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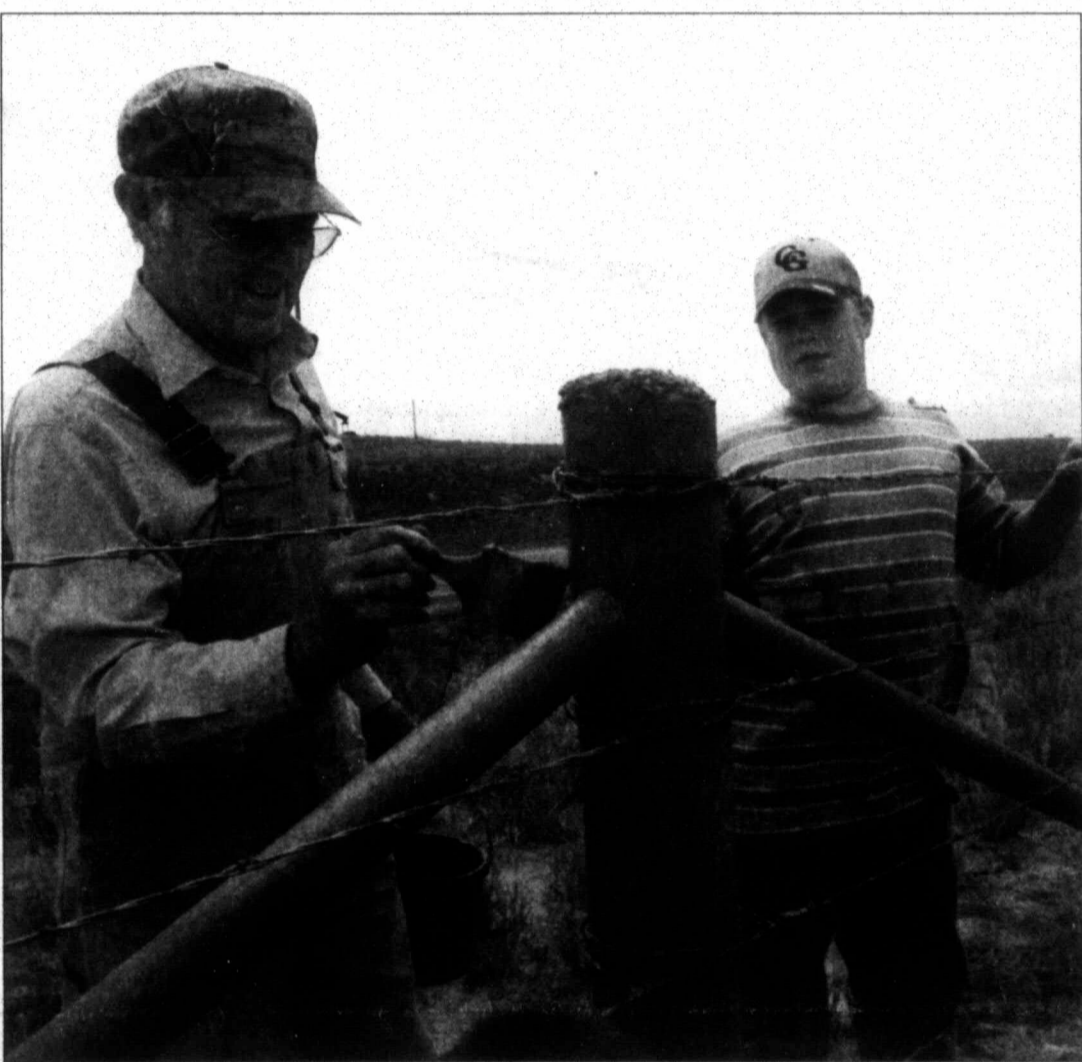
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Christian farmers pitch in to help area ranchers



John Haynes, left, and Isaac Westerfeld paint fence posts Monday on the Haynes ranch north of McLean.

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

McLEAN -- Maybe it's because they work close to nature. Maybe it's because they have faith that the rains will come when they're needed and the sun will shine at the right time, but few people live their faith as well as farmers and ranchers.

An example of that was apparent north of McLean over Labor Day weekend when 40 people from the Fellowship of Christian Farmers traveled more than 400 miles to help two ranchers who suffered devastating losses in last spring's wildfires.

On Labor Day, Isaac, Matthew and Peter Westerfeld joined their father David, a corn and wheat farmer near Crawford, in painting fence posts on the Pampa highway north of McLean with John Haynes.

The Friday before, the Westerfelds and others from Grace Bible Church just outside Crawford, part of the Fellowship of Christian Farmers, were at L.H. Webb's ranch north of Haynes, tearing down fences and the charred ruins of branding pens and putting up

a new fence.

"It was the end of March or the first of April, I got a call that the Fellowship of Christian Farmers were going to be at the NRCS office in Pampa," Webb said.

When he went to meet with them, they asked about need. Webb told them there was indeed a need. People had lost their homes, their cattle, and their fences.

Since the members of the group are also farmers, they said it would be fall before they could help.

Webb said he didn't think anything more about it until he got a call about two weeks ago. A group from the Crawford-Gainesville area was coming up.

"This is the first time I'd ever heard of them," Haynes said.

Webb said Thursday night before the Labor Day weekend six adults, including David Westerfeld, showed up with 20 kids.

"Those kids know how to work," Webb said. "We gave them a pair of pliers or wire cutters, and we tore about a mile of fence down and tore all the branding pens out by

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200 Pampa students gear up for Challenge Day

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

If students getting back to school are finding it challenging, 200 of them are about to find it particularly so.

One hundred hand-picked Pampa High School students will gather at M.K. Brown Auditorium Thursday for Challenge Day. On Friday, 100 Pampa Junior High School students will go through the same exercise at M.K. Brown.

"Challenge Day is a day set aside for the kids of Pampa Junior High and High School to learn more about

themselves and others," said Suzanne Pingel, Pampa Independent School District's substance abuse educator and homeless liaison.

One hundred students from the high school and another 100 from the junior high are picked to attend Challenge Day based on teacher recommendations, Pingel said.

"They're from all different groups," Pingel said. "You have the stoners, the preps, the jocks, the skaters, every different group you can think of we try to get together."

The students, she said, are chosen because of problems and leadership

skills.

"It's a combination," Pingel said. "As sad as it may seem, how they dress and their lifestyles also play a factor. We see the kids that are being bullied, and the ones that are being made fun of."

She said the teachers and staff at the schools also know who the leaders are and the ones who stand out and the ones who need to stand out more.

"There's usually a purpose," Pingel said. "A teacher has recommended them for some reason."

It may be the way they act in the

halls. It may be because Pingel or one of the teachers or school staff have dealt with them before, and they think the student might benefit from the program.

This is the third year for Pampa High School to participate in Challenge Day. It's the second year for Pampa Junior High.

"A group comes in from California, and they teach us team-building skills," Pingel said. "They address the issues of violence, bullying, social oppression, suicides,

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Starting a tradition



Covered up against the cool morning and on the shoulder of her grandmother Sherry Cox, 8-week-old Ashton Douglas attended her first Chautauqua Monday.

United Way sets kickoff luncheon

The Pampa United Way has announced its goal for 2006 is to raise \$306,244 to support several agencies.

This year's campaign, "Together We Matter," will hold its kickoff luncheon at 11:45 a.m. Sept. 12 in the M.K. Brown room of the Community Building, 200 N. Ballard. Dos Caballeros will serve beef and cheese enchiladas with the trimmings.

Attendees are asked to RSVP by Friday by calling the United Way office at 669-1001. If no one answers, leave a message with your reservation.

"The Pampa United Way holds itself accountable not just for action but also for results,"

Campaign Chairman Terry Barnes said in a press release. "We are driven by the commitment to make a real difference in our own community. Our investors and volunteers trust the United Way to be a good steward of their investments."

Barnes added that people want to make a difference and want to help others.

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Obituaries

C. David Thayer, 51

C. David Thayer, 51, of Pampa, died Sept. 3, 2006, at Pampa. Memorial services are planned at a later date. Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors. Mr. Thayer was born June 26, 1955, at Saginaw, Mich.,

and married Fay Kissinger on Nov. 6, 1998, at Amarillo. He was preceded in death by his parents, and 2 sisters, Mary Espinosa and Delores Sisler. Survivors include his wife, Fay Thayer, of the homes; a son, Michael Rose of Charlotte, Mich.; three daughters, Sabrina Sanchez of Kalamazoo, Mich., Lisa Clear of Battle Creek, Mich., and Elizabeth Rose of Charlotte, Mich.; three brothers, Jimmy Essary, Bill Essary and Tommy Joe Essary, all of Battle Creek; two sisters, Willene Fike and Glenda Sue Spears, both of

Battle Creek, Mich.; and 15 grandchildren. MEMORIALS: BSA Hospice, 800 N. Sumner, Pampa, Texas 79065. —Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

Lena F. Henry, 70

Lena F. Henry, 70, of Pampa, Texas, died Sept. 3, 2006, at Pampa. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Henry was born July 2, 1936 in Sulphur Springs. She graduated from Carver High School in Pampa in 1954. She graduated from Bishop College in Marshall with a B.S. degree in business education. She taught in Pampa, Plano and Spring. She married Charles Henry

on September 15, 1966 in Panhandle. She was a member of the Southside Church of Christ. She loved to cook and entertain her family, and she was a Christian. Survivors include her husband, Charles Henry, of the home; one daughter, Colette Henry of



Henry

Fresno, Texas; one son, Charles Henry, Jr., of Austin; four grandchildren; three sisters, Linda Johnson of Ontario, Calif., Margaret Nickelberry and Claudette Deason, both of Pampa; three brothers, Edward E. Cash and Joe Cash, both of Pampa, and Larry L. Cash of

Altadena, Calif.; and a host of nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Mildred and Leonard Cash and Arthur Anders, and a brother, Hubert Cash.

MEMORIALS: Southside Church of Christ, 11923 W. McCullough St., Pampa, TX 79065.

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Emergency Services

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 96-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Fourteen traffic stops were made, resulting in at least four arrests.

Traffic complaints were received from the 700 block of North Hobart, the intersection of Juniper and North Crest, the intersection of 17th and Aspen streets, the intersection of Price Road and Highway 152, the police department lobby, an unreported location, Highway 60 East, the 1100 block of Huff Road, and the 2800 block of Charles.

Vehicle accidents were reported in the 500 block of North Starkweather, the intersection of Kentucky and Hobart streets, the 700 block of East Murphy, the 900 block of Duncan, the 600

block of North Faulkner, and on two occasions in the police department lobby.

Motorist assistance was rendered in the 500 block of South Gray, the 400 block of East Tyng, the 1000 block of North Sumner, and at an unreported location.

Calls concerning animals were received from the 300 block of Sunset, the 1900 block of Chestnut, the 1400 block of North Banks, the 500 block of Lowry, the 1900 block of Coffee, the 1000 block of North Somerville, the intersection of Linda and Duncan streets, the intersection of Somerville and Hobart streets, twice in the 400 block of Hill, the 700 block of East Craven, the 500 block of North Dwight, and the 400 block of North Wells.

Found property was reported in the 100 block of East Foster, the intersection of Francis and Ballard streets, and the 700 block of East Craven.

Agency assistance was rendered in the 1400 block of East Browning.

Civil matters were reported in the 900 block of East Francis and the 1100 block of South Christy.

A runaway was reported in the 1900 block of Grape.

A runaway was reported in the police department lobby. The incident occurred in the 2200 block of North Sumner. The runaway was later located.

Welfare checks were made in the 100 block of South Starkweather and the 2500 block of Evergreen.

Warrant service was attempted on three occasions, resulting in at least two arrests.

Driving while intoxicated

was reported in the 1600 block of North Hobart and the 1000 block of North Sumner.

Public intoxication was reported in the 100 block of South Gray.

Possession of four or more but less than 200 grams of a controlled substance and evading arrest/detention were reported in the 300 block of North Ballard.

Possession of drug paraphernalia was reported in the 1000 block of Barrett.

A narcotics violation was reported in the 700 block of Bradley.

Suspicious person calls were received from the 100 block of North West, the 600 block of North Faulkner, the 1900 block of North Hobart, the 100 block of South Starkweather, the intersection of Foster and Houston streets, the 300 block of Tignor, the 300 block of North Hobart, and the 800 block of North Nelson.

Suspicious vehicle calls were received from the 1100 block of Juniper, the 600 block of East Frederic, the 1100 block of Duncan, and Highway 60 East.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1100 block of Neel Road, the 700 block of West, the 1000 block of North Sumner, the 900 block of Duncan, and the 500 block of North Russell.

Disorderly conduct/language was reported in the 100 block of West Albert.

Silent/abusive 911 calls were received from the 1300 block of Garland, the 1800 block of Dogwood, and an unreported location.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 500 block of Lowry.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 100 block of North Cuyler. A vehicle was scratched down the passenger side, resulting in an estimated \$250 damage.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1000 block of North Sumner. A storage building was spray painted, resulting in an estimated \$75 damage.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 100 block of North Nelson.

Domestic disturbances were reported in the 1000 block of North Sumner, the 1000 block of Varnon Drive, the 900 block of South Wells, the 300 block of South Naida, and the 700 block of Lefors.

A domestic disturbance and assault were reported in the 100 block of West Foster. Minor injuries that did not require medical attention were reported.

Assault causing bodily injury/family violence was reported in the 1000 block of Neel Road. Minor injuries were reported. Medical attention was refused.

Assault and family violence were reported in the 400 block of North Christy. Minor injuries which did not require medical attention were reported.

Assault was reported in the 400 block of North Perry, the 2200 block of Perryton Parkway, the intersection of Albert and Wilcox streets, and the 1200 block of East Foster.

Sexual assault was reported in the 700 block of North Dwight.

Three burglar alarms were reported.

One open door was checked.

Credit card abuse was reported in the police department lobby.

Theft and assault by threat were reported in the 700 block of East Kentucky. A black wallet and cash were taken, resulting in an estimated \$245 loss.

Theft was reported at Best Western Northgate Inn, 2831 Perryton Parkway. Towels and an ice bucket were taken, for an estimated loss of \$150.

Theft was reported in the 1300 block of Garland. A generator valued at \$243 was taken.

Theft was reported at Parsley's Sheet Metal and Roofing, 214 E. Tyng. A front door window was broken, and a cash box with cash was taken. Total estimated cost of damage and loss is \$1,070.

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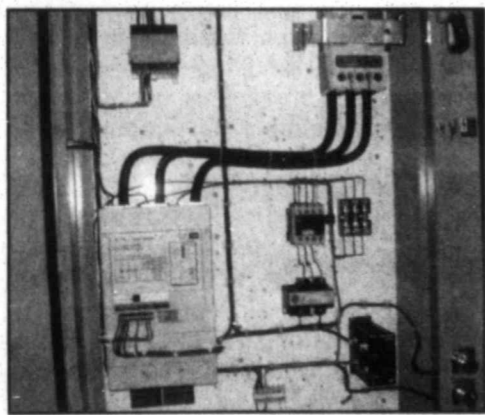
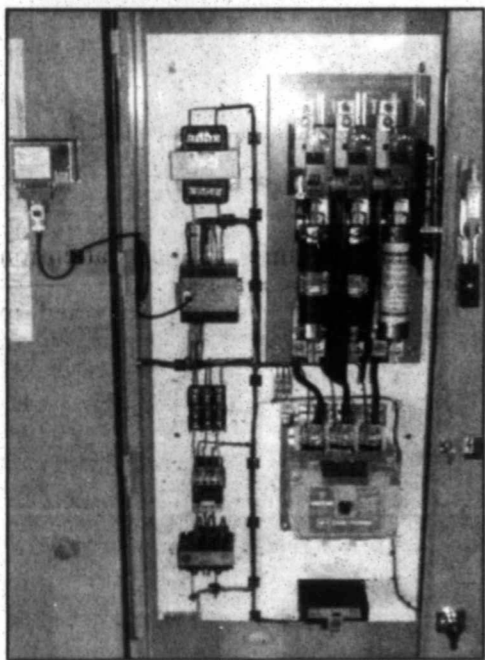
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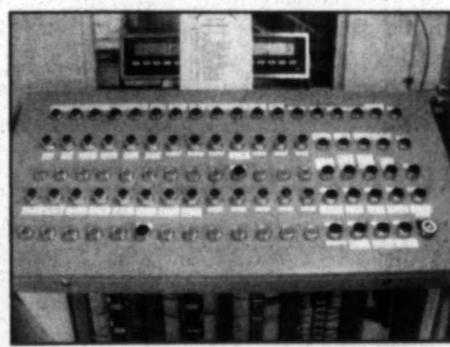
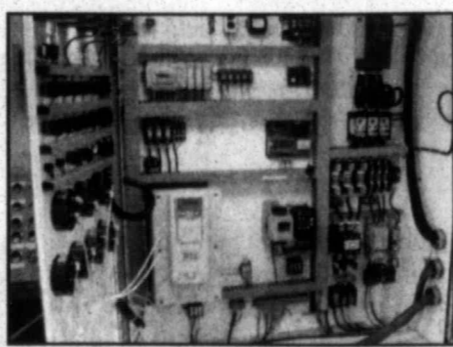
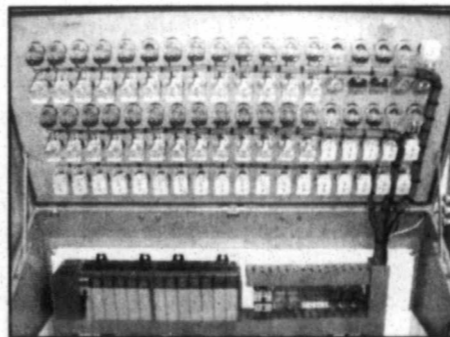
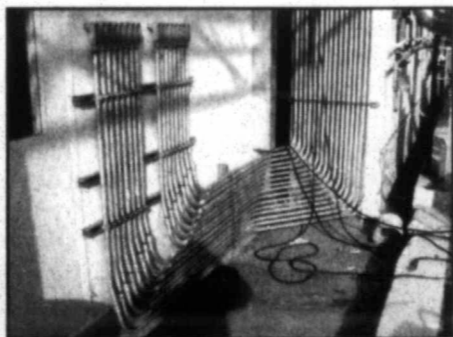


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Viewpoints

Disaster: Create a strategy in case the worst occurs

The months of August and September are not happy ones for many Americans.

Disasters, both natural and man-made, mark these months permanently in people's memories.

Hurricane Katrina plowed into the Gulf Coast shoreline a year ago last month, killing hundreds and rendering others homeless.

Hurricane Rita followed a year ago this month, and the Gulf Coast was once again the target.

Some hurricane victims have been able to return to their homes. Others are still waiting to go home. Still others left and vowed never

to return.

Some lost everything except their lives and what they had with or on them at the time of the storms' impact. Homes, vehicles, pets, loved ones — many people lost one or more of these things.

The hurricanes caused death and devastation, and it didn't help that emergency management plans were woefully inadequate to deal with the situation.

Some victims stayed put when evacuations were recommended. These people chose to stay in the path of danger.

But others did their best to follow instructions to

leave. Many who survived the hurricanes continued to struggle for survival in the days and weeks that followed,

when help with such necessities as food, water and shelter were spotty and inadequate at times, sometimes nonexistent until much later.

September is also the month that marks the worst terrorism attack in history on United States soil. Some claim that the Sept. 11, 2001, destruction of the

World Trade Center and the damage to the Pentagon, including the loss of almost 3,000 lives that day, could

have been predicted and prevented if knowledge gathered by several government agencies had been put together, analyzed and acted upon.

Some also say that lives might have been saved if a better communications system in New York City had been used to link firefighters and police, and enabled firefighters to be better able

to talk to each other.

Others add that lives would have been saved, too, if the Twin Towers had been evacuated immediately after the planes crashed into them. Instead, people were told to remain at or return to their workstations.

Last year's hurricanes and the events of 9/11 are both examples of how human error can compound the problems caused by a devastating event.

We need to have adequate, workable emergency plans in place before such emergencies arise. That's true for government, humanitarian organizations and individuals.

Here in the Texas Panhandle, we don't have to worry about a hurricane. But we are potential victims of tornadoes, fire, and even floods, not to mention the evil that man can do.

Do you know what to do in the event of a tornado? Do you have a plan in place in case you need to flee from a fire? Do you know how to survive a flood? What if there is an explosion or release of a toxic substance?

Learn ahead of time what to do if you are faced with an emergency. Don't wait until a disaster is at hand to plan how you will react.

Marilyn Powers
Columnist



Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Sept. 5, the 248th day of 2006. There are 117 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 5, 1774, the first Continental Congress assembled in Philadelphia.

On this date:

In 1793, the Reign of Terror began during the French Revolution as the National Convention instituted harsh measures to repress counterrevolutionary activities.

In 1836, Sam Houston was elected president of the Republic of Texas.

In 1905, the Treaty of Portsmouth, ending the Russo-Japanese War, was signed in New Hampshire.

In 1914, the First Battle of the Marne began during World War I.

In 1939, the United States proclaimed its neutrality in World War II.

In 1945, Japanese-American Iva Toguri D'Aquino, suspected of being wartime broadcaster "Tokyo Rose," was arrested in Yokohama. (D'Aquino was later convicted of treason and served six years in prison; she was pardoned in 1977 by President Ford.)

In 1972, Arab guerrillas attacked the Israeli delegation at the Munich Olympic games; 11 Israelis, five guerrillas and a police officer were killed in the siege.

In 1975, President Ford escaped an attempt on his life by Lynette "Squeaky" Fromme, a disciple of Charles Manson, in Sacramento, Calif.

In 1986, 21 people were killed and dozens wounded after four hijackers who had seized a Pan Am jumbo jet in Karachi, Pakistan, opened fire when the lights inside the plane failed.

In 1997, Mother Teresa died in Calcutta, India, at age 87; conductor Sir Georg Solti died in France at age 84.

Ten years ago: Russian President Boris Yeltsin acknowledged he had serious health problems, and would undergo heart surgery. Hurricane Fran slammed into the Carolinas.

Five years ago: Mexican President Vicente Fox arrived at the White House as the first state visitor of the Bush presidency. Peru's attorney general filed homicide charges against Alberto Fujimori, linking the ex-president to two massacres by paramilitary death squads in the early 1990s. (Fujimori, now in Chile, continues to fight extradition.) Sports commentator Heywood Hale Broun died in Kingston, N.Y., at age 83.

One year ago: President Bush nominated John Roberts for chief justice.

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Attack on property rights continues ...

Last year, the U.S. Supreme Court, in its Kelo v. New London decision, ruled that the private property of one American could be taken and given to another American as long as it served a public purpose. The public purpose in that case was greater tax revenues for the fiscally strapped city of New London. The city figured that if it used its powers of eminent domain to force private homeowners out and then transferred their property to developers to build commercial property, there would be greater tax revenues.

Many Americans were angered by this violation of both the letter and spirit of the Fifth Amendment, which in part reads, "... nor shall private property be taken for public use, without just compensation." Public purpose is not the same as public use. Public use means property can be taken, with just compensation, to build a road, a

highway, a fort or some other public project.

My response to the Kelo decision was, "See, I told you so." For decades, Americans have been willing to allow politicians to trample over private property rights, so why should we be surprised when politicians become more emboldened?

Here's a brief history. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers fined one landowner \$300,000 for "destroying" wetlands because he cleared a backed-up drainage ditch on his property. The Fish & Wildlife Service told one landowner he couldn't use 1,000 acres of his property so the endangered red-cockaded woodpecker could have a place to dwell. Another owner was prevented from

clearing dry brush near his home to make a firebreak because it would disturb the Stephens kangaroo rat. Building a deck on his house brought one owner a \$30,000 fine for casting a shadow on wetlands.

Smoking bans are another violation of private property rights supported by most Americans.

If a person owns a restaurant, it is his right to decide whether or not he will permit smoking. If a restaurant owner wishes to permit smoking, he might put up a "Smoking Permitted" sign and let customers decide whether they wish to enter. Similarly, if an owner didn't permit smoking, he might put up a "No Smoking" sign and let customers decide.

I'm guessing that a restaurant owner who didn't per-

mit smoking would see it as a violation of his property rights if a coalition used the political arena to create legislation forcing him to permit smoking. It is no less of a property rights violation the other way around.

Tyranny breeds tyranny. Chicago's City Council recently enacted a ban on foie gras — a French delicacy made of duck and goose liver. The ostensible justification given for the ban is that foie gras represents cruelty to animals because it involves force-feeding ducks and geese in order to fatten up their livers. Mayor Richard M. Daley has mocked the ban as the "silliest law" passed by the council. Pressured by animal rights activists, a Philadelphia councilman, following his Chicago brethren, has recently introduced legislation that would ban foie gras in Philadelphia

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Walter Williams
Columnist



Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

■ Aug. 27
Austin American-Statesman on taking vacation:

Say what else you might about the French, they sure know how to enjoy a vacation.

Full-time employees in France take an average of seven weeks of vacation per year. Italians take about eight weeks.

Americans take fewer than four weeks a year. But before you start complaining about this obvious leisure gap, are you using all the vacation time you've got coming? Last year, 37 percent of American full-time employees

said they did not plan on using all of their vacation time, according to the Families and Work Institute. And 43 percent of respondents in a Gallup poll last May said they had no vacation plans this summer.

Employees who don't use all of their vacation time are more likely to feel overworked 55 percent of workers who didn't use all of their vacation time said so, versus the 27 percent who did use all of their vacation time.

It's an obvious connection to make certainly one that didn't really require an official study yet we continue to torture ourselves by working hard and rewarding ourselves with more work.

This "shrinking-vacation syndrome," as The New York Times called it, has reached the point where some

companies are forcing their employees to take vacations. The accounting firm PricewaterhouseCoopers, for instance, shuts down its offices nationwide twice a year around Christmas and Fourth of July holidays to drive employees out of the office for some much-needed vacation time. Its New York offices even have "posters evoking lazy days away from work," the Times reported.

Why don't people take all of their vacation time? Some are anxious about losing their job. Others worry about the work piling up while they're away. Still others wonder whether the company will be able to function without them. They shouldn't flatter themselves.

Companies can benefit when

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Sports Day

Lil' Cowboy



Courtesy photo

Five-year-old Colt Klaus has qualified to compete in the National Junior Bull Rider's Association's State Finals in the 6 & Under Mutton Bustin' division. The state finals are to be held in McAlester, Okla., Sept. 30. Ten states will be represented. Eight athletes from each age division will be invited to compete in the national finals to be held in Shawnee, Okla., in October. Klaus placed third regionally after the 2006 Summer Series which consists of eight rodeos. The young cowboy will also compete in the Out West Junior Bull Riders Finals to be held Saturday Elk City, Okla. He is currently ranked second in the 6 & Under Mutton Bustin' by the OWJBRA. He is a kindergarten student at Miami ISD. Klaus is the son of Klint and Dustie Klaus, and the grandson of Larry and Mary Quisenberry, all of Miami. He is also the grandson of Bob and Audrey Klaus of Borger.

Pampa takes Bronze Division crown at WBU tournament, hosts Borger today; Tennis, PJHS football teams in action

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

Volleyball

The Lady Harvesters took the Bronze Division championship at the Wayland Baptist University Coca-Cola Classic Saturday. Pampa defeated Vernon 25-12, 25-11, 31-29 in the semi-finals to advance to the championship round where they faced fellow District 3-4A members Caprock.

Pampa took the Lady Horns in five sets, 15-25, 25-17, 25-18, 17-25, 17-15.

Lady Harvesters Jackye Barber and Nicole Clark were named to the Bronze Division All-Tournament team.

Pampa hosts Borger today at McNeely Field House. The junior varsity team will take to the court at 5:30, followed by the varsity team at 6:30.

Tennis

Pampa will host Borger today with matches starting at 4 p.m.

Football

Pampa Junior High School will kickoff the 2006 season football season this afternoon at home against Dumas. The games are scheduled to begin at 5 and will be played at the PJHS field.

PHS baseball, softball boosters meeting set for Wednesday night

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

The Pampa High School baseball and softball booster clubs will hold a meeting Wednesday night at 7 in the PHS library.

All parents are encour-

aged to attend.

For more information, contact a booster club member or the athletic department office, 669-4830.

Calif. youth football coach arrested for assaulting boy

STOCKTON, Calif. (AP) — An assistant youth football coach was arrested for felony child abuse after allegedly rushing the field and assaulting a boy on the opposing team, police said.

Cory Petero, 36, of Riverbank, turned himself in to Stockton police Saturday night following what witnesses described as a late hit that turned into a brawl, with parents and children from both teams fighting on the field.

Referee Tim Winek said he had just called a penalty on Brian Wood, 13, a Stockton Bears player.

"There was a penalty on the play, and it was a late

hit," Winek said. "The parent of the kid who got hit took exception to it. He came charging out onto the field."

Daniel Champion, who identified himself as Wood's father, told The (Stockton) Record that his son suffered bruises on his stomach and jaw from the assault.

The brawl erupted at around 3:30 p.m. with less than a minute left to play between the Riveroak Redskins and the Bears.

Fighting continued for about 20 minutes, according to witnesses. No major injuries were reported.

Police are investigating.

HART WARREN TOT INVITATIONAL

Neal takes Championship Flight by one shot; Buck, Johnson, Hartman and Baker also card wins

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2nd Place Bryan Rose (223)
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8th Place Spud Dillingham (293)
9th Place Daniel Heuston (295)
10th Place Joel Burleson (296)

After 50 years, Brandon fires hole-in-one

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

After 50 years of playing golf, Bob Brandon of Pampa recorded his first hole-in-one Friday at Hidden Hills Golf Course.

Brandon used a 7 iron to ace the #6 hole, a 132 yard, par 3.

Witnesses were Lucio Moreno, John McGuire, Calvin Lacey and Dick Aboott, all of Pampa.

Nature's fury



Photo by SHEILA WINTON
This lightning strike that illuminated a pumpjack was captured about 10:30 p.m. on Aug. 27 just west of Price Road on 23rd.

Combs names deputy

AUSTIN — Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs today appointed Lisa Woods as deputy commissioner for the Texas Department of Agriculture. Woods was named deputy commissioner following the governor's appointment of Martin Hubert as commissioner of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

Woods was sworn in as deputy commissioner today. Woods has worked with Combs since 1991 on her campaign for the Texas House of Representatives and then as chief of staff for Combs' legislative office in the Texas House of

Representatives, where she focused on agricultural and natural resource initiatives. She later served as chief of staff of the Texas Department of Agriculture. Woods served as TDA's chief of staff from January 1999 to June 2003. In 2003, she moved to Colorado where she worked for the University of Colorado Foundation.

"Lisa brings a wealth of experience and knowledge that will serve agriculture and the people of Texas well," Combs said. "I am very pleased to have Lisa on board as my deputy commissioner."

Students

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drugs, all the things that happen in our schools on a day-to-day basis."

That group from Concord, Calif., Challenge Day, is the result of a program started by Yvonne and Rich Dutra St. John in 1987. It became a non-profit organization in 2001.

In addition to the students, Pingel said she's recruited teachers and members of the community to help with the program.

"We begin at 8 a.m.," Pingel said. "The very first thing they do is sit by their friends, their friends with whom they normally sit. By the end of the day, we are making friends and hugging people we never would visit with."

The whole point of the program, she said, is to get the students to bond with one another and to realize why other students act the way they do.

Some of them have horrible home lives, Pingel said.

"Or this kid never gets listened to at home," she said. "That's why he's talking out so much at school. That's why it's so good to have the teachers and the community involved."

Pingel said these students some day will seek employment from the Pampa business community. She said the community needs to know what's going on in the students' home life.

Pingel said she wants more community people involved so they will realize the situations that go on in school today. She invited the members of the school board and many of them accepted.

Dana Terry and Derrell DeLoach from the school board will be participating.

Pampa Mayor Lonny Robbins, City Manager John Horst, Police Chief Trevlyn Pitner, Fire Chief Kim Powell and Gray County Attorney Josh Seabourn and his wife Heather will also be involved in the program this year, as well as Kyle Parnell, Greg Brown, Robin Bailey, Jerry Rhoades, Lisa and Shawn Clifton and Connie Sue

Ellis.

A number of high school and junior high teachers will also be involved.

"Some of the teachers up here," Pingel said, "don't want to do it more than one time because they want every teacher to have a chance."

The teachers that have been through the program, she said, think it's that important.

"We have a huge mix of people," Pingel said.

She said 25 high school kids that have been in the program in the past will help at the junior high this year.

"They're leaders in the school," Pingel said. "These are the stand out kids, the ones that make a difference every day. They're going to be at the junior high Challenge Day."

That's something new she's trying this year, she said.

"We want them to feel they're a part of this change at the junior high," Pingel said.

Pingel said that this is her first year to direct the program. Lesley Gershmel initially started it in the Pampa schools.

Gershmel, who held Pingel's position for the past 15 years, has moved on to Corpus Christi.

"This is an expensive program," she admitted. "It's something that we're able to do because the school has been generous and let us do it, but it would be much easier to do if we had donations."

Dr. Mark Ford has been generous with a cash donation, she said.

Culligan Water has provided bottled water for the participants.

Pingel said she thinks there are others in the community who might want to become involved by donating either time or money to the program.

"They can call me," Pingel said.

They can be volunteers for Challenge Day, she said, or make cash donations.

"Donations are always accepted," Pingel said. "Everything costs money. We want to keep Challenge Day alive all year long this year by doing community projects and school projects together."

Record

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Burglary was reported in the 400 block of Crest.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 1100 block of Darby, the 1300 block of Garland, and the 2600 block of North Hobart, where an amplifier and speakers with total value of \$450 were taken.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 700 block of Malone. A vehicle window and console were damaged, and a compact disc player, amplifier and speakers were taken. Total estimated cost of damage and loss is \$1,318.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 2200 block of Dogwood. A radio and wallet with contents were taken, for an estimated loss of \$115.

Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle was reported in the 2100 block of North Wells. The incident involved a 1987 Dodge pickup.

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests today.

Monday, Sept. 4
Nikolas Julian, 18, of Pampa was arrested in the 120 block of North Sumner

by Pampa Police Department for driving while intoxicated.

Ryan Randal Hill, 24, of Pampa was arrested in the 300 block of South Naida by PPD for public intoxication.

Aaron Eugene Young, 37, of Pampa was arrested in the 100 block of West Albert by PPD for disorderly conduct/language.

Robert Daniel Kitchens, 22, of Pampa was arrested in the 300 block of North Hobart by PPD for public intoxication.

Tuesday, Sept. 5
Richard Louis McCampbell, 52, of Pampa was arrested in the 900 block of South Barrett by PPD for possession of drug paraphernalia.

Daniel Earl Abernathy, 24, of Pampa was arrested in the 900 block of South Barrett by PPD for making an improper turn and failure to appear.

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

Monday, Sept. 4
9 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to Central Park.

3:23 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 100 block of Neel Road. No transport.

Cook charged with murder after 4 bodies found in Maine

NEWRY, Maine (AP) — Investigators searched a ski country bed and breakfast where the bodies of three women were found, and police discovered a fourth victim's remains today after arresting a 31-year-old cook who had been living at the inn.

"We have accounted for all of those involved, and there is no danger," Stephen McCausland, spokesman for the state Department of Public Safety, said Tuesday.

Investigators said they believe that the suspect, identified by state police as

Christian Nielsen, was responsible for all four deaths near southern Maine's Sunday River ski resort and that there are no other victims.

It wasn't immediately clear who the four victims were or how they were connected to the Black Bear Bed & Breakfast, where the women's bodies were discovered Monday evening.

Nielsen, who had been renting a room at the Black Bear, knew at least two of the victims, McCausland said. Police would not comment on the circumstances or possible motive for the killings, and autopsies were being conducted on the bodies.

The remains of the fourth victim, a man, were found in a wooded area north of nearby Grafton Notch State Park.

Nielsen worked at another bed and breakfast in the area, the Sudbury Inn in Bethel, and was being held at the Oxford County Jail on one count of murder.

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is focused on the bottom-line results: The lives we change and the communities we shape," he said. "We know what matters to you."

Williams

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restaurants. These bans are just more of the same — attacks on private property rights.

Animal rights wackos won't be satisfied with banning foie gras. Why not ban lobsters for the same reason as the ban on foie gras? After all, putting a live lobster in boiling water can be interpreted as cruelty to animals. What about ban-

ning beef? Can't it be interpreted as cruel to leave a calf parentless by slaughtering his mother and father? John Adams warned, "The moment the idea is admitted into society that property is not as sacred as the laws of God, and there is not a force of law and public justice to protect it, anarchy and tyranny commence. Property must be sacred or liberty cannot exist."

Walter Williams is a professor of economics at George Mason University.

Vacation

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employees take time from work. Overworked employees are more likely to make mistakes, lose their tempers, even resent coworkers for not working as hard as they do. Also, they can suffer physical and emotional distress and strained personal relationships.

About one in five Americans works during vacation. Living in an era of laptops, Blackberries and cell phones means workers can take all of the gadgets to the beach or the

mountains, and be constantly interrupted with messages and more stress.

Experts say people need a full two to three days to just unwind when on vacation. That means a six-day vacation is really only two days of relaxation, because the last day is spent fretting about the vacation ending and having to go back to work.

But only 14 percent of Americans take vacations of two weeks or longer. Most Americans take what experts would call a two-day vacation.

So, take a break. It's good for you; it's good for your family, your coworkers and your employer. But don't forget to come back.

County defers action on four agenda items

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

Gray County commissioners deferred action on four items, took no action other than discussion on another, and approved the rest of the 17-item agenda at their Sept. 1 meeting in the county courthouse.

Deferred were an update of the Clyde Carruth Pavilion rental agreement, a Gray County hazard mitigation plan, a proposal on roof repairs at Perry LeFors Airport, and changes to county group medical insurance. The hazard mitigation plan will be on the agenda for commissioners' Sept. 15 meeting, when a representative of Panhandle Regional Planning Commission will attend concerning the plan.

Commissioners discussed but took no action on the county's proposed fiscal year 2007 budget. The new budget must be approved before the new fiscal year begins Oct. 1.

Commissioners approved keeping sheriff and constable fees at the same amounts for fiscal year 2007. An external audit letter from Doshier, Pickens and Francis was accepted. Commissioners' fiscal year 2007 meeting dates were approved.

between the property owners.

An amendment to the county's personnel policy manual was approved. The amendment states that in order for a county employee to receive holiday pay, the employee must be employed by the county on the day before and the day after the holiday in question.

Commissioners approved replacement of two employees for Precinct 3, as well as payment of bills and salaries.

Bids on delinquent tax properties were approved. Accepted were bids of \$350 by Glenn Elms for a portion of Block 8 in the City of Lefors; \$50 by Roy Reedy for Lots 2 and 3 of Block 7 in Blackwell Unit 2, Lefors; and \$100 each by Steven D. Longron for 937 Brunow and 841-843 Gordon.

The second and final public hearing on the county's proposed tax rate will be at 9 a.m. Friday in the second-floor courtroom of the courthouse. The first hearing was held Aug. 31 and drew no participants from the public.

The proposed rate of .445623 per \$100 valuation is less than the current rate of .488926 but is more than the effective rate, or the amount required to generate the same amount of tax revenue as was collected the previous fiscal year.

Also on Friday, commissioners will consider a pay increase of approximately \$100 per month for county employees and elected officials.

Farmers

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noon Friday."

Webb said he was amazed how quickly and well organized the kids were.

"Each kid would have a wire," he said. "One kid would go down and drop five clips at each post. The next kid would come and do the bottom wire. The next kid, the second wire. Next kid, the third wire. It was like a factory. They were workers."

Friday, even more showed up. Webb said they had a total of 40 people from that church to help.

Five different families came from that church in the Gainesville-Crawford area.

"It's a little country church out there," Westerfeld said. "About half the church came."

Most of the people in the church had put up fencing before or handled other chores, Westerfeld said.

"We're just you're average farmers," he said with an amiable smile. "We just do a little of everything."

Haynes, like Webb, was amazed how hard the kids worked.

"I never heard one of them complain," Haynes said, "or say they were tired."

"The organization is based out of Lexington, Ill.," said Jerry Rice, a farmer and rancher from Boise City, Okla., who helped coordinate the effort to help the McLean ranchers. "We have people all over the country."

Rice said he had read an article many years ago about the organization and became involved in it.

"I've been involved with it probably 12 or 15 years," Rice said.

While the Fellowship of Christian Farmers was organized in 1985, Rice said that in the last year or two they've become involved with relief efforts. Starting in January, they began sending people

down to Louisiana to help with the hurricane relief.

"We work with farmers and ranchers," Rice said. "Rural people kind of get left out when it comes to some of these disasters. We've had over 300 people go to Louisiana and help Cajun farmers and ranchers right down on the coast."

Westerfeld and his group were in Louisiana before coming to McLean.

Rice said he can appreciate what the Texas Panhandle ranchers have been going through. He said they were plagued with wildfires in the Oklahoma Panhandle last spring, too.

"Since I was involved in this organization," Rice said, "I talked to the guys about it, and we just put a little help together for the guys in the Borger, Pampa, McLean area."

He said one family came in from Pennsylvania and helped a rancher in Miami for five days over the Fourth of July.

Haynes said he's been amazed at the assistance that's been offered. It's ranged from local groups to farmers and ranchers in other parts of the country donating hay to the Fellowship of Christian Farmers.

"We've had assistance from Trinity Church in Pampa," Webb said, "and the Baptist Church, the Body of Christ Church, the Methodist Church out of McLean. Dyer's donated food. The churches all donated money and facilities."

Rice said he's had queries from other members of the Fellowship of Christian Farmers offering to come to the McLean area later this fall to help.

Westerfeld said his brother from Crawford may come up later.

"I've got some guys in Kansas talking about coming down at some point in time," Rice said. "As we get into the fall, we may have some people with more time."

"They're just real nice people," Haynes said.

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My husband and 3 1/2-year-old daughter love movies. I'm happy they have something in common to keep them close, but it's just not something I'm into. Most of the time, if they're watching a movie, the volume will go up to simulate a theater, which makes me nervous. So I do the polite thing -ñ I find something to do in another room. I am always courteous about it; I never flip out or am rude. I respect their love of movies. So why do I feel guilty when my husband comes to me within five minutes of my leaving the room to make sure I'm OK? It's as if he's always afraid I'm angry. No amount of reassurance has helped him believe me. Any suggestions? — **CAN'T STAND THE NOISE, ONTARIO, CALIF.**

DEAR CAN'T STAND THE NOISE: Perhaps you feel guilty because you don't make watching the movie "family time" you can enjoy together. Or maybe your husband feels guilty for turning up the volume when he knows you're sensitive to loud noises. How about popping in some earplugs and enjoying the party? You might find you enjoy the experience not because of the movie, but because of their pleasure in having you there. Alternatively, consider suggesting another activity where you can all interact and converse with each other instead of just sitting and being entertained.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have been together eight years. I have left him twice because of his constant obsession with me. When he comes from work, if I am on the computer he gets angry and says I don't love him or want to spend time with him. He doesn't even like our children to be around if we are home. I recently found out that one of the most important people in my life is going to die. When I told my hus-

band I would be out of town at the doctor's with this person, my husband's first comment was, "I guess this means you aren't coming home tonight." If I go away -ñ even overnight -ñ he calls or pages me non-stop, develops stomach aches, etc. Abby, we can be lying in bed with his hand touching mine, and if my nose itches and I move my hand to scratch it, I get, "Fine, then!" I don't know what to do, but I can't keep on living like this. He always says he'll change, and for a little while he does. Then the cycle starts all over again. He has suffocated my love for him. But if I leave, he will tell the children (10 and 7) that it's all my fault and he wants to be a family. I don't know what to do. Do you think this relationship is salvageable? — **CAN'T BREATHE IN TEXAS**

DEAR CAN'T BREATHE: Not unless your husband realizes that he has a serious problem and is willing to get professional help for his extreme self-centeredness and insecurity.

DEAR ABBY: I was widowed a little over a year ago when my darling wife died of cancer. Because my wife is now deceased, are her siblings technically still my brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law? They are wonderful people, and I still consider them to be part of my family. But are they? — **WONDERING IN PHOENIX**

DEAR WONDERING: As long as your wife's sisters and brothers have a place in your heart, they will remain a part of your family. And if you choose to refer to them as in-laws, that's your privilege. I only hope that when you finally meet another special someone that they will welcome her into the family circle.

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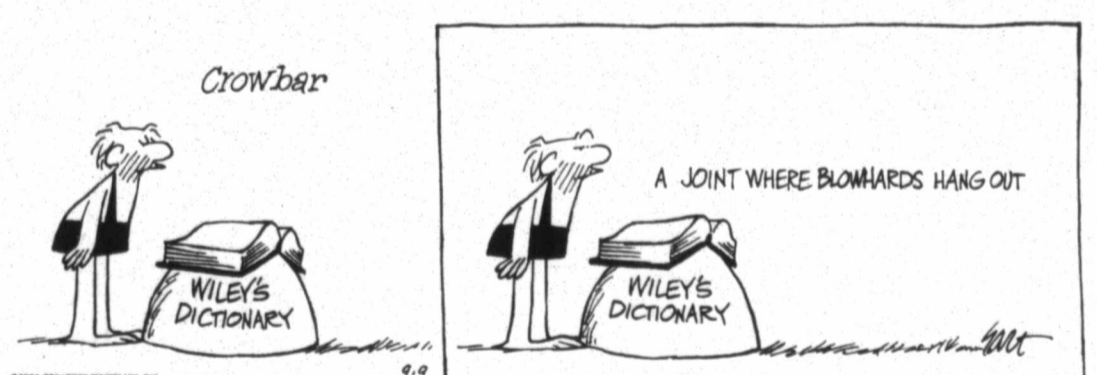
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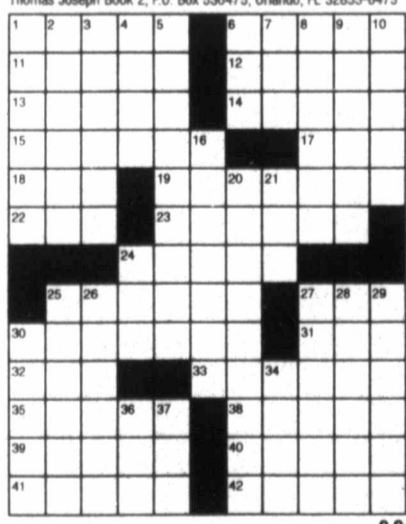
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