. —Amy Brainard advised that word is not getting out to college students about CattleWomen scholarships.

—The Saturday style show was discussed. The following donated travel certificates to the annual fundraiser: Tejas Feeders, Joe Magee, First National Bank-Canadian, First Ag Credit, Sandra Christner, Wheeler Feedyard, First State Bank-Miami, B&B Solvent, Federal Land Bank-Pampa, First State Bank-Canadian, See **CLUB**, Page 9

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through a hobby such as scrapbooking, painting or cooking can offer stress relief.

• Look inward. Visualization and meditation can be a source of mental relief and strength for many.

In addition, Cancer.com offers advice and background materials about therapies, side effects, coping financially and proper nutrition, as well as inspirational stories from fellow patients and caregivers.

The site contains interactive tools, including event calendars and an anemia awareness center.

"For many patients, the first step in their treatment is taking charge of their health care experience," said Dr. Christine Pellegrino of Montefiore Medical Center in the Bronx, N.Y. "Cancer.com provides a variety of information to help both cancer patients and their caregivers."

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Intentions to Drill
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HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Forest Oil Corp., for the following wells:
 #1453 Barker, 1050' from South & 1700' from West line, Sec. 53,M-1,H&GN, PD 13775'.
 #1652A John C. Vise, 467' from South & 2350' from West line, Sec. 52,M-1,H&GN, PD 13470'.
 #4052 John C. Vise, 660' from North & 1310' from East line, Sec. 52,M-1,H&GN, PD 13460'.
 #1606 Peak Bourassa, 467' from South & East line, Sec. 6,3,AB&M, PD 12870'.
HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Noble Energy Production, Inc., #5610P Keeton, 1800' from South & East line, Sec. 56,M-1,H&GN, PD 13500'.
HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Chesapeake Operating, Inc., Chesapeake Operating, Inc., #4 Hefley '13', 1980' from South & West line, Sec. 13,A-1,H&GN, PD 15000'.
HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Chesapeake Operating, Inc., #2038 S.G. Smith, 2300' from South & East line, Sec. 38,M-1,H&GN, PD 16000'.
 Recompletion
HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Samson Lone Star, L.P., #11

Meadows '5SE', 629" from South & 1321' from East line, Sec. 5,4,AB&M, PD 13500' (BHL: 995' from South & 377' from East Sec. line) Directional
HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & HEMPILL Granite Wash) Samson Lone Star, L.P., #14 Hobart Ranch '50', 1509' from South & 467' from West line, Sec. 50,A-2,H&GN, PD 13500'.
HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & N.W. MENDOTA Cherokee) BP America Production Co., #4193 Arthur Webb, et al 'S', 2350' from North & 1750' from West line, Sec. 193,C,G&MMB&A, PD 10950'.
ROBERTS (WILDCAT & ALPAR-PEARSON Brown Dolomite) Upland Resources, Inc., #6 Skeeterbee, 1073' from E/North line & 224' from N/West line, Sec. 159,C,G&M, PD 3999' (BHL: 845' from W/North & 625' from West Sec. line) Horizontal
ROBERTS (WILDCAT & LARD RANCH Granite Wash 'C') Axio Operating Co., L.P., #5061 Lard, 467' from South & 700' from East line, Sec. 61,C,G&M, PD 10000'.
ROBERTS (WILDCAT & N.W. MENDOTA, S.W. Granite Wash) Devon Louisiana Corp., Fields-Mahler Sec. 98,C,G&M, PD 11000', for the following wells:
 #1198, 1757' from South & 1958' from West Sec. line.
 #1298, 2550' from South & 1800' from East Sec. line.
 #1398, 1200' from North & 1625' from East Sec. line.
ROBERTS (MORRISON RANCH Cleveland & MORRISON

RANCH Morrow) Cimarex Energy Co., for the following wells:
 #2038 Conrad, 467' from South & West line, Sec. 38,43,H&TC, PD 13000'. Rule 37
 #3039 Hodges, 1320' from South & East line, Sec. 39,43,H&TC, PD 11200'.
WHEELER (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Forest Oil Corp., Finsterwald-Dobbs, Sec. 51,M-1,H&GN, PD 13500', for the following wells
 #3051, 467' from North & 2310' from East Sec. line.
 #8051, 1650' from North & 467' from West Sec. line.
WHEELER (WILDCAT & REDDING Hunton) Cambridge Production, Inc., #2012 Meek, 467' from South & 1522' from East line, Sec. 12,A-2,H&GN, PD 15000'.
WHEELER (WILDCAT & STILES RANCH Atoka) Chesapeake Operating, Inc., for the following:
 #4 Miller '26', 1980' from South & 660' from West line, Sec. 26,4,CCSL, PD 16000'. Rule 37
 #4 Stiles Ranch '5', 467' from South & 1980' from West line, Sec. 5,A-3,H&GN, PD 17000'.
WHEELER (WEST PARK Granite Wash) Devon Energy Production Co., L.P., #3 Truman Zybach '16', 1980' from South & 660' from East line, Sec. 16,RE,R&E, PD 15000'.
Oil Well Completions
ROBERTS (WILDCAT) Range Production Co., #17 Courson Ranch S. PA-11, Sec. 7,A,H&GN, See INTENTS, Page 12

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Shamrock Livestock Auction, Heritage Feeders, Moody Farms, Cattle Exchange, Canadian Feedyards, C&H Supply, Carson

County Gin, Buffalo Grass Steakhouse and Lone Star Restaurant.

Present at the meeting were Clements, Glenda Adcock, Carolyn Buckingham, Dianne Buckingham, Amy Brainard, Edy Brainard, Sena Brainard, Christine Maret, Carla Norris, Kay Stiles, Julie Watkins, Sally Wicker and guests Gracee and Emma Gill, Sadie Watkins and Mary John Stephens.

The next meeting will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Mel's Diner in Wheeler.

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Brauchi wins Superior Service Award

AMARILLO — Former Gray County Extension Agent Donna Brauchi was recently among five individuals from District 1 Texas Cooperative Extension who received Superior Service Awards at the 2005 Superior Service Awards and Recognition Program on Sept. 6.

The Superior Service Award is the highest recognition given on a state basis within the Extension program, said Dr. Martha Couch of College Station, state 4-H program director.

District 1 fall faculty conference in Amarillo was the first in a series of meetings at which the 2005 Superior Service Awards

will be presented, said Dr. Ed Smith, state Extension director.

The final presentation will occur in January during the Agriculture Program annual conference at Texas A&M University. In all, 29 awards will be presented in 12 categories to finalists selected from 110 nominations — up from the prior record of 103 nominations.

Nominations are made by co-workers on the district level and a state committee makes the final award winner selections, Couch said.

Each recipient received a plaque and a \$200 check.

Cotton

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didn't see a difference. But we feel like there will be some time in the growth stage when it will have an affect on cotton lint," he said. "We want to get an idea for large producers how early they can start terminating and how soon they need to be finished."

Only about 1 percent of producers planted cover crops five years ago, he said. About 5 percent to 10 percent do now, Baughman said, and he hopes that number continues to grow as his research results get out.

Added cost in establishing a cover crop

— added tillage and equipment — along with the concern for loss of moisture and subsequent reduced cotton yield, have kept some from adapting the practice, he said.

"In four of five years with cover crops, we have not affected lint yields," Baughman said. "There are additional costs in establishing and terminating the cover crop, but a benefit is we have no fall or winter tillage on that land and no expenses in fighting sand."

As producers' operations get larger, it's more difficult to find labor to plow the fields during the winter and fight sand during the spring, he said.

"In our operation, a guy could get by with a lot less labor than what he could under a traditional system."

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Sports Day

Score aside, Pampa controlled Sandies in second half Friday

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

Pampa fell to Amarillo High, 25-9 Friday night. But what the score does not reflect is the amazing adjustment the Harvester defense made at halftime.

Take into account the score was 19-3 at the break. The Sandie offense managed to roll up yards on the ground and in the air in the first two quarters.

The conviction was apparent to the large crowd of Harvester faithful as soon as the third quarter began.

Sharod Young reeled off one of his trademark kick-off returns, giving the Harvesters decent field position.

The Pampa offense with Brett Ferrell at quarterback, wasted little time in moving the ball down field on a 65-yard pass from Ferrell to Craig Crowell. Unfortunately, Pampa would lose control of the ball on an intercepted pass a short time later.

Enter the Harvester defense.

James Coffee, Eric Kingcade, Taylor Fatheree, Bradley Johnson, John Burns, Dustin Forney and the rest of the defense simply stymied the Sandie offense. Better yet, Pampa controlled Amarillo High.

There is no better example than late in the third quarter when Amarillo had the ball inside the Pampa 5-yard line, first-and-goal. Pampa stepped up, held and forced a field goal attempt, which went wide left.

With one exception, the Harvester defense held Amarillo in check the entire second half.

The Pampa offense still seems to be finding its legs, though it did show signs of success in the game. Young and Ryan Torres each caught passes.

James Coffee, who launched some impressive punts throughout the night, was held to short gains on runs up the middle.

Head Coach Bryan Wood has been seeking four complete quarters from his troops in the Harvester's last two outings.

They responded against the Sandies Friday night.

Little things continue to hinder his team, particularly on offense. Pampa did turn the ball over and there were some dropped passes. But there were definite signs of growth, something Wood wanted to see as district play draws closer.

The defense gave up some yardage on the ground, especially on cutbacks up the middle. The secondary gave up a couple of long pass plays. Still, to hold Amarillo High to just six points in the second half should give

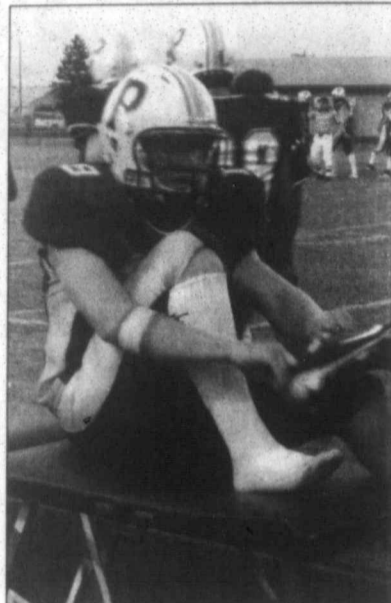
the Green Team something to hang their hats on.

Injury Note:

Starting quarterback Brody Smith did not return in the second half. Team officials said Smith had suffered a foot injury that required x-rays. He was spelled by Ferrell. Wood says if Smith cannot go against Borger Friday, they will make adjustments to suit Ferrell.

Up Next:

The Borger Bulldogs Friday night. This is Pampa's Homecoming game. Kick off will be at 7:30 p.m.



Brody Smith on trainer's table Friday night.



Pampa News photos by CAROLYN THERO

A.J. Manzanares (#8) chases down a Sandie runner during Friday night's home game against Amarillo High School. The Harvesters lost, 25-9. Pampa will next host Borger Friday night at 7:30 p.m. It will be Pampa's Homecoming.



Pampa Harvester Sports Schedule

FOOTBALL

THURSDAY • SEPTEMBER 15

Pampa Freshman vs Borger • 5:00pm at Borger
Pampa JV vs Borger • 7:00pm at Borger

FRIDAY • SEPTEMBER 26

Pampa Varsity vs Borger • 7:30pm at Pampa

VOLLEYBALL

MONDAY • SEPTEMBER 12

Pampa Freshmen vs Canyon • 6:00pm at Pampa

TUESDAY • SEPTEMBER 13

Pampa JV vs Amarillo High • 5:00pm at Pampa
Pampa Varsity vs Amarillo High • 5:00pm at Pampa

SATURDAY • SEPTEMBER 17

Pampa JV vs Seminole & Kermit • 11:15am away
Pampa Varsity vs Seminole & Kermit • 11:15am away

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Larrazolo, Vasquez claim belts at 2005 TFB Championships

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports editor

The 2005 Texas Female Boxing Championships were held Sept. 2-3 in Ft. Worth, and featured top boxers from across the Lone Star State, including a pair of Pampa pugilists.

Mercedes Larrazolo and Destaney Vasquez spent the past month-and-a-half training and preparing for this tournament.

Vasquez, who claimed a championship belt at the 2005 Ringside World Championships last month, seemed poised for another. The southpaw faced Bay City's Valeriz Garcia

in Ft. Worth, defeating her and adding another belt to her growing collection. Coach Lupe Larrazolo proudly boasted later, "Destaney has heart and that's what it takes." After dropping a few early bouts, Vasquez is starting to blossom in the ring.

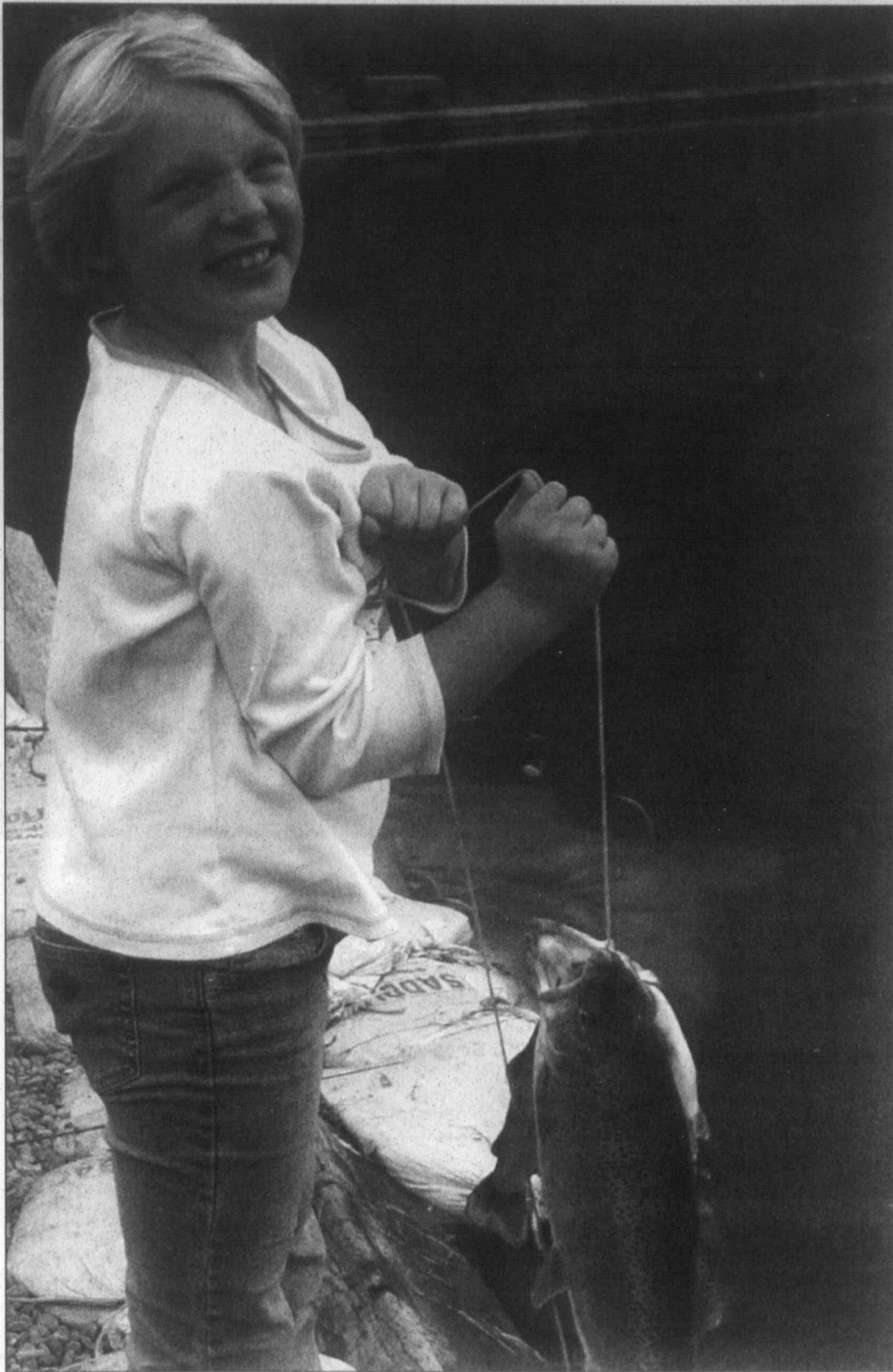
Mercedes Larrazolo had an easier time obtaining her belt in Ft. Worth. Despite her desire and hours of training, officials could not match her with another boxer of the same age and skill level. Still, Larrazolo proved there is no substitute for preparation and takes pride in a belt well deserved.

Both boxers are sparring partners at Pampa Boxing Club, located in the old Baker Elementary School.



Courtesy photo

Destaney Vasquez (left) and Mercedes Larrazolo pose with the belts won at the 2005 Texas Female Boxing Championships. The tournament was held Sept. 2-3 in Ft. Worth. Both girls live and train in Pampa.



Courtesy photo

Fish tale

Cheyenne Williams flashes a smile as she proudly shows off the trout she took while fishing with her mother, Carrie, at Tal Pine Resort in Red River, N.M. last month. The fish weighed in at just under four pounds, and measured 21 1/2 inches long. Williams is in the third grade at Travis Elementary School in Pampa.

Panhandle, West Texas Fishing Report

AUSTIN (AP) — Here is the weekly fishing report as compiled for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for Sept. 7. (Report also available on Web as www.txfishing.com.)

PANHANDLE
BAYLOR: Water lightly stained; 82 degrees. Black bass are slow. Crappie are slow. Catfish are slow.
GREENBELT: Water lightly stained; 80 degrees; 22' low. Black bass are good on shad-colored soft jerkbaits and white spinnerbaits with topwater action along grass lines. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs. White bass are good on live bait. Walleye are fair on live bait and chrome jerkbaits. Catfish are good on live and prepared baits.
MACKENZIE: Water lightly stained; 78 degrees; 65' low. Black bass are fair on white spinnerbaits. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs. White bass and striped bass are fair on live bait and chrome/black back jerkbaits. Smallmouth bass are fair on live bait. Walleye are fair. Catfish are fair on minnows.
MEREDITH: Water lightly stained; 77 degrees; 20' low. Black bass are fair on white/chartreuse spinnerbaits or black/blue jigs along rocky points. Crappie are good on jigs and minnows. White bass are good on live bait and chrome jerkbaits near rocky points. Smallmouth bass are fair on minnows. Walleye are fair. Channel Catfish are good on minnows and cut shad.
PALO DURO: Water lightly stained; 75 degrees; 38.5' low. Black bass are fair on shad-colored small crankbaits and live bait. Crappie are fair on jigs and minnows. Smallmouth bass are fair on minnows. Walleye are fair. Catfish are fair on prepared baits.

White bass are very good 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; 76 degrees. Black bass are fair on minnows near Crappie house. Crappie are fair on cut silver shad in and near Crappie House. Hybrid strippers are fair on live perch near dam and cut shad off docks on NE shores. Channel catfish are good on chicken liver near dam and cut shad near docks on NE shores. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. White bass are fair. Smallmouth bass are good on small crankbaits. Channel catfish are good on prepared baits.
POSSUM KINGDOM: Water clear; 85 degrees; 2' low. Black bass are fair in Rock Creek and Caddo Creek areas. Crappie are fair on live bait. White bass are good and Striped bass are fair near lighted piers at night. Blue and channel catfish are fair in the upper part of reservoir.
SPENCE: Water lightly stained; 84 degrees; 44.75' low. Black bass are fair on shad-colored soft plastics and live bait. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. White bass are fair. Striped bass and hybrid striped are fair on live baits. Catfish are fair on minnows.
STAMFORD: Water lightly stained; 80.75 degrees; Full at spillway. Black bass are fair on white spinnerbaits with some topwater action. Crappie are fair on jigs and minnows. White and striped bass are good on live bait. Catfish are fair on minnows.
SWEETWATER: Water lightly stained; 82 degrees; 30.35' low. Black bass are fair on white spinnerbaits. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. White bass are fair. Catfish are fair on minnows.
WHITE RIVER: Water lightly stained; 82 degrees; 21.25' low. Black bass are fair on pumpkin soft plastics and live bait along tree and grass lines. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. Walleye are fair.

OH. IVIE: Water lightly stained; 83 degrees; 15.15' low. Black bass are fair on white/chartreuse spinnerbaits and shad-colored soft plastics along brush lines. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs. White bass are fair. Smallmouth bass are good on small crankbaits. Channel catfish are good on prepared baits.
FT. PHANTOM HILL: Water clear; 83 degrees; 3' low. Black bass are fair. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. White bass are fair on live bait. Catfish are fair on cut shad.
HUBBARD CREEK: Water lightly stained; 85 degrees; 8.5' low. Black bass are fair on white spinnerbaits and red soft plastics along reeds and grass. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs. White bass and hybrid striped are fair on live baits. Catfish are good on minnows. **NASWORTHY:** Water lightly stained; 83 degrees. Black bass are fair. Crappie are good on jigs and minnows. Redfish are fair. White bass and striped bass are fair live bait and crankbaits. Catfish are good on minnows and cut shad.
OAK CREEK: Water lightly stained; 82 degrees; 18' low. Black bass are fair. Crappie are fair on jigs and minnows. Catfish are fair on minnows and chicken liver. No boat ramps open. 4x4 vehicles can unload on the dirt road near the dam.

Stolen Weissmuller Olympic medals returned to museum

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (AP) — Eight Olympic gold medals stolen from swimmer Johnny Weissmuller have been returned to the International Swimming Hall of Fame Museum, along with other memorabilia allegedly taken by a maintenance worker.

authorities to get the medals back.

Because the medals were purchased by people in good faith, Florida law required the museum to buy them back. When the museum couldn't come up with

the cash, museum board member Dennis Carey of Scottsdale, Ariz., paid \$15,000 for their return. Carey, a former English Channel swimmer, said the museum has now installed an updated alarm system.

"This is a way to get the museum back on its feet."

— Mark Spitz
 7-Time Olympic
 Champion

Mark Spitz, a seven-time swimming Olympic gold medalist and museum board member, took part in a ceremony Thursday to mark the return of about 150 medals, trophies and cups — including those won in 1924 by Weissmuller, who later gained even greater fame as the star of several "Tarzan" movies.

"This is a way to get the museum back on its feet," Spitz said.

Paul Nichols Christow is charged with two counts of dealing in stolen property and two counts of grand theft over \$100,000. Prosecutors said the 49-year-old used his unfettered access over several days to swipe the medals, valued at nearly \$500,000, from the museum's collection.

Officials say Christow's scheme was discovered after the medals were sold over the Internet to a collector, who contacted the Hall of Fame. Christow's lawyer, Raag Singhal, said his client has been working with

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ARROWHEAD: Water stained in upper end; 83 degrees; 2.5' low. Black bass are slow on spinnerbaits and Carolina rigs around rocky areas and flooded brush. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs suspended about 18' around derrick.

Some groups advocating whole new classification for sustainable crops

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Shoppers who are attracted to organic fruit and vegetables but put off by their often steep prices may soon have a less expensive alternative in sustainable produce.

That's the hope of environmentalists, farmers and public officials who want produce grown according to sustainable agricultural standards to be certified, labeled and marketed as such.

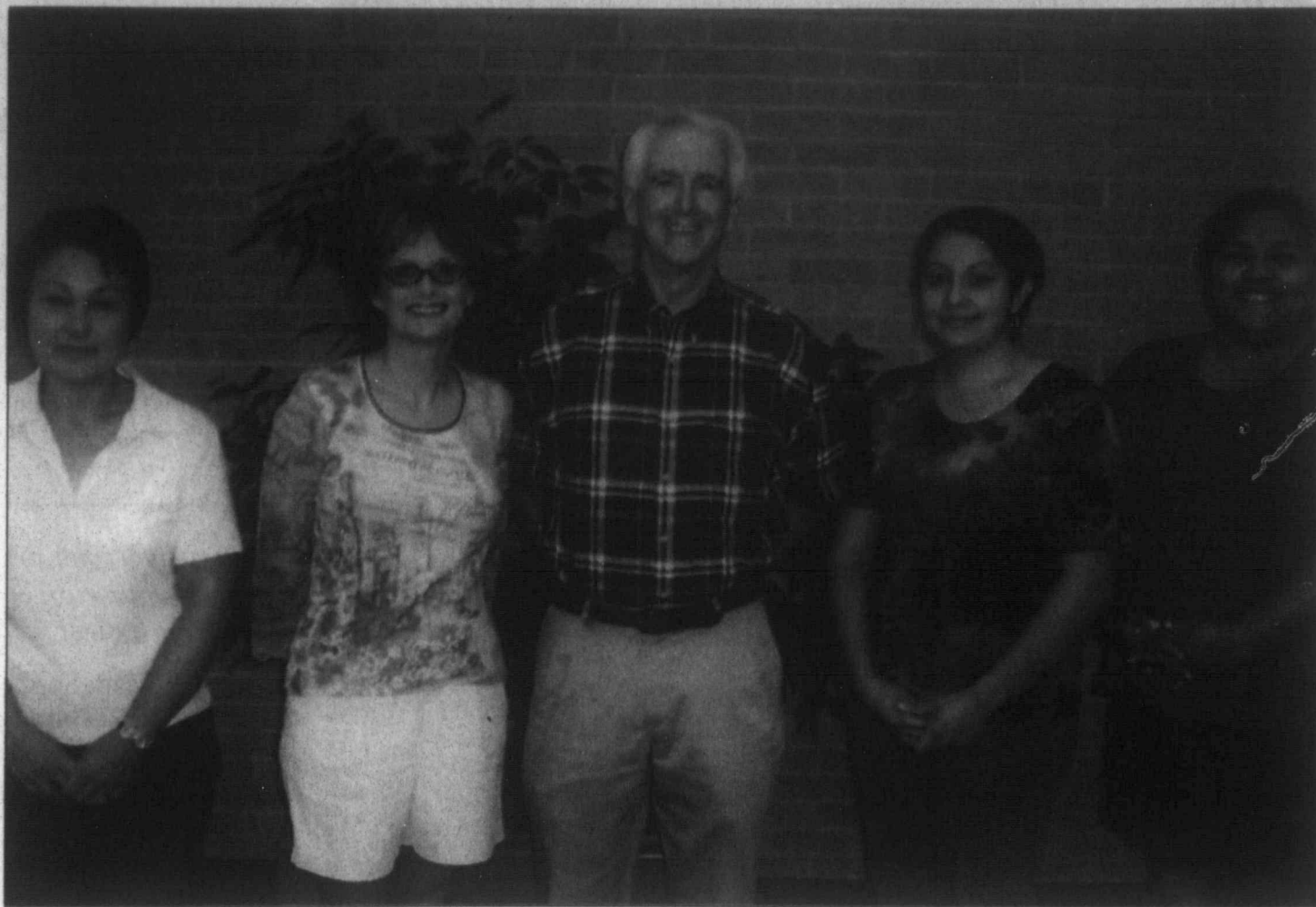
Certified growers of sustainable produce would have to meet requirements regarding soil management, water quality, wildlife protection and labor practices, as well as pesticide use.

Supporters say such produce would be more affordable than organic fruits and vegetables.

Cheryl Brickey, executive director of Protected Harvest, a Maryland-based nonprofit that certifies produce as being grown according to sustainable practices, said too many Americans cannot afford to pay for organic produce.

"We're trying to break that barrier," she said. Protected Harvest's certification program does not prohibit farmers from using synthetic pesticides — one of the most notable differences between it and organic certification.

Farmers are scored on their pesticide practices and are asked to do detailed research before applying chemicals. Less is better, but other factors are considered, said Bruce Rominger, a tomato farmer outside Sacramento.



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Scholarship recipients

Several Clarendon College-Pampa Center office technology students recently received a scholarship from Titan Specialties, Ltd. Seen above with Jerry Wilson, center, executive vice president of Titan, are scholarship recipients Sherry Organ, Lynda Knight, Beatrice Soto and Rebecca Ponce.



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ROBERTS (ALPAR-LIPS St. Louis) Latigo Petroleum Texas, L.P., #7R Courson Ranch '158', Sec. 158,13,T&NO,

spud 2-7-05, drlg. compl 3-8-05, tested 5-30-05, flowed 42 bbl. of 42 grav oil + no water thru open choke on 24 hour test, GOR 1920, TD 11020', PBTd 10267' —

ROBERTS (ALPAR-LIPS St. Louis) Latigo Petroleum Texas, L.P., #8 Courson Ranch '135', Sec. 135,C,G&M, spud 1-4-05, drlg. compl 1-31-05, tested 5-12-05, pumped 47 bbl. of 29 grav. oil + 35 bbls. water on 24 hour test, GOR 1851, TD 11007' —

WHEELER (FRYE RANCH Granite Wash 'A') Dominion Oklahoma Texas E&P, Inc., #2 Stanley '49', Sec. 49,A-3,H&GN, spud 3-24-05, drlg. compl 4-7-05, tested 6-1-05, flowed 76 bbl. of 54 grav. oil + bbls. water thru 30/64" choke on 24 hour test, GOR 13120, TD 12540', PBTd 12320' —

Gas Well Completions
GRAY (EAST PANHANDLE) Gryu Petroleum Mgmt. Co., #4 Barnes 'B', Sec. 188,E,D&P, spud 4-22-05, drlg. compl 4-24-05, tested 6-16-05, potential 625 MCF, TD 2517' —

GRAY (EAST PANHANDLE) Gryu Petroleum Mgmt. Co., #4 Cousins, Sec. 1,30,H&GN, spud 5-19-05, drlg. compl 5-22-05, tested 7-15-05, potential 732 MCF, TD 2453' —

GRAY (EAST PANHANDLE) Gryu Petroleum Mgmt. Co., #4 Johnston, Sec. 189,E,E&P, spud 4-26-05, drlg. compl 4-29-05, tested 6-16-05, potential 360 MCF, TD 2540' —

GRAY (WEST PAN-

HANDLE) Eakin Brothers, #1R Anderson, Sec. 203,B-2,H&GN, spud 6-27-05, drlg. compl 7-1-05, tested 8-8-05, TD 2955' —

HEMPHILL (ALLISON-PARKS Granite Wash) Devon Energy Production Co., L.P., #1504 Kiker, Sec. 15,A-1, J. Poitevent, spud 4-6-05, drlg. compl 5-10-05, tested 6-18-05, TD 13900', PBTd 13788' —

HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Samson Lone Star Ltd., Partnership, #2958 Francis, Sec. 58,M-1,H&GN, spud 4-27-05, drlg. compl 5-17-05, tested 7-21-05, TD 12800', PBTd 12730' —

WHEELER (STILES RANCH Atoka) Apache Corp., #4068 Stiles '68', Sec. 68,A-7,H&GN, spud 12-23-04, drlg. compl 4-18-05, tested 7-29-05, potential 13783 MCF, TD 16606', PBTd 16455' —

Plugged Wells

HEMPHILL (GLAZIER Upper Morrow) MTDC Energy Co., #1064 Bogan, 660' from South & East Lease line, Sec. 64,42,H&TC, spud 2-21-84, plugged 8-18-05, TD 11200' (oil) — Form 1 filed in Donald C. Slawson

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:
#4, 350' from North & 330' from West Lease line, spud 7-20-61, plugged 8-11-05, TD 2790' —

#A3, 3630' from South & 330' from West Lease

line, spud 9-30-61, plugged 8-8-05, TD 2868' —

#A4, 4290' from South & 330' from West Lease line, spud 9-25-61, plugged 8-10-05, TD 2843' —

#3D, 2310' from South & 330' from West Lease line, spud 5-29-61, plugged 8-10-05, TD 2808' —

HUTCHINSON (PANHANDLE) C&C Producers, #B3 Pei-Jaten, 1000' from North & 330' from West Lease line, Sec. 57,46,H&TC, spud 3-7-58, plugged 8-4-05, TD 801' (oil) — Form 1 in Sawnie Robertson

HUTCHINSON (PANHANDLE) C&C Oil Producers, #B5 Pei-Jaten, 496' from North & 330' from East Lease line, Sec. 58,46,H&TC, spud unknown, plugged 8-9-05, TD unknown (oil) — Form 1 filed in Sawnie Robertson

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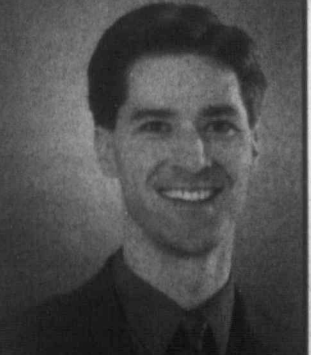
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Michael C. Friend, a 2001 White Deer High School graduate, was recently promoted to staff sergeant (E5) in the U.S. Air Force.



Friend

Sgt. Friend, whose duties have thus far taken him as far as the Middle East, enlisted in the

USAF upon completing his high school education. The recipient of numerous personal awards and citations, Friend qualified for the prestigious position of instructor at Ellsworth Air Force Base in South Dakota.

AMARILLO — Curtis Broaddus of Pampa was recently recognized by Amarillo College as salutatorian and class leader of the 91st Basic Peace Officer Academy.

Richard Martindale, assistant district attorney for Potter County, was keynote speaker at graduation exercises.

Among those graduating from the academy were Mark Watson of Alanreed, Nathan Lewis of Canadian and Michael Ryan of Shamrock.



Steve Angel provides some braking action so his son Ethan doesn't build up too much speed going down the tall slide.

This year's Chautauqua celebration, held Labor Day in Central Park, drew an estimated 4,000, more than last year's attendance, according to Lilieth Brainard of Pampa Fine Arts Association.

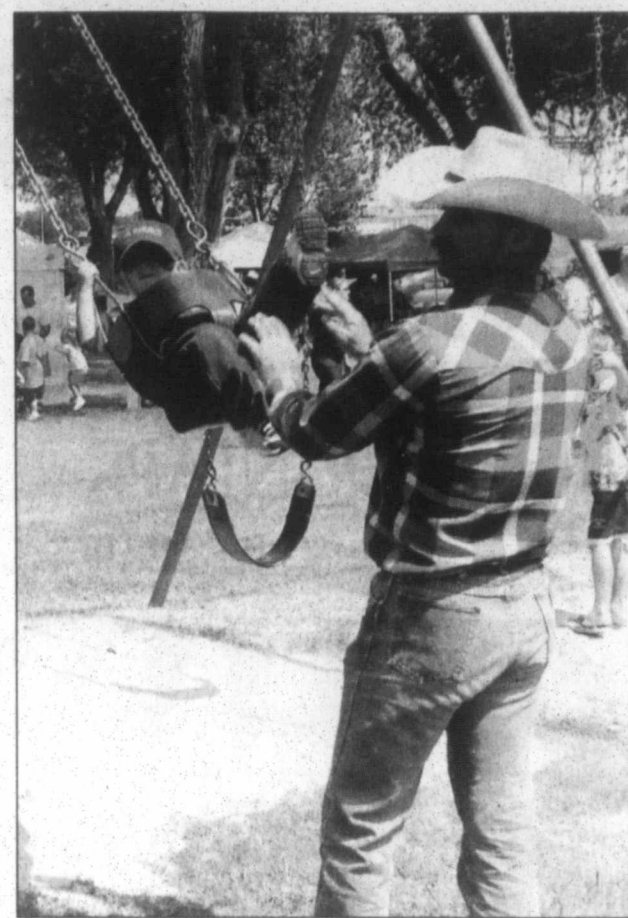
"We had a lot more than last year," she said.

Pokey the Clown's barrel rides, in which children were towed around the park by a small tractor, drew 700. Nearly 500 children played in the "bouncer," or inflatable playroom. Around 400 were served at the pancake breakfast, and 1,800 funnel cakes were sold, making the sweet treats one of the most popular foods at the event.

There were 55 booths, including those manned by civic clubs, retailers, and school and church groups. Service-oriented agencies such as Pampa Fire Department and the Salvation Army were also represented.

A 5K run and live musical entertainment were once again offered to park-goers. Other activities included face painting and a chance to see some classic vehicles at a mini car show.

There was one new element at this year's Chautauqua. Several booths collected donations for victims of Hurricane Katrina.



Crowley McCuiston, 2, gets a push from dad Curt on the swing set.

Wes Texas Idol seeks entrants

CANYON — West Texas A&M University will begin its search for the best undiscovered voice in the Texas Panhandle Saturday at the Jack B. Kelley Student Center (JBK) on the WTAMU campus. The open audition is the first step on a vocal journey that will culminate for one lucky winner with the inaugural Wes Texas Idol title and an opening gig at the Big & Rich concert on Oct. 5.

West Texas A&M's version of one of America's most popular reality shows is open to 16-35 year old residents of the Texas Panhandle. (You do not have to be a WTAMU student to enter!) Auditions start at 8 a.m. Saturday. Entry fee is \$5 per person. Contestants will be given 30 seconds behind closed doors to dazzle the three judges with an acappella performance. Twenty-four will advance to the next round.

"I think we'll see a lot of talented people, interrupted occasionally by those who think they are talented," A. J. Swope, Wes Texas Idol master of ceremonies and a junior mass communications major from Pampa, said. "Regardless, it's going to be a lot of fun — a guaranteed crowd-pleaser."

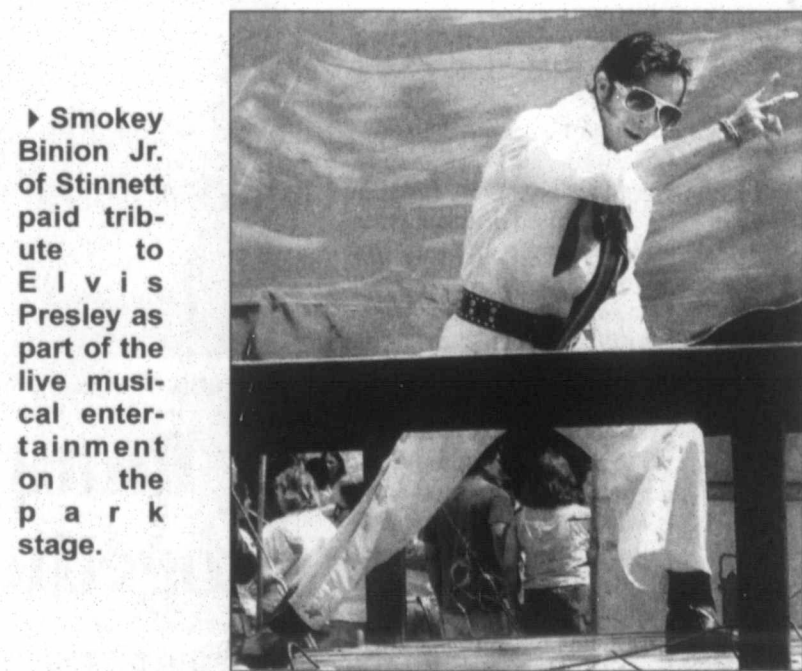
The three judges, local music idols Andy Chase Cundiff, Bob Hanson and Luke Holder, will probably provide as much entertainment as the remaining contestants at an open-to-the-public concert at 7 p.m. Sept. 19 in the JBK. Each performance will be followed by judges' critiques, and before the night is over, the number of Idol contenders will be reduced to three.

The three finalists will perform at halftime of the WTAMU-Texas A&M-Kingsville football game (kick off is at 6 p.m.) on

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From left, Donald; Kyanna, age 4; Mary Ann; and Treyton Perry, age 7, all of Pampa, brought their monster truck to display at the mini car show.



Smokey Binion Jr. of Stinnett paid tribute to Elvis Presley as part of the live musical entertainment on the park stage.



Savanna McPherson, 9, of Pampa, at right, gets a rainbow painted on her cheek by Kristin Folmar, left, of Pampa High School's ASTRA group.

STORY AND PHOTOS BY MARILYN POWERS



Pokey the Clown gave rides to 700 children, including this one, on his "longhorn" train, pulled by a tractor.



Stephanie Saxour of Pampa buys a chocolate frozen banana from Al Williams at the Church of the Nazarene Youth food wagon.

Alibates tour in offing next month

FRITCH — Each October, Texas Archeology Awareness Month celebrates the spirit of discovery. The month is a time for Texans to focus on the depth and richness of their state's heritage, from the former dwelling sites of prehistoric hunters to ancient shipwrecks and Civil War sites; the historical significance of the state's archeological sites; the importance of proper archeological practices; and the contributions of professional and

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Couple tie knot in Missouri wedding

Nuptials for Stacey Lee Brown, daughter of Dwight and Jackie Brown of Pampa, and Brian D. Bowen Gibson, son of DeWayne and Eloise Gibson of Memphis, Tenn., were held Aug. 13 at Christ's Church of Oronogo, Mo., near Joplin, Mo., with Dr. Eric Barry, of Caracas, Venezuela, presiding over the ceremony.

The maid of honor was Jordanne Bonfield of Overland Park, Kan. The bridal attendants were Becki Summay and Samra Hamcio of Zenica, Bosnia.

Standing up as best man was Randy Jones of Tulsa, Okla. The groomsmen were Michael Gibson, brother of the groom of Memphis, Tenn., and Jason Braddock of Nashville, Tenn.

Ushering guests to their seats were Matt Brown, brother of the bride of Lewisville, and Michael Hughes of Memphis. The candlelighters were Lisa Gibson, sister of the groom



Brian Gibson and Stacey Lee Brown

of Memphis, and Kellen Brown.

Music was provided by vocalist/guitarist Jason Brown, brother of the bride of Amarillo.

Among those present at

the wedding were Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hill of Brownwood and Mr. and Mrs. Merle Brown of Rockwall, all grandparents of the bride.

Registering the guests was

Kellen Brown, sister-in-law of the bride of Lewisville.

A reception was held following the ceremony in fellowship hall of the church. Melba Woelfle of Pampa, Darci Jeannerett of Overland Park, Beth Summary of Zenica, Christie Hill, aunt of the bride of Friendswood, and Renee Park, cousin of the bride of Tulsa, Okla., served the guests.

The bride returned in May from Bosnia, where she served as a missionary for a year with Team Expansion, headquartered in Louisville, Ky.

The groom is attending Ozark Christian College in Joplin, Mo., and plans to graduate in May 2006.

Both the bride and groom have spent time overseas as missionary interns in Bosnia, Kosovo and Afghanistan.

The newlyweds honeymooned in Jamaica and intend to make their home for the next year in Joplin.

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Tatarevich, Shelton wed

Nikki Tatarevich married Clint Shelton, both of Pampa, in a Sept. 1 ceremony presided over by Regi Fowler at Paramount Terrace Christian Church in Amarillo.

Alyssa and Summer Tatarevich of Pampa were matrons of honor.

James Robinson and Gary Chambers of Amarillo were the groom's best men.

A reception followed the service in Holiday Inn.

The bride is the daughter of Kevin and Loretta Peck of Gothenburg, Neb., and Mike Reed of Hart. She holds a degree in photography and owns Shutterbug Photography.

The groom is the son of Steve and Gail Campbell of Amarillo. He is a funeral director at Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors in Pampa.

The newlyweds plan to continue living in Pampa.



Nikki Tatarevich married Clint Shelton

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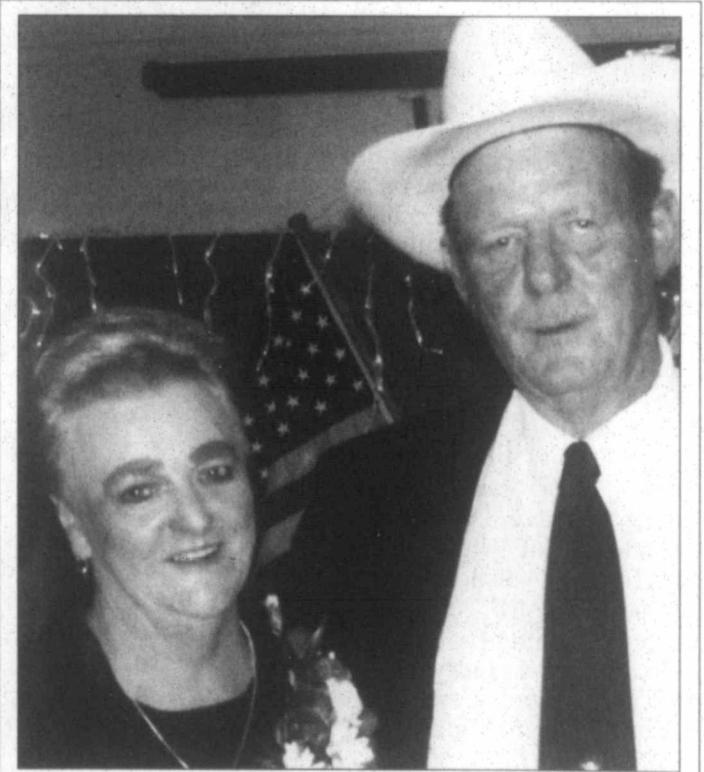
Saturday, Sept. 24 at Kimbrough Memorial Stadium. There will be no professional judges this time around. Fans can vote for their favorite through noon Friday, Sept. 30 at www.wtamu.edu/idol.

The final three will be introduced at the Homecoming concert, featuring Big & Rich with Cowboy Troy, Charlie Robison and Bobby Pinson, at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 5 at the First United Bank Center. The winner of the first WesTexas Idol contest will be announced, and he/she will perform as the evening's opening act.

The winner will also get the opportunity to cut a CD single at Studio 66 and a performance video at the WTAMU broadcast facilities (Maroon Productions) and to make a guest appearance on the KWTS-91.1 FM Morning Show.

The WesTexas Idol contest is sponsored by First United Bank, KWTS-91.1 FM, Studio 66 and West Texas A&M University.

For complete rules and eligibility requirements and a downloadable registration form, go to <http://www.wtamu.edu/idol>.



Mr. and Mrs. Gary Stevens

Pampa couple together 40 years

Gary and Donna Stevens of Pampa celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary Sept. 2 with family and friends.

Donna Bradt married Gary Stevens Sept. 4, 1965, in First Baptist Church of Waynoka, Okla.

Gary retired Aug. 31 as fire marshal for the city of Pampa, after 26 years of service.

Donna is a homemaker and an employee of West Texas Landscape.

Children of the couple are Danielle and Kenny Mayer and Rusty and Brenda Stevens. They have three grandchildren.

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Newlyweds' honeymoon in Jamaica

The marriage of Veronica Lynn Arreola and Rodney Lee Ramirez, both of Amarillo, took place July 23 in St. Mary's Catholic Church in Amarillo with Bishop Yanta, of the Diocese of Amarillo, officiating.

Carmen Arreola of Pampa was the bride's maid of honor. The bridesmaids were Lyndetta Archer, Michelle Ramirez, Rhonda Ramirez, Kimberly Anderson, Yadira Morales and Dawn Padilla, all of Amarillo, Lucy Arreola and Raelynne Glaesman, both of Pampa, Vanessa Reyna of Quanah, Melissa Blasingame of Round Rock, and Yvonne Gonzales and Josie Padilla, both of El Paso.

The flower girls were Briana Ramirez, Olivia Ramirez and Ashley Morales, all of Amarillo.

Standing up as best man



Veronica Lynn Arreola and Rodney Lee Ramirez

was David Elizalde of Amarillo. The groomsmen were Brian Archer, Marc Ramirez, Paul Ramirez, Manuel Ramirez Jr., Rey Morales and Michael Padilla, all of Amarillo, David Arreola, Ricky

Ryan Arreola of Pampa and Skyler Moseley of Amarillo ushered the guests to their seats.

Registering the guests was Toni Cosgrove of Seymour, Mo.

Music was provided by Andy Gonzales of Amarillo.

A reception was held following the service in the Civic Center Grand Plaza in Amarillo.

The bride is the daughter of Pedro and Lynda Arreola of Pampa. She is an elementary school teacher at Rolling Hills Elementary School in Amarillo.

The groom is the son of Manuel and Diana Ramirez of Amarillo. He is employed in the construction industry.

The newlyweds honeymooned at Montego Bay, Jamaica, and intend to make their home in Amarillo.

Couple celebrating with Hawaiian theme

Angie Williams of Pampa and Steven Smith of Canyon were married at 8 p.m. July 15, 2005, at the home of the bride's parents with the Rev. David L. Lowrie, Jr., officiating.

The bride and groom were married in an outdoor country wedding. They were married in the gazebo that was designed and constructed by the bride's father for the wedding.

Angie wore a handmade veil with her tiara to accent her dress. The veil was designed and made by her grandmother Joyce Williams. A handmade garter by her late great-grandmother Vera Amerson was also worn. Diamond and pearl earrings belonging to her grandmother Dutch Elliott were worn.

She carried a cally lilly

and rose bouquet.

Payton Brookshire, flower girl, carried a basket designed and made by her mother, Vicki Brookshire. The basket was filled with rose petals from her great-grandparent's 50th wedding reception.

The ring bearer was Blake Tversky, nephew of the groom of Amarillo.

Ushering guests to their seats were Jeremy Elliott and Jacob Potter, both of Pampa, and Colby Croslin of Amarillo.

Vicki Brookshire, sister of the bride of Amarillo, registered the guests.

Music was provided by Casey Brookshire.

A reception-dance was held in Pamcel Hall near Pampa with Kim Hill, Lexi Hill, Becky Potter, Tresa Miller and Trischelle Miller



Angie Williams

serving the guests. The reception-dance featured a luau themed party. Music DJ for the event was Ronnie Terry. Guests were treated to a luau style buffet while wearing Hawaiian leis.

The bride is the daughter of Victor and Patti Williams of Pampa. She is a 2003 Pampa High School graduate and a graduate of

Exposito School of Hair.

The groom is the son of Terry and Christi Smith of Canyon. He graduated from Canyon High School in 2002 and is currently a business student at West Texas A&M University. He is employed at John Chandler Ford.

The couple honeymooned in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. They reside in Amarillo.

Tour

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avocational archeologists.

In honor of this month-long awareness effort, the National Park Service is scheduling a tour of the pueblo-style ruins and petroglyphs at Alibates Flint Quarries National

Monument Oct. 8, 15, 22 and 29. The tour is only offered during Texas Archeology Awareness Month. Reservations are required.

Each tour will get underway at 2 p.m. and is limited to 25 participants. For more information or to sign-up, contact park headquarters at (806) 857-3151.

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in The Pampa News office later than one month past the date of the wedding.

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

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Pampa News, P.O. Box 2198, Pampa, TX 79066-2198.

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DEAR ABBY: My wife and I would appreciate your help with the following question: I am driving on the interstate; my wife is sitting next to me in the front passenger seat with her seatbelt on. We are doing 70 miles per hour and there is some traffic around us. Suddenly I collapse over the steering wheel. What should my wife do, and in the proper order? -- **EDGAR IN SPRINGFIELD, MO.**

DEAR EDGAR: What a great question. I checked with the California Highway Patrol, and here's your answer:

1. Lean the driver back.
2. Take control of the steering wheel.
3. Hit the turn signal.
4. Passenger should keep her seatbelt fastened so that she is secure in the vehicle and begin merging to the right, making sure the driver's foot is off the accelerator.
5. Bring the vehicle to a stop on the shoulder.
6. Use a cell phone to call 911 and seek help for the driver.

I would like to add that while doing all of the above, it couldn't hurt to start praying.

DEAR ABBY: My wife insists on baking chocolate chip cookies as a "thank you" for an older couple next door who have been very nice to us -- giving gifts to our 2-year-old daughter and generally being great neighbors. The husband is overweight and diabetic.

I say it's insensitive -- even cruel -- to give food like that to someone we assume is trying to -- or should be trying to -- stay away from it. I say we should just send a thank-you note instead. My wife insists it's the "thought" that counts, and that they sometimes entertain grandkids who can eat them, or they can give the cookies away if they don't want them.

This question has come up before with other overweight people to whom we've owed a thank-you. So who's right? -- **QUESTIONING THE GESTURE**

DEAR QUESTIONING: You are. While I agree with your wife that it's the thought that counts, the gift she's giving reflects no thought at all. In fact, it could be considered diet sabotage.

A more suitable gift might be a book, CD or a lovely plant. But if she's determined that it be something from her kitchen, she should pick up one of the American Diabetes Association cookbooks and use it to prepare something that her neighbors can both enjoy. (And because diabetes can run in families, that would include the grandkids, too.)

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 13-year-old girl. I frequently ride my bike for long distances, sometimes alone and often out on country roads. I know it's dangerous for anyone -- especially a teenage girl -- to be alone, particularly out in the country where no one could see me if I was in trouble. Do you have any safety tips for me? -- **CURIOS IN KENDALLVILLE, IND.**

DEAR CURIOS: I can offer several. First, be sure to tell your parents you are leaving for a ride, where you plan to go, and what time you plan to be back. Always carry a cell phone if they work in your area. And, whenever possible, ride with a bike buddy. There is safety in numbers.

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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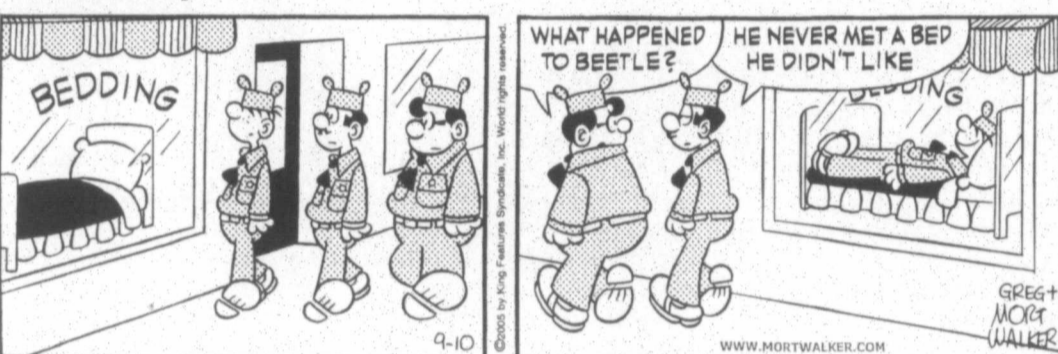
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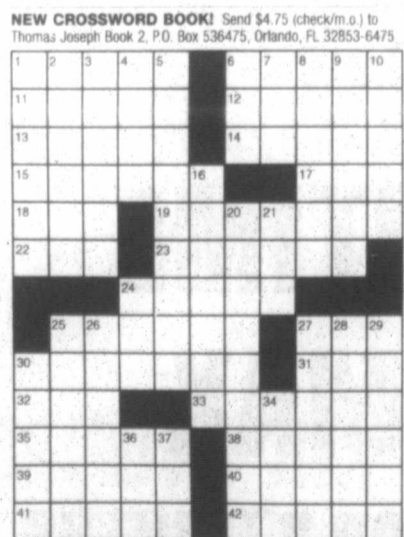
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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 - 14 Roulette bet
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 - 18 Spanish gold
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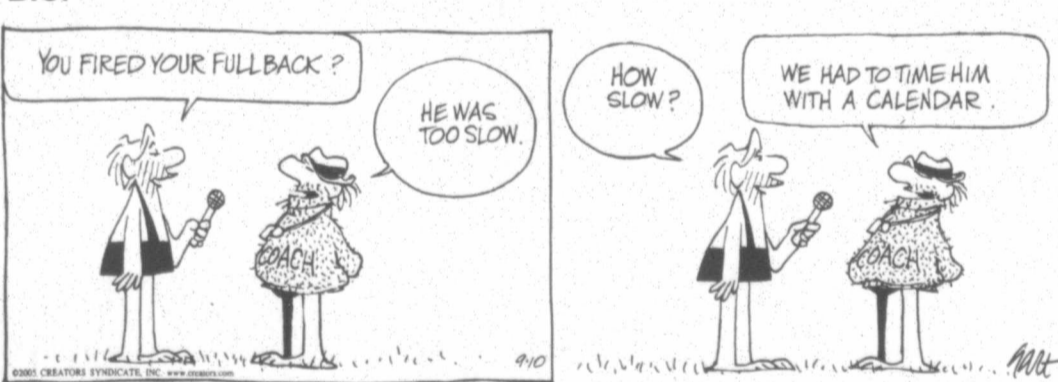


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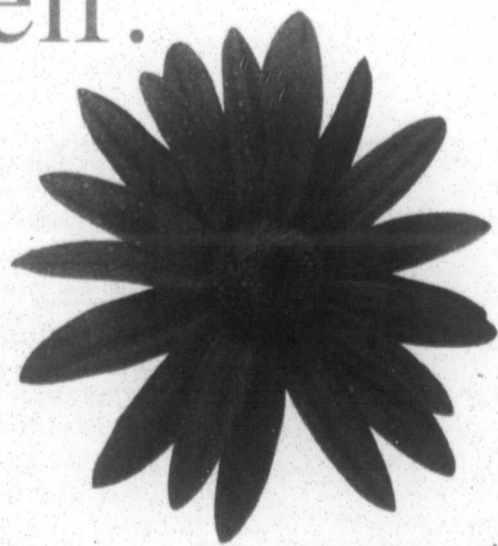
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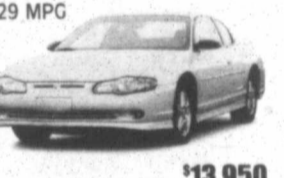
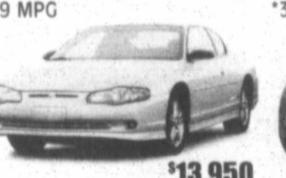



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Sept. 11 loans went to many who didn't need them

By The Associated Press

The government promised banks a hands-off approach in overseeing nearly \$5 billion in Sept. 11 recovery aid to small businesses. What it got in return was numerous loans to companies that didn't need terror relief — or even know they were getting it, The Associated Press found.

"Had we known it was 9/11 money, we would not have borrowed it," said John Adams, a vice president of Brankle Brokerage and Leasing in Marion, Ind., who didn't know until informed by AP that his company's \$1.33 million loan had been drawn by his bank from a program created by Congress to help economic victims of the 2001 terror attacks.

"We would have chosen some

other avenue. That money surely could have been used by people who needed it more than we did," Adams said.

His company wasn't alone. From Dunkin' Donuts shops and florists to motorcycle dealers and chiropractors, businesses nationwide said they were unaware their banks had lent them money from the low-interest, government-guaranteed Sept. 11 loan program.

The records obtained under the Freedom of Information Act also show that many other loan recipients who made cases they were injured by Sept. 11 were far removed from the direct devastation of New York City and Washington, like a South Dakota country radio station, a Virgin Islands perfume shop and a Utah

dog boutique.

The pattern of lending left many at New York's Ground Zero seething, especially those who had trouble getting government assis-

'You have to take it back and give it to us. Even now, I could use it.'

—Mike Yagudiyev
Small Business Owner

give it to us. Even now, I could use it," fumed Mike Yagudiyev, who said the government offered him only \$20,000 of the \$70,000 loan he requested to rebuild the hair salon flattened by the collapse of the World Trade Center's twin towers.

The Small Business Administration, which oversaw the two Sept. 11 loan programs, said it first learned of the problems through AP's review and was weighing whether an investigation was needed. But officials also acknowledged they intended to target the post-Sept. 11 aid broadly because of the enormous impact the attacks had on the U.S. economy.

"We started seeing business in areas you wouldn't think of —

tourism, crop dusting, trade and transportation. ... So there were a lot of examples you wouldn't think of, at first blush," SBA Administrator Hector Barreto said.

SBA officials declined comment on documents showing one of their top officials promised banks back in 2002 that there would be a no-questions-asked approach to Sept. 11 relief loans.

"We want you to understand that we do not intend to play gotcha," Jane Butler, the agency's chief of financial assistance at the time, told a gathering of California lenders in June 2002.

Under one of the programs, SBA directly lent money to companies that provided detailed arguments on how they were hurt.

tance. "You have to take it back and

Military base damages force nearly \$1 billion in repairs

WASHINGTON (AP) — Military housing, airport hangars, equipment and power lines were heavily damaged at six military bases across Louisiana and Mississippi, forcing nearly \$1 billion in emergency repairs, according to base personnel and other defense officials.

A Navy facility in New Orleans is partially flooded and all but essential personnel are still evacuated. Hurricane winds and heavy rain slammed other bases,

but many are up and running now.

Several bases in the region — particularly in Florida — received little to moderate damage, and did not have to evacuate. There have been no reported military casualties.

A federal base closing commission had voted earlier to shut down one of the damaged bases, Naval Station Pascagoula, as well as the inpatient care facility at the hard-hit Keesler Air Force Base. It is unclear how

possible future closure of those facilities, both in Mississippi, would affect any repair plans.

Although Defense Department officials say they still have no exact estimates of damage for most of the facilities, the Pentagon is getting \$1.9 billion in the two supplemental budget packages for Hurricane Katrina relief. Of that, \$960 million is for initial emergency repairs, engineering assessments and power restoration at the bases.

At Gulfport Naval Station in Mississippi, one of the hardest hit bases, about 400 Seabees — members of naval construction battalions — were brought in immediately after the storm to remove debris, clear road, get generators working and begin repairing roofs and other building damage.

"Our wind speedometer broke," said Navy Capt. George Eichert, who rode out the storm with about 1,250 Navy personnel and families in a sturdy ware-

house on the Gulfport base. "We had 100 mile-per-hour winds for four-plus hours with gusts up to 150. I would characterize the damage as heavy, but not catastrophic."

He said several metal buildings on the base and some electronic training equipment were destroyed and will have to be replaced, and all the roofs had some type of damage from wind and fallen trees. But most of the base personnel have returned to work.

At Pascagoula, two Navy

frigates and one cruiser were moved to safer seas, and won't be brought back to the base for a while because the waterways have to be cleared and navigational devices need to be replaced, said Navy spokesman Bill Dougherty.

Two New Orleans naval facilities were heavily damaged, but sailors at Naval Air Station New Orleans got the airfield cleared and flights have been going in and out of the base all week with supplies.

Poll shows most want some areas abandoned

WASHINGTON (AP) — More than half the people in this country say the flooded areas of New Orleans lying below sea level should be abandoned and rebuilt on higher ground.

An AP-Ipsos poll found that 54 percent of Americans want the vast sections of New Orleans that were flooded by Hurricane Katrina moved to a safer location. About 80 percent of the city was flooded at the height of the disaster. The city, home to about 484,000 people, sits six feet below sea level on average.

The fate of the flood-prone areas of the city is an open question. The aid pricetag already runs tens of billions of dollars. In the days since the hurricane, House Speaker Dennis Hastert has

questioned whether the worst-flooded areas should be rebuilt.

The skepticism about restoring New Orleans below sea level comes as the public mood has darkened after one of the nation's worst natural disasters. Those most likely to say that low-lying areas of New Orleans should not be rebuilt are whites over 45 years of age and Republican women.

"There's a lot of history, but the fact remains that it remains below sea level," said Kate Rehfus, a Republican from Fort Thomas, Ky., who loves New Orleans for its blues, beignets and Cafe Du Monde coffee. "It wouldn't be the same by any means, but if it could be done, that would be best."

Couple married at evacuee shelter

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Everything the bride and groom wore was borrowed and new, and the mood was far from blue.

The formal, black tuxedo with silk-striped pants and the white floor-length bridal gown shone brightly.

The bride clasped a lilac bouquet in her hands.

The white stretch limousine with plush, black leather seats carried a fully stocked bar.

Just a week ago the couple was in need prayers — they were fighting to stay alive.

Marvin and Janetel Martin survived the catastrophic fury of Hurricane Katrina to become the first evacuees married in Building 1536 at Kelly USA on Tuesday night.

Surrounded by strangers and family members, the couple said their vows in a room with the word "chapel" scrawled on paper taped just outside the door.

The Martins can thank Red Cross volunteer Patricia Jane Fugitt, a local graphic artist, for their surprise marriage, which took place on Janetel's birthday.

They were scheduled to be married Sept. 24 in an old-fashioned, foot-stomp-

ing bayou wedding. Hurricane Katrina washed those plans away.

"Don't ever give up hope," Marvin Martin said. "God will make it all work out."

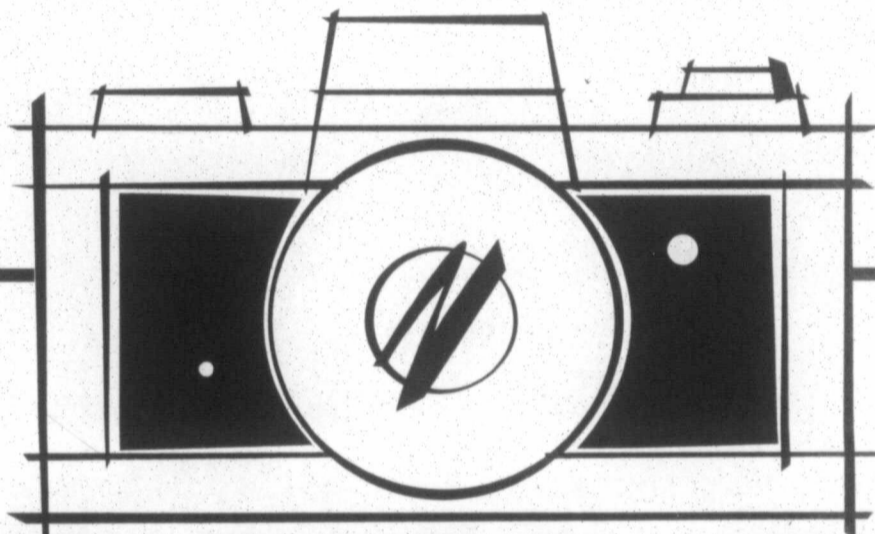
As the fetid waters rose Aug. 29, they huddled with 17 relatives on the fifth floor of a Day's Inn in New Orleans.

They despaired for four days without food or water, until the sound of helicopters roared above the roof. They broke through emergency doors, and the Coast Guard airlifted them to safety one by one.

Now far from the experience Martin called "hell," the former forklift operator said he plans to look for a job here and make San Antonio his family's new home.

Fugitt's gesture came as a down payment on that future.

"In the office they were stunned that everything was happening," said Eliseo "E.Z." Mull, chief deputy of operations for the county clerk's office. "They couldn't believe that people donated" their time and all the wedding supplies.



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ARIES (March 21-April 19)
 Responsibility, community, activity and/or elder relatives demand your time and attention. Instinctively, you know what to do and say. In fact, on some level, you are on cruise control. You might be surprised by how your views are changing. Tonight: Handle only what you must.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
 Your ability to distance yourself from a situation and take an overview could be instrumental in solving a problem. Others might be stunned by your solution. You know when to walk off the beaten path. Check out answers with experts. Tonight: Catch up

on news.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
 ***** Togetherness proves to be a winning combination, be it at work, in your daily life or in your personal life. You could surprise someone with your reaction. You don't always walk the tried-and-true path. Tonight: Chat over dinner.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
 ***** Getting anything accomplished might take more than your share of talent. In fact, you might as well give up and let others dominate today. You are popular, as are your views. Still, evaluate others' ideas. Tonight: Go along for the ride.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
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LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
 ***** If you can work from home or stay close to home, you might surprise yourself with how much you can and will accomplish. Soothe your nerves through a walk or some kind of stress-buster. Tonight: Snuggle in.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
 ***** Say what you think, but don't be surprised by the responses you might trigger. What is good is that the thinking process opens up new and different

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
 ***** You might be unusually singled-minded in what you do today. Your focus might be hard to break, with the exception of a family member or domestic issue. You know what you want, go get it. Tonight: Revamp your budget.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
 ***** You have the Moon in your sign emphasizing your normal inclinations. You can create what you want, whether you are aware of it or not. Others are drawn to you. Unpredictability marks an interaction. Tonight: As you wish.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
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PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
 ***** Knowing what you want is most of the battle, but the flips you do getting there could surprise even you. Learn to strip away the irrelevant and get down to the basics. You might be delighted with the end results. Tonight: Be among the crowds.
BORN TODAY
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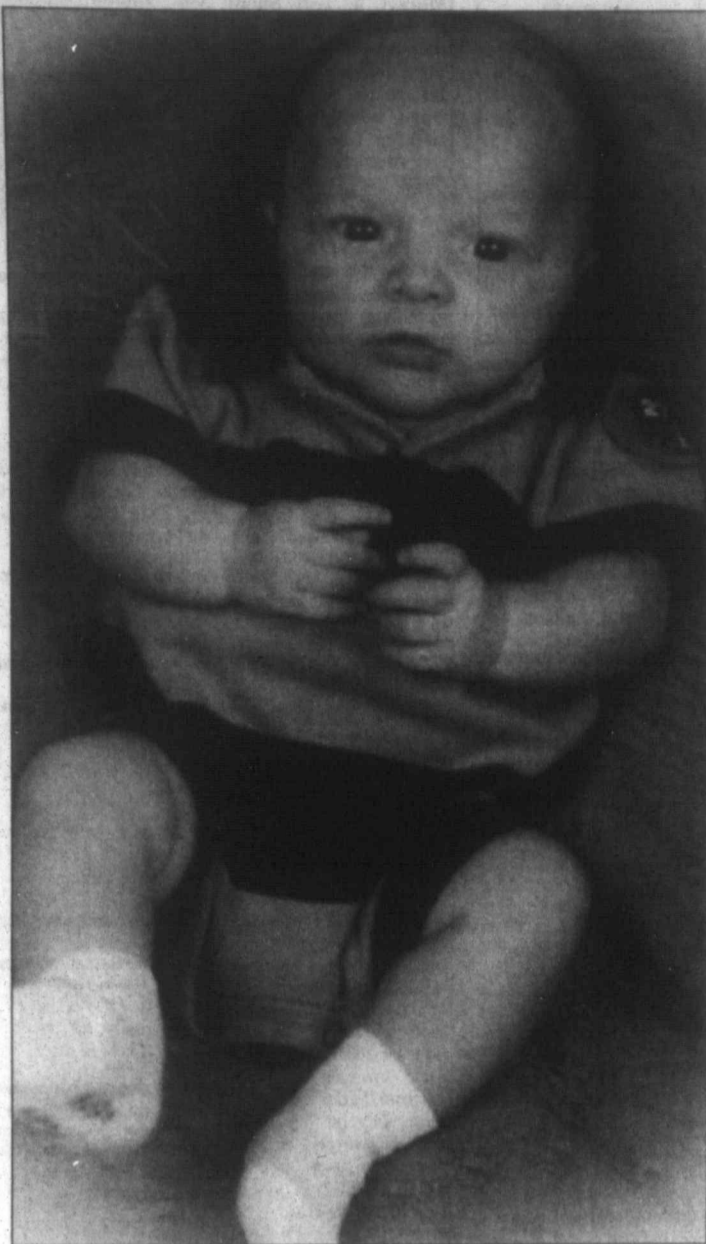
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Cradle call

ABC to make prime time available in Spanish



Holden Eric Brown

Holden Eric Brown was born at 10:20 a.m. June 23 at Integris Southwest Medical Center in Oklahoma City, Okla., to Jade and Laira Brown of Tuttle, Okla. The infant weighed 7-pounds, 6-ounces at birth and was 19.5-inches long. Relatives include a brother, Hunter; his grandparents, Jim and Linda Bruton and Milton Brown, all of Pampa, and Kent and Teresa Baker of Tuttle; his great-grandparents, Ralph and Maudie Alexander of Lefors, Tunney and Betty Brown of Pampa, Margie Bruton of Dripping Springs, Gene and Willene Gray of Manford, Okla., R.K. Hibbert and the late Ila Mae Hibbert and Wallace and Catherine Baker, all of Pauls Valley, Okla.; and his great-great-grandmother, Susie Trout of Pampa.

By LYNN ELBER
AP Television Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — ABC viewers will get "Lost" in translation as part of a plan to make all the network's primetime entertainment available in Spanish starting this season.

The move is an acknowledgment of the expanding U.S. Hispanic population and its potential as a source of viewers. Previously, "George Lopez" was the only ABC series that aired in both English- and Spanish-language versions.

"We wanted to move beyond toe-dipping and really dive in," ABC entertainment chief Stephen McPherson said in a statement. "Almost half of the 41 million Hispanics in this country watch only or mostly Spanish-language television, and we want to bring that audience to ABC."

ABC, using both dubbing and closed captioning, will be the first of the major English-language broadcasters to provide its full primetime entertainment lineup in Spanish. Most other networks offer few shows in the language.

The cost is "not inexpensive," McPherson said in an interview Thursday, declining to provide a specific figure. But he said the return could be significant in terms of viewership.

"If you look at the performance of Spanish-language stations in a lot of the big (TV) markets, they're doing very well. In some markets they're beating the broadcast networks," he said.

Hispanics are the fastest-growing minority in the United States and represent one-seventh of the population, according to a recent Census Bureau report.

"Desperate Housewives," "Lost," "George Lopez" and

the new comedy "Freddie," starring Freddie Prinze Jr., will be dubbed into Spanish, as will the network's theatrical movie premieres and some specials. Casting has already begun for actors to voice the Spanish dialogue.

The rest of ABC's primetime entertainment schedule, which debuts next week as the 2005-06 season officially begins, will be available with closed-captioned subtitles in Spanish, the network said.

In test screenings, the network found viewers receptive to ABC's programs in Spanish. "A lot of people had not seen the shows

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— Stephen McPherson
Entertainment chief

because they were not English speaking but were TV watchers, and were enthralled with them and wanted more," McPherson said.

McPherson said he wasn't concerned about an immediate effect on Nielsen ratings. "It's more to get it out there and get a large audience watching it and I think the overall ratings will follow," he said.

The subtitled versions will be on Closed Caption 3 channel (CC3), and the dubbed versions will be accessible through the SAP—secondary audio program—TV option.

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