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Sgt. 1st Class Joseph Armstrong and Maj. Jennifer Bailey give out supplies and small toys to children in Tikrit, Iraq. These items were sent in one of the thousands of Victory Boxes that have been sent by Americans for soldiers to give to the children in these war torn countries.

## Victory Boxes project included in Travis Veterans Day program

By KERRI SMITH  
Staff Writer

Travis Elementary students have been working to prepare for their annual Veterans Day Celebration, which will be held Friday. The program will consist of patriotic speeches, singing and tributes to local veterans by all of the different grades at Travis.

The school has ordered special coins that will be given to each veteran who attends the celebration. This year's theme is "Travis Tigers - Paws and Remember."

This year, the students are collecting various items to ship overseas for a special project called Victory Boxes. The boxes will be filled with school supplies or personal items for U.S. soldiers to give to the children of Iraq and Afghanistan.

"I first heard about this special project by

one of our parent volunteers, Sarah Hollis," said Kay Pittman, Travis Elementary music teacher. "She thought this would be a great activity for our students and their parents to participate in, so we decided to do this in conjunction with our Veterans Day Program. We want the children to learn that it is truly more blessed to give than to receive."

"The school has given out flyers to all of the students that list items for them and their parents to collect and bring in to school probably at the end of November. If anyone in the community would like to also contribute, I think it would be great for the children in these other countries. I've heard that it's great to be nice and show compassion to these young kids because tomorrow's terror-

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## Pampa boy's horse replaced

By KERRI SMITH  
Staff Writer

The Make-A-Wish Foundation granted another gift to 3-year-old Christian Vasquez from Pampa this weekend. Vasquez received a miniature spotted horse named Stoney to replace his other horse that was killed by pit bulls recently.

Vasquez received his first horse, Anniversary, from the Make-A-Wish Foundation in August after he was diagnosed with brain cancer. The boy asked for the horse and had enjoyed helping take care of the horse and riding in a cart that the animal pulled.

On Oct. 22, the horse was killed by two pit bulls that apparently got into the pen. The boy's father, Raul Vasquez, said he was also threatened by the dogs and

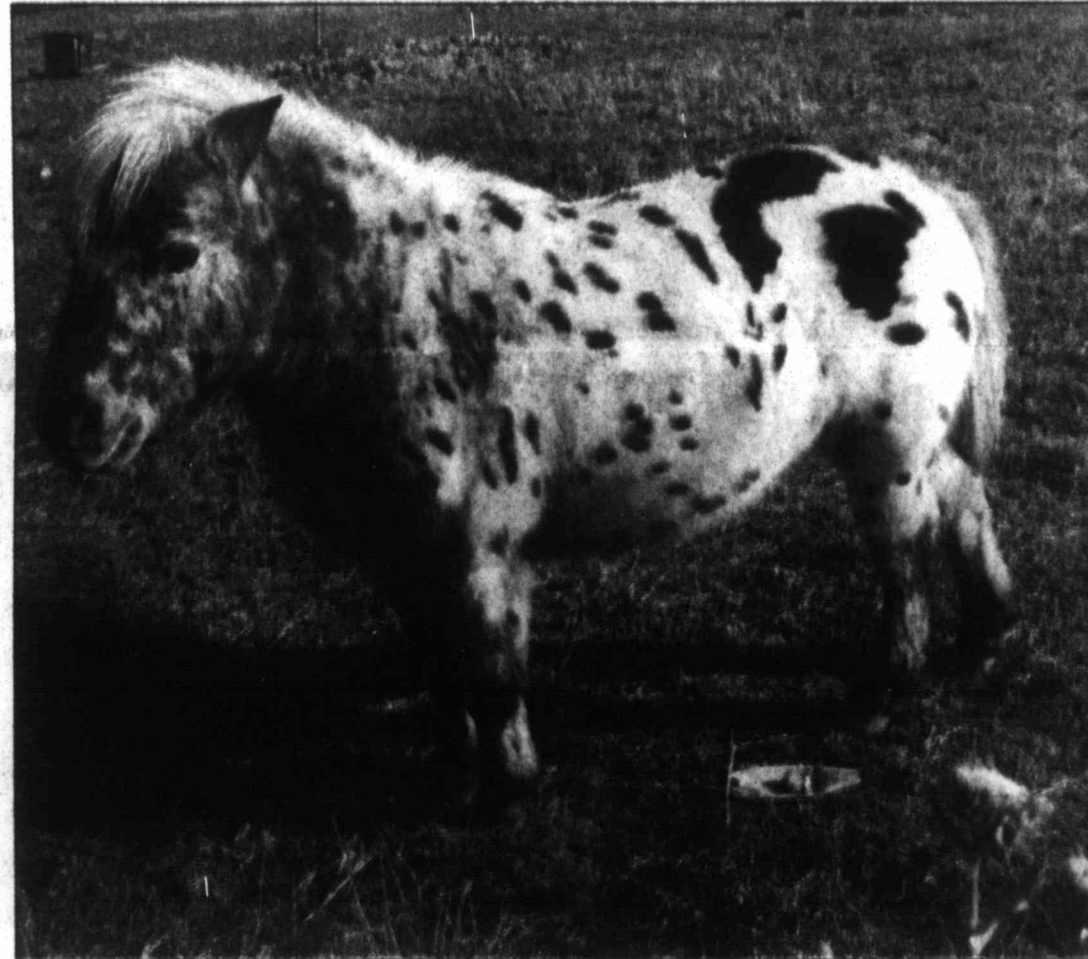
climbed a tree to avoid being attacked also.

One of the dogs was captured at the scene, but the other one escaped after sheriff's deputies shot at the dog to try and stop it.

Eddie Graham, the owner of the dogs, said Jade and Scarlet had been missing for a day after getting out of his house through a window. He had been looking for them and then Jade showed up at the house and was injured. He took her to the veterinarian where she was treated for an injured leg. Graham said he then went to the pound looking for Scarlet and that is when he found out that his dogs had killed the miniature horse.

Graham voluntarily went home and got Jade and

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Pampa News Photo by KERRI SMITH

Stoney, a miniature spotted horse, is now the new pet and cart puller for 3-year-old Christian Vasquez. Stoney is a gift from the Make-A-Wish Foundation to replace the horse that was killed by pit bulls recently.

## Talented students recognized

BY KERRI SMITH  
Staff Writer

Four seventh-grade students from Community Christian School recently qualified for the Duke University Talent Identification Program (TIP). The talent search identifies academically talented seventh-graders based on standardized test scores achieved while attending elementary or junior high schools.

Candidates are identified and invited to complete either the SAT Reasoning Test or the ACT Assessment college entrance exams. Duke TIP then provides the participants with comparative information concerning their academic abilities and resources for educational opportunities.

The goal is to assist young people with excellent math or verbal skills. The students are then provided with information about their abilities and introduced to a network of services

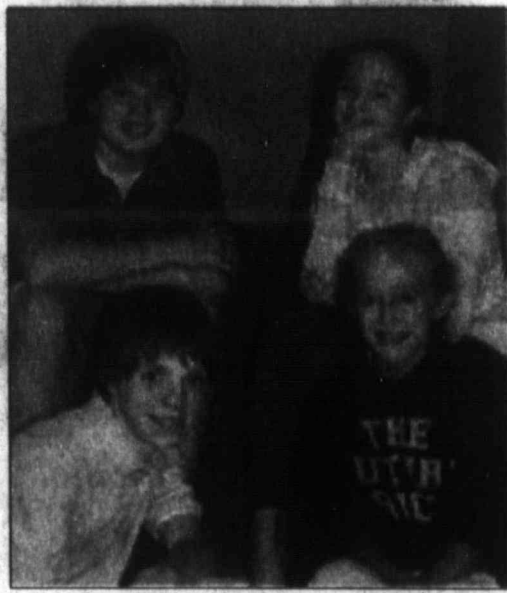
and programs.

Students are encouraged to enroll for several reasons. One reason is to pursue an above-level testing experience, which will provide the student with more information about their academic abilities. This information may help not only the students, but also their parents and teachers to plan effectively for the upcoming high school years.

Another reason for students to participate in this program is to learn more about their academic abilities and to learn more about educational opportunities and options available for their future.

The enrollment criteria states that the student must attend public, private or home school within the 16-state Duke TIP region and they must be in the seventh-grade. The student must score in the 95th percentile on

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Courtesy Photo

These seventh-grade students at Community Christian School qualified for the Duke University Talent Identification Program. Top from left Scott Kelly and Kate Ellis. Bottom from left Jacob Green and Kristin Ladd.

## Calls to military overseas offered

By KERRI SMITH  
Staff Writer

Panhandle residents who have a family member serving in the military either overseas or anywhere in the United States now have a way to make a free 15-minute phone call to their loved one.

Cable One recently announced "Operation Freedom Rings," which offers families living in Pampa, Borger and Dumas and surrounding areas the chance to call their military family member free from the Cable One offices in those towns.

This campaign started on Nov. 1 and will continue indefinitely from the Cable

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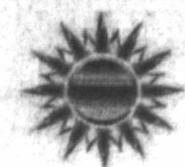


## NEXT DAY FORECAST

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday



Sunny



Sunny



Sunny

Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 67. Wind chill values between 28 and 38 early. South-southwest wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Wednesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 46. South wind 5 to 10 mph becoming east-northeast.

Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 69. North-northeast wind around 5 mph becoming southeast.

Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 48. Southeast wind around 5 mph becoming west-southwest.

Friday: Sunny, with a high near 68. West wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south.

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 Milo ..... 5.88  
 Corn ..... 6.69  
 Soybeans ..... 8.31

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

OXY ..... 71.03 +0.29  
 BP PLC ADR ..... 79.32 +0.53  
 Cabot Corp ..... 34.40 -0.56  
 Celanese ..... 41.91 +0.57  
 Cabot Oil Gas ..... 38.96 -0.25  
 Coca Cola ..... 60.59 +0.25  
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 MCD ..... 59.57 -0.10  
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## Services tomorrow

RODGERS, Nonnie — Graveside services, 11 a.m., Fairview Cemetery, Pampa.

## Nonnie Rodgers, 85

Nonnie Rodgers, 85, of Pampa, died Nov. 5, 2007, at Pampa.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Fairview Cemetery with Don Rahmes, his son-in-law, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Rodgers was born June 5, 1922, at Claremont. He married Jeraldine Lovinggood on Oct. 1, 1943, at Pampa.

Mr. Rodgers served in the U.S. Army Air Corps and was a member of the Church of Christ.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother,

Billy Ray Rodgers; and a sister, Janice McArthur.

Survivors include his wife, Jeraldine, of the home; two daughters, Lori Beesley of Pampa and Gwenn Rahmes of Oklahoma City, Okla.; a son, Steven Rodgers of Childress; a sister, Johnnie Pitcock of Aspermont; eight grandchild-

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## Emergency Services

## Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Eleven traffic stops were made.

Vehicle accidents were reported at the intersection of Banks and Kentucky streets, the intersection of Duncan and Kentucky streets, the 600 block of East Frederic and the 1300 block of North Hobart.

Animal control officers made stops concerning animals in the 1200 block of East Browning, the 500 block of North Wells, the intersection of 23rd and Beech streets, the 700 block of North Sloan, twice in the 2300 block of Beech, once in the 100 block of South Ballard, the 1200 block of Duncan, the 1300 block of West Crawford, the 700 block of Octavus, the 2400 block of Duncan, the 1800

block of North Banks and the 1100 block of Huff Road.

Agency assistance was rendered in the 800 block of North Nelson and the intersection of McCullough Street and County Road 7 1/2.

A welfare check was made in the 100 block of North Houston.

One suicide attempt was reported.

A civil matter was reported in the police department lobby.

Suspicious person calls were received from the intersection of Atchison and Somerville streets and the 1200 block of North Hobart.

A suspicious vehicle call was received from the 800 block of Locust.

Violation of a city ordinance was reported in the 900 block of Murphy.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1300 block of North Hobart and the 500 block of Yeager.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1000 block of South Nelson.

Assault was reported at Pampa Junior High School, 2401 Charles. No visible injuries were reported in connection with the incident.

Evading arrest was reported at the intersection of 19th and Coffee streets. An arrest was made in connection with the incident.

Two alarms were reported.

Theft of mail was reported in the 800 block of North

Nelson.

Theft was reported in the 600 block of North Sloan, the police department lobby and the 1400 block of North Hobart.

Forgery by passing was reported in the police department lobby.

Burglary was reported in the 1600 block of North Russell.

## Sheriff

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

## Monday, Nov. 5

James Jennings, 53, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO to serve a 10-day sentence in connection with child support.

Elizabeth Diane Lang, 34, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO on a blue warrant for a parole violation.

## Tuesday, Nov. 6

David Alan Thomas, 28, homeless, was arrested in the 1800 block of Hamilton by Pampa Police Department for failure to appear and warrants for theft under \$50 and no running water.

## Fire

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

## Monday, Nov. 5

10:42 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to

the intersection of Duncan and Harvester on a vehicle accident.

1:11 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 1000 block of South Christy on a call for medical assistance.

6:24 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 1200 block of North Hobart on a first responder.

## Tuesday, Nov. 6

5:20 a.m. — Two units and six personnel responded to the 1200 block of North Hobart on a possible fire.

## Ambulance

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

## Monday, Nov. 5

6:58 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Highway 70 and 282.

8:57 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of North Sumner and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

1:10 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of South Christy. No transport.

6:21 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of North Hobart and transported a patient to PRMC.

8:33 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 100 block of South Russell and transported a patient to PRMC.

## After eventful trip, Discovery astronauts prepare for return

HOUSTON (AP) — Discovery's astronauts got their spaceship ready for the ride home today, wrapping up a 15-day mission that kept the crew far busier than planned.

NASA said the preliminary weather forecast looked good for Wednesday's planned early afternoon touchdown at Kennedy Space Center in Florida.

The landing originally was scheduled before dawn, but commander Pamela Melroy said she asked Mission Control to switch it to daylight to make it easier on herself and her crew.

The schedule change also allowed the seven astronauts to shift their sleep time later instead of earlier, she said in an interview with The Associated Press.

This 15-day mission is longer than most — and more stressful, too, with the astronauts required to carry out repairs to a torn solar energy panel at the space station.

Melroy said she was "extremely concerned" when spacewalker Scott Parazynski went outside to work on the ripped wing Saturday.

"You may have heard me at one point kind of squeak

out 'Be careful' as I saw the solar array coming toward him," she told the AP. "But I got more comfortable because I was watching him very closely ... and he was using good body position and hand techniques."

She also took comfort in the fact that another astronaut, Douglas Wheelock, was watching over everything from the base of the solar wing.

Parazynski said that he barely managed to reach the wing's snagged wires and cut them.

"Another foot beyond that and I don't think we could have reached it," he said. "If it had been any farther away, it would have been a Plan B or C or D. I don't know what it would have been."

After leaving the space station on Monday, the astronauts used a laser- and camera-tipped boom to hunt for possible micrometeorite damage to the shuttle's wing and nose that might have occurred during the 11 days the shuttle was docked to the orbiting outpost.

NASA was finishing up its analysis of the latest laser data and expected to let the astronauts know later today if they are cleared for landing.

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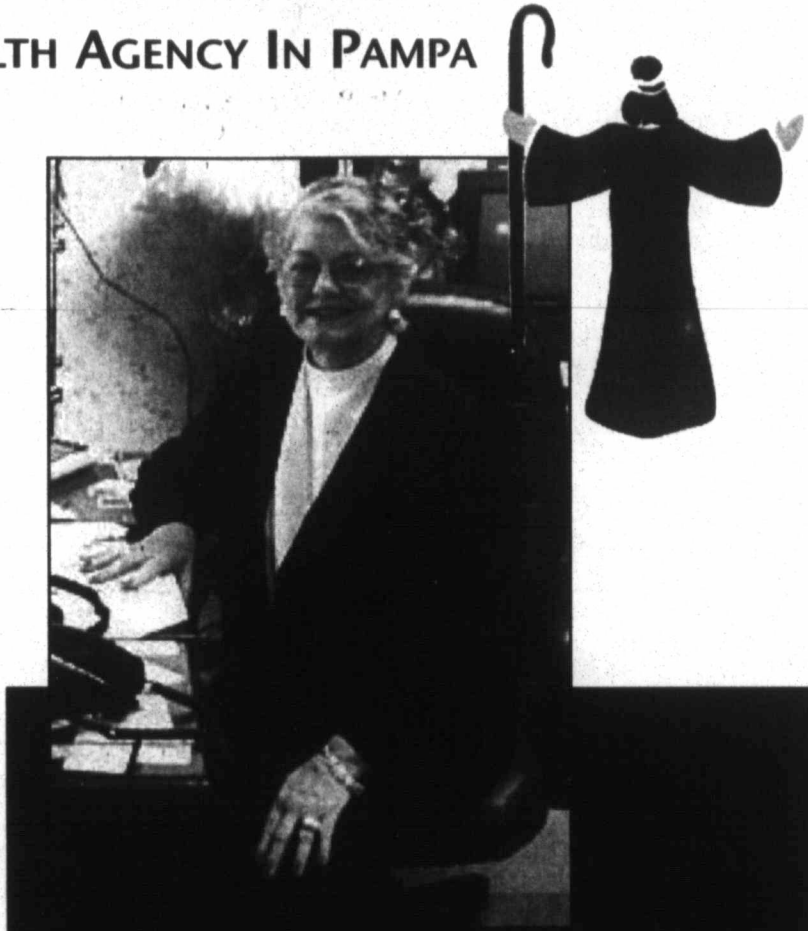
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Shepard's Crook Nursing Agency, 916 N. Crest Road, has its heart in Pampa, but strives to provide quality in-home health care to the entire locality. The agency is symbolic of the care of a shepherd's staff (crook) guiding those in his care to a better path and safety. So are the goals of the Shepard's staff in assisting our clients to a healthier life.

Owners Ernie and Suzie Wilkinson, both Pampa natives, have been in business for 19 years. They are members and ministers of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in Pampa.

Suzie and Ernie have a BA in business and a Masters in Health Management. They both have extensive background and training in federal and state regulations, and have served on many state and national boards and committees representing Home Health.

"Our nurses are board certified in home health, pediatrics and wound care," Suzie said.

The agency currently employs 75 skilled workers including licensed RNs and LVNs, a Licensed Physical Therapist, a Physical Therapy Assistant, and a number of Texas Certified Home Health Aides.

Michael Kirkpatrick acts as administrator and director of nursing. Teresa Henson is office operations manager. Both have been with Shepard's Crook since its inception.

Shepard's Crook currently serves all counties in the Texas Panhandle and has offices in Pampa, Amarillo, Borger, Clarendon and Shamrock.

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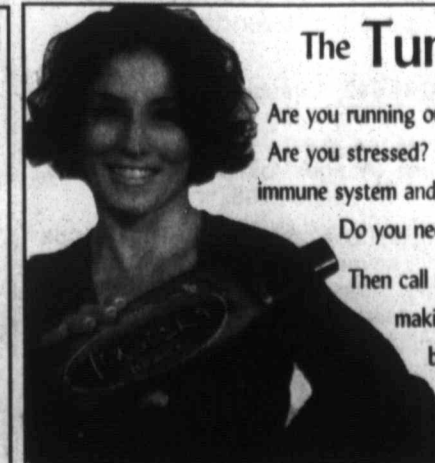
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# Viewpoints

## Native tongue is full of interesting phrases ...

Communication is my livelihood. One reason I chose it as my career may be my love of reading and the interesting characteristics of our language. I will not here admit that I also like to make myself heard, or read, as the case may be.

Our native tongue is full of interesting words and phrases that everyone understands but whose origins are not well-known.

Here are some which I researched on-line:

**The back of beyond:** A lonely, forsaken place. It was first put into print by Sir Walter Scott in 1816 in his novel, "The Antiquary." Its use may trace from the fact

that the inland desert region of Australia that is otherwise known as the Never-never is also sometimes called the "Back of Beyond."

**Bag and baggage:** All of one's possessions. Of military origin, it first referred to the entire property of an army and that of the soldiers in it.

**Basket case:** An infirm or failing person or thing, unable to properly function. It originated from the U.S. military immediately following World War I. In 1919, a U.S. government bulletin was issued denying the existence of any "basket cases" in Army hospitals. The definition of a "basket case" as

used in the bulletin was a soldier who has lost both arms and legs and therefore must be carried in a basket.

**Behind the eight ball:** A difficult position. Its origin may be traced to the game of billiards. In the Eight Ball version of the game, a player forfeits the game if during his turn the cue ball hits the eight ball first.

**Egg on:** Encourage someone and urge them forward. The "egg" in the phrase is a variant of "edge".

If someone is egged on, they are edged forward. Both egg and edge derive from Viking words. Egg has been used as a verb in English since around the 13th century.



**Marilyn Powers**  
Staff Writer

**Hard and fast:** Rigidly adhered to, allowing no doubts or arguments. This is a nautical term. A ship that is hard and fast is one that is firmly beached on land.

**Heard it through the grapevine:** Learned something through an informal contact. After the telegraph

was first publicly demonstrated in 1844, the term "grapevine telegraph" was coined and first appeared in a U.S. dictionary in 1852. The earliest type of telegraph was likened to the coiling tendrils of a vine, and someone who heard something "through the grapevine" referred to people in close communities with effective word-of-mouth communications. The early coiling telegraph wires were replaced by direct "down-the-wire" versions.

**Lame duck:** A person or thing that isn't able to function properly, especially one that was once proficient. This term is often applied to

politicians who are known to be in their final term of office, or who have lost an election but have not yet left office. The phrase originated in the London Stock Market in the 1700s and referred to investors who were unable to pay their debts.

**Lock, stock and barrel:** The whole thing. This phrase originally referred to the three parts of a musket, and was apparently first used by Sir Walter Scott in 1817.

These are just a few examples of popular words and phrases that have colorful origins.

I think they're just the bee's knees.

## Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Nov. 6, the 310th day of 2007. There are 55 days left in the year. This is Election Day.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 6, 1860, former Illinois congressman Abraham Lincoln defeated three other candidates for the presidency: John Breckinridge, John Bell and Stephen Douglas.

On this date:

In 1861, Confederate President Jefferson Davis was elected to a six-year term of office.

In 1888, Benjamin Harrison won the presidential election, defeating incumbent Grover Cleveland with enough electoral votes, even though Cleveland led in the popular vote.

In 1893, composer Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky died in St. Petersburg, Russia, at age 53.

In 1900, President William McKinley was re-elected, beating Democrat William Jennings Bryan.

In 1906, Republican Charles Evans Hughes was elected governor of New York, defeating newspaper publisher William Randolph Hearst.

In 1928, in a first, the results of Herbert

Hoover's election victory over Democrat Alfred E. Smith were flashed onto an electric wraparound sign on the New York Times building.

In 1944, British official Lord Moyne was assassinated in Cairo, Egypt, by members of the Zionist Stern gang.

In 1956, President Dwight D. Eisenhower won re-election, defeating Democrat Adlai E. Stevenson.

In 1976, Benjamin L. Hooks was chosen to be the new executive director of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, succeeding Roy Wilkins.

In 1977, 39 people were killed when an earthen dam burst, sending a wall of water through Toccoa Falls College in Georgia.

Ten years ago: The Clinton administration warned Iraq it could face military action or economic sanctions if it continued to bar U.N. weapons inspections. Former President George H.W. Bush opened his presidential library at Texas A&M University; among the guests of honor was President Clinton, the man who had sent him into retirement.

Five years ago: A jury in Beverly Hills, Calif., convicted Winona Ryder of stealing \$5,500 worth of high-fashion merchandise from Saks Fifth Avenue, but a prosecutor said she would not seek to put the actress behind bars.

One year ago: On the eve of midterm elections, Democrats criticized Republicans as stewards of a stale status quo while President Bush campaigned from Florida to Arkansas to Texas in a drive to preserve GOP control of Congress.

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## THE FIRST BABY BOOMER SIGNS UP FOR SOCIAL SECURITY ...



## Are nation's poor really getting poorer?

People who want more government income redistribution programs often sell their agenda with the lament, "The poor are getting poorer and the rich are getting richer," but how about some evidence and you decide? I think the rich are getting richer, and so are the poor.

According to the most recent census, about 35 million Americans live in poverty. Heritage Foundation scholar Robert Rector, using several government reports, gives us some insights about these people in his paper: "Understanding Poverty and Economic Inequality in the United States" [http://www.heritage.org/Research/Welfare/bg1796.cfm]

In 1971, only about 32 percent of all Americans enjoyed air conditioning in their homes. By 2001, 76 percent of poor people had

air conditioning. In 1971, only 43 percent of Americans owned a color television; in 2001, 97 percent of poor people owned at least one. In 1971, 1 percent of American homes had a microwave oven; in 2001, 73 percent of poor people had one. Forty-six percent of poor households own their homes. Only about 6 percent of poor households are overcrowded. The average poor American has more living space than the average non-poor individual living in Paris, London, Vienna, Athens and other European cities.

Nearly three-quarters of poor households own a car; 30 percent own two or more cars. Seventy-eight percent

of the poor have a VCR or DVD player; 62 percent have cable or satellite TV reception; and one-third have an automatic dishwasher.

For the most part, long-term poverty today is self-inflicted. To see this, let's

examine some numbers from the Census Bureau's 2004 Current Population Survey.

There's one segment of the black population that suffers only a 9.9 percent poverty rate, and only 13.7 percent of their under-5-year-olds are poor. There's another segment of the black population that suffers a 39.5 percent poverty rate, and 58.1 percent of its under-5-year-olds are poor.

Among whites, one popu-

lation segment suffers a 6 percent poverty rate, and only 9.9 percent of its under-5-year-olds are poor. Another segment of the white population suffers a 26.4 percent poverty rate, and 52 percent of its under-5-year-olds are poor.

What do you think distinguishes the high and low poverty populations? The only statistical distinction between both the black and white populations is marriage. There is far less poverty in married-couple families, where presumably at least one of the spouses is employed. Fully 85 percent of black children living in poverty reside in a female-headed household.

Poverty is not static for people willing to work. A University of Michigan study shows that only 5 percent of those in the bottom fifth of the income distribu-

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## Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

■ Oct. 29  
Houston Chronicle on the DREAM Act:

It was a dismal day's work in the U.S. Senate Wednesday, when lawmakers, including Sen. John Cornyn of Texas, shot down the DREAM Act.

The bill would have given some high-performing children of illegal immigrants a chance for legal status if they had clean records, had spent more than five years in the United States and attended college or served in the military.

Even after the divisive effort to reform U.S. immigration policy, the

DREAM Act inspired substantial bipartisan support in Congress. That's because it neither rewarded, or even applied to, immigrants who chose to come here illegally. The measure singled out their children, brought here without their say, who nevertheless aspired to college and military service.

By the time the measure appeared before the Senate last week, it had lost even a provision allowing these youngsters in-state tuition.

Simply, the bill tested lawmakers' ability to rationally address a small, blameless and high-achieving fraction of young people caught up in our chaotic immigration status quo.

The failures in that test glared harshly. There was the Bush White House, which failed to rouse support for com-

prehensive reform, but rallied just in time to undercut a much narrower bill that was much like its own past proposals.

Attacking the DREAM Act Wednesday morning, the White House Office of Management and Budget stated, "Any resolution of (the students') status ... must be careful not to provide incentives for recurrence of the illegal conduct that has brought the nation to this point."

The DREAM Act couldn't incentivize any illegal conduct. Eligibility for it would have ended five years before the bill's passage.

The vote also exposed the full depth of U.S. Rep. Tom Tancredo's pension

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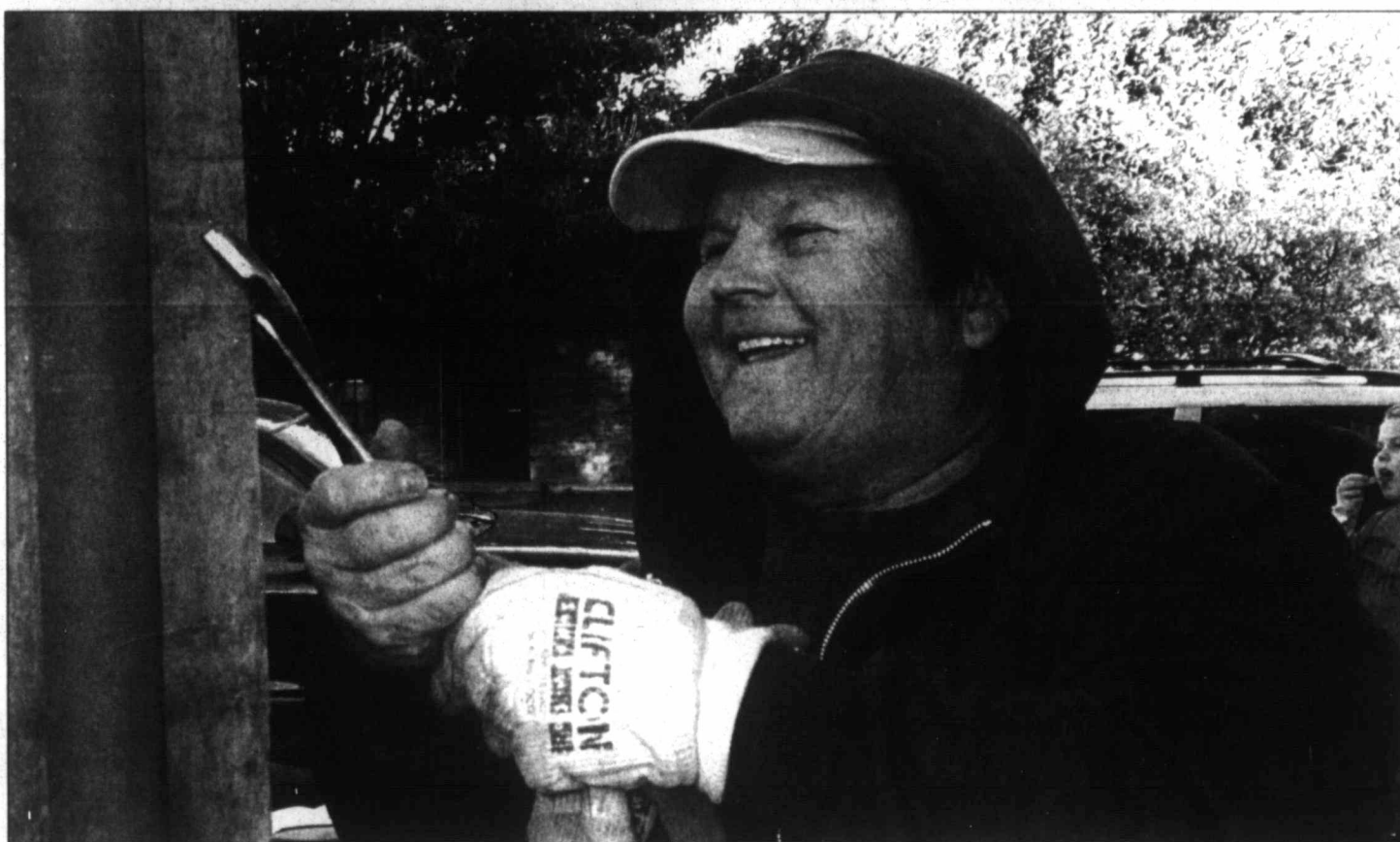
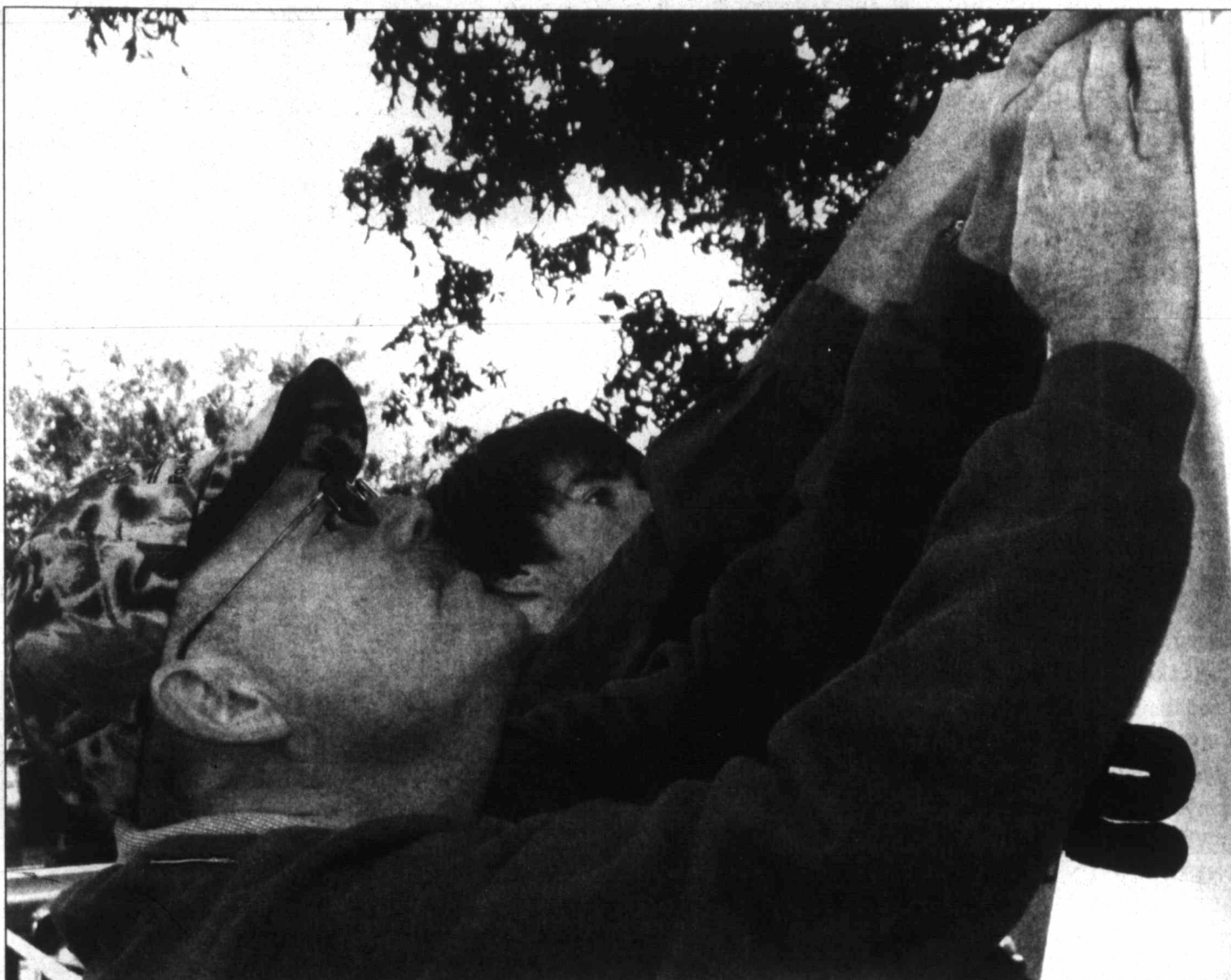
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## Team work

TOP: J.R. Hollis helped secure the windbreak at Hi-Land Christian Church's Hallowed Happening recently so his fellow church members wouldn't freeze.

BOTTOM: Johnnie Whinery also helped get the windbreak put up before Hallowed Happening.

## Williams

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tion in 1975 remained there in 1991. What happened to them? They moved up to the top three-fifths of the income distribution — middle class or higher. Moreover, three out of 10 of the lowest income earners in 1975 moved all the way into the top fifth of income earners by 1991. Those who were poor in 1975 had an inflation-adjusted average

income gain of \$27,745 by 1991. Those workers who were in the top fifth of income earners in 1975 were better off in 1991 by an average of only \$4,354. The bottom line is, the richer are getting richer and the poor are getting richer.

Poverty in the United States, in an absolute sense, has virtually disappeared. Today, there's nothing remotely resembling poverty of yesteryear. However, if poverty is defined in the relative sense, the lowest fifth of income-earners, "poverty" will always be with us. No matter how poverty is

defined, if I were an unborn spirit, condemned to a life of poverty, but God allowed me to choose which nation I wanted to be poor in, I'd choose the United States. Our poor must be the envy of the world's poor.

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

## Dream

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for bullying. When immigrant students joined Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill., at a news conference Tuesday, Tancredo called on immigration agents to perform a raid. (The demand was ignored, and the students all had legal status, anyway).

And Cornyn, lawmaker in one of the 13 states that have a partial version of the DREAM Act voted against the national

form, which would have given students legal status. His objection? Loopholes such as the fact that DREAM Act students didn't have to graduate from college before receiving legal status.

But this excuse fails the test of plausibility. He could easily have worked behind the scenes to improve the bill, which is what Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison did.

Hutchison, who voted for the DREAM Act, quietly secured a commitment to tailor it later to satisfy Republican concerns. She wanted to ensure the undoc-

umented students could not jump ahead of legal immigrants in processing their green cards.

"(I)t's a situation that's just not of the students' making, and they're the young people we want in our workforce," she explained later in a telephone conference. Hutchison's conduct reflected both a moral center and a practical refusal to waste human capital. It was an exemplar of good leadership that too many of her colleagues failed to equal. URL: <http://www.chron.com>

## Events calendar

### • Leadership Perryton

will present guest speaker Randy Anderson of Lubbock on the topic of "Balance and Margin" at Frank Phillips College Allen Campus from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday. Registration will be conducted from 6-6:30 p.m. prior to the program. Anderson is a 20-plus year veteran of sales and sales management who teaches business principles and practical methods for using them. More information about Anderson may be accessed on the Internet at [www.e3forlife.com](http://www.e3forlife.com). To find out more about the upcoming program, call Perryton Ochiltree County Chamber of Commerce at (806) 435-6575.

### • The Working Ranch

Cowboys Association's 12th World Championship Ranch Rodeo will be Thursday through Sunday in Amarillo. Cowboys from working ranches across the Northern Hemisphere will compete for the title of "Best in the World." For more information, call

(806) 374-9722.

### • The next Cowboy

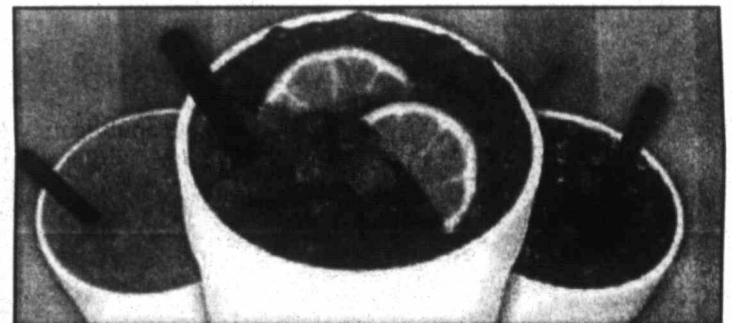
Poetry Breakfast will be at 8 a.m. Saturday at the Big Texan in Amarillo. Headliners will be Genny Peters of Amarillo and Don DeHay of Canyon. Charolyn Gouldy of Vega will MC. Open mike sessions will follow the main program.

### • Gold Rush college

preview weekend is scheduled Saturday at Wayland Baptist University in Plainview. The event will start at 8 a.m. with breakfast and will conclude with a theatre performance of "All My Sons." To register or for more information, call (806) 291-3500 or 1-800-588-1928.

### • Pease River

Playhouse at Goodlett will once again present the National Swing Band of Texas with Shane Vandiver at 7 p.m. Saturday at the historic WPA rock gymnasium. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$7 for youth 18 and under. For more information, call (940) 674-2477.



## HAPPY HOUR

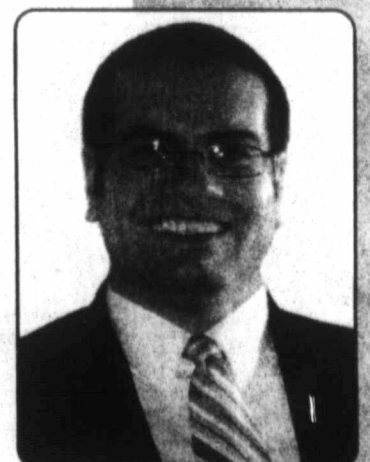
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# Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

**DEAR ABBY:** My hairdresser, "Natasha," owns the shop where I have had my hair done for more than 15 years. I love the way she does my hair. Natasha obliges me when I can't come for my regular appointment, and I am always generous with my tip. The problem is, she can't handle money. Because I'm a longtime customer, Natasha feels she can tell me her money troubles. Every time I'm there, it's a steady stream of woe. Over the years I have seen her jump into one harebrained scheme after another, losing thousands along with way. She's always in trouble with the bank, creditors, etc. Natasha's latest problem is that her credit cards are all maxed out, and she can't afford her home or meet her payroll. I have gently tried explaining that her employees must be paid regardless, because they, too, have obligations. I have also urged her to meet with her bank manager, get counseling help, and contact the credit card companies to arrange payments. So far, she has not taken my advice, and her sad tales continue to unfold. Abby, I go to get my hair done and relax -- not to hear her misery. I am now thinking about taking my business elsewhere. My husband agrees, and so does my daughter (a psychologist). But our son, a businessman, disagrees. He says if Natasha gives good service, why not be like a bartender and listen to her troubles? My husband thinks Natasha is getting ready to ask me to bail her out. I don't want to be put in that position. She's the type who, if her money problems were wiped out today, would be back tomorrow. That's what has happened all along. She's a fine hairdresser; she just has poor business judgment. What's the best way to get out of this sticky situation? -- **DROWNING IN HER SORROWS**

**DEAR DROWNING:** If Natasha is in the kind of hot water you have described, your problem may resolve itself. An employer who fails to pay her employees their wages (or the government its withholding taxes) usually does not stay in business. In fact, she could wind up doing hair in Cell Block Nine. With that in mind, you have two choices: The first is to tell Natasha in plain English that you come to her not only for her talents, but also to relax. Therefore, she should no longer stress you out by giving you an ongoing commentary about the state of her finances. The second is to find another hairdresser -- which, if Natasha is as poor a businesswoman as you have described, you may have to eventually do anyway.

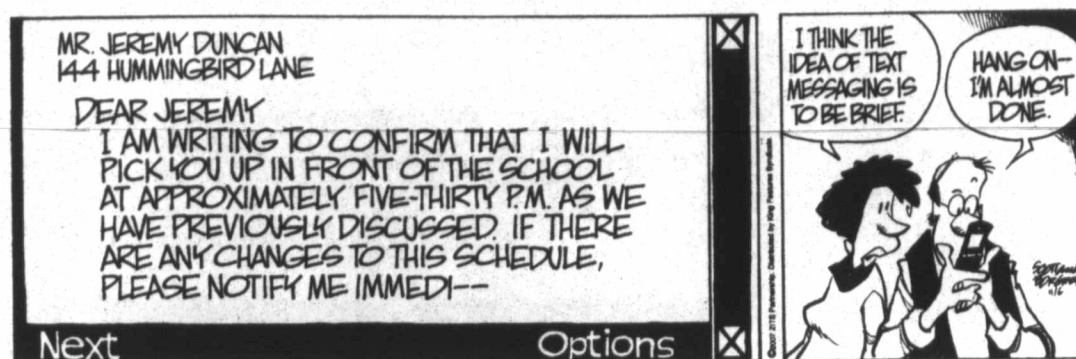
**DEAR ABBY:** I am a teenage boy, soon to be 18. I have Asperger's syndrome, and I'm in special ed. I currently have a learner's permit and have been looking forward to driving. I have been practicing for a long time, and I still have great difficulty. My mother, who is always in the car when I drive, gets frustrated and panics because I make so many mistakes. She is not very confident in me and thinks I have not made any progress in my driving skills. She has told me to just give up and find some other way to transport myself. I really want to be able to use a car. What should I do? -- **DRIVEN MAD IN NEW JERSEY**

**DEAR DRIVEN MAD:** You should practice, practice, practice -- preferably with a licensed adult driver who won't panic when you make a mistake. But if that's not possible, then you should enlist the help of a professional driving instructor.

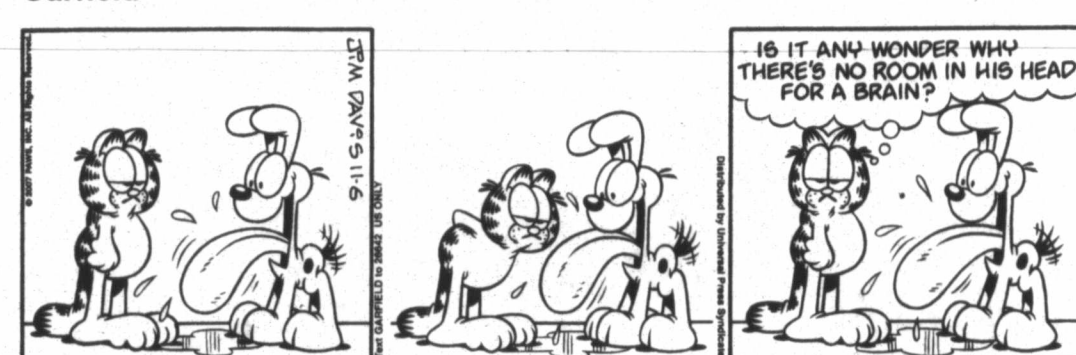
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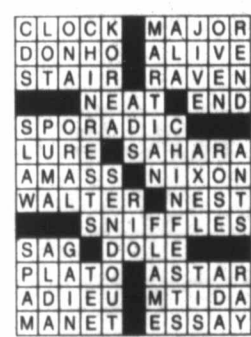


## Crossword Puzzle

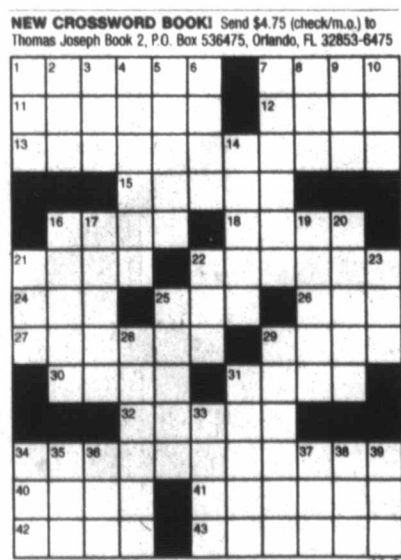
### CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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  - Yard parts
  - Big rig
  - Visit
  - Tempo
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  - Popular romance writer
  - Mister, in Madrid
  - Impudence
  - Inside picture
  - Singer Mitchell
  - Carter's successor
  - Back on a boat
  - "How I Met Your Mother" role
  - Verb for you
  - Prepared potatoes
  - Coloration
  - Pitcher Nolan
  - Some babies
  - Grinding tooth
  - Famed televangelist
  - Watch part
- DOWN**
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  - Commotion
  - Pickle buy
  - Tennis star Andre
  - Takes on
  - Shortly
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  - Corrida
  - Once hero
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  - Bread
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  - Canceled
  - "Norma"
  - Court divider
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Yesterday's answer



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THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane



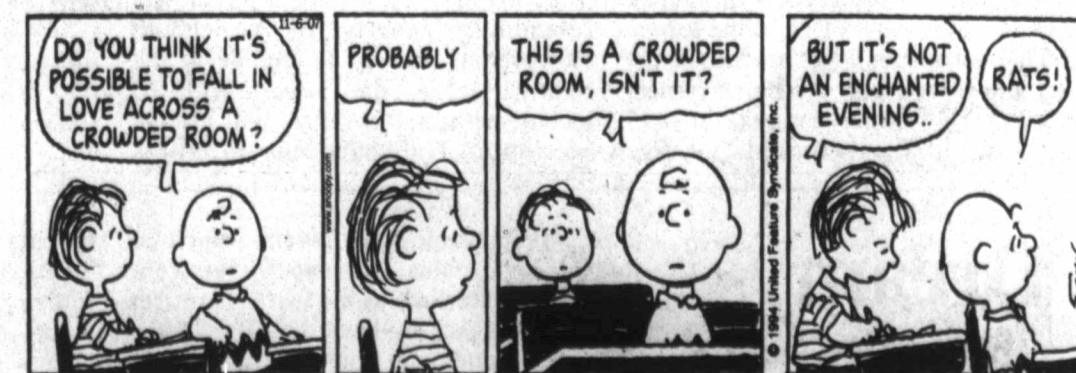
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## Haggar The Horrible



## Peanuts



## Blondie



## Flo & Friends





# Sports

## Faby Soria runs past regionals in Lubbock

By JORDAN REAGAN  
Sports Editor

After defeating district competition with a time of 12:18, sophomore cross country runner Faby Soria competed at the regionals meet this past weekend in Lubbock where she further improved her time to advance to state.

Also having made it past district, with a time of 17:47, freshman Miguel Tapia shaved some time off of his run in Lubbock.

Clocking in at 17:37, his best time yet, Tapia finished in 90th place out of 183 runners.

"We are very proud of Miguel and his accomplishments in cross country," coach Mark Elms

said, "He is just a freshman."

Just as Tapia set a record for himself, so did Soria.



Faby Soria

Soria recorded her best time of the year at the regionals meet, 11:46, and snagged a fourth place finish out of a total of 178 runners.

Having not only taken 47 seconds off her time since the last time she ran the course in Lubbock, Soria also placed well enough to advance to the state meet, which takes place this weekend at the state capitol.

Soria will run at 1:20 p.m. Saturday in Round Rock in hopes of also placing well at the state level.

## Roethlisberger ties team record with five TD passes in Pittsburgh's 38-7 rout of Baltimore

PITTSBURGH (AP) — As he neared the Baltimore sideline, Steelers receiver Hines Ward swept in and took out two Ravens players with a single block on a screen pass. Across the field, Terry Bradshaw whooped it up, yelling and pointing.

On a similar play, linebacker James Harrison — playing the game of his life against the team that once cut him — hit Ravens star Ed Reed so hard on a punt return the ball flew 15 feet before the Steelers recovered it.

Not far away, Jack Ham and Mel Blount recalled some similar big hits by the Steelers defense of the 1970s known as the Steel Curtain. On what Ward said was "a magical night" because of the setting and the score, there were numerous comparisons between the championship Steelers of long ago and this team.

Final score: Steelers 38, Ravens 7, and it wasn't that close.

Thanks mostly to Harrison, Ben Roethlisberger and the aura created by the nearly dozen Hall of Famers who gathered to celebrate Pittsburgh's 75th season, the Steelers played better than

they have since winning the Super Bowl nearly two years ago.

The numbers, about as one-sided as they could be, told one story of the Steelers' domination of a team that outscored them by a combined 58-7 while beating them twice last season. The big grins and the loud cheers by the Steelers' all-time team members who gathered for a halftime ceremony told another.

"You want to put on a show for those guys," Ward said.

What a show it was, too. Roethlisberger tied the team's single-game record with five touchdowns passes, and did so before the half as Pittsburgh repeatedly got the ball deep in Ravens territory. Antonio Holmes and Nate Washington made two scoring catches apiece.

And Harrison played a game that would have made Jack Lambert proud with 3 1/2 sacks, two forced fumbles, a fumble recovery and an interception.

"To tell you the truth, it seemed like everything was working," Harrison said. "It was a little more satisfying because it was Baltimore and they cut

me."

Roethlisberger summed up Harrison's night with one word: "Amazing."

Of course, the Steelers also twice cut the former Kent State linebacker — Lambert's alma mater, by the way — before finally deciding the non-drafted free agent was good enough to replace longtime star Joey Porter. The Steelers released Porter in March mostly because they felt Harrison would give them as much production.

Of course, they didn't know it would come in one night.

"That was the most amazing performance I've seen out of a linebacker, probably ever," teammate James Farrior said.

The 75th season party-night victory gave the Steelers (6-2) a one-game AFC North lead over Cleveland (5-3), which visits Heinz Field on Sunday. Defending division champion Baltimore drops to 4-4 amid season-long problems with an offense that has scored only nine touchdowns in eight games.

## After losing to Mavs, Rockets must bounce back against Spurs

DALLAS (AP) — New Houston Rockets coach Rick Adelman is about to find out how his club handles defeat.

After a 3-0 start, the Rockets ran into the first jam they couldn't escape, falling 107-98 to the Dallas Mavericks on Monday night. They won't have much time to analyze it, though, because they host the defending champion San Antonio Spurs on Tuesday night.

"It's tough, but that's our challenge," Adelman said. "We have to learn how to beat a good team and get more people involved."

Tracy McGrady exceeded his NBA-best scoring average with 35 points and eight assists, and Yao Ming had 21 points and 11 rebounds, but that lack of people involved proved to be the difference. None of the other Rockets scored more than nine points.

Dallas didn't have that problem.

Josh Howard scored 21 points, Dirk Nowitzki had 19, Jerry Stackhouse had 16 and DeSagana Diop added 10 points, 13 rebounds. Yet none of them was the star.

That would be Jason Terry, who showed how well he's adapting to

being a reserve by scoring 31 points and guiding a late 14-4 run.

"He just had that look in his eye and his shot really looked good," Mavericks coach Avery Johnson said. "We are very surprised when he misses; we're kind of spoiled these days."

A starter for Dallas in the finals two years ago and on the club that won 67 games last season, Terry showed his leadership late in the third quarter, scoring seven straight points with Nowitzki and Howard on the bench in foul trouble. Then he opened the fourth quarter with a

3-pointer, a personal 10-0 run that took the Mavericks from down by five to leading by five.

Dallas was up only 91-90 when Terry started the winning burst with two free throws. He also fed Nowitzki on two baskets and hit two more free throws to cap the spurt with the Mavericks in control 105-94.

"We stayed in it, but they made more plays," Rockets forward Shane Battier said. "We're still confident we can play with anybody in the league."

The Mavericks are 3-1, which is

notable only because they were 0-4 at this point last season, with a 41-point loss to Houston mixed in. Dallas went on to match the fifth-most wins in league history before getting bounced in the first round of the playoffs.

"This was a key win," Terry said. "They really put it to us in that early November game last year. We are one up on them now, but we can't get too excited because we have to go down there at the end of the month. They are a good team and a team to be reckoned with in this division."

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**This Week: The Maya**  
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**THE AMAZING MAYA**  
Long before the first European set foot in what is now Central America, a highly advanced and ancient civilization lived there. This civilization, called Maya, lasted for about 3,000 years.  
The ancient Maya people were some of the most advanced of ancient civilizations.  
Standards Link: History: Students understand the major characteristics of ancient civilizations.

**MAYA MATH**  
The Maya's counting system was based on the number 20. It was made up of just three symbols:  

 = 0    • = 1    — = 5  
 When the Maya wanted to show a larger number, they added steps on top of the original number that represented a multiplication by 20. That means the number written on step two was 20 times more than the number on step one. The number on step three was 20 times more than the number on step two and so on.  
 The Maya just kept adding steps to get higher numbers — even hundreds of millions!

**KEEP YOUR WITZ ABOUT YOU**  
Like the Egyptians, the Maya are known for their pyramids. The Maya word for pyramid is **witz**, which means "mountain." The ancient Maya believed mountains housed the gods and the souls of the ancestors. To be close to them, the priests placed the ceremonial altars at the top of their pyramids.  
Standards Link: History: Students understand the major characteristics of ancient civilizations.

Here is the Maya way to write 14:  
  
 Here is the Maya way to write 34:  
  
 Here is the Maya way to write 180:  
  
 Let's see how good you are at Maya math! Circle the correct answer.  
  
 Write your age the Maya way:  
 Standards Link: Number Sense: Understand base 10 and other number systems.

**Extra! Extra! Maya Numbers**  
Find five numbers below 100 in today's newspaper. Rewrite them with Maya symbols. Share with a friend. Can he or she figure out what each number is?  
Standards Link: Number Sense: Understand base 10 and other number systems.

**The Kid Scoop Puzzler**  
Use the code to discover what the Maya used as money and to make a drink that kids all over the world still enjoy today.

What was the form of money?  

 What is the much-loved drink we make with these today?  

 Stumped? Answers are at the KIDS page at www.kidscoop.com  
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Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

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Look through the newspaper to collect articles and advertisements about places in your community that would make good vacation destinations. Create a travel ad designed to interest people in vacationing in your town.  
Standards Link: Geography: Know the physical characteristics of the local community.

**Write On!**  
**An Amazing Invention**  
If you could invent something new and useful, what would it be? What would your invention do?

**Kid Scoop Together: Be a Word Decoder!**  
Read the first sentence. One of the definitions in the Word Decoder Box is the definition of the word in bold type. Select the definition that makes the most sense and write the bold word above its definition.  
Repeat for each sentence. Can you find the meaning of each word in bold type?

- A Maya temple was built to represent a **witz**.
- The Maya recorded their beliefs and history in **hieroglyphs**.
- Since 1843, when two explorers wrote a book about ancient Maya ruins, **archaeologists** have been working to uncover the history of this civilization.
- The Maya people were not ruled by one **halch unic**. Each Maya city had its own **halch unic**.
- During special ceremonies, Maya kings wore headdresses decorated with beautiful stones and bird feathers and cloaks made from spotted **jaguar** pelts.

**WORD DECODER**  
The characters used in a system of mainly pictorial writing.  
A spotted wild cat with the strongest jaw of any cat on the planet.  
Social scientists who study ancient people.  
The Maya word for "mountain."  
The Maya word for king, which translates to "true man."

**Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS**  
This week's word: **CIVILIZATION**  
The noun **civilization** means the culture of a given time, place or group of people.  
The ancient Maya people were the most advanced civilization of their time.  
Try to use the word **civilization** in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family members.







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## 14d Carpentry

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PRIVATE Home Care Sitting. Cooking, bathing, light cleaning. 8, 12 & 24 hr. care avail. Ref. Vicky Tolbert 626-8229 & Sharon Cannon 277-0088.

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**NATIONAL Oilwell Varco, L.P.** has an opening for Industrial Manufacturing Engineer (Job Code: 29058) in Pampa, TX. Minimum Req's: M.S. in Manufacturing Systems Engineering with Master's degree coursework in Quick Response, Manufacturing, Advance Production Planning, Process Improvement, and Experimental Design.

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The Pump & Engine Mechanic (Millwright/Machinist) will maintain various types of rotating equipment and will be responsible for troubleshooting and repair of various pumps, steam turbines, gear boxes, fans, blowers, mixers, reciprocating engines and compressors and ensure proper installation of equipment to industry standards. The starting rate of pay for this position is \$28.35 per hour.

The ideal candidate must have a High School diploma/GED with a minimum of 2 years experience as a pump and engine mechanic, machinist or compressor mechanic; or at least 2 years of military experience working with pumps, compressors, or engines; or an Associates Degree in Industrial Machinery Maintenance.

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## 21 Help Wanted

**PART** time cook needed at the White Deer Senior Citizens Center. 883-3821.

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**RECEPTIONIST** needed for busy optometrist office. Please bring resume by Broome Optical, Wed. Oct. 7th, 8-5pm. Only.

**NURSE AIDE POSITIONS** 2-10 & 10-6 positions open. Will train & certify. Shift differential paid. Apply in person, 1000 S. Kiowa, Wheeler, TX. See Donna Cox RN DON or Angie Kincannon, LVN ADON; Wheeler Nursing & Rehab, 1000 S. Kiowa.

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## 69 Misc.

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**FREE** Australian puppies with blue eyes to good home. 665-4901.

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**120 Autos**  
**LEFORS** ISD will be taking bids for a late model Suburban with approx. 20,000 mi. Bids should be submitted to Clay Montgomery at Lefors ISD, PO Box 390, Lefors, TX 79054, by Tues, Nov. 13, 2007. For more info, contact Clay Montgomery, 806-835-2533 or come by Lefors high school, 209 E. 5th Street in Lefors, TX

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Sunroof, heated leather seats. Exc. cond. Great gas mi. \$9000. 669-3987

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Wednesday, Nov. 7, 2007:

This year you have a lot going for you, but how you choose to use your innate talents is your call. You will have many opportunities that will open doors. Observe a tendency to spend too much far too easily. You have a very positive attitude coupled with endless creativity, making you a sure-bet winner. If you are single, you will meet many people, though the right person might come to you mid-2008. If you are attached, work toward a common goal together. Your bond will warm up as a result. In fact, it could make your relationship sizzle. LIBRA reads you cold.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

## ARIES (March 21-April 19)

\*\*\*\*\* Continue to defer as much as you can and would like to: You'll find that the creative process is enhanced: Your imagination remains key to your important decisions. Do take a well-thought-out risk. Tonight: Defer to someone else's ideas.

## TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

\*\*\* Getting your work, errands or to-do list done will take as much talent as you can muster. Know when you have had enough. Ask a friend or associate to join you for a walk. A change of pace might be just what the doctor ordered. Tonight: Togetherness calls.

## GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

\*\*\*\*\* Instinctively you have perhaps too many ideas for your own benefit. Sort through which ones are applicable. You might be surprised by what

emerges. Let others give you feedback. It is important. Tonight: Ever playful.

## CANCER (June 21-July 22)

\*\*\*\*\* Loosen up some, and others will too. Even if they don't, you will feel much better than you have in a long time. Note that you might not have all the answers — yet. If you lie back, you could be surprised by what heads in your direction. Tonight: Happy at home.

## LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

\*\*\*\*\* You have more get-up-and-go than you have had in many years. Think positively about opportunities that head in your direction. Not every offer is a taker, but one or two might be. Return calls quickly and efficiently. Tonight: Hanging out is fun.

## VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

\*\*\*\*\* You might want to rethink a personal matter carefully before making the final decision. Money might be an issue that needs evaluating. Someone might be encouraging you to do something you would prefer not to do. Tonight: Claim your power.

## LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

\*\*\*\*\* You are feeling your Wheaties. Others know it as well by the way you react. You make unusual headway. You might want to rethink a situation more carefully than in the past. An error made now could have heavy implications. Tonight: As you like.

## SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

\*\*\*\*\* You might want to rethink a situation more carefully. What felt good before might no longer work. Slow down and lose any compulsive attitude (if you can). The results might be excellent if you chill. You might notice a deception, but don't think that it is intentional. Tonight: Think rather than act.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)  
\*\*\*\*\* You might want to rethink a decision before taking a big plunge or leap. What you realize is just how many options you have. By stopping, you'll get to catch your breath and carefully think through your options. Tonight: As you like.

## CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

\*\*\*\*\* Take your rightful place. You deserve all the respect you get. Make sound decisions despite an element of deception that surrounds funds. Your instincts rarely fail you. Why would they now? Let your creativity flourish. Tonight: Others want you to decide.

## AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

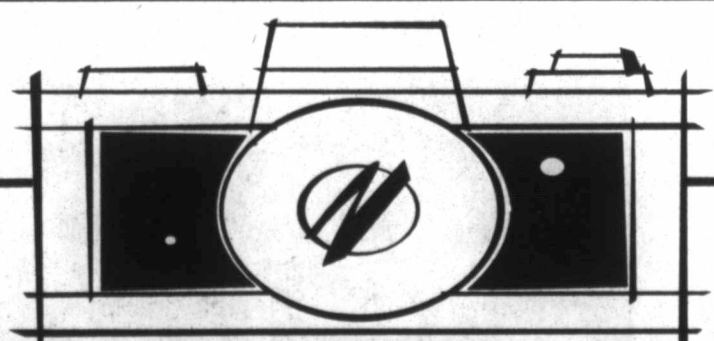
\*\*\*\*\* You might want to rethink a situation one more time. You might be wearing your rose-colored glasses. Enjoy the distortion. A friend and/or meeting gives you important feedback. Be more thoughtful toward a friend at a distance. Tonight: Try new and different!

## PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

\*\*\*\*\* Examine what is going on with a partner. Use your strong sense of direction. Follow through on what you feel is the most sensitive choice and/or direction. Others will follow your lead. Tonight: A must show.

**BORN TODAY**  
Horn player Al Hirt (1922), singer Joni Mitchell (1943), scientist Marie Curie (1867)

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## Hospice month



Courtesy Photo

Celebrating National Hospice Month this November is the Pampa team for Hospice Care of the Southwest. Pictured from left are John Watson, spiritual care; Gail Preston, CNA; Cathey Baxter, social worker; Suzanna Perryman, RN; and Dr. Robert Phillips.

## Horse

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turned her over to the pound and both of the dogs were euthanized the next day. He said he really has a hard time believing that his dogs would kill or even hurt another animal because he never saw them be aggressive.

The story of Vasquez losing his beloved pet spread quickly across the area and even went nationwide. Numerous individuals donated money that was used to purchase Stoney from a woman in Utah. Vasquez received this new "wish" and is looking forward to riding in the cart again behind his miniature horse.

## Police find grass in Grass Lake

GRASS LAKE TOWNSHIP, Mich. (AP) — This township lived up to its name when authorities reported finding about 1,200 pounds of marijuana in a tractor-trailer.

The driver, a 43-year-old man from Tucson, Ariz., was jailed after Sunday's bust at a weigh station along Interstate 94 in Grass Lake Township, about 75 miles west of Detroit.

The trucker had been stopped for what state police called an equipment violation. An inspection turned up 48 bales of marijuana hidden among a shipment of sports drinks.

## Veterans

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ist just might be a child now."

Pittman said they contacted Mary Margaret Halleck of Colleyville, who started the program two years ago. She started sending goodie boxes to her stepson, Tom Halleck, and his unit in Iraq. The soldiers began to give the items to the children of the country instead of keeping them for themselves. They said the soldiers felt this was a gesture that builds faith and trust with the people of the country they are trying to defend.

Mary Halleck enlisted the help of friends and family to

start collecting more items to send for the soldiers to give out. The weekend of Oct. 1, 2005, Halleck and a few friends handed out Victory Boxes at the Fort Worth Home and Garden Show.

Over this weekend, 128 boxes were handed out. She was encouraged with the interest shown in the project so she started speaking at various civic groups and handing out other Victory Boxes in retail stores and other shows around the Dallas area. As of Aug. 21, 2007, the number of victory boxes that have been sent is 10,800.

Items for the victory boxes can be dropped off at Travis Elementary or brought to the Veterans Day Celebration at M.K. Brown. Items needed are various

school supplies, toiletry products, small toys and balls, personal hygiene items, flip flops or sandals and small books. A complete list can be found on the Web site [www.victory-boxes.com](http://www.victory-boxes.com) and clicking on "Q & A."

To donate money to be used for postage, checks can be mailed to Travis Elementary, 2300 Primrose, Pampa, Texas 79065, with "victory boxes" written on the memo line.

The Veterans Day Celebration will be held at 1:30 p.m. Friday at M.K. Brown Auditorium and admission is free. A reception for veterans and their families will be held immediately following the performance in the Heritage Room.

## Dairy waste used for natural gas

HUCKABAY, Texas (AP) — The nation's largest manure-to-natural gas plant got up and running Monday in the heart of Texas dairy country, a project expected to produce enough energy to power 11,000 homes a year.

In a high-profile example of the growing need for alternative energy, Huckabay Ridge gets manure from local dairy farms, processes it with grease and other restaurant waste, purifies it and turns it into natural gas.

"The beauty is that you take the waste products and you create a useful form of energy," said Richard Kessel, president and CEO of Portsmouth, N.H.-based Environmental Power Corp. Its wholly owned subsidiary, Microgy Inc., owns the facility. "We look at these as non-depleting gas wells with a long-term supply of renewable energy."

The Lower Colorado River Authority buys the gas and uses it to power homes in Central Texas, officials said. Next fall, San Francisco-based Pacific Gas & Electric Co. will buy natural gas from Huckabay Ridge, which will generate the energy equivalent of 4.6 million gallons of oil annually.

Environmental Power has started similar projects in California and a few other states. It also has three digesters on small family-owned Wisconsin dairy farms that produce enough electricity for about 1,800 homes.

"This is a turning point in agriculture. ... Agriculture is no longer just food and fiber; it is now food and fiber and fuel," state Rep. Sid Miller, R-Stephenville, said Monday at

the Texas plant's opening ceremony, where only a faint odor of manure wafted through the air. "Agriculture is going to be responsible for producing a large percent of the world's fuel."

Huckabay Ridge is near Stephenville in rural Erath County, the state's top-producing dairy county. The state has about 335,000 dairy cows, including 52,000 in Erath County. Each dairy cow produces more than 15 gallons of manure per day.

The site had been a composting facility where farmers took manure. Now, more than a dozen farmers take their herds' waste there, paying only for transportation. The facility does not buy the manure or charge farmers to drop it off.

"It's a great thing for everybody," said John Traweck, whose family-run Jam Dot Dairy has been operating in nearby Lingleville for 45 years.

He said it was a much-needed benefit for Erath County dairies, which have come under fire for manure runoff in the Bosque River. It is the main water source of Lake Waco downstream, where an overabundance of phosphorus caused massive algae blooms that were blamed for tainting Waco water's taste and odor.

Last year Waco dropped its federal lawsuits against six of the 14 dairies it sued in 2004 in exchange for farmers' changes designed to reduce water pollution. Waco previously reached settlements with eight dairies.

## Calls

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One offices at 1423 N. Hobart in Pampa, 201 W. 10th St. in Borger and 211 E. 7th St. in Dumas.

Each of these offices will have several telephones activated in their lobbies for

use. In order to use these telephones, the family member does not have to be a Cable One subscriber to take advantage of this opportunity.

"We wanted to find a way to support military families in our community and this seemed like a great opportunity to use our new phone service to make a difference," said Terry Harris,

general manager of Cable One. "After all, we're in the business of helping people communicate."

Calls can be made at the above mentioned Cable One offices between 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. For information, call 665-2381 in Pampa, 806-273-3744 in Borger and 806-935-6487 in Dumas.

## Talent

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a standardized achievement test in an approved subtest category or score 130 or higher on an IQ test. The student can enroll

either with a paper application, (deadline Nov. 19) or online which has an enrollment deadline of Dec. 5. The cost for ACT is \$60 and the SAT is \$73.

This is a talent search that has been around for 28 years and is the largest program of its kind in the nation. The program has

6,000 junior high schools across a 16-state region that participate, and since its inception, more than 1.5 million students have completed the Talent Search.

For more information, visit the Web site [www.tip.duke.edu/talent](http://www.tip.duke.edu/talent).

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## 50 PEOPLE

with hearing loss to be "product testers"



"As part of our product study, the leading manufacturers of hearing aids are looking for 50 people who will qualify as product testers to try these new innovative hearing solutions," said Richard Davila of Livingston Hearing Centers. "We are proud to participate in this study and will pay each qualified participant \$50 to complete the study."

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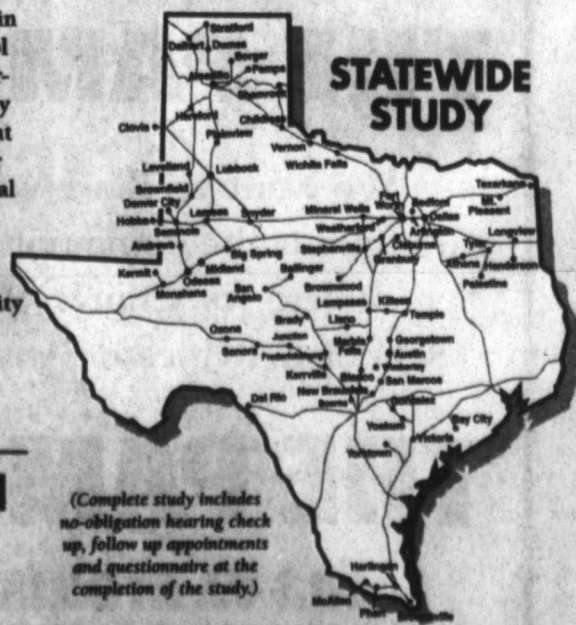
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