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## Clifford entertains



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Clifford the Big Red Dog entertains children at Lovett Memorial Library Tuesday. Jodi Lindseth, director of development and outreach for KACV-TV, accompanied Clifford and read stories to the 110 children who were in attendance. The children enjoyed doing the "hokey-pokey" with Clifford and then having their picture made with him. The next event planned at the library for children is Movie Day, which will be held at 2 p.m. Aug. 11. Children are welcome to come celebrate the end of summer with the movie and free popcorn.

## Palo Duro Film Festival to feature Max Evans

By DAVID BOWSER  
Staff Writer

CANYON — It's a Max Evans double feature. The only problem is that one of the movies made from his books is showing at New Mexico's Best of the West Film Festival in Santa Fe and the other is showing in Canyon.

A former cowboy, rancher, painter, prospector, smuggler and seer, Max Evans will open The Palo Duro Film Festival at 6:30 p.m. Friday in the Panhandle Plains Historical Museum's Hazlewood Lecture Hall.

Dr. Don Graham will talk with Evans on stage about a career that took Evans from Hi-Lo to Hollywood and into a 25-year professional friendship with director Sam Peckinpah.

"He's the film guy from the University of Texas," Evans said of Graham.

A screening of "The Rounders," (1965) starring Henry Fonda and Glen Ford and based on one of Evans' books, will follow the conversation with Evans. Admission is free, but reservations are required.

"I'm looking forward to coming over there," Evans said from his Albuquerque home earlier this week. "When I made that horse drive for my novel 'My Partner,' we came through all that country in there."

"My Partner" recounts a horse drive that Evans made as a 10-year-old from Jal, N.M., to Guymon, Okla., during the Dust Bowl. It is the opening of his new book "For the Love of a Horse."

"I learned more on that horse drive than

I've learned the rest of my life since," Evans said.

Graham will return at 2:30 p.m. Saturday to talk about the evolution of Texas in film over the last 100 years.

Traces of Texas content appeared as early as 1898 in Thomas Edison's film showing typical ranching activities. Since the "Great Train Robbery" (1903) and "A Corner in Wheat" (1909) more than 600 films with Texas content have been produced.

Graham's presentation is free for members of Panhandle Plains Historical Society. Nonmembers will be charged a \$5 fee.

"I'm going to it," Evans said. "This guy is the best there is in the State of Texas, and that's a big lot of country."

The Palo Duro Western Film Festival also includes "The Good Old Boys," written by Elmer Kelton and starring Tommy Lee Jones, and "Hud," written by Larry McMurtry and starring Paul Newman. They will be shown at the Varsity Theater.

A selection of Roy Rogers and Gene Autry movies will be shown at the Panhandle Plains Historical Museum.

Evans, a native of Ropesville (or just 'Ropes' as the natives are wont to call it) south of Lubbock, grew up in West Texas and Eastern New Mexico. As a teenager, he cowboied in Northern New Mexico in what he calls the Hi-Lo Country.

Evans' Hi-Lo Country is anchored by Amarillo in the southeast and extends west to Taos, north into Southern Colorado and

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Pampa News photo by DAVID BOWSER  
Author Max Evans leaves a medicine pouch at the grave of his friend Wiley "Big Boy" Hittson in Des Moines, N.M. Evans and Hittson's friendship and Hittson's death at the hands of his brother served as the basis for Evans' novel "Hi-Lo Country" about northeastern New Mexico.



Courtesy Photo  
A memorial fund has been set up in honor of Blake Hathaway, who is pictured in his Pampa Optimist baseball uniform.

## Hathaway fund to benefit POYC

By KERRI SMITH  
Staff Writer

A memorial fund has been set up in honor of Blake Dalton Hathaway, 10, who died July 27 in Mobeetie. The fund will benefit the Pampa Optimist Youth Club, an organization that was dear to Blake and his family.

According to Blake's mother Kathy and father Dale, Blake's first love was basketball but he loved all sports. He was active in baseball, football and swimming. At the age of 5, Blake attended kindergarten at Fort Elliott where he played on the Fort Elliott K-2 Little Dribblers basketball team, which his dad coached. Blake continued to play through first and second grade in Fort Elliott.

During the summers, Blake played baseball in Pampa in third and fourth grade, he attended school in Miami and continued to play Little Dribblers basketball. He also played on the Pampa fourth grade swish traveling basketball team as a third grader.

Blake also added football to his love of sports during his fourth grade year.

This summer, Blake played Pampa Optimist baseball on the FirstBank Southwest team. He played the positions of pitcher and second base.




The family is currently living in Miami where Blake would have been a fifth-grader at Miami elementary school this fall. Kathy said Blake also loved attending church. They are members of Central Baptist Church in Pampa, but have been attending First Baptist Church in Miami while living in that community.

Blake's family consists of two brothers and two sisters, besides his mom and dad. His oldest brother Wesley lives in Canadian. The other three siblings, brother Kade and sisters Sara and Jada, live in Miami.

To make a donation in memory of Blake, send donations to Pampa Optimist Youth Club, Blake Hathaway Fund, P.O. Box 802, Pampa, Texas 79066.

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Friday: Mostly cloudy, then gradually becoming mostly sunny, with a high near 89. South-southwest wind between 5 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.  
 Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 69. South wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.  
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Wheat	5.65
Milo	4.66
Corn	5.45
Soybeans	6.97

The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa:

OXY	56.67	-0.54
BP PLC ADR	69.03	-0.67
Cabot Corp	40.88	+0.47
Celanese	37.80	-0.58
Cabot Oil Gas	34.96	+0.44
Coca Cola	53.43	+0.15
VLO	64.02	+0.44
HAL	86.54	+0.12
XCEL	20.88	+0.12

Anadarko	51.65	+0.41
XOM	85.33	-0.51
Nat'l Oilwell	114.95	-1.83
Limited	23.59	-0.13
Williams	33.25	+0.46
MCD	48.57	+0.30
Atmos	28.59	+0.24
Pioneer Nat	46.15	+0.03
JCP	68.45	-0.27
COP	80.23	-0.52
SLB	93.37	-1.25
Tenneco	37.37	+0.41
CVX	84.08	-1.09
Wal-Mart	46.29	+0.07
OKE	49.22	-2.62

New York Gold	675.90
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**Obituaries**

**Services tomorrow**

**BELT, Victor Randal** — 10 a.m., First Baptist Church, Chowchilla, Calif.  
**HALE, Lou Ann** — 10 a.m., Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

**Lou Ann Hale, 74**



PERRYTON, Texas — Lou Ann Hale, 74, of Perryton, died July 31, 2007, at Perryton.  
 Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, Aug. 3, 2007, at Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel in Pampa with the Rev. Lynn Hancock, pastor of the Briarwood Full Gospel Church of Pampa, officiating.  
 Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery in Pampa, under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.  
 Mrs. Hale was born June 28, 1933, in Gilmer, Texas, to Carl and Mollie Nolen. She had been a resident of Pampa most of her life. She married Walter A.

Davis on March 21, 1949, in Panhandle. He preceded her in death in 1982. She later married Fred Hale on July 26, 2000, in Miami.  
 She was a Baptist.  
 Survivors include her husband, Fred Hale, of the home; four daughters, Ruthie Alexander and husband Bill and Terry Miller and husband Dannie, all of Pampa, Sondra Schulz and husband Barry and Shannon Thomas, all of Amarillo; one son, Kenneth Wayne Davis of Odessa; two stepsons, Doug Hale and wife Marcia

of Perryton, and Darrel Hale of Darrouzett; one brother, Carl Seidel Nolen of Pampa; three sisters, Jenny Austin of Oklahoma City, Okla., Bettie Coffey of Gladewater and Martha Jonas of Pampa; maternal aunt, Lorene Cavel of Lawton, Okla.; 14 Grandchildren; four step-grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; two step-great-grandchildren; 11 nieces and nephews; several cousins; and a host of friends.  
 She was preceded in death

by two sons, Walter Carl Davis on Feb. 14, 1976, and Tommy Glenn Davis in 2003; one sister, Marguerite Fewell on May 25, 1993; two brothers, Wayne Nolen on Dec. 21, 1960, and Coy W. Nolen on Jan. 26, 2002; one grandson; and one great-grandson.  
 The family wishes to extend special thanks to the staff of the Ochiltree General Hospital, the OGH Hospice and the OGH volunteers.  
 MEMORIALS: Ochiltree General Hospital Hospice, 3101 Garrett Drive, Perryton, TX 79070.  
 —Sign the on-line register book at [www.carmichael-whatley.com](http://www.carmichael-whatley.com).

**Ova Williams, 89**

FARMERS BRANCH — Ova Williams, 89, died Aug. 2, 2007, at Farmers Branch.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

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

**Landscaping project**



This is part of a landscaping project that is in progress at White Deer Land Museum. John Curry, advisory board member, is heading up the outside work. All the front plots will be bricked and trimmed with boxwood and Yaupon Holly trees. Three new pole lamps will be added to complete the outside renovation.

**Emergency Services**

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.  
 Five traffic stops were made.  
 A traffic complaint was reported at the intersection of Denver and Henry.  
 Accidents were reported in the 1100 block of South Wells and the 600 block of Deane.  
 Animal control officers made calls concerning animals in the 700 block of East Kingsmill, the 700 block of North Christy, the 500 block of North Dwight, three calls from the 1000 block of Frost, the 300 block of Miami, the 1500 block of Lynn, the 1100 block of Sirroco, the 700 block of Deane, the 300 block of Tignor, the 1000 block of Octavus, the 900 block of Varnon, the 500 block of Yeager, the 600 block of Magnolia, the 1100 block of East Kingsmill, the 1000 block of Jordan, the 700 block of East Browning and the intersection of Harvester and Browning.  
 A silent/abusive 911 call was reported in the 600 block of Doucette.  
 Sex offender registration was made in the police department lobby.  
 Violation of city ordinance was reported in the 2200 block of North Nelson.  
 Civil matters were reported in the 600 block of North Hobart.  
 A welfare check was made in the 500 block of North Dwight.  
 A fire investigation was made on Highway 60, west of Price Road.  
 Harassment was reported in the 1700 block of Evergreen and the 1100 block of Crane.  
 Suspicious persons were reported in the 700 block of East Kentucky, the 600 block of Crawford, the 200 block

of Russell and the 1000 block of North Dwight.  
 Criminal mischief was reported in the 1000 block of North Summer where a vehicle tire valued at \$100 was punctured.  
 Disorderly conduct was reported in the 300 block of Jean, the 300 block of North Nelson, the 700 block of East Kentucky and the 1100 block of North Hobart.  
 Public intoxication was reported in the 1000 block of Russell.  
 An assault was reported in the police department lobby.  
 Forgery was reported at Pro Nail Salon, 2121 N. Hobart, where a check for \$125 was forged.  
 Theft was reported in the 600 block of Plains where two rings were stolen, in the police department lobby where a cell phone was stolen from an unknown location, in the 1800 block of Beech and in the 2500 block of Christine.  
 A prowler was reported in the 1000 block of Mary Ellen.  
 One alarm was reported.  
 Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests today.  
**Wednesday, Aug. 1**  
 Kermit Kenneth Hartley Jr., 38, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO on a bond forfeiture for evading arrest with a vehicle and theft of more than \$50 and less than \$500.  
 Adriana Gutierrez, 38, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa Police Department in the 1200 block of North Hobart on a capias pro fine for no valid driver's license.  
 Jessie Richard Salley, 22, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO and is serving a 90-day sentence for criminal mischief.

**Thursday, Aug. 2**  
 Antonio Pedro Mera, 30, of Pampa was arrested by PPD in the 400 block of Russell for public intoxication.  
 Julie A. Tucker, 41, of Pampa was arrested by PPD in the 1100 block of Finley for public intoxication.  
 Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.  
**Wednesday, Aug. 1**  
 8:51 p.m. — Three units and five personnel responded to Highway 60, five miles west of Price Road, on a locomotive fire.  
**Thursday, Aug. 2**  
 5:42 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 1000 block of South Wells on a call for medical assistance.  
 Guardian EMS ambulance reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.  
**Wednesday, Aug. 1**  
 10:36 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded west on Highway 152 and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.  
 11:40 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred a patient(s) to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.  
 1:18 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of North Wells and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.  
 9:29 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred a patient to BSA Hospital in Amarillo.  
**Thursday, Aug. 2**  
 5:40 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of South Wells and transported a patient to PRMC.

**Sheriff's deputy accused of extorting Mexican motorists**

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A La Salle County sheriff's deputy has been accused of extorting Mexican motorists, threatening them with detention if they didn't pay him immediately.  
 Henry James Jr., 44, was arrested Tuesday and pleaded not guilty in federal court in Laredo on Wednesday.  
 A motorist stopped on Interstate 35 complained to the sheriff's office that James required him to pay a fine immediately or be detained.  
 Sheriff Victor Villarreal said in a statement that the department used its GPS technology to document several cases in which James stopped vehicles but didn't call dispatchers. Four motorists complained of being stopped by James from June 30 to July 22.  
 Two undercover FBI agents posing as Mexican motorists on July 25 and 28

were stopped by James for disregarding a stop sign on the access road of Interstate 35, according to the criminal complaint.  
 The agents recorded James telling them that because they were Mexican, they had to pay him \$150 or be detained until a judge could see them.  
 James' arrest follows several other high-profile accusations against South Texas law enforcement officials.  
 Former La Salle County Sheriff Robbie Thomas and former deputy Joseph Canales were indicted in November on charges of aggravated perjury and tampering with evidence, respectively, for the handling of drugs in an evidence room.  
 And two veteran Laredo police officers were charged last month with accepting bribes from illegal gambling operations.

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Waterfowl looking for breakfast on a recent morning in a playa lake near Celanese.

## Jobless claims rise, but employment steady

WASHINGTON (AP) — The number of newly laid off people signing up for jobless benefits went up modestly last week, although the latest figures suggest employment conditions around the country remain good.

The Labor Department reported today that new applications filed for unemployment insurance rose by a seasonally adjusted 4,000 to 307,000 for the week ending July 28. That was a better showing than economists expected; they were forecasting claims to rise to 310,000.

New claims also are lower now than a year ago, when they stood at 315,000.

In another report, U.S. factories saw demand for their products improve in June — but not as much as some hoped. The Commerce Department said new orders rose 0.6 percent, compared with a 0.5 percent drop in May. Economists, however, were calling for a bigger, 1 percent gain.

Still, the overall gain registered in June did mark the best showing since March.

Looking at the details, demand for “durable” goods, including machinery, airplanes, turbines, generators and electrical equipment rose by 1.3 percent in June. Orders for durable goods dropped 2.4 percent in May.

Demand for “nondurable” goods, including clothing and meat, poultry and seafood products, meanwhile, edged down 0.1 percent in June. That compared with a 1.5 percent increase in the previous month.

A more forward-looking report released by the Institute for Supply Management showed that the manufacturing sector lost a bit of momentum in July, growing at its slowest pace in four months. The report is consistent with analysts’ forecasts that the economy will grow gradually — but not like gangbusters — through the rest of this

year.

In the layoffs report, the four-week moving average of new claims, which smooths out week-to-week fluctuations, fell last week by 3,500 to 305,500. That was the lowest level since late May.

Also encouraging: The number of people continuing to collect unemployment benefits sank by 16,000 to 2.5 million for the work week ending July 21, the most recent period for which this information is available.

Even as economic growth has se-sawed, companies have hired at a steady and decent pace.

Economists predict that companies added 135,000 new jobs to their payrolls in July, about the same as the 132,000 positions added in June. The unemployment rate is expected to hold steady at 4.5 percent, relatively low by historical standards.

## FEMA stops sending out disaster trailers

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Federal Emergency Management Agency has stopped donating and selling disaster trailers while it studies reports that people living in them after hurricanes Katrina and Rita got sick from formaldehyde exposure.

Federal health scientists are in Louisiana and Mississippi investigating the safety of the travel trailers being used by hurricane victims, FEMA officials said. The scientists have been asked to identify an acceptable air quality level for formaldehyde, which is commonly used in building materials but can cause respiratory problems in high doses or with prolonged exposure.

FEMA provided about

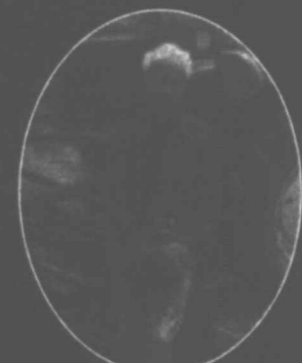
120,000 travel trailers to victims of the 2005 hurricanes. The health review comes after some occupants last year began reporting illnesses, including nosebleeds and headaches.

Congressional leaders were outraged after documents revealed that FEMA lawyers had discouraged the agency from investigating reports that some trailers had high levels of formaldehyde.

FEMA said in a statement Wednesday that “out of an abundance of caution,” it is temporarily suspending further deployment of the travel trailers in its inventory pending the results of the formaldehyde studies, which will take into account relative humidity, the trailers’ design and how long they are lived in.

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## Fender-benders lead to hefty repairs on luxury vehicles

WASHINGTON (AP) — Buying an expensive car can bring an owner style, prestige and repair bills in the thousands of dollars to fix damage caused by minor fender-benders.

Repairing damages to luxury vehicles involved in low-speed crashes of 3 to 6 mph, which typically happen in commuter traffic or in parking lots, can cost significantly more than for other cars, according to tests released today by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety.

Many of the bumpers are flimsy and fail to absorb the energy in a crash, leading to damage to the grille, hood and headlights, the institute found.

“There shouldn’t be much or any damage in collisions at these speeds, especially to expensive and presumably well-made cars,” said Joe Nolan, a senior vice president at the Institute.

The institute conducted a series of four low-speed crashes on 11 2007 luxury vehicles. It found the Infiniti G35, which starts at \$31,450, had the highest repair bill at nearly \$14,000 in combined damages for the four tests. In one test involving the front-end, the G35’s bill was more than \$5,000.

The Acura TL and Mercedes C Class racked up more than \$11,000 in repairs for the four tests while the tab for the Lexus ES nearly topped \$11,000. Damage to the Lexus IS cost more than \$9,500.

Only three vehicles sustained less than \$6,000 in damage: the Saab 9-3, Audi A4 and Lincoln MKZ. Other damage estimates included \$8,224 for the Volvo S60, \$7,554 for the Acura TSX and \$6,681 for the BMW

3 Series.

Automakers said the tests did not assess the vehicle’s safety and only focused on repair cost. They said it was hard for the tests to replicate the low-speed crashes that typically occur on the road.

Nissan Motor Co. spokeswoman Jeannine Ginivan said it was “highly unlikely that anyone would be simultaneously involved in the four low-speed crash modes under real-world conditions.” Infiniti is Nissan’s luxury brand.

Mercedes-Benz spokesman Rob Moran said the results did not reflect the automaker’s “holistic approach to occupant safety. This philosophy influences vehicle design and development even down to the front bumper.”

Acura, the luxury brand of Honda Motor Co., said in a statement the TL and TSX sedans were “designed to perform well in real-world situations, and are not limited to specific laboratory tests of bumper performance.”

Bumpers are designed to absorb the energy of a low-speed collision and prevent damage to the front-end. But the tests found that many of the vehicles would slide under the bumpers of the vehicles they strike, causing extensive damage.

In other cases, the institute found the bumpers were flimsy or weren’t large enough or extend out to the vehicle’s corners to protect it from damage.

Serious injuries are uncommon in low-speed crashes, and the institute’s bumper tests did not assess passenger safety.

## Evans

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back east into the Oklahoma Panhandle.

At the center of it is the mythical town of Hi-Lo, based on Des Moines, N.M., between Clayton and Raton, where Evans ranched after fighting in Europe during World War II. His combat wounds still give him trouble, but they

never slow down his stories.

He’s written more than two dozen books and is the subject of another, “Old Max Evans: The First Thousand Years,” by former Pampa News editor Slim Randles.

Randles called Evans one of the best writers in the English language today.

“Max,” Randles said, “could sell retirement plans on death row.”

Along with the film festival in Canyon, Max and Pat Evans will be celebrating

their 58th wedding anniversary. Evans will also be signing his books at the Panhandle Plains Historical Museum.

Besides Canyon, there is a Western film festival at the new New Mexico Film Museum in Santa Fe featuring “Hi-Lo Country,” a film based on Evans’ book of the same name.

“I guess this is their first festival,” Evans said. “I’ve been to Santa Fe too much. I want to go to Amarillo.”

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# Viewpoints

## Another school year is nearly upon us

It is practically the eve of another school year once again. This is the time of year I think I'd dread if I were a parent. Ouch, the shopping (I HATE to shop), the lines and the endless searching for the right school supplies.

An electronic news release from, of all things, Uniroyal Tire and Stephanie Nelson, The Coupon Mom, offers the following tips for saving during the Back-To-School Season (their term,

not mine):

• Start early — Nelson recommends shopping early to purchase those predictable school supplies that you know will be on the list.

• School supplies typically sell at 50 to 75 percent off regular prices before the official back-to-school shopping season commences. Pick up a few items as you can and watch for sales.

• Shop smart — If you don't find a great sales price on needed items early, take

advantage of tax free holidays. Fourteen states and the District of Columbia are holding tax free holidays this year.

• Buy in bulk.

Membership clubs such as Sam's Club, or BJ's Wholesale Club offer low membership fees and allow you to stock up on back-to-

school essentials and even a few extras your kids don't expect to find in their lunchboxes. In addition, many membership clubs include gas stations, which frequently offer lower gas prices than the stations across the street.

• Before you leave home, check out store advertising

circulars for the best deals and take the circulars with you. Nelson advises families to use the circulars as part of a "price matching" strategy. Rather than going to several stores to get the lowest prices, Nelson recommends asking your store if they price match. Stores will often match a competitor's advertised price when a customer shows the lower advertised price in a sales circular. In addition, you've saved gas money by not

driving all over town!

• Look for new ways to save — Circulars are not the only way to save. A little creativity and initiative can add up in the long run.

• When shopping for big-ticket items such as computers, ask about purchasing the demos and display products. Store display merchandise may have minor blemishes, but often come with the same warranties and greater savings than the same items when new."

**Skyla Bryant**

News Editor



## Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Aug. 2, the 214th day of 2007. There are 151 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Aug. 2, 1776, members of the Continental Congress began attaching their signatures to the Declaration of Independence.

On this date:

In 1790, the enumeration for the first United States census began; the final total was 3,929,214.

In 1873, inventor Andrew S. Hallidie successfully tested a cable car he had designed for the city of San Francisco.

In 1876, frontiersman "Wild Bill" Hickok was shot and killed while playing poker at a saloon in Deadwood, Dakota Territory.

In 1923, the 29th president of the United States, Warren G. Harding, died in San Francisco.

In 1927, four years after becoming president, Calvin Coolidge issued a statement to reporters: "I do not choose to run for President in nineteen twenty-eight."

In 1934, German President Paul von Hindenburg died, paving the way for Adolf Hitler's complete takeover.

In 1939, Albert Einstein signed a letter to President Roosevelt urging creation

*'Ideas are powerful things, requiring not a studious contemplation but an action, even if it is only an inner action.'*

**Midge Decter**  
American writer.

of an atomic weapons research program.

In 1943, during World War II, Navy boat PT-109, commanded by Lt. John F. Kennedy, sank after being rammed by the Japanese destroyer Amagiri off the Solomon Islands.

In 1967, the crime and race drama "In the Heat of the Night," starring Sidney Poitier and Rod Steiger, opened in New York.

In 1990, Iraq invaded Kuwait, seizing control of the oil-rich emirate. (The Iraqis were later driven out in Operation Desert Storm.)

Ten years ago: "Naked Lunch" author William S. Burroughs, the godfather of the "Beat generation," died in Kansas City, Mo., at age 83.

Five years ago: A federal judge ruled the U.S. government had to reveal the names of people detained in the investigation of the 9-11 terrorist attacks; an appeals court later sided with federal authorities. Pope John Paul II returned to Rome after ending an 11-day pilgrimage to Canada, Guatemala and Mexico.

One year ago: Five days after being pulled over by police, actor-director Mel Gibson was charged with misdemeanor drunken driving, having an elevated blood-alcohol level and having an open container of liquor in his car. (Gibson later pleaded no contest to drunken driving under a deal in which he received three years' probation, paid a fine and agreed to attend alcohol rehabilitation classes.)

Today's Birthdays: Former Sen. Paul Laxalt, R-Nev., is 85. Actor Peter O'Toole is 75. Country singer Hank Cochran is 72. Rock musician Garth Hudson (The Band) is 70. Movie director Wes Craven is 68. Singer Kathy Lennon (The Lennon Sisters) is 64. Actor Max Wright is 64. Actress Joanna Cassidy is 62. Actress Kathryn Harrold is 57. Singer Andrew Gold is 56. Actor Butch Patrick ("The Munsters") is 54. Singer Mojo Nixon is 50.



## Computers help you stay on schedule

Computers are great, aren't they? After all, they balance our checkbooks, deliver our e-mail, take us to Web sites all around the world, and allow us to play some very entertaining games. This week, though, I'm going to show you how to set up your system to "nag" you.

That's right. With a few simple steps, your system can tell you over and over and over to mow the yard, take out the trash or change your car oil. And it will remind you until you do it! While this capability may not rank with the computing advantages I listed above, it is a necessity in most of our lives.

For this example, I will be using Microsoft Outlook. As I've mentioned in previous columns, do not confuse Microsoft Outlook with Microsoft Outlook Express. They are very different.

Outlook Express is a "stripped down" version of Outlook. The processes I'll be covering here are only found in Outlook. If you don't have Outlook, I recommend getting it. Most versions of Microsoft Office are bundled with it.

Also, in this example, I'll be using Outlook 2003, the version most people are still using despite the release of the 2007 version. If you have an older or newer version, all of these tips should still work, though. To find out what version you have, open Outlook, and then click on HELP, About.

Outlook has basically two areas to create reminders — the calendar, and tasks. The calendar should be used for

date-specific events, while tasks are much more like a "to do" list. This week, I'll cover the amazing world of tasks, using an example near and dear to my heart — blood donation.



**Eric Spellmann**  
Columnist

For those of you who may not know, I'm a big fan of the Coffee Memorial Blood Center in Amarillo (http://www.thegiftoflife.org). Every day they provide the blood and blood products that save countless lives in our hospitals. And since medical science has not yet given us the ability to create blood, we must collect it from generous donors.

A person can donate blood every 56 days. But if you're like me, you can't remember the date of your last donation

(much less do the calendar math of adding 56 days to it). Since this event is not date specific, it makes a better task than calendar item. In Outlook, click the TASKS icon in the shortcut bar down the left side of your screen. Next, click the "New" button on the toolbar in the top-left corner of your screen.

A separate window will pop up. Maximize it so you can see all the options (Click the grey button with the black square in the upper-right hand corner of the window). In the "Subject" area, type something short, but descriptive, like:

"Give Blood" ... Below the Subject, you'll see "Due Date" and "Start Date." For the "Due Date," click the little button to the right of the blank and choose a date. If you haven't given blood in a long time, choose

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## Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

■ July 22  
Houston Chronicle on the Bush administration and uninsured children: After the Senate Finance Committee approved an expansion of the federal Children's Health Insurance Program to cover nearly 10 million kids, President Bush offered a strange rationale for threatening to veto it.

"People have access to health care in America," he told an audience in Cleveland. "After all, you just go to an emergency room."

As any executive of a Houston hospital can attest, that is precisely the problem created by the high number of uninsured people in the United States. Texas has the highest rate of uninsured

children in the nation, and Harris County the highest in the state.

Those who lack insurance coverage frequently delay seeking medical care until they are seriously ill. Then they swamp hospital emergency rooms that are required by law to treat them even if the patient has no ability to pay.

Since emergency care is far more expensive than a scheduled visit to a doctor or clinic, hospitals wind up with large costs that they then pass on to insured patients using their overtaxed facilities. As a result, insurance companies raise their rates ever higher to cover the increased payouts, making their policies too expensive for more working families.

The result is a health care system spiraling out of control and more children left unprotected and in poor health.

The senators who voted 17-4 to

expand the S-CHIP understand the situation. Their plan would boost funding for S-CHIP from \$25 billion to \$60 billion for the next five years with the aim of covering 3 million more children. The measure would provide a uniform eligibility level of three times the poverty line for a family with four children, \$51,510. The increase would be primarily funded by a steep hike in federal taxes on cigarettes and other tobacco products.

The Bush administration insists on holding the increase to \$5 billion over the five year period, a level that U.S. Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, said would not even maintain the current number of children enrolled.

Administration officials claim that expanding the program would under-

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**Diversified Lenders can turn your accounts into cash**

Smart business owners throughout West Texas are finding that Smart Money, one of the many services available from Diversified Lenders, Inc., enables them to convert their accounts receivable into immediate cash through a process known as "factoring".

"Many people don't know what factoring is," says Don Roberts, President, in the company's Lubbock offices at 6625 W. 19th St., Suite 114. "Companies simply don't realize that they can sell us their accounts receivable on a monthly basis and get immediate working capital."

Just as important, Smart Money gives businesses access to complete "backroom" services. Backroom services include:

- Billing
- Collections
- eFactor Technology
- Accounts receivable management
- Management reports
- Customer credit evaluations
- Next day funding

"Selling us their accounts receivable enables companies to grow their businesses not only by making capital readily available, but by solving the cash flow problems created by customers who don't always pay immediately," says Account Manager Cole Roberts. "They can now afford to go after that potential new customer who's delayed payment history had before made them unavailable."

Often, Cole adds, the increased availability of capital enables Diversified's clients to make even more money by taking advantage of substantial "early-pay" discounts available from their vendors.

Funds can be directly deposited to customers' designated bank accounts. Smart Money clients can also take advantage of eFactor, an online service that gives clients access to their accounts, view transaction status, submit invoices, manage reports and much more.

"eFactor allows our clients to bring our 'backroom' into their office," says Operations Manager Glendon Paulk. "Clients can log on and access their accounts anytime, anywhere."

Diversified Lenders also receives client referrals from many banks throughout the West Texas area.

"We work hand-in-hand with the banks," Don explains. "Our factoring services enable us to consider a company's accounts receivable and fund based on that."

If you've been turned down by a bank, Diversified Lenders encourages you to call them for more information.

"We get a lot of referrals from banks when additional funding is needed, or they are not able to service a client," he explains.

Smart Money from Diversified Lenders, Inc. is obviously much more than just another business loan program. It's a way to grow the business in ways previously unavailable to many businesses. When coupled with the factoring division's complete "backroom" services menu, Diversified Lenders, Inc. provides complete cash flow management.

"We provide people with peace-of-mind," Don says. "Many small business owners find that with us, they can eliminate the need to work the business by day and handle invoicing, billing, collections, etc. at night."

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For more information, please contact Cole Roberts or any of the professionals at Diversified Lenders, Inc at (806) 795-7782 or toll free (800) 288-3024, or visit their Web site at [www.diversifiedlenders.com](http://www.diversifiedlenders.com). You can also e-mail Cole at [croberts@diversifiedlenders.com](mailto:croberts@diversifiedlenders.com).

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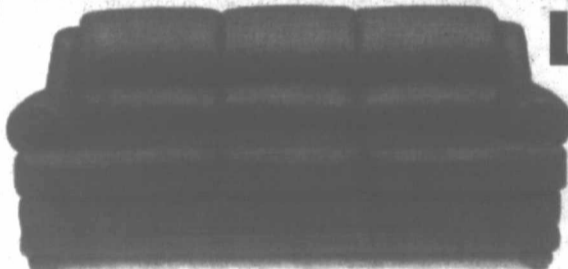
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## NATIONAL NEWS

### Bridge collapses in Minneapolis

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Divers were preparing to plunge into the Mississippi River early today to resume their search for bodies among the submerged cars, twisted steel and chunks of concrete following a deadly interstate bridge collapse.

The eight-lane Interstate 35W bridge, a major Minneapolis artery that carries more than 100,000 vehicles a day, was in the midst of being repaired and two lanes in each direction were closed when the bridge buckled Wednesday while jammed with rush-hour traffic.

Officials said seven people died, more than 60 were injured, and as many as 50 vehicles were in the river, many of their occupants having scrambled to shore. The collapse did not appear to be terrorism-related.

Minneapolis Fire Chief Jim Clack said the death toll could rise. "We think there are several more vehicles in the river we can't see yet," he said

Wednesday. "Obviously, this is a catastrophe of historic proportions for Minnesota," said Gov. Tim Pawlenty.

*'The scale of this is enormous. There's no doubt about it, it is going to be a huge change in the way we do business here.'*

— R.T. Rybak  
Minneapolis mayor

The bridge is a key city artery and its loss was quickly altering the morning commute. "The scale of this is enormous," Mayor R.T. Rybak said Wednesday on CNN. "There's no doubt about it, it is going to be a huge change in the way we do business here."

Pawlenty said the 40-

year-old bridge was inspected by the Minnesota Department of Transportation in 2005 and 2006 and that no immediate structural problems were noted. "There were some minor things that needed attention," he said.

Road crews were working on the bridge's joints, guardrails and lights this week, with lane closures overnight on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Aerial shots from local television stations showed the entire span of Interstate 35W had crumpled into the river below. Some injured people were carried up the riverbank, while emergency workers tended to others on the ground and some jumped into the water to look for survivors. Fire and black smoke rose from the wreckage.

A school bus had just crossed the midsection of the bridge before it collapsed. The bus did not go into the water, and broadcast reports indicated the children on the bus exited out the back door.

## Events calendar

- **Clarendon College-Pampa Center** is currently taking enrollment for an upcoming CPR Basic Life Support Class. The class is designed for health-care professionals according to guidelines set forth by the American Heart Association's International Emergency Cardiovascular Care. The class will be conducted from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Sept. 15 in Pampa Center Room 106. Participants completing the one-day course will receive an AHA card valid for two years. For more information, call the college at 665-8801.

- **Youth For Understanding** is an international student-exchange organization seeking host families in August. For more information, call 1-800-872-0200.

- **Carson County Square House Museum** in Panhandle will host an exhibition with Jim Jordan, an area photographer, in the Hazlewood Gallery of the museum throughout August. The name of the exhibit is "Rarely Seen, Never Seen." A reception is planned from 2:30-4 p.m. Sunday at the museum.

- **Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum** in Canyon will conduct a free storytelling workshop from 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday in Hazlewood Lecture Hall of the museum. Volunteers who attend the workshop will learn how to incorporate storytelling into guided tours. From 10:30-11:30 a.m., Education Coordinator Millie Vanover will deliver a presentation on volunteer opportunities at the museum. Eldrena Douma McMenamy, a Hopi storyteller of Canyon, and Dr. Trudy Hanson, a speech communication professor, will present an additional workshop from 1-4

- p.m.
- **Church of the Nazarene**, 500 N. West, will present a Southern Gospel concert with recording artists Bill and Vicki Sky at 7 p.m., Aug. 9 at the church.

- **Borger will be the site** of the second round of Texas Historical Commission Preserve America workshops scheduled from 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Aug. 10 at Hutchinson County Museum.

- **Pease River Playhouse** will be the site of a production of "Steel Magnolias" Aug. 10-12 at the auditorium in Goodlett. For show times and ticket information, call (940) 674-2477.

- **The 19th Annual Harmon County Blackeyed Pea Festival** will be Aug. 11 at Hollis, Okla. The event will kick-off at 9 a.m. with a parade. The festival will also include food, free watermelon, Harmon County Opry, arts & crafts booths, a quilt drawing, Hollis Ranch Rodeo, a tractor pull and show, bingo, train rides, buggy rides, silent auction, children's games and more.

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

## Tasks

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tomorrow's date. Otherwise, call your local blood center (806-358-4563), and they can tell you your last donation date. I've never used "Start Date" and don't plan to. In my observations, it's only used for tracking project lengths in large applications. In other words, for this example, it's not necessary. Also, leave the "Priority" and "Complete" areas alone. Once again, they are only used in corporate project tracking.

Put a check in the "Reminder" box, though. Think of this option as an alarm clock. At the specified time (usually the same date and time you entered in "Due Date"), a little pop up window will appear on your screen (provided Outlook is running), reminding you to complete the task.

If you've used Outlook for very long, you may be familiar with what we just covered. But here's where things get fun. Look in the toolbar at the top of the screen. Do you see the button labeled, "Recurrence ...?" Click it. A little window pops up asking you for the recurrence pattern. Click the "Daily" button. Move over to the right a bit, and click the third option, "Regenerate new task." Change the 1 to 56.

You may be wondering why we didn't choose the first option, "Every 56 days." Well, let's say I was out of town when my

due date arrived. If I give blood a week later, my 56 day wait period must also be moved a week later. A task is not complete until you check it off. By choosing "regenerate new task 56 days after each task is completed," we can be guaranteed that it has truly been 56 days since our last donation. In other words, the next donation date is set 56 days from the day you complete the task, not 56 days from the due date. Make sense?

In the large blank "Note" area, you can type anything you want. For instance, in the case of our blood donation example, I might type something to remind me why I give, like "By the time they reach 72 years of age, 95 percent of all Americans will have used blood or a blood component," or "Every day, roughly 32,000 units of blood are needed in the United States to save lives."

When you have finished, click the "Save and Close" button in the toolbar at the top. Your task will show up in the list.

If you think about it long enough, you'll come up with some other great uses for recurring tasks. For instance, did you know you are supposed to change or clean your air conditioning filter every 30 days? Why not create a recurring task to handle it? Other examples might include "watering the plants," or bathing the dog. And, husbands, if you get stuck thinking of ideas for recurring tasks, check with your wife. "Honey-Do" lists can easily be automated using the techniques we covered. I'll see you in Cyberspace!

## WT Band Camp



Danielle Wall and Madilyn Shults are pictured at the Branding Iron Theatre on the campus of West Texas A&M University in Canyon. They recently completed the two-week camp conducted annually. Wall received a trophy for "Outstanding Beginning Flags," and Shults for "Outstanding Beginning Marcher." Both will be freshmen at Pampa High School in the fall and will participate in the school's Pride of Pampa Band.

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## World briefs

**Lamb born with 7 legs likely won't survive, New Zealand veterinarian says**

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (AP) — A lamb born with seven legs will have to be euthanized, local media reported today.

The animal has three hind legs, two forelegs and two extra legs that hang useless behind its forelegs.

Veterinarian Steve Williams at the Canterbury Vets clinic in the rural town of Methven said the lamb, born Friday, also was missing a portion of its bowel and so would have to be destroyed.

"To keep it alive is probably inhumane really," Williams told the Ashburton Guardian newspaper.

Williams said he believed an error during embryo formation had resulted in the lamb being born polydactyl — with many legs — a condition that occurs once in several million sheep.

Dave Callaghan said he was surprised the find the seven-legged lamb on his farm along with its mother and normal twin sibling.

"I have never seen anything like that," he said.

**Earthquake hits Russian town, killing 2 and generating small tsunami waves in northern Japan**

MOSCOW (AP) — A strong quake

hit today near Sakhalin island in Russia's Far East, killing two people in a fishing village and generating small tsunami waves that hit northern Japan.

*"To keep it alive is probably inhumane really."*

— Steve Williams  
Veterinarian

The quake, with a preliminary magnitude of 6.4, struck at 0238 GMT (10:38 p.m. EDT Wednesday) on the southern tip of Sakhalin, just north of Japan, according to Japan's Meteorological Agency.

Viktor Beltsov, a spokesman for the Russian Emergency Situations Ministry, told The Associated Press that one woman died and two others were injured when the roof of a Palace of Culture collapsed in the small port town of Nevelsk. A man in Nevelsk died of a heart attack.

Beltsov said the quake was centered at a depth of 20 miles in the Tartar Strait, which lies between Sakhalin and the Asian mainland.

In Japan, tsunami waves of about 1 foot hit the coastal city of Wakkanai on the country's northernmost island of Hokkaido shortly before 2 p.m. (1 a.m. EDT), according to the Meteorological Agency.

A second quake of magnitude 5.9 struck the region at 2:22 p.m., the agency said, adding there was no tsunami danger.

There were no reports of injuries or damage in Japan. Authorities lifted a tsunami warning for western Hokkaido three hours after the first quake.

Japan and Russia's Far Eastern provinces form part of the Pacific Ocean's seismically active "Ring of Fire."

**Belarus president pledges to pay \$460 million gas debt to Russia**

MOSCOW (AP) — The Belarusian president said his country will pay \$460 million to settle its gas debt to Russia in the next few days, the Interfax news agency reported today.

"Today I ordered money taken from our reserves and payment of \$460 million," President Alexander Lukashenko said. Gazprom had threatened to cut natural gas supplies to Belarus by nearly half unless the debt was repaid by Friday.

cited by the White House for opposing the increase concerns the tax hike on cigarettes, which would go up from 39 cents a pack to a dollar. According to spokesman Tony Fratto, it would unfairly penalize the poor "to finance a new subsidy for the middle class." He didn't mention that higher tobacco taxes would likely reduce teen access to cigarettes and lower the health care costs of treating

millions of Americans for respiratory disease and cancer caused by smoking.

America's health care system is broken. Expanding S-CHIP is a stop-gap measure that would expand the number of Americans with access to health care.

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## Bush

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mine the insurance industry. But having more children insured would lower costs passed on to private insurers and employers.

Perhaps the most dubious reason

## KBR earnings rise on sale of dockyard

By JOHN PORRETTO  
AP Business Writer

HOUSTON (AP) — KBR Inc., the former Halliburton Co. subsidiary, said today its net income rose 52 percent in the second quarter, lifted by the sale of its share of a British dockyard.

Earnings for the April-June period amounted to \$140 million, or 83 cents a share, compared with net income of \$92 million, or 68 cents a share, in the year-ago period.

Revenue was relatively flat at \$2.15 billion in the most-recent period, versus \$2.23 a year ago.

The military contractor and engineering/construction outfit, which split from Halliburton in April, said earnings from continuing operations in the second quarter were \$50 million, or 30 cents a share, up from \$4

million, or 3 cents a share, in the second quarter of 2006.

Analysts polled by Thomson Financial had forecast earnings of 28 cents a share on revenue of \$2.33 billion. The Thomson Financial forecast typically excludes special items.

KBR said in late June it had completed the \$350 million sale of its stake in Devonport Management Ltd. to U.K.-based support services group Babcock International Group. KBR owned 51 percent of Devonport Management, which owns and manages the Devonport Royal Dockyard, the largest dockyard in Western Europe.

KBR said it sold the business to focus on its engineering, construction and services offerings to industrial, government and military customers.

## Rod Stewart's son sued

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Rod Stewart's son has been sued by a man who claims Sean Stewart beat him up at a Hollywood nightclub last year.

The lawsuit, filed Tuesday in Los Angeles by Daniel Refoua, accuses Stewart of assault, battery, false imprisonment, negligence and intentional infliction of emotional distress.

Refoua's lawyer, Sean Bral, said his client was beaten up Jan. 5, 2006, by a group including Stewart after accidentally bumping into the singer's son at Hollywood's LAX nightclub.

The melee followed an argument between Refoua and Stewart, who had a bodyguard with him, Bral said.

"The next thing you know, he gets punched in the face and he's getting punched by Stewart and his bodyguard and whoever it was who was with him," he said.

Refoua, who is in his 20s, suffered a fractured nose and other injuries, Bral said. The lawsuit seeks unspecified general, special and punitive damages.

"We invite him to come forward if they want a resolu-

tion in this, to sit down early to talk as opposed to later," Bral said.

Stewart's lawyer, Peter J. Korn, did not immediately respond to a phone message seeking comment.

Additional lawsuits may be filed against the others accused of attacking Refoua, Bral said.

The lawsuit comes about two months after Stewart, one of the stars of the A&E reality show "Sons of Hollywood," was arrested in a separate attack on a couple outside a Hollywood Hills party.

The couple said they were in a truck in April when Stewart and others confronted them and began punching and throwing bricks at them and the vehicle.

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# Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

**DEAR ABBY:** I am a 79-years-young woman living in my own home with my 84-year-old husband, "Jack." Jack was an avid gardener who enjoyed tending our large yard full of roses, fruit trees, and a variety of flowers and vegetables. During the past year, however, Jack's health has deteriorated and he can no longer do much around our home. I have tried to take over some of the gardening, but haven't the time or energy to keep it up to Jack's standards. Otherwise, I feel we're doing well. I still drive and keep house and enjoy our great-grandchildren. I used to keep my home to very strict standards, but in recent years have realized that a few dust bunnies are not a crime. Lately, my daughter, granddaughter and even our oldest great-granddaughter have been trying to push us into living closer to them, into a smaller home with less yard and what they believe would be less work for me. Unfortunately, this has led to harsh words exchanged between my daughter and me. When my granddaughter agreed with my daughter, I told them to stay out of our business and let us run our own lives. When my granddaughter said the family was only trying to plan ahead and prepare me for when I would be alone, I yelled at her and told her they didn't have the right to force their opinions on me. Recently my husband's doctor told him he can no longer drive and he was given a walker. We have not told our children because we dread that they'll force us to move, or worse, force me to put Jack in a home. I do not believe this would be the best choice at this time. We do not want to be a burden on our children. I believe I am able to take care of my husband, my home and my life without our children and grandchildren interfering. How can I get them to understand this without creating

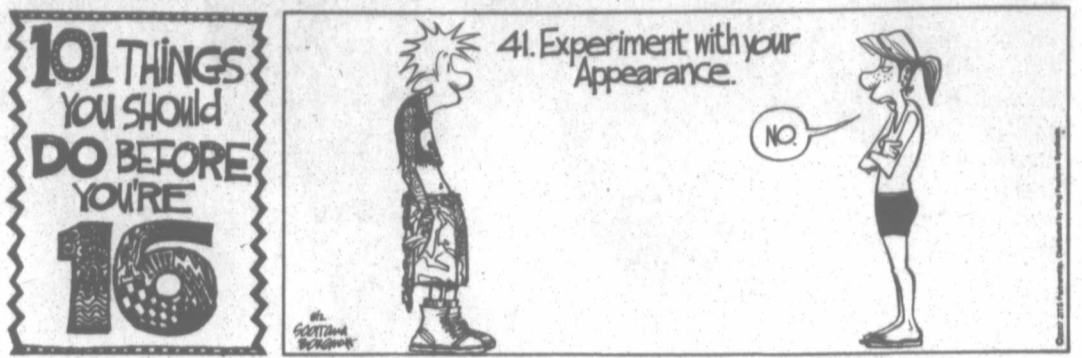
more bad feelings? I know they read your column. Can you help them understand that I have the right to continue to live in my home as long as I wish, and the choice to move should be mine -- not theirs? I'm sure many older people out there are going through what we're going through and could use your wise and valued support. — "GRACE" IN EAU CLAIRE, WIS.

**DEAR "GRACE":** I'm sure many older people are experiencing what you're going through -- and in the next few decades there will be even more. That's why I'm going to be direct with you. You are "79-years-young," and your husband is 84 and failing. There's an old saying, "You can fool Mother Nature, but you can't fool Father Time." You may think you are able to keep up the house and the property, but from your description, your ability to do so is becoming less. It does not automatically mean you must make drastic changes in your lifestyle and place your husband in a home. However, it DOES mean that it's time to review your options. While downsizing might have its advantages, you could also consider finding someone to help you with housekeeping and gardening a couple of times a month. A home health-care professional could also help you care for your husband in the surroundings you both love. On the other hand, moving closer to your children could provide you with a place that would be easier to keep up -- and also give you extra money to make your lives more comfortable. Please try to keep an open mind and not be defensive. If your children did not love you, they would not be as concerned as they seem to be about you.

## For Better Or For Worse



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## Crossword Puzzle

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

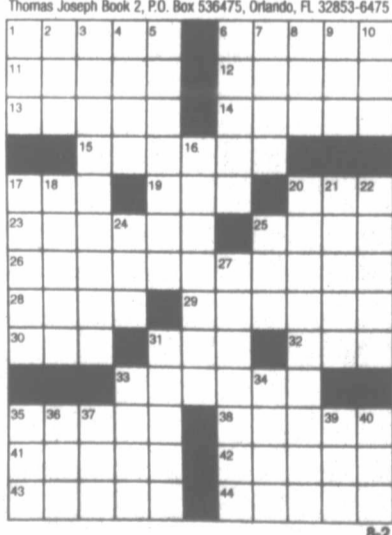
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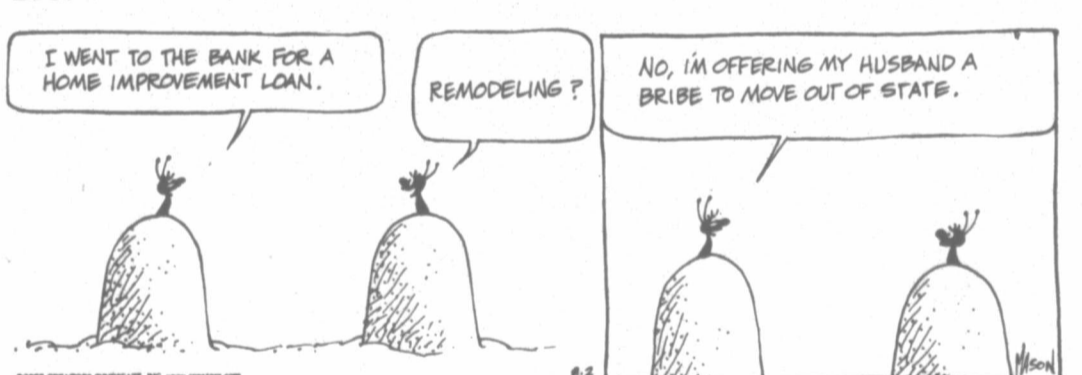
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By Bil Keane

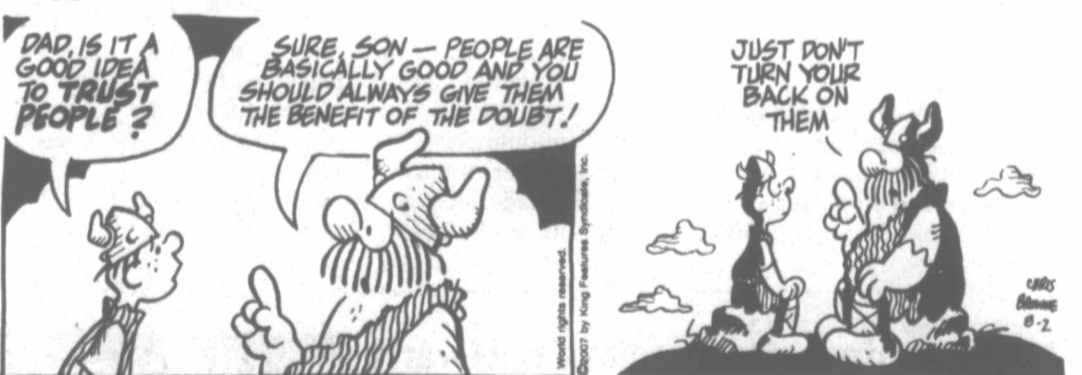


"We're making good time ... OOPS! What was THAT?"

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# Sports Day

## Jones places 2nd overall at national competition

By MARILYN POWERS  
Staff Writer

Pampa pole bender Kalynn Jones placed second overall in the event at the end of national high school rodeo competition last week in Springfield, Ill.

The results of Jones' three runs in pole bending at the National High School Finals Rodeo, held in Springfield's Illinois State Fairgrounds July 22-28, gave her the nationwide second-place win. She competed the morning and evening of July 25 and again on Saturday morning.

She was awarded a \$900 scholarship for the placement, along with a belt buckle and other prizes.

Jones also placed second, along with Codi Myers of Memphis, in target shooting. She and Myers represented Texas at the national level in shooting a .22.

Her target shooting success added a \$750 scholarship to her winnings. Myers also earned a \$750 scholarship for the event.

Logan Helton of Pampa also competed in the national finals. He ranked 20th overall in bull riding at the end of the week's competition.

Jones, 17, earned the right to compete at the national level by earning fourth place overall in pole bending from among 100 contestants in the Texas High School Rodeo Association finals, held June 9 through 17 in Abilene.

This was Jones' third year to compete statewide. In addition to pole bending, she also competes in barrel racing and breakaway roping.

The daughter of Jeff and Jodie Jones of Pampa, she will be a senior at Pampa High School for the 2007-2008 year.



Courtesy photo

Kalynn Jones placed fourth in statewide competition at the Texas High School Rodeo Association finals June 9 through 17 in Abilene. Her placement earned her a trip to the National High School Rodeo Finals, July 22 through 28 in Springfield, Ill., where she placed second overall in the national competition in pole bending and target shooting.

## Ching scores, leads Houston Dynamo over D.C. United

HOUSTON (AP) — Brian Ching scored from 18 yards in the 50th minute off a pass from Nate Jaqua, and the Houston Dynamo beat D.C. United 1-0 Wednesday night to advance to the SuperLiga semifinals.

Houston hosts Mexico's Pachuca in the semifinals on Aug. 14 and D.C. United is at the Los Angeles Galaxy the following day. D.C. United wasn't sure of advancing until Club America beat Morelia 3-2 later Wednesday.

The teams were playing for the third time this season. In two Major League Soccer games, D.C. United won 2-1 in Washington and Dynamo won 1-0 in Houston.

Stuart Holden's shot from 15 yards, which hit a post in the 36th minute, was the closest either team came to scoring in the first half.

## Day and night golf tournament

The Pampa Lions Club will host the Day and Night Golf tournament on Aug. 10 at Hidden Hills Golf Course.

The tournament will be a 4-person scramble, with 18 spots available for teams.

During the day, players will take on the back 9 while visibility is relatively at its best.

After completing the back 9, players will stop to enjoy supper, and wait for darkness to fall.

Players will then use glow balls and hit the front 9, with the sun well out of sight.

Registration will cost \$45.

For more information, or to register, contact Hidden Hills at 669-5866 or Rusty Tapp at 595-0513.

At \$10 per ticket, the Lions Club will also raffle off a set of irons, the winner's choice of Titleist, Nike, Callaway or Taylor Made.

## Rangers bunt way past sloppy Indians

CLEVELAND (AP) — Once again, the Cleveland Indians failed to take advantage of slumping Detroit in the AL Central.

Rookie reliever Jensen Lewis failed to get an out on consecutive bunts by Texas and the Rangers took advantage with three runs in the 10th inning to defeat the Indians 9-6 Wednesday night.

"This is probably the lowest this team has been this year," third baseman Casey Blake said after the Indians' fourth straight loss and seventh in nine games. Cleveland had a chance to gain a share of first-place with Detroit in the AL Central for the first time

since July 7. The slumping Tigers have lost eight of 10.

"Detroit's going through a tough skid, too," Blake said. "We've got two months to play and we're still in good position."

Ramon Vazquez lined a single to center to open the 10th against Lewis (0-1), who then fielded a bunt by Frank Catalanotto and threw low and too late to second to get the lead runner.

"We had a good chance there," Lewis said. "I just didn't execute."

After pitching coach Carl Willis visited the mound, Lewis grabbed another bunt by Ian Kinsler. The right-hander, in his eighth outing since being called up from

Triple-A Buffalo on July 13, stumbled as he went to throw to third, then fired the ball into the dirt at first for an error, letting Vazquez score the go-ahead run.

"I slipped and it's unfortunate what happened," Lewis said. "That was the difference in the ballgame."

Michael Young was intentionally walked and Jason Botts, recalled from Triple-A Oklahoma before the game, scored Catalanotto with a sacrifice fly. Marlon Byrd followed with an RBI single.

Jarrod Saltalamacchia, in his first game since being acquired from Atlanta on Tuesday for Mark Teixeira, started at first base for Texas and had a two-run single

while going 1-for-5.

"It feels good to get the first one out of the way," Saltalamacchia said. "That was big for me."

Joaquin Benoit (5-3) pitched 2 2-3 innings and C.J. Wilson ended the game by striking out Kenny Lofton with two runners on for his second save. Five Rangers relievers held Cleveland to three hits over the final 5 2-3 innings.

"They did a great job," Texas manager Ron Washington said. "Each guy we brought in did the job and kept us in there."

Catalanotto's two-run double off Rafael Betancourt tied it at 6 for Texas in the seventh.

## Canadian residents to appear on national television show

CANADIAN, Texas - Jason and Talon McAnally of Canadian, Texas, will be appearing on Turkey Call, a hunting series produced by the National Wild Turkey Federation.

The show will air on The Outdoor Channel on the following dates:

\* Monday, August 6, at 2 p.m. (EDT)

\* Tuesday, August 7, at 7 a.m. (EDT)

\* Thursday, August 9, at 7 p.m. (EDT)

Jason, an NWTF volunteer, will be trying to call in a Rio Grande wild turkey for his son Talon, a JAKES member.

And later, they'll be hunting with NWTF north Texas regional director, Michael

Thornton.

Also, the NWTF, along with the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency, will demonstrate the continued dedication to conservation by relocating numerous Eastern turkeys from Tennessee to east Texas.

Great hunting action plays a major role in each episode of Turkey Call, now in its

ninth year.

The show features stories of conservation, preserving the country's hunting heritage and introducing youth, women and people with disabilities to many outdoor activities, including hunting.

Turkey Call takes viewers across the nation in pursuit of wild turkeys, and inside of the NWTF's outreach pro-

grams, highlighting the people who enjoy hunting and fishing. Viewers can also join the NWTF's volunteers, partners and friends as they work together to improve wild turkey habitat and celebrate North America's rich hunting traditions.

To learn more about Turkey Call television or to see the show schedule, log

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## Versatile ironman made offensive line look easy playing each spot

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Hall of Famer Mike Munchak freely admits he never could have done what former teammate and close friend Bruce Matthews did.

It's not that Matthews had more consecutive Pro Bowl appearances (14) than Munchak's 12; Matthews played 19 years and 296 games, more than any full-time positional player in league history when he retired.

What still impresses Munchak is how Matthews played each position on the offensive line so well that he spent at least a season's worth of games at each spot, switching whenever asked.

"I could've played the other guard, but I could never have played tackle," Munchak said.

"A lot of guys can't move around because mentally it's hard, especially to go from center to tackle. Not many guys in football can do that and also play center. Usually center-guard or

guard-tackle, but not a guy who can play center, run the show and do all that for you, but if someone gets hurt can go to left tackle and finish the game."

That is why Matthews will be the only inductee Saturday elected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame in his first year of eligibility, and just the 59th elected on the first ballot. The quiet ironman of the NFL calls the prospect very humbling.

"It really makes it clear to me how much God has blessed me and my family. There are just too many things that have happened in my life I'd love to take credit for it and say I did it all by myself. It's too obvious to me how blessed I've been," Matthews said.

Sports, particularly football, and family always have been a big part of life for the Matthews.

His father Clay Sr. was a defensive lineman in the 1950s for the San Francisco 49ers. Clay Jr., his older

brother, played 19 NFL seasons himself at linebacker. Bruce dreamed of becoming a pro athlete as a child.

"If you would've told me then that one day I'd play in the NFL and one day I'd make the Hall of Fame, I would've said you've got to be kidding," Matthews said.

Munchak first saw Matthews in 1983 at the Houston Oilers' training camp. The ninth-pick overall out of Southern California, the 6-foot-5, 276-pound Matthews impressed immediately.

"Everyone was checking him out," Munchak said. "Those first practices watching him, the way he ran around the field and his athleticism and his quickness off the ball, his attitude running around the field was so different from anybody else I'd be around."

Matthews started 15 games that year at right guard. He started at center,

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## Surprising Mariners pushing first-place Angels in AL West

By The Associated Press

The Seattle Mariners overcame a blown save by their All-Star closer to beat the first-place Angels 8-7 in 12 innings Wednesday night at Safeco Field.

Yuniesky Betancourt grounded a single through the left side of a five-man infield to score the winning run for second-place Seattle, which beat Los Angeles two of three and moved to three games out of first.

The Mariners (59-47) haven't had a winning season since 2003 and weren't expected to hang with the favored Angels this season. But Seattle appears set to stay in the playoff race for the long haul.

"To come back and win, that's huge," Putz said. "I know there is two months left in the season and the difference between five games and three games doesn't seem like much. But it is."

In other AL games it was, Tampa Bay 6, Toronto 2;

Oakland 3, Detroit 2; Boston 5, Baltimore 4; Texas 9, Cleveland 6 in 10 innings; New York 8, Chicago 1; and Kansas City 5, Minnesota 3 in 10 innings.

Adrian Beltre led off the 12th with an infield single off Justin Speier (0-2). One out later, Jamie Burke was grazed on the elbow by a 1-1 fastball. Jose Lopez then chopped an infield single high off the plate to load the bases. Angels manager Mike Scioscia brought Gary Matthews Jr. in from center field to create a five-man infield for the second time in extra innings.

Betancourt then singled sharply between third base and shortstop. Former Angel Jose Guillen led his teammates in chasing the jubilant Betancourt around the infield after one of Seattle's most important wins of a surprising season.

"That's as good a game as I've been involved in," said manager John McLaren, who is in his 28th year as a

professional coach or player. Los Angeles lost for the second time in seven games. The Angels had won seven of the first nine games between the teams this season.

"Our focus is still in-house," Angels manager Mike Scioscia said about the charging Mariners.

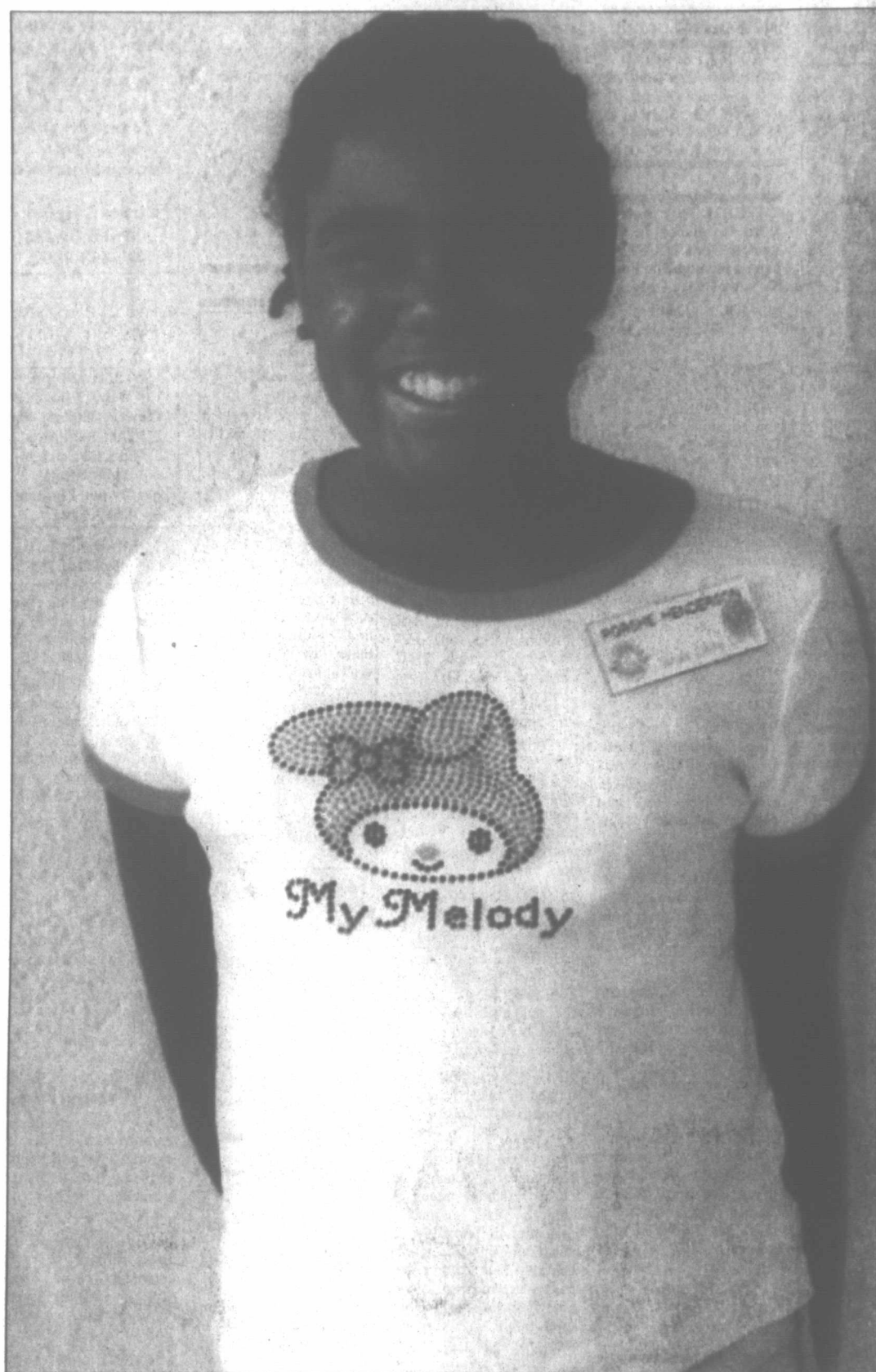
Eric O'Flaherty (7-0) got the final out of the top of the 12th as Seattle won for the fifth time in six games. The Mariners won two of three against the Angels to pull within three games of the AL West leaders.

The Angels scored three times in the top of the ninth off J.J. Putz, the All-Star closer who had allowed one run in 25 innings entering Wednesday. After Vladimir Guerrero's single scored Orlando Cabrera, Matthews sent Putz's chest-high, 1-1 pitch into the Angels' bullpen beyond the left-field fence to tie the game at 7.





### Lions Camp



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Porsche Henderson of Pampa attended Texas Lions Camp this summer. Porsche was sponsored by Brad Pingel of Pampa Lions Club. The camp, located in Kerrville, offers a wide variety of activities for children with visual, hearing or physical disabilities between 7 and 16 years of age.

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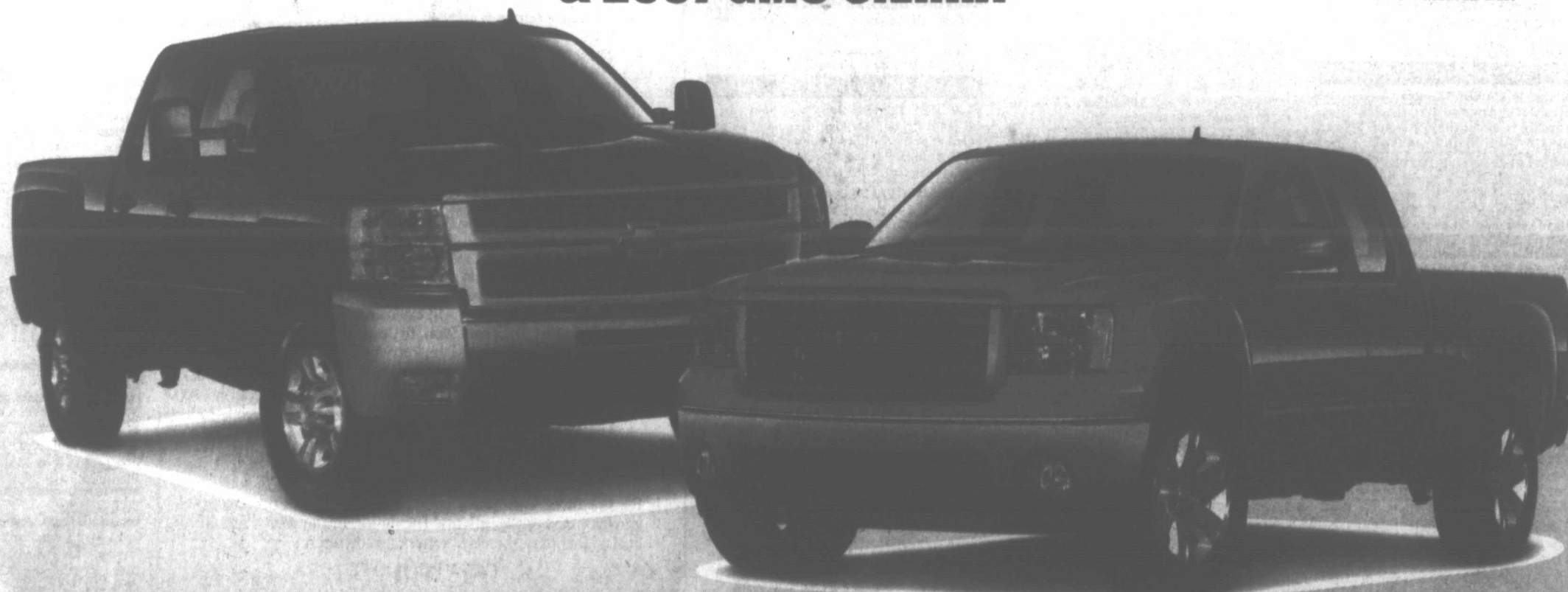
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